

# MLFT

Newsletter  
January, 2013

December Meeting: Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Meeting starts at 7 PM

## Special Speaker A. K. Best \* National renown fly tier.

A. K. Best from Colorado is one of the most respected names in fly fishing and tying. His many magazine articles over the years have provided helpful knowledge for both the beginner and accomplished tiers and anglers. A. K. has a superior tying talent that verifies him as a master-class tier. His unique flies stand out among the rest in their quality and creativity. He is especially known for his quill body flies such as:

**Biot Colorado Green Drake Dun**  
**Biot Hendrickson**  
**Olive Quill Dun**  
**Olive Quill Parachute**  
**Pale Green Quill Spinner**

(These patterns can all be found on the internet if you google A. K. Best)

He's also known for his excellent fly fishing books as well as the tying books. If you haven't yet read them you should check them out. They provide excellent tying and fishing information. Among his most popular books are:

"Advanced Fly Tying" - Proven Methods & Techniques of a Master Professional Fly Tyer - A.K. Best.

*"Dyeing and Bleaching Natural Fly-Tying Materials"* (1993)

*"Production Fly Tying: A Collection of Ideas, Notions, Hints, and Variations on the Techniques of Fly Tying"* (1990) (2003)

*"A. K.'s Fly Box" with introduction by John Gierach*

*"Fly Fishing With A. K."* Stackpole Books (2005)

***"A. K. Best's Fly Box - How to Tie the Master Fly-Tyer's Patterns"***

**"FLYFISHER'S GUIDE TO COLORADO" by Marty Bartholomew,  
Barry Reynolds, A. K. Best (Introduction). (New Edition 2002)**

**\* Note: Guests are welcome, but this month there will be a ten dollar guest fee.**

## **December Highlights**

### **Club auction.**

Our annual Club Auction club auction was an outstanding success. Several fine rods as well excellent fly tying materials were auctioned off. The auction is both fun and raised considerable funds for the club. Sam, served as the auctioneer/ master of ceremony and provided both insightful commentary and humor to the affair.

## **News and Up-coming events this Winter**

### **Fly Fishing shows- Additional Flies Needed.**

Late winter is the time for all the local fishing shows. The Oaks show is Feb. 14-17th and there will also be a fishing show up at Calvary Church in Souderton on March 2nd. The club always has a booth at these shows to demonstrate fly tying, attract new members, and raise funds selling flies.

We need donations of flies for the shows. The flies demonstrate our skills and raise money for the club. Please tie up some of your best flies (which I am sure you are already doing) and bring them to the January and February meetings. As an added inducement, the club will reward you with one free raffle ticket for each 1/2 dozen flies you donate!

## **New Multi-year Pa. fishing license available.**

The fish commission is now offering three and five year fishing licenses. They can be found on the commission website listed before. There is a cost saving in getting the longer license.

3 year or 5 year -- [http://fishandboat.com/licapp\\_fill\\_multi.pdf](http://fishandboat.com/licapp_fill_multi.pdf)

## **Early, Early Season fishing.**

Most fly fisherman think of Trout season starting with the Opening days in April when we can look forward to hatches of Blue Quills and Hendricksons. However, there are lesser known hatches of Stoneflies that start as early as February in our local area. Also, the fish commission starts stocking the catch and release and FFF stretches of local streams in mid-February. Local streams with catch and release or fly fishing only stretches such as Ridley Creek and French creek have very good hatches of early black stone flies. Flies such as black flymphs can be very effective.

The limestone streams in the Allentown area have good hatches of BWO's starting in mid-March. A hatch of BWO's is a wonderful harbinger of spring. The limestone streams such as the Little Lehigh and Monocracy have endless hatches of midges in the early season. (of course they are very tiny)



**Fly-fishing-only stretch of French creek.**

### **Fly Tying and Fishing Tactics classes.**

The Plymouth-Whitemarsh tying class is well underway with excellent enrollment in both the beginner and intermediate tying classes. The tying focus of the intermediate class has been on several creative patterns for the large stone flies that hatch on the area larger waterways such as the Lehigh and Upper Delaware.

There is still time to sign up for the Souderton fly tying classes that start in February. See below.

**WINTER / SPRING CLASSES IN SOUDERTON;  
FLY FISHING – TACTICS & STRATEGIES**

Sam Vigoritta Instructor

Tuesday 2/19-3/26 (No class 2/26)

5 Sessions 7:00PM-9:00PM

ICMS A100 \$50

Class includes an April outing in the Pocono Mountains for a full day of additional creek side instruction.

*Dawn M. Kester, Coordinator of Community Education, Souderton Area School District, Phone: 215 721 1551*

*Souderton Area School District Schools*

**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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