

# MLFT

Newsletter

February 20, 2014 Meeting

7:00 PM

## Fishing Quote of the Month

**“There is nothing like the thrill of expectation over the first cast in unfamiliar waters. Fishing is like gambling, in that failure only excites hope of a fortunate cast next time.”**

Charles D. Warner

## Presenter: Don Baylor

**Don Baylor** has spoken to the club several times in recent years and is expert on Pocono hatches and streams. His other passion is the history of American fly-fishing. Most experienced fly fishers are familiar with the origins of American fly fishing in the Catskills and such historical figures as Hewitt and Theodore Gordon. However, few fly fishermen know that before the Catskills, it was the Poconos and streams like the Brodhead where fly-fishing had its earliest origins. Dan will speak about these early days and their lasting influence on American fly-fishing.

Don Baylor is fisheries biologist with Aquatic Resource Consulting in the Poconos. He has lived all his life in Stroudsburg, Pa. and has been an avid fly fisherman since age 11. His life long fishing experiences in the Poconos has made him an expert on the streams and hatches of the Poconos and Upper Delaware River. He first published a booklet on fishing the Poconos called Pocono Hatches back in 1980. He has recently revised (2009) and expanded that book as Pocono and Upper Delaware Hatches. The revised book is an excellent overview of the main hatches in the Poconos and discusses which streams they occur. It also includes patterns and tying instructions.

## Last month's meeting



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

Ed gave an excellent presentation on “Off-beat tactics that catch Fish”. His tactics were not offbeat. His focus on discussing how to deal with “off-beat” conditions we often find on the stream. In spite of dreams of perfect conditions and rising trout, we often arrive at our destination to find the water high, cold or off-color. That is the real world way too often here in Pennsylvania. He had an excellent presentation on how to deal with these less than perfect conditions.

## Winter Fly tying and fishing Classes.



**Winter Classes** have begun at Plymouth Rec. center and are going well in spite of rain, snow, and sleet and power outages! Last week's class had to be canceled due to snowstorm. The week before many of the class tiers had lost electricity and heat for days due to the prior storm. Most impressive was Lenny coming in with three dozen flies tied by flashlight in a freezing house. That is commitment!

### **Last Fly tying class of the winter season!**

### **Main Line Night School. Sign up now!**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

## **Up coming events.**

Spring is around the corner! The club as several major activities coming up in April. Plan your weekends to be able to attend them.

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Learn to fish Day	Resica Falls
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Opening day on the Brodhead	
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Stick Day on the Brodhead.	

## **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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