

MLFT

Newsletter

December 19th. Meeting, 2013

Party starts at 6 PM!

Fishing Quote of the Month

“A stream is music and Motion: smooth glides, fast, turbulent riffles and deep pools, each posing a special challenge”

Nelson Bryant

Holiday Party *and* *Annual Club Auction!*

December is our annual club Holiday party and Auction. The year we are having the party catered and we have pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans and corn bread. **The party starts at 6 P. M.** so that there is plenty of time to eat and share stories. This is a great way to end the year and start planning for the coming spring.

The auction will start promptly at 7 P.M. Sam, as usual, will be the auctioneer/ master of ceremony, providing both insightful commentary and searing analysis of the many items for auction. Each year there are excellent books, rods, reels and fly tying material available at the auction. It is also a great excuse to recycle older rods etc. to make way for new purchases.

Please review the fishing materials that you might consider auctioning off. The auction is limited to items related to fishing (no golf clubs). Decide which items you want to donate to the club and which

you want to auction on consignment. Items to be donated to the club should be brought to the front of the room. They don't need to be tagged.

Items to be auctioned on consignment need to be clearly tagged and placed on side of the room If they are for consignment you should have your name on it and what your minimum bid is. Be sure to bring all the items early so the auction can start on time and members can see what is up for auction. The club charges a 10% commission on consignment sales.

Guests are welcome but will be charged a special 15 dollar guest fee. This is necessary to cover the costs of the dinner. Guests are welcome to bring items for auction.

Last Month's Presentation. **Sharon E. Wright**

Sharon Wright gave a fascinating presentation on her approach to tying Maine streamer flies. In addition, to being an exceptionally skilled tier she brings an artist's eye to fly tying and design. Her tying focus is on creating new patterns as an art form. Flies first all must be beautiful, and then, hopefully they also catch fish. She showed some very creative and patriotic designs.

MAIN LINE FLY TYERS RETURN TO MONTANA

NEW FACES, OLD PLACES

On September 20, 2013, 12 members of the Main Line Fly Tyers returned to Missoula, Montana for the annual trip to fish the famous rivers of western Montana. Trip organizer Mike Mancke, along with President Steve Nack accompanied many of the regulars back to our home away from home in Huson, Montana. Jerry Usatch, Jay Kapolka, Jim Costello, Jack Regan and Russ Lambert accompanied newcomers

Lenny Wasmanski and his son Dave, Steve Larson, Rick Gallagher and Pat Regan on the trip. The weather varied from warm sun to cold rain but the trout were quite cooperative and many browns, cutthroats and rainbows were caught. The Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Blackfoot and Rock Creek were all visited by our members. For the first time in decades the reclaimed section of the Clark Fork River, where the dam had been removed, was open to fishing. Steve Nack said, "Since the removal of the dam several years ago the fishing has gotten better and better each year. We are catching more fish and larger fish each trip."

New this year at Classic Journey Outfitters is a lodge built at the bottom of the hill in front of the Trout Bluff. This has the ability to house 4 more fishermen and also has a commercial kitchen to allow for catering. In future years it will allow us to expand the trip from our current limit of 12 to 16 fishermen. Next year's trip will again be at the end of September. If interested please contact Mike Mancke.



Rick Gallagher and nice Montana brown



Steve Larson and his new friend"



Jerry Usatch and his new fishing rod

NEW SPECIAL REGULATION ACCESS ON THE BRODHEAD

The following is a letter from Don Baylor about a wonderful new expansion of open water on the Brodhead. This is a great addition on an historic stream in the Poconos. Please consider making a donation to the “Forevergreen Preserve ” fund.

Fellow Anglers,

As a lifelong fisherman and lover of rivers, I'd like to share with you a tremendous opportunity that has been presented on my very favorite stream, the Brodhead. In December 2012, a 40+ acre parcel between Analomink and Henryville on the nations most historic trout water came up for sale. In order to protect this naturally significant and historically well know section of the stream, leaders of the Brodhead Watershed Association (BWA) and the Pocono Heritage Land Trust (PHLT) presented to Ed Cramer and Daryl Eppley, tow of the very forward thinking Supervisors of Stroud Township, a plan to turn the former golf course into a nature preserve. They immediately saw that this proposed preserve could serve as the centerpiece to a greenway that the Township has been putting together over the last two decades. The Supervisors voted to commit money from the Township's Open Space Fund to the project at hand and, in May, they were able to acquire the property.

Then in June, we received more good news. A representative of The Peter Jay Sharp Foundation in New York informed Doug Swift, a board member of the BWA, that the Foundation had approved a 1:1 matching grant of \$25,000 to BWA and PHLT with the provision that all the funds be used to help create what is now being called the Forevergreen Preserve.

Since that time, the pieces have been falling into place and the former golf course is quickly evolving into a nature preserve that will serve as the crown jewel in the Township's greenway and other public access to very fishable, gorgeous, historic, trout water managed under the special regulations. Our vision is that the building on the property will become the headquarters for the BWA and PHLT and an interpretive center providing education, including a display highlighting key role of the Brodhead in the development of American flyfishing tradition.

One remaining hurdle is matching the Foundation's grant. Therefore, I'm hoping that anyone who has ever wanted to drop a line into the cold, clear waters of the Brodhead will join me in helping to match the grant and turning this tremendous opportunity into a reality. As fisherman, this is a project we can all be proud of, so please make your tax-deductible donation to the Brodhead Watershed Association; Box 339, Henryville, PA 18332 and designate your gift for the Forevergreen Preserve.

Many thanks, and I'll see you on the river,

Don Baylor

Winter Fly tying and fishing Classes.



Winter is the ideal time for fly tying! It is cold and wet outside. Restock all the flies that were lost or damaged over the previous season. It is a time to experiment with tying new patterns that just might be the "magic" for the spring hatch. It is also the time to learn new tying techniques that can improve your flies, both in their appearance and their effectiveness. Classes are being held at a number of different centers and fly shops in our area. These classes are all taught by experts from the club and can greatly improve your tying skills..

Plymouth Meeting Community Center*

Fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Thursday nights from 7 PM to 9 PM. **Starting January 9th**. (no classes on club meeting nights).

You must pre-register by calling the Greater Plymouth Community Center at 610-277-4312 and pay by credit card. Cost is 58 dollars for non-township residents and 50 dollars for township residents.

* Note there was an error in last month newsletter. The start dates for the tying classes at Plymouth Meeting is **January 9th** not January 30th.

The Sporting Gentleman

The Fly fishing tactics and strategies class will be held this winter at The Sporting Gentleman in Media, Pa. Classes will be at the store and are on Monday nights from 7 to 9 PM for five weeks. Classes start Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and March 3rd. Enrollment in this class is limited and it fills up fast so interested people should call the Store early to be sure to get in.

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

Souderton Area Community Education

760 lower Rd
Souderton, Pa. 18964

Fly Tying;

Beginners class: for beginners and up to 1 year experience.
Tuesday evenings - starts Feb 11th - 6 weeks

Fly Fishing Tactics and Strategies;

This class is fine for beginners but is also geared to the more experienced anglers looking to gain an edge and sharpen their skills on the water.

Wednesday evenings - Starts Feb 12th

5 weeks is normal for this class but this session will also have an additional 6th class added that will cover fly casting techniques and instructions. Outdoors if weather provides.

(Anyone wanting to attend needs to call to pre-register)

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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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