

# **MLFT**

**Newsletter**

**Thursday, November 20th, 2014 Meeting**

**7:00 PM**

## **Fishing Quote of the Month**

**“ Fly -fishers are usually brain workers in society”**

**James A. Henshall**

## **November Presentation:**

**George Daniel**

**“Trout Lessons”**

George Daniel is the author of an excellent book on nymphing tactics called Dynamic Nymphing in which he explains many of the latest nymphing techniques. His presentation on Thursday will examine some of the techniques he has developed for fishing streamers, dries and nymphs. It includes some exciting video on trout behavior.

## **Club Announcements.**

**1. Volunteers Needed!** We need some volunteers to tie at the Tying Show next weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

**2. Special Raffle.** Also this month the raffle will be a special raffle. The main prize will be an ECHO 11' 6wt switch/spey rod with matching ECHO ion reel- courtesy of the Sporting Gentleman. Tickets for this month's raffle will be \$5 each.

## **Last month's meeting**

Don Douple

Don Douple gave an excellent presentation on the major mayfly hatches in Pennsylvania. It included excellent photos of both the nymph and dun stages of the insects as well of some of the patterns he has designed to imitate them. He discussed how the different mayfly species show different hatching behavior that require creative strategies to successfully imitate them. Don, as always, was both humorous and highly informative.

## **A New Species of Mayfly Discovered on the Lehigh River**

by Jack Walsh

This past early June I fished the Lehigh River below the Francis Walter Dam with my friend Steve Birkenmaier. After rigging up we approached the river hoping to find an evening hatch. We weren't disappointed as we observed trout rising toward the far bank all along the big pool. We identified the source of the trout's interest. They were taking small sulphurs. Steve saw a big pod of rising fish farther downstream and he trekked off in that direction.

I was experiencing success with a size 18 sulphur comparadun and I was in that zone we are all familiar with as I concentrated on a drag free drift. All of a sudden, I heard a tremendous splash from downstream. When I looked all I saw was Birkey's hat floating on top of the water. Then to my extreme amazement, there emerged the

biggest mayfly I have ever seen from under Birkey's hat. It had a scruffy gray thorax and a large tan abdomen. As I watched, it emerged higher through the meniscus and its opaque red mottled wings flapped frantically in an attempt to dry.

This fly exhibited a unique emergence behavior for a mayfly. Its behavior was similar to a stonefly and some caddis flies and the slate drake in that it came to the surface and then swam and then crawled to the bank of the river. It reached dry land and then crawled up the bank through the streamside vegetation.

After a while my curiosity got the best of me and I tracked its path up the bank through the vegetation. I was shocked to find its large tan discarded shuck lying on the ground behind the pickup truck.

As an undergraduate, I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. One can only imagine how excited I am to have made this discovery. I have named this new species *Ephemerella birkenmaieri* in honor of my friend. Its common name will be "The Lehigh River Rock Slider".

I'm really not sure what size hook to use to imitate this fly as it is soooo big. It's just sooo big!!! How big is it you ask? Well, it's so big it makes *Hexagenia limbata* look like *Tricorythodes stygiatus*!

## **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 then 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 then.

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 then 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 over flowing 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 ”.

Sam <\*)>><

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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