



# Main Line Fly Tyers 2010-2011

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## Speaker Of The Month

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**Christine Shar-  
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in 2001. A job as an indentured servant to Barry would not appeal to most, but the perks are good: fishing and lots of it! Ten years later, Christine contin-

ues to enjoy interacting with customers who love fly fishing as much as she does.

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## IT'S FINALLY HERE



### Club News

**The Valley Forge Chapter of Trout Unlimited** will hold its annual Trout Show on March 31 at the Valley Forge Middle School. Ed Engle is this year's speaker. There will be raffles, book signings, fly's for sale. Valley Forge Middle School Doors open at 7PM  
Adults \$3 Kids under 16 FREE

**The Orvis shop** in Downingtown is having a club day on April, 30. If you are interested in representing the club on this day please contact Sam Vigorita.

**Kayak Fishing Safety Seminar.** If anybody is interested in taking a safety seminar on kayak fishing please contact Ed Emery.

#### **Regional Opening Day: Saturday, April 2**

All waters in Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill and York counties are open for trout fishing at 8:00AM

### Club News

**Elections for the Main Line Fly Tyers Executive Board** will be held in March. All positions are up for election. Members are encouraged to run for office. This is your chance to take part and in helping to shape and guide the organization's future.

**The Main Line Fly Tyers** will have a booth at the Calvary Outdoors Expo in Souderton on March 26. We can use a few more volunteers to help man the booth. If you are interested please contact Mike Ebner at email: [mike@mainlineflyters.net](mailto:mike@mainlineflyters.net). Or

phone: 610-955-0885. For more info on the expo see

<http://www.calvaryexpo.com/>

Time: 10 AM to 6 PM

820 Route 113 Souderton, PA 18964

## Mahoning Creek Named to Top Ten List

**The Mahoning Creek** in Western PA came in 8th place on the World Fishing Network Top Ten List of Trophy Fish Destinations.

For anglers who enjoy river and fly fishing, there are few targets as elusive and colorful as the golden rainbow trout, found exclusively in a select few locations in the eastern United States. Not to be confused with

the golden trout found in California, golden rainbow trout are a rare form of rainbows that have developed a predominantly golden hue. The best water system for golden rainbows is Mahoning Creek, Pennsylvania, where the biggest fish can be found. Mahoning Creek is a tributary of Allegheny River, flowing east through Punxsutawney. These golden



rainbow trout can grow to weigh over 13 pounds.

**The Chesapeake Bay** in Maryland came in 9th place for striped bass.

## The Native Trout

**When the first white men settled in North America** the only trout they found in the East was the brook trout. This colorful “native” trout was abundant in almost every river, stream, brook and many lakes and ponds. Actually the brook trout isn’t considered to be a true trout but belongs to the char family. Wild brookies are

mainly confined to wilderness areas, mountain brooks and the upper reaches of feeder streams. They prefer cool, clean, turbulent waters. Anyone who has seen a brook trout in its fall spawning colors will admit that it is one of the prettiest trout. The back is usually blue-green or green. There are lighter wormlike markings on the back

and sides up to the lateral line. The sides have red dots outlined with blue. The brook trout is mostly an underwater feeder and can often be caught on wet flies fished slowly under the surface, but don’t be surprised if one takes your “perfectly presented” dry fly during a hatch.

## The Brook Trout



## LEARN TO FLY FISH DAY APRIL 9 RESSICA FALLS

From:	To:	Please sign the sheet at the next meeting or e-mail a Board member if you are planning on attending. This helps us determine how much food to buy.
8:00 am	8:30 am	<p>Arrive – and have a cup of coffee</p> <p>When you arrive at Rescia, please setup your fly rod and place it safely in your car or truck until later in the day for the casting clinic. You don't need your waders until later in the day if you plan on fishing.</p> <p><a href="#">Directions to Resica Falls</a></p>
8:30 am	9:30 am	<p>"Knot Basics" - which ones and how to tie them.</p> <p>(Al Smeraglio &amp; Dave Shillington)</p> <p>"Rigging / Leader System" – How to setup your rod, reel, line &amp; leader ( Sam Vigorita)</p>
9:30 am	10:00 am	<p>Nymphing – Setup &amp; Techniques</p> <p>(Steve Birkenmaier)</p>
10:00 am	10:30 pm	Wet Flies – Setup & Techniques (Dave Shillington)
10:30 am	11:00 am	<p>Dry Fly Setup &amp; Techniques</p> <p>(Sam Vigorita, Ray Miller)</p>
11:00 am	11:45 pm	Casting Demonstration (Sam Vigorita)
11:45 pm	12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm	1:30 pm	<p>One-on-one Casting Clinic</p> <p>(Sam Vigorita, Ray Miller, Gene Paprocky, Ed Emery, Steve Birkenmaier)</p>
1:30 pm	2:15 pm	<p>On-Stream Demonstrations</p> <p>Nymphing – Steve Birkenmaier</p>
2:15:pm	3:00 pm	Wet Flies – Dave Shillington
3:00 pm	3:45 pm	Dry Flies – Sam Vigorita

The cost is free to all club members. For non-members the fee for the entire day is \$40.00 (includes a club membership for the remainder of the year). The food will be provided by the club and this year we will have raffle prizes.



