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The Jewel of the Upper Delaware

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Join us this Thursday as Ben Rinker presents ; East Branch, The Jewel of The Upper Delaware.

Ben is an expert on the Upper Delaware River. He started fishing it back in 1972. After guiding and instructing for the Delaware River Club for thirty years from 1980-2010, Ben

and his wife, Cindy, opened East Branch Outfitters in the spring of 2010.

Located in the town of Hancock just 2 miles from town center their historic river-front farmhouse on 8 acres provides a warm, down home country feel. East Branch river views

from each of the five rooms offer guests the beauty of the Catskills and the quiet and peaceful serenity of the pristine river.

Ben earned a BS in biology, in 1992, and has had graduate studies in aquatic ecology and entomology.

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Club News

Scranton stretch of Lackawanna River to be designated for prime trout fishing

The Fish and Boat Commission in mid-July will consider assigning Class A trout-habitat status to an expanded section of the river, agency spokesman Eric Levis said.

The designation is granted to waterways supporting a native population of abundant trout that can support a long-term sport fishery without stocking.

The declaration would expand the prime-habitat designation from the Lackawanna Avenue bridge in Olyphant to the Green Ridge Street bridge in Scranton, said Bernie McGurl, executive director of the Lackawanna River Corridor Association, a Scranton-based advocacy and preservation group.

For decades, the Lackawanna was known for its high pollution levels from acid mine drainage, industrial waste and sewage. Despite the impending state designation, the river remains far from pristine.

Read more: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/scranton-stretch-of-lackawanna-river-to-be-designated-for-prime-trout-fishing-1.1280942#ixzz1pbFyQNMo>

D A Award to be presented at the May Meeting.

Nominations are now being taken for the annual D A Award winner. To be considered the nominee must have performed an act of unusual silliness while trout fishing. A good example is this picture of one of our members sporting a unique "fly earring" during a recent fishing trip. If you have a candidate for this year's award please email or contact a Board member before the May meeting.



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Club News

Scenes from Resica Falls and The Brodhead



Knot Basics Class



Casting Class



Lunch at the Brodhead



So this is where the fish were

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More on Resica Falls

I attended the Learn To Fly-fish Clinic that Mainline Fly Tyer's put on every year up at Resica Falls Scout Reservation yesterday. The Mainline members went over everything needed to know how to fly-fish for trout covering equipment setup ; knots; dry, wet and nymph fishing and casting. Then they demonstrated these techniques on the stream. Sam Vigorita who was at Tri-State on Thursday instructed a few of the demos including the dry fly class and did a great job. Even though I've been flyfishing for 40+ years I wanted to see what the clinic was about and I even learned a few new tricks. Lunch was great and included hamburgers ,hotdogs, chili and more. Doughnuts, brownies and coffee were there in the morning. The Mainliners are a great bunch of guys willing to share information freely. I highly recommend the clinic or the club to anyone wanting to learn flyfishing.

After the clinic everyone went fishing. I managed to catch 5 or 6 fish and lost about the same amount fishing with my usual early season Pocono area Hare's ear and Stonefly nymph setup. The water was very low for this time of year. Caddis flies, Olives ,Quill Gordons, Hendricksons and Stoneflies were hatching. Fish were rising pretty well at times during the afternoon.

Saturday is opening day on the Brodhead so you know where I'll be at. I need to tie some more Hare's ears and Stoneflies this week.

Tight lines,
Ken

Plymouth Whitemarsh Fly Casting Competition

On April 12 the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Fly Fishing Club held its first annual fly-casting competition in front of Café West. Members of our club were invited to watch the kids compete. M.J. Grouke, sponsor of the club said “ I am trying to impress upon our kids the value of relationships when it comes to fly fishing”

The MLFT congratulates all of this year's winners



Upcoming Events

Join us as a group of the guys fish Penns Creek during the weekend of May 4th through the 6th. Contact Jonas at the Feathered Hook to reserve a room.



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.)

