



# Main Line Fly Tyers 2010-2011

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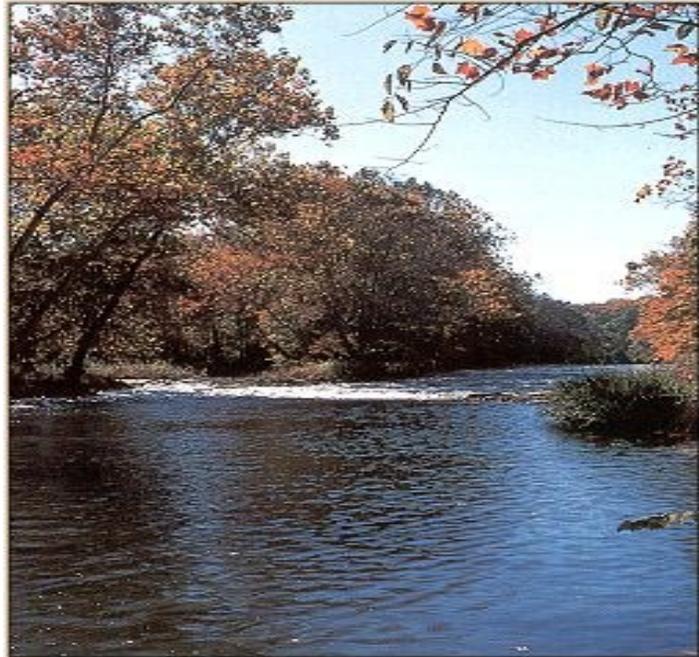
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After a long hot July and very wet August and beginning of September and with an earthquake thrown in for good measure The Main Line Fly Tyers are ready to kick off the 2011-2012 season next Thursday September 15th at the Greater Plymouth Community Center.

Last year was a very successful one for the MLFT in which our membership grew to 108 active members.

With notable speakers such as the famous Lefty Kreh and a record turnout for the Learn To Fish Day at Ressica Falls it's no wonder the Club continues to grow in popularity.

This year the MLFT will present a strong list of speakers and will contin-



**Penns Creek In Fall**

ue all of its popular programs such as: the Tactics and Tying Classes, The Show Presentations, Christmas Auction, Learn To Fish Day, The Upper Delaware Camping Trip and more.

The full schedule of events is listed on the next page. As in past years the meetings will be on the third

Thursday of the month except for the October meeting which will be on a Wednesday night and possibly the January meeting.

Don Douple, MLFT member since 1975 and expert on fishing the streams of Central Pa, will be the September keynote speaker.

**Visit our website: [MainLineFlyTyers.net](http://MainLineFlyTyers.net)**

## 2011-2012 Meetings and Events

September 15th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker Don Douple
September 27th	Fall Tactics Class Begins at UM (5 Tuesday nights thru 10/25)	
October 6th	Fall Tying Class Begins at UM (6 Thursday nights thru 11/10)	
October 19th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Graham Maisey and Jack Mickieviez
November 5th	Lake Fishing Day (Lake Tuscarora)	
November 17th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD
November 19th	Cast and Blast (Beltsville)	
November 25th-27th	Pulaski NY Trip	
December 15th	MLFT Meeting	Annual Holiday Party and Auction
January 5th	Winter Tying Class Begins	
January 10th	Winter Tactics Class begins	
January 18th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD
January 27th-29th	Somerset Show	
February 16th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD
February 16th-19th	Sportsman Show Oaks PA	
March 3rd	Calvary Outdoor Expo	
March 15th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD
April 7th	Learn to Fly Fish Day	
April 14th	Opening Day on the Brodhead	
April 19st	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD
April 21rd	Stick Day	
May 4th-6th	Spring Coburn Trip (Penns Creek)	
May 17th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD
June 1th -3rd	Upper Delaware Camping Trip	
June 21th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD

## Club News

**Please remember** that the annual membership dues are expected to be paid no later than the October meeting. The dues remain at \$50.00. If you are unable to make either of the first two meetings you can still get your dues in on time by mailing a check to the club treasurer at the following address:

