



# Main Line Fly Tyers 2010-2011

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## Holiday Party And Auction

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This Thursday December 15th the Club will be holding its annual holiday party and auction. The party will begin at 7:00 pm and we will have food and refreshments. The party is free to all members. A ten dollar fee will be charged to all guests. This yearly event is the Club's biggest fund raiser. We ask that members bring in "outdoorsy like" items that they wish to auction off. For its part the Club asks for a minimum 10% donation of the selling price. In the past many members have donated much more including some-



times the full selling price. Please label your items prior to bringing them in to the auction. Something like masking tape or a sticky label should work fine. On the label please clearly print your name and the donation percentage you would like to go to the club. If you would like to reserve a

minimum starting bid, please indicate that on the label as well with an "R" with the price listed afterwards. An example would be: Joe Troutman, 10%, R \$50.00. In this example Joe is donating 10% of the selling price to the Club, but would like to item to sell for not less than \$50.00. (continued on page 4)

**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;

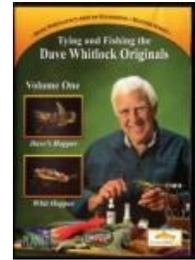
Wed nights for 5 weeks at 7:00 pm, starts Feb 1st ends Feb 29

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-**

### Mark your calendars

Our January meeting will feature Dave Whitlock, author, artist and world – renowned fly designer. Dave and Emily his wife will also conduct a fly tying demonstration at the Center from 3-5pm prior to the meeting.



Please note the January meeting will be on Jan. 26, the last Thursday of the month.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

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### Winter Trout Fishing on Central PA's Limestone Streams

**Central PA lays claim** to world class trout streams. The limestone rich waterways of the area include Spruce Creek, Spring Creek, Penn's Creek and the Juniata among others. The secret to their sustainable fishing environments year round lies in the warmer temperature of the water that feed the streams from the limestone rich underground springs and channels. The increased temperature and alkalinity of limestone streams produce greater numbers of insect populations and an abundant food source for the stocked and native trout found there.

The area's trout streams have a long standing association with fly-fishing due in large part to the numerous insect hatches of spring and summer; but they offer excellent fishing throughout the year. Fly fisherman primarily target these waters since tackle and bait restrictions are enforced on many of the area's most productive stretches.

Fly presentations this time of year are primarily small nymphs or streamers with small diameter tippets. Slow presentations are a must since trout are less active in the winter months and waters run low and clear. The most successful anglers slow drift nymphs along the bottom or retrieve streamers at an equally snail-like pace. This slow presentation may not make for the most exciting fishing but it does produce trout during their most elusive winter months.

## Club News

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## CAST AND BLAST DAY 2011



## 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.

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(Auction continued from page 1) The auction will run from 7:30 till 9:30. The coordinators will then try to wrap up everything and settle up within the last half hour. It will be important for all buyers to promptly pay for the items they bid on. Then the sellers transactions will be tabulated and paid out. We are asking everyone to please be patient during this time. If for some reason we run out of time all payments will be made no later than the January meeting. We thank everyone in advance because sometimes this can be a rather lengthy and complicated process. Last year, however, things went smoothly and all transactions were processed at the end of the auction. Arrangements can be made to have checks mailed if needed.

