

MLFT

Newsletter

February 19th, 2015 7 PM

Fishing Quote of the Month

**"If Today was a Fish
I'd throw it back in"**

February Presentation

Paula Piatt, T.U. Organizer

**Heads Up! Protecting Our Headwaters and Trout
Habitat**

Paula Piatt is a member of TU's national staff and is employed as the eastern sportsmen organizer. Part of her job involves visiting hunting and/or fishing clubs throughout the state with presentations pertaining to conservation of habitat and resources. She will present a program "Heads Up! Protecting Our Headwaters and Trout Habitat." It focuses on the importance of protecting our wild and native trout populations. She will discuss why headwater streams are important, as well as the current and potential impacts on the streams and the habitat surrounding them. Also discussed will be the state's current stream assessment and designation process and Pennsylvania's Un-assessed Waters Initiative. The presentation also includes information on current legislative issues that affect fish and wildlife habitat, and how your club can help with advocacy issues.

Last month's speaker

Rob Rohrbach
"Bugs!"

Rob Rohrbach, the former owner of the Little Lehigh fly shop, gave an informative and entertaining presentation on "bugs", the insects living in our trout streams. Good presentation illustrating the four basic types of aquatic insects (stoneflies, mayflies, caddis and Midges) and the habitat that each prefers. It was also good reminder that while fly fisherman often get obsessed with the elegant mayflies, the other types can be just as important for fishing success. Rob is publishing his own book this spring Thoughts, Observations and advice of a Trout Bum.

Gary Borger also showed a very, very short (and blurry) video on casting.

Proposed changes in Delayed Harvest Areas.

The Pa. fish commission is currently considering a fairly major change in the regulations in Delayed Harvest Areas. Current regulations are artificial lures only and no harvest until mid June. The new proposed plan for next year is that delayed harvest will end June 1st and after that any kind of bait can be used. In addition, youths under 16 years of age will be able to fish with bait in delay harvest areas all year round.

Given that there are few delayed harvest areas in Pa. and there is thousands of miles of open water, it is hard to understand the justification or need for this change. While it is certainly true that much "open water" gets fished out by bait fisherman who kill or harvest many fish, it is hard to understand why that requires delayed harvest areas to be open to bait. If you are concerned, please comment to the fish commission. Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments, objections or suggestions about the proposed rulemaking to the PFBC Executive Director John Arway, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000.

Water temperature and trout

Through personal experience, I have discovered that there are a lot of reasons not to catch any fish. The usual reasons given are the wrong fly, no hatches, bad time of day, and stream level too high or too low. Another reason is water temperature and oxygen level in the water. As temperature in streams rise there is less oxygen in the water. Fish move out of some water into areas that have higher oxygen content. You may be fishing where there are no fish.

Below is chart illustrating how fish move as the temperature and Oxygen level changes. In March and early April expect water temperatures to be in the high thirties and lower forties. Trout will sometimes feed quite actively at those temperatures if the insects are active.

<i>SEASONAL RANGE</i>	<i>WATER TEMPERATURE</i>	<i>OXYGEN SATURATION*</i>	<i>HABITAT TYPE</i>	<i>FLIES AND TECHNIQUE</i>
July through August	60 to 70	5 to 7 ppm	Riffles and faster, more oxygenated water	BWO, sulphur and Isonychia dries, dry dropper, European Nymphing styles
September to Mid-October	45 to 55	10 to 13 ppm	Riffles, slower runs and seams	Nymphing, both indicator and European tyles, streamers
Mid-October to Mid-November	32 to 45	13 to 15 ppm	Slower runs and seams as well as deep slow pools	Slowly fished streamers, strike indicator nymphing

* SOURCE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (USGS)

Fly-tying classes at Plymouth Rec. Center

Both advanced and Beginner fly tying classes are now running at the Plymouth Rec. center. The flies tied this spring are focused on dry patterns that are successful on the Upper Delaware. Below are a few examples of the craft.



Club announcements

February Raffle Prize. Orvis has made a special donation of one of their new 7 ½ ft. 4 wt. fiberglass small stream rods. These are ideal rods for small stream and brook fishing. It will be raffled off at Thursday's meeting.

The raffle will work the same as the last time we had an excellent rod. Five dollar tickets for the rod and a one dollars tickets for the rest of prizes. Steve was able to obtain some excellent CDC that was sent to him by Marc Petitjean. It will be part of the regular prizes.

Oaks Outdoor Show February 26th to March 1st.

Volunteers Needed. The Outdoor sportsman's show starts right after the February club meeting. Volunteers are needed to man the booths and tie flies. There will be a sign-up sheet at the club meeting. Volunteers will be needed at the following times:

Thursday 12 to 8

Friday 12 to 8

Saturday 10 to 7

Sunday 10 to 5

Contact Chris McGeehan to sign up for times. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

Fly-tiers Needed. Fly-tiers refers to everyone in the club. We need flies to sell at the up-coming Sportsman show. Please tie up a dozen. 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.

Bustard feathers and flies

George Kawchak thanks club members for their generous donations to the Kori Bustard Species survival program. Please remember to bring in flies tied with Bustard feathers at the February meeting. These flies will be donated to the Bustard survival program for displays.

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.

More 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 needs volunteers.

Up Coming club events

March Meeting	Delaware River Club
April Meeting	George Hoover
May Meeting	Pat Cohen Bass Bugs
June Meeting	Fishy Fullum

April 11th “Learn to fish day” Resica Falls

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

April 25th 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.

Club Officers

President :Steve Nack President@mainlineflytyers.net

Vice President :Chris McGeehan VP@mainlineflytyers.net

Treasurer :Jim Costello Treasurer@mainlineflytyers.net

Secretary : Donald Bowers Secretary@mainlineflytyers.net

Coordinators

Librarian: Web Guy: Newsletter: Refreshments :

Raffle: Unsung Hero's:

Ed Sclarow Mike Ebner, Jerry Usatch Kathleen McKenzie Ed Emery

Elsa Zumstein Steve Ellis Al Katoke

Newsletter@mainlineflytyers.net Feel free to contact us at any time

Board Members

Steve Nack Dave Shillington Sam Vigorita Jim Costello Chris McGeehan

Ed Emery Rick Say Kurt Griffin Mike Ebner. Don Bowers