

MLFT

Newsletter

January 23, 2014 Meeting

7:00 PM

Fishing Quote of the Month

“Angling may be said to be so like mathematics, it can never be fully learned”.

Izaak Walton

*Ed Engle - Off Beat Tactics that Catch Fish**

The Main Line Fly-Tyers club is pleased to announce that Ed Engle will be the featured speaker at the January meeting. Fly anglers worldwide recognize Ed as an accomplished author, angler, photographer, fly-tyer and all-round outdoorsman. Through the years Ed's home water, the South Platte River in Colorado, has provided him with extensive experience as a fly-fishing guide, as well as a set of unique insights into new fly patterns and fishing techniques. Every now and then the tactics that usually catch trout don't work. In this program Ed explores nonstandard tactics that may work when the normal stuff doesn't, like fishing the same side of the river with streamers, using large spent-wing spinners as attractors, drowning terrestrial patterns, active alternatives to dead-drifting nymphs, high-sticking dry flies, presenting attractor patterns in new ways or swinging dry flies on a tight line. In addition to presenting specific nonstandard tactics the program will encourage fly fishers to let go of their preconceived notions whenever confronted with unusual or difficult fishing conditions.

Ed has been fishing, tying, and designing them since the 1970s. Ed has also published several excellent books, *Fishing Small Flies* and *Tying Small Flies*. His passion is for tying and fishing tiny flies. Ed is motivated by the pursuit of simplicity. "My goal is to have

as little between myself and the trout as possible," he says. In fact, many of his fly designs (such as his Micro Soft Hackle) seem almost magical.

***Note: There is a non-member \$10 guest fee for this event.**
(The fee can be applied to membership)

Last month's meeting

December was the annual Holiday party and Auction. The food was excellent and plentiful! The party was catered and offered pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans and corn bread.

The auction will start promptly at 7 P.M. Sam did an excellent job as the auctioneer and moved the bidding along quickly. Jim Costello and Ed Emory did a commendable job keeping track of purchasers and closing bids. That is not a easy job when you consider the large number of items that were auctioned.

Some great fishing materials were auctions. Items included some excellent fly rods. These included bamboo, graphite and glass models. There were a lot of excellent flies and fly boxes auctioned as well as tying material. An unopened antique tying kit was even available!

Below are a few pictures from the meeting.



Auctioning



Accounting



Eaten



Eating



Drinking



More eating.

Winter Fly tying and fishing Classes.



Winter Classes have begun at Plymouth Rec. center and are going well. There are some new additional classes scheduled at several surrounding fly shops and centers. They are described below. There is still time to join!

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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Sam Vigorita 215-773-9660

Registration. Call 215-721-1551

New Class added!**Main Line Night School.**

The new tying class was approved and is in the calendar for Main Line Night school. Main Line Fly Tyers at the Main Line Night school. Ed Emery will be teaching this class. It is 5 Monday nights starting on March 3rd 7-9 pm \$55. (It is easiest to register and find the course by clicking on the direct link to the class).

Here is the link for the web site and newsletter. Link to the catalog is

<http://www.mainlineschoolnight.org/cms/catalogs/spring-2014>

Direct link to the class info is:

<http://www.mainlineschoolnight.org/CourseStatus.awp?&Course=14SSP12376>

**Directions to Club 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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