## Opening Day on the Brodhead April 16

**Come Fish with the Club** on the Brodhead and enjoy a nice hot lunch. on April 16.

We usually meet at the creek in the morning at the park just under the RT. 191 bridge between 7 and 7:30AM

This is where we will also meet for lunch at 12:30. Anyone that just wants to fish on their own in the morning can do so and then meet up with

everyone at lunch time.

If you want to fish with other club members and can not find anyone, you can usually find some of us at the RT 191 bridge pool or the next pool down from that on RT 191 at the Pinebrook Park. This is where the water treatment station is located.

Also check the Brodhead Creek Park, where the kids

fishing pond is. Also located on RT 191. Finally if you can't find anyone at any of the above locations try looking at the Moose Lodge pool - just behind the Moose Lodge on Stokes Mill Ave.

Some of us do go up on Fri night for the weekend. We usually stay at Werrys Motel & Cottages on RT 209 in Marshalls Creek Pa

## Yellowstone Dreams

**Only the cutthroat trout is native to Yellowstone.** When

Yellowstone became a national park, almost 40 percent of the waters were naturally barren of fish. Early park managers thought it necessary to plant fish into new locations, produce more fish in hatcheries, and introduce non-native species. By the mid-20th century, more than 310 million fish had been stocked in Yellowstone.

The native cutthroat trout being the most ecologically important, and the fish most highly regarded by visiting anglers began to get squeezed out. Nonnative trout compete with the native cutthroat trout for food and habitat resources, and, even worse, interbreed with native fish, producing hybrids. Once this occurs, the

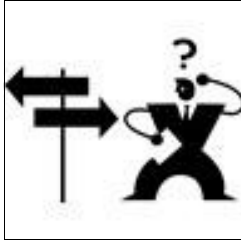
cutthroat population is forever damaged, and cannot be restored without immense expense and a complete removal of the entire fish community from the stream. To reduce the level of hybridization in the park's cutthroat trout waters, anglers are encouraged to harvest rainbow trout, brook trout brown trout and lake trout when they co-exist with cutthroat trout. The cutthroats are always catch and release only. In Yellowstone, bald eagles, ospreys, pelicans, otters, grizzly bears, and other wildlife take precedence over humans in utilizing fish as food. As a result restrictive regulations have been adopted in order to maintain trout populations so that there are a sufficient number of spawning adults.

Yellowstone National Park has also implemented a fishing program using non-toxic tackle. Because lead from fishing tackle concentrates in aquatic environments, tackle such as leaded split-shot sinkers, weighted jigs, and soft-weighted ribbon are prohibited. Only non-toxic alternatives are allowed. and the hooks you use must be barbless.

The cutthroat are also threatened by the whirling disease parasite and the New Zealand mud snail. The mud snails can be easily transported on waders or other fishing gear. The park rangers ask that you help prevent the further spread of ANS (Aquatic Nuisance Species) by thoroughly cleaning mud plants and debris from your equipment and wading boots before leaving the area.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

March 26th	Calvary Outdoors Expo
April 9th	Learn to Fly Fish Day
April 16th	Opening Day on the Brodhead
April 21st	MLFT Meeting Guest Speaker : Lefty Kreh
April 23rd	Stick Day
May 6th-8th	Spring Coburn Trip (Penns Creek)
May 19th	MLFT Meeting Guest Speaker : Ray Miller
June 3rd –5th	Upper Delaware Trip
June 16th	MLFT Meeting Guest Speaker : TBD



Directions to:

**Greater Plymouth Community Center**  
**2910 Jolly Rd, Plymouth Meeting PA 19462**  
**610-277-4312**

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276)

Take Exit 333 (Norristown - old exit 25). At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Plymouth Road. At the light, turn right onto Germantown Pike West. Continue approximately one (1) mile, through four (4) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

From Blue Route (I-476)

Take exit for Germantown Pike West (Exit 20). Continue on Germantown Pike west for approximately one (1) mile, through five (5) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

From Route 202

Follow Route 202 to Germantown Pike. Travel EAST on Germantown Pike, through five (5) traffic lights. At the next traffic light, approximately half a mile, turn left onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

#### Club Officers

President :	Frank Howard
Vice President :	Mike Ebner
Treasurer :	Jim Costello
Secretary :	Rick Say

#### Board Members

Steve Nack  
 Ed Emery  
 Steve Birkenmaier  
 Ray Miller  
 Dave Shillington  
 Sam Vigorita  
 Kurt Griffin

#### Coordinators

Librarian :	Ed Sclarow
Web Guy :	Mike Ebner
Newsletter :	Rick Say
Refreshments :	Jerry Usatch
	Kathleen McKenzie
Raffle :	Ed Emery
Unsung Hero's :	Elsa Zumstein
	Steve Ellis
	Al Katoke
	Mike Droluk

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