## Weather Affects Angling Tactics

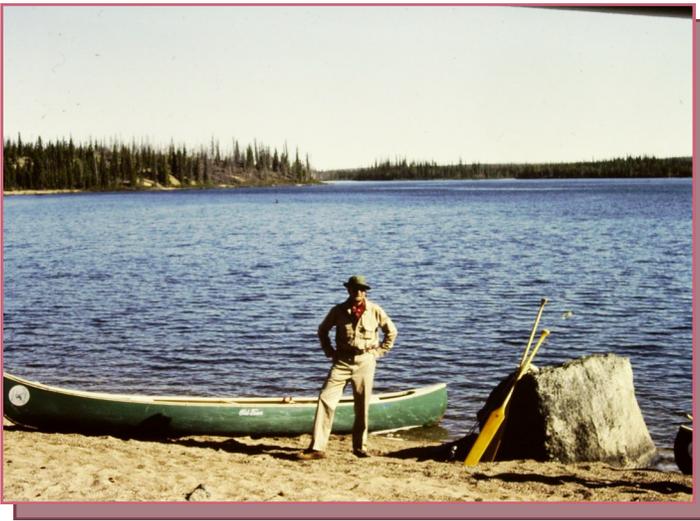
Of all of the vagaries of weather, wind is probably the one most dreaded by anglers. In a game that places a premium on casting accuracy and spotting the quarry, wind can create serious problems. All the same, wind is an almost constant companion to the fly fisher, so strategies for dealing with windy conditions are an important part of angling tactics.

The first problem with wind is that for most anglers even a light breeze destroys casting accuracy. This is a particular problem in spring creek and tailwater situations because placement of the fly in a narrow feeding lane is crucial to success. A further complication is the fact that drag may be caused not only by the

current acting on the fly leader and fly, but also by wind pushing the fly and tippet across these currents

Wind can also indicate other weather changes that have adverse effects on fishing. Summer afternoon winds caused by temperature gradients can be annoying, but the fish are still willing to eat in these conditions if the angler can get the fly to the target. Winds caused by large scale barometric pressure changes as a storm front moves in can put a complete damper on the feeding activity of the fish. [http://www.troutu.com/class/how\\_weather\\_affects\\_trout\\_fishing](http://www.troutu.com/class/how_weather_affects_trout_fishing)

## The Northwest Territories by Rick Say



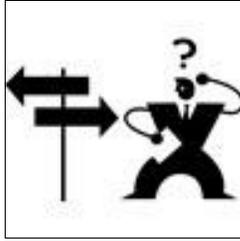
**(Part Three) I was the bow man in my canoe.** The stern man, who was also to be my tent mate, was a tobacco chewing, granola kind of guy from Kansas, big ole Matt Dennis. We ran into some hot fishing right off the bat, and I was like Rodney Dangerfield on this first day. Those fish gave me no respect! The first strike I got popped the reel right off my rod. I lost the fish but saved my reel. On the second strike I hooked the fish, a big lake trout at least three feet long. I got him right to the side of the canoe, then he dove straight down and broke my line. 0 for 2! Man these lakes are deep and cold. I stuck a thermometer in the water. The temperature was 34 degrees. As we canoed along though the weather got better and warmer. I finally hooked a smaller trout, and as I was reaching to get him in the canoe he also got off. Matt caught one and then Gary caught another. Each fish weighed six or seven pounds, enough fish to feed the whole group. We are having fish chowder for dinner tonight!

I learned my first lesson in the wild at lunch today. "Don't pick up wolf scat." It didn't look like scat. I thought it was caribou fur. Alex sternly advised me that wolf droppings have some kind of parasite in it that can make you real sick. As we canoed in the afternoon the weather continued to get nicer and the wind began to slacken. Finally I got a strike and landed what turned out to be the largest catch of the day, a 27" 6 lb. lake trout. We caught six in all and will be having them for dinner.

I worked on my rod at camp that night and set the drag. These fish are monsters. You have to let the fish get tired before you try to pull them in the boat. Since there are no nets or gaffs in our gear, you have to hold the rod in one hand and grab the fish right behind the gills with the other. If you catch a pike, which we haven't seen any of yet, you're supposed to put two fingers in his nostrils which are right in front of his eyes. The fish then supposedly will go limp and you can then pick him up by his gills. You have to use pliers to get the hooks out because they have teeth and will bite. I was fishing with a big red and white Daredevil lure with a single shark hook at the back. I removed all the treble hooks ahead of time. By the way trout chowder is pretty good. Merry Christmas!

## 2011-2012 Meetings and Events

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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