



# Main Line Fly Tyers 2010-2011

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## European fly dresser, Marc Petitjean

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The Mainline Fly Tyers welcome the Swiss genius, Marc Petitjean.

Shown here in Slovenia with a marbled trout also known as a Marmorata Marc closely follows the efforts of local authorities to rehabilitate this aboriginal trout of the Adriatic basin. It has been

written that if Marc Petitjean were a fine artist he would be most probably considered as a new Leonardo or Picasso for his apparently endless ability to invent and explore. His innovations for the sport of fly fishing have won him an impressive array of awards. As a result you can't but notice something rare nowadays that fellow anglers and observers refer to him as a genius and to his creations as magic. For Marc,



fishing was first of all a family affair. It began in France, in the region of Troyes, when Marc as a child wandered along the banks of the rivers. His grandfather presented him with a simple bamboo rod, a very rudimentary tool, but sufficient to make him happy and to enable him to catch his first trout. A passion was born: Marc Petitjean contracted the fishing virus, an incurable malady. In

1990 he quit his job and decided to become a professional fly dresser. A rather risky step, because the European market in fly fishing was not truly open and already dominated by trademarks known for many years. With a great deal of flair and courage, Marc succeeded by concentrating his production on a limited number of products, which are of great quality and are resolutely different from the masses.

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

## Club News

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**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. Members are encouraged to bring flies to our meetings. For every six you donate to the Club you will receive a free raffle ticket for that night. (limit two tickets per night.

**The Fly Fishing Tactics and Strategies Class** will again be held at the Sporting Gentlemen fly shop this winter.

Dates;

Wed nights for 5 weeks / at 7:00 pm, starts Feb 1st ends Feb 29

Class is limited, if you want to attend you should call Barry or Chris to reserve your spot.

**300 W. State Street , Media, PA 19063, (610) 565-**



Lake Day at Tuscarora SP

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

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### Upper Tulpehocken Creek closed for fishing

Some of the most productive trout fishing water on the Upper Tulpehocken Creek has been closed to public fishing. Property owners have collectively posted “No Trespassing” signs along the Tully from Limestone Springs Trout Hatchery east toward Marion Township Rod and Gun Club. The landowners claim they have no intention of allowing public access again. According to Jack Shipley, manager of Limestone Springs Trout Hatchery, on Sept. 7 flood waters from Tropical Storm Lee rose four feet above the hatchery raceways and pushed an estimated 100,000 to 300,000 pounds of fish, half of which were trout into the public waters of Tulpehocken Creek. Anglers descended on the stream, filling coolers with fish and ignoring extended season daily limits. The anglers spread trash and occasionally threatened landowners who tried to stop the illegal behavior. About a week later, the PFBC and state police provided “No Parking” and temporary “Catch and Release” signs. The catch and release regulations resulted in fish being killed said landowner Lynn Schaeffler of Lyn-Lor Golf. “People were just yanking hooks out of the fish’s mouth.” After several days of repeated angler misbehavior and landowner confrontations, the landowners agreed among themselves to support the plight of the hatchery and posted “No Trespassing” signs thus denying access to the stream. Some of the most aggressive confrontations recently between anglers and landowners have occurred because anglers claim Tulpehocken Creek is navigable water and therefore public water. Landowners believe the creek does not fit the definition of a navigable water provided by the PFBC.

## Club News

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George Kawchak with guide and bonefish in the Bahamas

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

**SOMERSET, NJ – The International Fly Fishing Film Festival** will join The Fly Fishing Show in Somerset in 2012.

Film Festival screenings will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Fly Fishing Show, about 6:30 p.m. depending on the venue. There will be separate admission charged for the films, but will be discounted for those attending the Fly Fishing Show. Complete information will be posted on [www.flyfishingshow.com](http://www.flyfishingshow.com).

According to Film Festival producers, “The International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4) consists of 16 short and feature length films produced by professional and amateur filmmakers from all corners of the globe, showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly fishing. From steelhead in Northern BC to chasing multiple species in Costa Rica, the variety of films will pique the interest of all anglers. IF4 contains exclusive content not available in any other fly fishing film event.”

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## Upcoming Events

### Winter Tactics and Tying Schedule Set

FLY FISHING Tactics & Strategies; Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2/7, (2/14 is make-up date)

FLY Tying: Jan. 5, 12, 26, 2/2, 9, 23 (3/1 is make-up date)

Both classes are \$57 per person held at the high school.

