

MLFT

Newsletter

Thursday, December 17th. 2015
6:00 P.M.

Holiday Party *and* *Annual Club Auction!*

December is our annual club Holiday party and Auction. This year we are having the party catered and we have pulled pork sandwiches, spare ribs, 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. and open up space for new purchases.

Please review the fishing materials that you might consider auctioning off. Come early so that you can display the items and have members review them. 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.

Guests. Members are welcome to bring a guest. There will be a ten dollar guest fee to cover the costs of food.

Last Month

Vic Attardo

Ever since Vic Attardo first picked up his yellow Eagle Claw fly rod, he did everything wrong: upstream streamer and nymph fishing, downstream dry fly fishing, but he still caught fish. Inspired in the pre-internet days by books from Ray Bergman, Charlie Brooks (The Trout and the Stream), Norman Maclean, Zane Gray, Joe Bates (books on streamers), and Jim Bashline (Night Fishing for Trout), Vic became a writer. Vic read 2 chapters, "Technical Trico Fishing" and "Pushing Trout," from his upcoming book that highlighted his unconventional fishing techniques.

Salmon River Alive and Well – by Sam Vigorita.

This year has been pretty good fishing. Not the best I have seen over the past few years but all in all a good year. Fish are well spread throughout the river system and there is no problem finding fish in pools or runs that you can have all to yourself without anyone getting in your way. You just have wander around a little and find the likely holding and resting spots. Of course like in past years there are lots of fish holding up in the Altmar area this time of year but this is where all the people are and it is very tough to find a spot to fish where there won't be people standing all around you. Then there is always the Moron pool in the fly

fishing only area just above the Altmar bridge where the fish are piled up on top of each other and so are the people. I

If you want to get up at 3 am to get a good spot in there, go for it, but by time it gets daylight people will be standing so close to you its almost impossible to get a good presentation to the fish and the results are you wind up Snagging fish. Most of the people fishing in this area think the answer to a good presentation is to clamp on another marble. In case you don't know, marble refers to the size of the split shots these so called fisherman are using. We also have another name for this pool. (Three Marble Run). Its funny to watch as everyone tries to convince themselves the fish they hook into are fair hooked but in fact they are not and they almost never land any fish.

All you hear is how this guy or that guy had on 5, 10 or even 15 fish for the day but none are landed and no one has the senses to figure out they were all **Snagged**.

Don't get me wrong, on occasion there is a fair hooked fish, but the worse part of it all is these fools are even taking pictures of the fish that do get landed and are snagged. What a shame. Why in the world would anyone be proud of or even want to take a photo of a snagged fish?

All kidding aside, By far, you can not beat this year's weather. The best I have seen for many years if not ever. Take advantage of it while it lasts and get yourself up there to enjoy these magnificent fish. Just remember to stay out of the Moron pool. You will never learn anything about Steelhead fishing and presentation by fishing this area.

For your own enjoyment, find yourself some nice quiet areas where there are no people and the fish are not spooked. It will pay off with some great battles and beautiful fish.

If not there, there is always Bowling.

Sam <*)>>>>>>

Fishing Stories wanted! The newsletter would like to include more members fishing stories. If you have an experience you would like to share, please e-mail them to me and I will be glad to include them in the newsletter. Don

Club News

January Meeting. Gary Borger will be presenting material from his new books. Remember in January our meeting will be on the fourth Thursday rather than the third (January 28th). This is to coordinate the meeting with the Somerset Fly fishing conference.

February 25th – 28th Oaks Fishing Show

April 9th Learn to Fly Fish Day.

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 Fly-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 first Thursday in February. (2/4/16)

We will have a beginner's class and an advanced tying class.

Register at the Plymouth center for this class. (you can call them to register)

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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