

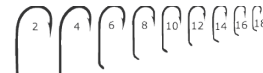


# Main Line Fly Tyers 2010-2011

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## Which hook should I use?



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The Main Line Fly -Tyers welcomes Gra- hame Maisey as he pre- sents a talk and discus- sion on the “Common Sense Behind Good Fly Tying”.

According to Gra- hame a good fly starts with a good hook and proper thread colors.

Nobody knows how long ago various kinds of fish hooks have been in use, but it is quite probable that the Cro -Magnon Man, who appeared on the scene 30 – 40,000 years ago, was familiar with and used fish hooks in his struggle to survive.

The first known types of fish hooks were made of different



materials. This was a problem for archaeolo- gists, trying to estab- lish the historical facts about fish hooks, The materials used back then were not very du- rable.

Today of course materials are much better. You can go on line at any number of websites and buy fishhooks. Chances are, however, the steel is made in China and

might not be very good for the best trout fly.

Grahame will tell you the secrets on what to look for in order to get good steel, and he will also talk about the importance of using proper thread colors.

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

### Club News

Members are encouraged to support the local shops that support our club.

The Classic Fly Fisherman in Lansdale, TCO in Bryn Mawr The Feathered Hook in Coburn, Mainstream Outfitters in Doylestown, The Sporting Gentleman in Media, Frank's Fly Fishing Shoppe in Elkins Park, and The Orvis Shop in Plymouth Meeting

The Main Line Fly Tyers wishes to thank all the local shops for their support. Hopefully I did not leave anybody out

# Wishful Thinking!

## Can spring be far away?

### The stocking schedules are coming out. See page 7 for the entire list

[http://www.sportshows.com/philly/philly\\_exhibitor\\_list.html](http://www.sportshows.com/philly/philly_exhibitor_list.html)

Come visit our booth at the Great Philadelphia Outdoor Sports Show at The Oaks EXPO Center Feb. 16th through 19th. We are located at a corner booth #1506 right by the casting pool

### The Philadelphia Show

1442	1441	1440	1439	1438
1501	1502	1503	1504	1505

1437	1438	1435	1434	1433	1432	1431	1430	1429
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## Club News

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### Tool Tune up

Rick Szlachta will offer tips and assistance at the meeting this Thursday. He will have a tool for sharpening scissors and has a technique to make your hackle pliers more effective. Bring in your scissors pliers and anything else that needs tuned up.

### New Trout Fishing Book

A fraternity brother of mine, Glenn Busch, has just written Journey To The Final Cast A memoir of fishing, friendship, and growing old. Glenn is a great storyteller. In the book he recounts how he and his fishing friends have wandered in diverse places to comb the waters, hoping to catch the trophy fish...or just be near the water in the company of others He lives down in Virginia and came up to fish the Clarion River with me a couple of years ago. I will have a copy of the book with me at this Thursday's meeting. If you are interested in purchasing a book please contact see me or contact Glenn directly at [glenn.busch@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.busch@gmail.com)



Barry is having Club Day at the shop on Saturday 2/25, 11am- 3pm. He wants us to come down, tie some flies, and promote our club. Sam, Chris and Steve will be there. Contact Steve Nack if you are interested.in participated Otherwise come out and support the club and say hello. **All club members will get 20% off all purchases.** Proof of membership is required.

Other upcoming events at the Sporting Gentleman are at as follows:

- March 3rd Tom Baltz-Fly Fishing expert from State College
- March 10th The Delaware River Club (afternoon)
- March 10th Fly Fishing Film Tour (evening)
- March 24th Cabin Fever Day with Eric Stroup

The Sporting Gentleman

300 W. State Street, Media, PA 19063 (610) 565-6140

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## Upcoming Events



The 2012 Valley Forge TU Trout Show will be held on Thursday, March 29, at the Valley Forge Middle School. This year's presenter will be Dave Hughes. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the directions are as follows:

From King of Prussia, take Rt. 202 South; get off at the Devon Exit and turn Right on Rt. 252. Go approx. 400 yards and turn Left into the Valley Forge Middle School parking lot.

## Weather Affects Angling Tactics

### Casting and presentation in the wind.

Accuracy is at a premium, get as close as possible and let the wind hide your approach. Try to drive the forward cast low, and allow the loop to unroll just above the target. Driving the forward cast too high puts the loop into a zone with more wind and also gives the wind more time to act on the cast before it can drop the fly to the target.