Jim Costello, 1252 Stanwood Street, Phila, Pa 19111

**Wanted; Sage SP, 6wt, 3 or 5 piece travel rod. Contact Mike Ebner at [mike@mainlineflytyers.net](mailto:mike@mainlineflytyers.net) or 610-955-9885 C 610.489.8319 H**

**The Club needs flies** for shows and charitable donations. Last year we donated several hundred to the Boy Scouts of America and sold hundreds more at the shows. Bring flies to our meetings. For every six you donate to the club you will receive a free raffle tick for that night. (limit two tickets per night)

## Stroud Township to consider fee for Brodhead Park use

By Michael Sadowski  
Pocono Record Writer  
August 10, 2011

**Overuse and abuse of Brodhead** Creek and Pinebrook parks has prompted Stroud Township to close them on weekends for the rest of the summer.

When the parks on North Fifth Street do open again on weekends — likely on Sept. 10 — there will be residency requirements. The township passed an ordinance granting it the authority to charge \$20 per car for out-of-township residents.

Board of Supervisor Chairman Ed Cramer said the parks have become a "nightmare" to deal with since last summer with lit-

ter, alcohol abuse and vandalism among the reported problems. The vandalism ranges from "trashing of the stream," Cramer said, to cutting down pieces of nearby trees to use for kindling in the park-provided grills. "These parks have been overused and overwhelmed," Cramer said. "We need to close them and get a security force in place. We need to get a handle on this."

The township thinks it knows where to place the blame: out-of-state residents who have been flocking to the two parks for the last two summers, Cramer said.

Cramer said the township estimates 75 percent of the cars on weekends display out-of-state license plates.

He said there were about 400 to 500 people there each weekend day. On Sunday, Supervisor Daryl Apply said 76 out-of-state license plates were counted in Brodhead Creek Park's parking lot.

"We've gotten complaints from our residents that they feel like they can't even walk their dog in the park. They feel like outsiders," Cramer said.

"Something had to be done, and the township residents are behind us. We haven't heard one complaint yet."

Note: The Club is looking into making special arrangements with Stroud Township so that our members will not be affected by this ordinance on opening day

## Club News

**The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission** plans to stock streams in early October. Most streams in our area will be getting fish on October 5. Check this [link](http://pfbc.state.pa.us/pfbc_webgis/TroutStockingDetailsFall.aspx) to see if and when your favorite stream will get stocked this fall;

**Simms plans to offer** new line of felt waders. Simms Fishing Products told its sales representatives, and is now informing dealers, that the company plans to reintroduce boots with felt soles in its 2012 product lineup. You may remember that just a couple years ago, Simms was the company that beat the drum loudest about going felt-free, and swore off production of felt-soled boots after 2010.

As most of you know, felt has been associated with the spread of aquatic invasive species... nasty things like New Zealand mud snails, didymo (rock snot), as well as the parasite that causes whirling disease. In some states, the threats have been taken seriously enough that felt is no longer allowed. You can't fish in felt in Maryland or Vermont, and starting next year,

felt will be banned in Alaska.

The science hasn't changed, but neither did consumers' and dealers' attitudes toward wearing felt—there are still many felt stalwarts who contend there is no adequate substitute for traction in a river. And apparently, a good number of dealers claimed they had plenty of customers who could not be sold on felt alternatives.

“It's ultimately about choices, and allowing customers to make their choices on boots with felt,” said a Simms representative.

**Fall Tying and Strategies Classes to Start soon** . Sam Vigorita and Dave Shillington will conduct the classes thru the Upper Moreland parks and recreation program in Willow grove PA. The tactics class begins on September 27 and will meet for six Tuesday nights from 7pm –9pm The tying class begins on October 6 and will meet for six Thursday nights from 7pm-

9pm.

