

# MLFT

## Newsletter

December 18th. Meeting, 2014  
**Party starts at 6 PM!**

### Fishing Quote of the Month

**“To be a perfect fisherman you require more excellencies than are usually to be found in such a small space as is allotted to a man’s carcass. “ (Even though some fisherman have very large carcasses)**

Parker Gilmore

## *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 works! **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 witty 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 create excuses 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. Attach a tag to the item. (Masking tape works well) 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.

### **Last Month's Presentation.**

George Daniel, the author of Dynamic Nymphing, gave an interesting presentation streamer fishing. He is a very creative streamer and nymph fisherman and showed a number of innovative streamer techniques. His new book on streamer fishing will come out next year.

### **Club announcements**

**Club elections** Elections for officers will be at the May meeting. Now is the time to start thinking about nominations and/or possibly volunteering for a position. We need candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The current officers have done a great job, but getting some new candidates and officers is an opportunity to bring new ideas and fresh energy to the club.

**Volunteers needed!** There are many aspects to our meeting that go unnoticed or are taken for granted by members. For example, Jerry does an outstanding job with the food, others take care of the library and others help with Sports-shows, set-up and clean-up. We need more

people to help with those activities. If you are interested, speak to one of the officers about volunteering. The club need volunteers.

**Fly-tyers** Fly –tyers refers to everyone in the club. We need flies to sell at the up-coming Sportsman shows. As a reward and an encouragement to members to tie flies and donate them to the club the club will give one raffle ticket to the donor for each 6 flies he ties. Start tying and bring them to the next meeting.

**Grouse tails.** Sam is looking for dark phase grouse tails. If you have some talk to Sam.

## Reduced Price of PA Fishing License through December

PFBC News Release: The holiday shopping season is quickly approaching. That means it's time for anglers to get a jump on the 2015 fishing season and "Catch the Value" by taking advantage of historic price reductions on the cost of a fishing license (Twitter - [#CatchTheValue](#)). Beginning on Cyber Monday - Dec. 1 - and lasting to the end of the month, anglers can purchase three-year and five-year fishing licenses at \$3 and \$5 off the regular price. It's the first time in the history of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) that the agency has reduced the price of a license.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLOFQ4LzWwk>

"This is a historic moment," said PFBC Executive Director John Arway. "In the past when we needed to increase the price of a license, it resulted in anglers dropping out of the sport. We are changing that approach this year."

Arway said the promotional move is intended to highlight the sport's affordability to families and younger audiences and to persuade lapsed anglers to return.

"I think a price reduction will catch the attention of many people who haven't fished in a few years, or who have wanted to try fishing, but may have mistakenly thought that prices have increased like they have for other products and activities," he added. "The fact is, the prices haven't increased in a decade, since 2005. And now we're reducing them, just in time for the holiday season."

Anglers can enjoy \$1 off on resident, non-resident, and senior resident annual licenses purchased anytime throughout the 2015 season. But the price reductions on multi-year licenses are good only for the month of December. The licenses return to full price in January.

The PFBC also sells fishing license vouchers, which are similar to gift certificates. The new price reductions also apply to the purchase of vouchers, which can be redeemed at any time during the license year. "Fishing license vouchers make great holiday gifts and stocking stuffers," said Bernie Matscavage, director of the PFBC's Bureau of Administration, which oversees sales. "We sell about 6,000 gift vouchers each year. The recipient then redeems the gift voucher for a fishing license and a year of fishing fun."

The PFBC sells approximately 850,000 licenses annually, but survey research from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2011 national survey suggests that as many as 250,000 anglers who have fished in the past skip a year or more before buying their next license.

"This 250,000 gap and the anglers who do not purchase a license every consecutive year represent a segment of potential customers who may better recognize the value of a license at a discounted rate," added PFBC Board President Norm Gavlick, who represents the northeast district. "At the same time, the discount should be a pleasant gift to current anglers when they buy their license for the next season, especially the discounts for the multi-year licenses over the holiday season."

With the discount, the price of a resident annual license will be just \$20; non-resident annual \$50; senior annual resident \$9; 3-year resident \$60; 3-year non-resident \$150; 5-year resident \$100; and 5-year non-resident \$250. Trout/salmon permits, Lake Erie permits, and combo permits are not included in the price reduction. A \$1.70 processing fee will be added to each transaction.

Anglers also can purchase an optional 2015 fishing license button for just \$5. The 2015 color is pink. Buttons serve as a valid display requirement. "Fishing has always been an affordable and fun family activity that can be enjoyed for a lifetime," Arway said. "If we can capture the attention of potential new and returning anglers, we know they'll be surprised at how inexpensive it is to fish and how easy it is to enjoy the sport."

'Catch the value' and join in on the fun provided by our 86,000 miles of streams and rivers or on our 160,000 acres of lakes," he added.

Vouchers and licenses can be purchased online through the PFBC's Outdoor Shop ([www.pa.wildlifelicense.com](http://www.pa.wildlifelicense.com)), at more than 900 issuing agents (<http://fishandboat.com/flagent.htm>), at county treasurers' offices, and at PFBC regional offices.

## **WINTER CLASSES;**

**All classes will start late in January and February.**

### **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.

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12, 26<sup>th</sup>  
(there are no classes on club meeting nights)

### **Sam's Dry fly Tactics for the Upper Delaware.**

Three week class, 7 to 9 pm, 38.00 fee.

Revised dates January 8<sup>th</sup>, , 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Class at Radner**

Monday nights at Radner. Beginners class only. Five weeks.

## **Up Coming club events**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> Learn to fish day Resica Falls**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Opening day on the Brodhead**  
(Some members stay at local hotels for this weekend.)

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 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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