



# Main Line Fly Tyers 2010-2011

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## The Wet Fly Reigns Supreme

If you have ever wanted to learn how to tie and fish wet flies this is your big opportunity.

Don Bastian will be the guest speaker at our next general meeting on Thursday February 17th. Don will present a fly tying demonstration and tie the traditional wet flies he has become so well-known for .

Don will also present a slide program and lecture on the history of wet flies. His program will include: comments on fishing techniques, a demonstration of rod and line-handling methods, and some tales of wet fly fishing success stories. Don will have some flies for sale at the meeting, His DVD's will be available as well.



Don has been tying flies for 47 years and has been a fly fishing guide for the last twelve years. He has been a fly tying instructor for 28 years. His accomplishments include the following: He is the author of three fly tying DVD's

As a featured author of the Ray Bergman Biog-

raphy . Don has a combined total of approximately 765 flies published in the book, *Forgotten Flies*.

Don's flies were regularly published in *Art of Angling Journal 2001-2003* by the Complete Sportsman.

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## Don Bastion continued

Don was also published in *Fly Tyer*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Mid-Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide*, *Hatches Magazine*, *Fly Tyers of the World*, *Vol. IV*, *Fly Fusion*, and the website [www.hatchesmagazine.com](http://www.hatchesmagazine.com).

The Ray Bergman Collection featuring wet flies tied by Don debuted in Sept. 2010 at Hatches Magazine online. Completion of this project sometime late in 2011 or early 2012 will establish

Don's combined total of flies published in print or online at approximately 1,300.

**As a special bonus to the membership Don will have on display a museum, quality ten-frame set of 483 of the Bergman flies.**

Don is also a pro staff member of Regal Vice and Whiting Farms.



## Campeona Streamer

Tied by Don Bastian

## Membership Rolls Swell to New Heights

We now have 96 active members in the club. We have added 12 new members since last year's Learn To Fly Fish Day. They are listed in alphabetical order as follows:

Don Brown -Ambler

Connor Brown -Ambler

Stephen Clowery.-Ambler

Ronald Cook -Yardley

Jim Dauer -Yardley

Warren Holtzman -Phila

Susan Howard -Brookhaven

Angela Marley -Newtown

Bob Mathews.-Schwenksville

Zack Vigorito -Warminster

Bob Waters -Horsham

Mark Zebley -Perkasie

We want to wish a warm welcome to all the new members and hope that they get the most out of their relationship with the club.

## 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 in helping to shape and guide the organization's future.

The club will have a booth at the Sportsman Show in Oaks, PA this coming weekend, February 17th-20th. Members are encouraged to stop by the booth and hang out or man the tables for a while. We will be tying flies and exhibiting a lot of good info about the club.

If you wanted to sign up for the Lefty Kreh casting clinic and did not get a chance you're out of luck because all the spots were sold at the January meeting. The clinic will be held before the general meeting on April 21. Participants were limited to 15 people .

## More Club News

The Sporting Gentleman in Media is having a "Club" day on February 26th from 11:00 to 3:00. All members are invited!

We are looking for three volunteers to represent the club. It would be nice if someone can bring their vice and tie some flies. If you are interested please let anyone on the board know.

Main Line Fly Tyers club mem-

bers will receive a 20% discount on all purchases.

The Main Line Fly Tyers will have a booth at the Valley Forge Fly fishing Show at the convention center on March 5th and 6th. Again anybody wanting to volunteer to help man the booth should contact a Board member.

A volunteer is needed to do a casting clinic ( fly casting for kids) from 12:00 to 1:00 at the Calvery Outdoor Expo on March 26. If you are interested in helping out please contact Sam Vigorita.

If you have some news or a fishing anecdote that you think might be of interest to the club drop me an e-mail me at [newsletter@mainlineflytyers.net](mailto:newsletter@mainlineflytyers.net)

## The Great American Trout

America has always been known as a melting pot. People immigrated to the US from all over the world. My grandparents came from Eastern Europe. My wife's grandparents emigrated from Italy. Did you know that the brown trout is an immigrant as well? Unlike the native brook trout and the rainbow trout, the brown trout is a

relative newcomer to the American continent. Back in 1883 a gentleman from Germany sent 80,000 brown trout eggs to a trout hatchery on Long Island. Over the next couple of years additional shipments of eggs of a different variety of brown trout called the Loch Leven arrived from Scotland and England.

When the brown trout first appeared in numbers in American waters many fishermen protested that the brown trout was ugly, not too good to eat and not much of a fighter. But as the years went by the genuine qualities of the brown trout have revealed themselves and today this immigrant is revered by fly fishermen

## The Brown Trout



# Upcoming Meetings and Events

February 17th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Don Bastian
February 17th-20th	Sportsman Show Oaks PA	
March 5th & 6th	Fly Fishing Show Valley Forge PA	
March 17th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Christine Sharbaugh
March 26th	Calvary Outdoor 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

## Yellowstone Dreams by Rick Say



The last time I was at Yellowstone was the summer of 2000. I remember one day standing in the water with my fly rod in my hand paying more attention to the scenery than anything else. A coyote was watching me from the opposite bank. The water was crystal clear. I eventually caught a beautiful cut-throat trout. I released the fish waded out of the water and turned to my nine year old son who was waiting patiently with his mother for me to either fall in or come back to the water's edge. I said son you have a job to do. When you are 30 years old your duty is to bring me back to Yellowstone and plant my feet into the middle of this creek. I said remember the name Nez Pierce Creek

Well my son is now 20 and I still expect him to take me back to that spot, but I'm not going to wait any longer to get back to what I consider the most beau-

tiful, incredible place on earth.

People always say I want to go out West but I don't know where to go. I tell them go to Yellowstone. It has everything: great scenery, fishing, animals, waterfalls mountains, geysers, and canyons. I could go on forever. But then they say that there are too many people at Yellowstone. To that I say Yellowstone is as big as the state of Delaware. If you hang around Old Faithful of course you are going to see a lot of people, but if you go off road or down to a river you will find solitude.

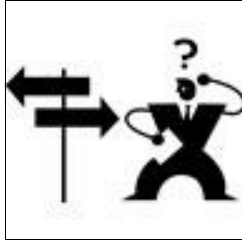
Actually the attendance at Yellowstone last year was a record. The park is expecting to break that record this year. There are only five camp-grounds and nine lodges in Yellowstone, and they fill up quickly. So if you want to stay in the park you have got to plan ahead and reserve a spot at least six months in advance, especially if you

want to go during the peak summer season. I started planning my trip for next June and July back in November. The total trip will be three weeks, not all of it in the park. I am going to fish as many of the famous rivers and creeks that I can, rivers like the Lamar, Madison, Yellowstone, Gibbon, Firehole, and Gardner. I am also going to look for other hot spots like the Slough, Soda Butte, Pebble and Cash creeks. And I will definitely find Nez Pierce Creek.

Over the next couple of months I am going to write about the route I plan to take, a little bit about the park and the strategies I plan to use to catch fish. If any body has a comment or some advice they want to share, with the club just e-mail me at

[newsetter@mainlineflytyers.net](mailto:newsetter@mainlineflytyers.net)





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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