If the wind is blowing directly upstream, don't try to present the fly downstream with a reach cast. You may be able to make the reach with the line and but of the leader, but the wind will invariably kick the tippet and fly back upstream, leaving a downstream belly in the tippet that will cause drag on every drift. With upstream wind, rely on a traditional upstream cast, and hope that surface chop will hide small amounts of drag that come with this style of presentation. [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



We awoke to a cold gray morning. While I was being discrete, I came upon a large wood grouse. He seemed to not be afraid of me. That's the thing about being so far up in the northwest. The animals and birds aren't used to humans and they have no fear and appear to be just curious. I must have been an interesting sight for that grouse. We broke camp and canoed down the river for several hours. Along the way we saw two bald eagles. That makes five that we have seen so far on this trip.

We canoed through a brief rain shower and had our first portage. I mentioned earlier that Fort Smith was started at the base of a set of rapids as a portage town. When the water is too rough for the boats you have to unload everything and carry the gear and the boats around the rough patch of water. This sounds easy enough until you have to do it yourself. Our first portage started out messy enough as my feet got thoroughly soaked when I climbed out of the canoe to get to the shore. We hiked fully laden with gear up through a swampy area and unmarked rocky trail for about a half a mile until we came back down on the other side of the rapids. We did this numerous times until all the gear and the boats were transported.

The sun came out and we canoed several more miles before we had to portage again. Later Alex saw a moose and a young calf but they moved off quickly before we could get a good look at them. Two of the guys went pike fishing. Using salt water flies they caught six. They also spotted a large grey wolf. The wildlife is picking up as we move west and south. In the afternoon we saw a lot of loons, geese, ducks and another bald eagle. After we ran a series of small rapids the trip ended with another portage. We found a real nice place to camp with a steady breeze to keep the mosquitos at bay.

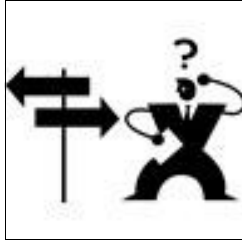
I went fishing from the river bank after dinner. On a deep cast I caught a small trout. As I got him right to shore he jumped off the line. Suddenly, a big pike darted after the fish. He missed! Then he cruised right in front of me. My lure was in six inches of water. The pike saw it and I flicked it. He took it and was off on a run. About fifteen minutes later I brought him in; a 46" lunker weighing about twenty pounds.

## 2011-2012 Meetings and Events

February 16th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speakers: Grahame Maisey
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 : Ben Rinker
April 21rd	Stick Day	
May 4th-6th	Spring Coburn Trip (Penns Creek)	
May 17th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Henry Ramsay
June 1th -3rd	Upper Delaware Camping Trip	
June 21th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD

<p><b>NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY</b></p> <p><b>2012 PRESEASON &amp; INSEASON STOCKING LIST</b></p>
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DATE	WATER	MEETING PLACE	TIME
2/15	FRENCH CREEK - FFOC&R PICKERING, WEST VALLEY DHAL'S	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
2/16	EAST BRANDYWINE DHAL	KERR PARK	12:00
3/1	FRENCH, PICKERING WEST VALLEY CREEKS	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
3/3	FRENCH CREEK (3) TRUCKS HOLLOW RD. – RT23	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
3/7	EAST BRANDYWINE CREEK KERR PARK – DOWLIN FORGE RD.	KERR PARK	12:00
3/10	FRENCH CREEK GAMELANDS – COVENTRYVILLE RD.	WARWICK PARK	12:00
3/23	EAST BRANDYWINE GLENMORE TO REEDS RD.	GLENMORE FIRE CO	12:00
4/3	FRENCH CREEK GAMELANDS TO CAMP SANKANAK & FFO C&R	WARWICK PARK	12:00
4/5	FRENCH & PICKERING (2 trucks) HOLLOW RD – RT23	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
4/10	EAST BRANDYWINE WEST VALLEY CREEK & DHAL	GLENMORE FIRE CO.	12:00
4/24	EAST BRANDYWINE & DHAL	GLENMORE FIRE CO.	12:00
4/27	FRENCH - PICKERING & DHAL (2 Trucks) (Game lands to Rt. 23)	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00



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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