*Gail Rosen*

Upper Moreland Township Parks & Recreation Dept.

117 Park Avenue

Willow Grove, PA 19090

215-659-3100 x. 1038

Dust off those old shot guns & grease up your reels, its time for;

### "Main Line Fly Tyers" CAST & BLAST DAY!

Pheasant Hunting all morning & Fishing all afternoon.

DATE - Sat. Nov. 19th

PLACE - Beltzville State Park.

WHERE- just off the N East extension of the Pa turnpike at exit 74.

LINK - <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/beltzville.aspx>

TIME - 8.00 AM

MEETING PLACE - main boat launch just off of Pohopoco Dr.

Agenda;

After meeting we will break off into legal size hunting groups . We will all hunt in the same areas of the park so at no time will anyone be left on there own or to far away from the fun..

LUNCH - at 12 noon.

AT 12:45 - everyone will meet back at the main boat launch to

## Weather Affects Angling Tactics

### Rain and Snow

Precipitation can have a positive effect both on hatch activity and the fish's willingness to feed. A number of reasons can be given for this. One obvious reason is that rain or snow comes on days with overcast skies. The mixing action of rain hitting the water's surface also oxygenates the water, which may raise the activity level of the fish. Rain can also moderate extreme water temperatures, warming cold flows early and late in the season, while an afternoon thundershower can cool warm flows in mid-summer.

Often times the best hatch activity and fishing is not during the precipitation itself, but immediately after it. The high humidity associated with precipitation is also conducive to hatch activity and fishing success for the reasons noted above.

### Barometer

Barometric pressure has a complicated inter-relationship with other the weather factors we have discussed so far. However, most fishermen will agree that rapidly changing barometric pressure is usually a problem, but a steady or slow change in barometric pressure provides good fishing. On days when small fronts are all over the weather map, gusty winds change direction constantly, scudding the clouds preclude either good spotting light or steady overcast, and a changing barometer seems to keep both bugs and fish at minimal levels. of activity.



## The Northwest Territories by Rick Say

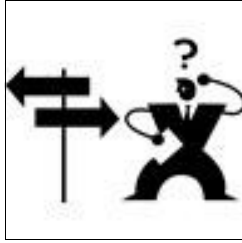
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(Part Two) **We woke at 6:30 in the morning.** Actually I was up much earlier. Fort Smith it seems has a lot of drunkards and since there was a bar right across the street from the Pelican Rapids Hotel it was loud and noisy all night long. The weather was pretty foul. It rained hard during the night and the temperature in the morning was only 34 degrees. The sky was thick with low clouds and not looking very promising. After a leisurely breakfast we headed out to the float plane base. Three planes waited to ferry us out into the Bush. Two were Cessna 185's and one was a 1959 six passenger Otter. The Otter had a canoe tied to each of its pontoons. Each Cessna carried one canoe. I rode in the Otter. The old bird barely cleared the trees at the end of the runway and we began a slow and noisy ride to the Talston river region. The trip out was dreadful. The ceiling was very low and the clouds were ominous. Half way out we ran into a snow squall and then another. Alex began to wonder if we would be able to get to the river at all. Fighting airsickness and trying to keep warm I sat curled up right behind the pilot and watched a red blinking light on the dashboard. Suddenly, quite unexpectedly, the sky began to clear and the weather improved beyond belief. When we finally landed there was not a cloud in the sky and it was quite warm. We were all OK! But the Otter was not. It seemed that red blinking light meant something after all. The plane had developed an oil leak en route and leaked oil all over one of the canoes. The pilot would have to wait for a mechanic to fly out before it would be able to take off again. And we did not land where we wanted to because the lakes and rivers near the tundra were still frozen. Actually they weren't frozen solid but Alex said there was large amounts of floating ice and from the north end of MacArthur Lake up the water was impassible. He also said there is lake three days south that has a lot of ice but he thinks it will break up before we get there. We unloaded the gear, cleaned the oily canoe and had lunch. After Alex explained some of the gear we shoved off. (To Be Continued)

# 2011-2012 Meetings and Events

November 17th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Marc Petitjean
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 26th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Dave Whitlock
January 27th-29th	Somerset Show	
February 1st	Tactics and Strategies Class at the Sporting Gentlemen begins	
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 : Charlie Craven
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



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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