

MLFT

Newsletter

October 16th, 2014 Meeting

7:00 PM

Fishing Cartoon of the Month



Fly Fishing secrets of the Upper Delaware.

October Presentation:

Don Douple

Fly fishing for Wild trout in Pa.

Don Douple is well known within the Pa. fly fishing community as an outdoor artist, photographer, fly-tyer and expert

fly fisherman who specializes in fishing for wild trout. He was also a long time member of MLFT before moving to central Pa. and remains an honorary member. Don will share some of his knowledge on Pa. streams, patterns and techniques for fishing for wild trout in Pa.

Last month's meeting

Ed Jaworowski

Ed. Jaworowski gave an exciting presentation on "The changing Face of Salt Water Fly Fishing". Ed has fished around the world but started his saltwater fishing along the Jersey coast. There were excellent slides of a variety of saltwater fish as well as instructions on how to fish for blues and stripers off the beaches and Jetties of New Jersey. October and November are prime months for fishing Stripers in New Jersey as they migrate south for the winter. Now is the season to go down areas such as Long Beach Island and try it out.

Ed, who is one of the best casters in the world, also gave an excellent casting demonstration prior to the meeting. It is always instructive to watch a master caster.

Bug of the Month – Isonychia

Every fly fisherman has his or her favorite hatches. I have always been fond of March Browns and Isonychia. These Mayflies have several desirable qualities for the fly fisherman. First they are fairly large (size 12) and they start to hatch in late spring (late May and early June) when the streams are in their best condition for dry fly fishing. Their large size always helps you to see your dry fly. Second, they hatch sporadically with a few here and few there. However, they continue hatching over a long period of time. Isonychias can hatch from late spring into fall. Third, trout really like both March Browns and Isonychias. If they are around trout will take them. In addition,

since these hatches are of long duration the trout are often looking for them and will rise to an imitation if there is no current hatch. There are good populations of these in the Lehigh River, Pocono streams and Upper Delaware.

Where & When

Preferred Waters: Best in freestone streams

Hatching Behavior

Isonychia duns may emerge on the surface or by crawling out onto shore. This behavior can vary within a single species, and it seems to depend on geographic location and the weather conditions.

Spinner Behavior

Time Of Day: Dusk

Habitat: Riffles

Isonychia duns molt into spinners within a couple days of hatching, and when they return they provide much more concentrated action than the emergence. They mate in swarms twenty to thirty feet in the air, and the females drop their eggs from high above the water before they join the males in falling spent.

Nymph Biology

Diet: Mostly plankton; sometimes other aquatic insects

Current Speed: Medium to Fast

Substrate: Boulders and gravel

Environmental Tolerance: Quite tolerant of pollution and marginal temperature

Isonychia nymphs are among of the fastest-swimming mayflies in the world. They can power their way through fast riffles with ease, and their imitations should be fished with fast twitches.

Up-coming events and Classes

Fall Club Trips

October 18th Lake Day at Scotts Run Lake

November 1st. Cast and Blast

WINTER CLASSES;

All classes will start late in January – dates to follow.

Souderton

Fly tying – Advanced class only. Tuesday nights, 6 weeks, 7 till 9 pm.

Fly Fishing Tactics and Strategies class. - Wednesday nights, 5 weeks, 7 till 9 pm.

Plymouth Center

Fly Tying - Two classes - advanced class and beginners class. Thursday nights, 6 weeks, 7 till 9 pm.

NEW CLASS FOR February 2015

February At the Plymouth Center.

Dry fly Tactics for the Upper Delaware.

Three week class, 7 to 9 pm, 38.00 fee. looking to do it on Feb 26

– Mar 5 – Mar 12.

“ Upper Delaware / Dry’s and Why ”

For years everyone is always asking why is he catching more fish and bigger fish than everyone else, even when we use the same fly. Why ?

I have been working on this for the past couple seasons and will now put on this new class to answer all the why’s.

You might also ask why has no one else ever put on such a class. Well as far as I can tell from talking to many of the so called pro’s, they just do not understand the feeding habits of these particular fish. I will show where, when and how to fish Dry fly’s on the Upper Delaware and how to present them.

Learn what patterns to use and how to tie them. Leader set up and most important the Proper Presentation and how to achieve it.

Find out why these fish feed differently than any other Trout in other streams and what needs to be done to entice them to your fly.

You will also be shown how, where and why they feed the way they do. We will take an in depth view into the feeding window of an Upper Delaware Trout. Including drawings, slides and photos of how, where and when they feed.

With 35 years of fishing this wonderful river and a book overflowing with of 20” plus trout photos I can honestly say I have learned a few things on how these fantastic fish live, feed and think. This will be an in depth look into everything you want and need to know to increase your success rate on the “ UPPER D ”.

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Limited seating / sign up early. See Jim Costello, Club Treasurer to sign up.

**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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