The course fee for either class is \$47.00. Registration can be done through the upper Moreland website: <http://www.uppermoreland.org/inc/documents/10/general%20registration%20form.pdf> or by contacting the Parks and Recreation Office at (215)659-

A portion of the fee goes towards the facilities hosting the program. The part paid to the instructors has always been graciously donated back to the club. Members signing up and taking courses help to support the club.

## MLFT Library To Be On Line

**Fly fishing as a sport** has a long history of writing dating back over 500 years. While we don't have books going back that far the club does have an extensive library of books and videos.

In order to make better use of our library an online listing of all the books in the library will be published on the club website. In addition to what you

have seen at the meetings we have many classic volumes from the library of former member Tom Lennon that were donated by his estate to the club. There are books on fly tying, bamboo rod building, entomology, fishing tactics, travel destinations and others.

If you wish to borrow a book send an email to Ed Emery and he will bring the book to the

next meeting. Additionally we will be rotating books at the meeting so stop by and see what there is to help you expand your knowledge and enjoyment of our sport.

(Ed@MainLineFlyTyers.Net)

## Club News

**I am looking** for about 20 yards of 80 or 100 lb. braided line if anyone has some they can give me. Ed Emery  
610.630.9738

**We are trying** to arrange a fly tying class in Lower Providence again this year for guys in the western edge of our territory. If you are interested please see a Board member at the meeting or contact us by e-mail

**Members are invited** to participate in the forum section of the Main Line Fly Tyers website. Check out some great pictures of a Little Lehigh fishing trip that will make you yearn for the cooler days. All members are eligible to use the forum and are encouraged to do so. If you need some help with access see Chris McGeehan

[http://www.mainlineflytyers.net/forum/forum.asp?FORUM\\_ID=4](http://www.mainlineflytyers.net/forum/forum.asp?FORUM_ID=4)

## Weather Affects Angling Tactics

**Both trout and aquatic** insects tend to be more active in low light, and cloudy conditions spread these light conditions over a longer part of the day. The fish are afforded better protection from aerial predators in low light, making them feed more confidently in the clear

waters of a trout stream. In addition the eyes of a trout are capable of relatively rapid adjustment to changes in light intensity, so that they have the advantage over their prey in low light.

The one advantage to bright

conditions is that it makes spotting the fish below the surface much easier.

[http://www.troutu.com/class/how\\_weather\\_affects\\_trout\\_fishing](http://www.troutu.com/class/how_weather_affects_trout_fishing)

## Yellowstone Dreams by Rick Say

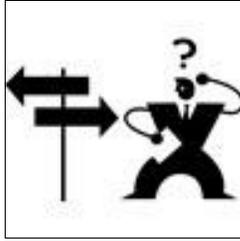


**After battling and illness** all spring I finally made it to Yellowstone. Actually, I should of waited another month because most of the streams and rivers were still filled with run off. The locals told me that the region got over 600 inches of snow from January on. When the service employees got on site in early April there was still six feet of snow on the ground. I got there in late June and most of the rivers and streams were more than a month behind schedule. Many were above flood stage. Only the Firehole, Gibbon, Madison and

this beautiful little creek called Indian Creek located at an altitude of 7,700 Ft. were fishable.

This was more than enough water and overall I did pretty good. I usually caught about one or two a day fishing about two or three hours, but one afternoon on the Gibbon River while standing right next to a hot spring I caught twelve cutthroat in about an hour and a half. I was fishing a tandem of wet flies in the riffles during the middle of the afternoon. Several times I caught two trout at the same time.

Another big thing about Yellowstone this year was the abundance of wildlife, especially bears. I saw about six bears during my time in Yellowstone. One a huge grizzly walked right in front of my car as I was putting my gear away. There were plenty of buffalo, moose, antelope, elk, deer and coyote as well. The animals like to use the roadways and rivers to traverse the park, Once while standing in the middle of the Firehole two buffalo walked right up to me and crossed the river just below where I was fishing. That was neat. I can't wait to go back.. If you plan to go call me. I know some great places to fish and where you can stay.



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.

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