

MLFT

Newsletter

Thursday, November 19th, 2015 7 PM

November Speaker: Vic Attardo

Tough Trout!

Vic Attardo, a well known Pa. outdoors writer, will discuss the challenge of “tough trout”.

Different fly fishermen measure success in different ways. For some it is measured by the number of fish caught, by others it is the desire to catch the largest trout. For a few fisherman, however, the great challenge is to catch that one particularly difficult fish that one seems to be able to fool. Nice goal but how do you accomplish it. Vic Attardo will talk about some proven strategies to fool the most difficult trout.

Reminder: Dues for 2015-2016 are due!

Last Month

Dwight Landis talked about "Mountain Trout: Wild Trout Fishing on Pa's Forested Freestone Streams" His talk was very informative about the variety and quality of these small mountain streams. There are many of them even in areas close the Philadelphia such as the Poconos. It is a different kind of fishing then most of us do, but could be a good challenge in the summer when the larger trout streams become too warm or too high. One idea that I took from his talk was that these streams fish best when the water is high and other streams are in poor shape due to flooding.

Winter trout fishing

Except for a BWO's may fly and caddis hatches are done for the season. Most stream temperatures will soon be dropping into the high thirties or low forties and trout fishing is limited. However there are two types of local streams that hold promise; limestone streams and tailwaters. Limestone streams such as the Little Lehigh and Valley Creek have springs that keep the water cool in the summer and relatively warm in the winter. Bottom release tailwaters, such as the Pohocopo and Tulpehocken, maintain an steady even flow during the winter and contain large numbers of midge larva. Both of these types of stream are promising bets on warmer winter days.

Carl Haensel wrote an excellent article in the December, Pa. Angler on winter trout fishing and made a number of recommendations for fly patterns that are effective. Here are some of his recommendations:

Pheasant tail Nymph	size 16 -20
Zebra Midge	size 22
Scud patterns in orange or gray	size 12-18
Beadhead hares ear	size 16-12
Prince Nymph	size 16-12
Copper John	size 16-12

Griffith Gnat
Black Caddis

size 18 and 20
size 16-18

When all else fails there are always Woolly Buggers.!

Club News

December Holiday Auction and party Our December meeting is our annual holiday action and party. Now is the time to start reviewing your fly fishing gear to see what items you might want to auction. The auction benefits both the club and members.

MLFT Fishing and Fly-Tying Classes for Winter, 2016

Souderton Area School District, www.soudertonsd.org , You can call to register. 215.723.6061

Fly tying

Mondays – 6 weeks, starts Jan. 25th. This will be an intermediate class for tyers with some experience or who have already taken some beginning classes and want to step up to the next level.

Fly Fishing Tactics & Strategies

Tuesdays – 5 weeks, starts Jan. 26th.

Although this class is geared to fisherman with experience it is also a good class for fly fishers with less experience wanting to learn some more advanced tactics.

Plymouth Center Fly tying

Thursdays – 6 weeks, starts Jan. 28th.

We will have a beginners class and an advanced tying class.

Register at the Plymouth center for this class.

Unconfirmed Photo of the Month.

Anyone who has taken one of Sam's fly tying classes knows that in order to tie first-rate flies you need skill, but you also the right feathers and necks. In spite of having spent hundreds (thousands) of dollars on feathers no one seems to have the perfect for hackle for that tailing-shuck, spent-wing, emerging size 24 caddis. At that point, Sam will inevitably bring out his collection of "designer hackles" that no one has every seen before. Voila! The perfect hackle. Where do these feathers come from? No one knows.

The following unconfirmed photo appears to be Sam's garage and shows the hidden source of these feathers.



**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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