This year April 23 is Stick Day. For all of the club newbies who might not know what Stick Day is. It is an annual event in which members dust off their treasured bamboo fly rods and share them with other members. If you have never caught a trout on a fine bamboo rod you are really missing something. Of course if you would rather use your own you can do that as well. We get together on the Brodhead at the same location as on opening day.

Bamboo rods produce a smooth, fluid back cast which provides its own 'dampening' effect at the end of the back cast. The forward cast accelerates the line throw through the air with the same 'dampening' effect at the beginning of the cast, and then again at the end of the cast as the caster lays the line out over the target water—generally with smooth, precise placement



The Northwest Territories by Rick Say

I woke up and heard the rain beating down on my tent. I poked my head out and saw Alex hunkered over a smoky fire trying to warm up our breakfast of oatmeal and coffee. The wind was blowing the rain sideways. Alex said “Eat up and get some rest, because we have to cross the lake and with the weather like it is we aren’t going anywhere”. I went back to my tent and slept or tried to until about noon. The group started to gather for lunch so I got dressed and joined them down by the lake. The lake which had been so placid the day before was now full of whitecaps and the wind was coming off of it right in our faces. Alex said the water was too rough to go anywhere. So we did what any true red blooded Americans would do if you were trapped in your tent in the middle of the wilderness in bad weather. We hiked back inland to go fishing.

Once away from the lake the winds slackened a little bit but the rain still came down in buckets. A couple of guys hiked further inland to a pond to go fly fishing for pike. Matt, George and I went upstream on the river to fish. I don’t know if it was the weather or what, but the fish were very active and they were mostly pike, big ones. Up North they call a big pike a “Football Pike” because when you open their mouth they are big enough to get a football completely inside, and they can reach 6 ft. or more in length. They are the top of the aquatic food chain. I had long ago taken the treble hook off my Daredevil and replaced it with a single large shark hook. This worked out great because the pikes would hit the lure from the side and it was easier to pull the hook and lure out by disconnecting it and pulling it through the gill opening. I was also using steel leaders. But the pike were so big I broke my line several times. Once a big one broke me off and 5 minutes later George caught the same pike and got me my lure back.

It rained through the evening and the weather got worse the next day. The lake was whipped into a nasty froth and it was getting colder. At this point I learned my second valuable lesson when venturing into the North Country. Buy good rain gear! The gear I had was cheap plastic stuff like the kind you buy in K Mart. After two days of wind and rain my rain gear was literally shredded and I was forced to go from tent to tent begging for castoffs and extra gear.

On the morning of the third day Alex said we are leaving. It was still raining and the lake wasn’t looking too welcoming. There were 2 to 3 foot waves and the wind was still blowing in our face. Alex said keep the front of the canoe into the wind and don’t stop paddling till you reached the other side. Now any time you take a Kanas farm boy like Matt and put him in a large body of water he gets excited. But now he was the most pumped up he ever was. He kept yelling stroke and I kept paddling as hard as I could. I call this part of the trip the whale hunt. Because all I needed was a harpoon and a whale to be swimming in front of me to complete the picture. I was scared to death and my tattered rain gear didn’t help either. When we finally made it to the other side I set up my tent took off all my wet clothes and put anything dry I had on and crawled into my sleeping bag. The onset of hypothermia is an out of body experience! After a cup of hot tea and a shot of brandy I recovered. Later in the day the sun came out and by evening it even started to warm up... Then the black flies hatched.

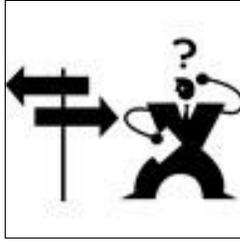
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This is a picture of me and my camping friend George with the twice caught pike. I am holding my lure and the one George caught it on. The thing on my head is a rolled up mosquito netting which I was wearing to stay warm. Note the stylish see-through rain gear. Later that day it was shredded by the elements and started falling off. I borrowed the red rain pants from George.

2011-2012 Meetings and Events

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



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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