

MLFT

Newsletter

November, 2012

November Meeting: Thursday 7 PM November 15th, 2012

Guest Speaker

LLC Capt. Dan Schafer

Insomniac Guide Service LLC

This month we have a change from our usual focus on trout and salmon to discuss salt water inshore fly fishing. The speaker is Capt. Dan Schafer. Capt Dan Schafer is a full-time Professional fishing Guide docked in Stone Harbor, N.J. His focus is on fishing the back bays of Cape May County for striped bass. He has been guiding these waters for three years and specializes in fishing shallow water striped bass fishing in the Jersey bays and marshes through out most of the year. He can successfully pursue striped bass during a long season, all the way from mid-April up into December. He fishes with both artificial lures and fly rods. He believes that inshore striper fishing is the most exciting fishing that you can imagine. It is a very visual experience seeing the fish rise and smash top water plugs and flies.

His boat is an 18ft *Action Craft* Flats Skiff. This high performance boat has a dry, smooth ride that takes can fish the shallowest waters, where **no other boats can access**. This allows him access to **untouched** prime shallow water striped bass fishing and seldom seen feeding scenarios with bass blowing up on schools of bait often in water less than a foot deep.

***Insomniac Guide Service* Year Round Striped Bass
Shallow Water Back Bay**

**Fly & Light Tackle Fishing
in Stone Harbor NJ. (609)-780-5124**
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Highlights from the October.

Charlie Collins (CollinsHackleFarm.com) was last month's speaker and gave a fascinating discussion of the difficulties involved in raising and breeding the chickens that produce the highest quality dry fly hackle. Clearly, raising them has to be a labor of love, since they require enormous amounts of work and only produce modest income. It is definitely not a good project for the back yard. He also discussed what qualities to look for in shopping or dry fly necks and especially the problem of hackle stems twisting when tied on the hooks.

Charlie advised that all valuable necks should be stored with moth crystals that contain Naphthalene rather than the more common mothballs. I checked and these are available at Wal-mart. (Based on the warning on the box, it does look like nasty stuff).

You can order excellent quality and guaranteed necks from Charlie if you check the information at his website CollinsHacklefarm.com



Charlie Collins with sample necks.

Ed Emery. The club would like to congratulate Ed on being honored by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission for the work he has done with the Boy Scouts to introduce them to fly fishing. Work such as Ed's is a great contribution to Pennsylvania's youth. Each year fewer children and young adults are outside experiencing and appreciating the natural world. If we want to maintain trout and trout streams we need to continue to nurture young people who appreciate our streams. Congratulations Ed.!



December Meeting reminder.

December is our annual Club Auction. Please start reviewing the fly-fishing materials that you might consider auctioning off. Each year there are excellent rods, reels and fly tying material available at the auction for bargain prices. It is also a great excuse to recycle older rods etc. to make way for new purchases. In previous years we have also had some excellent Bamboo rods at the auction. And, it also supports the Club!

Directions to Meeting Site:

**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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