

# **MLFT**

Newsletter

**Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**7:00 P.M.**

## **Gary Borger**



## " The tricks for finding and taking big trout"

Gary Borger is probably the most sort after fly -fishing writer, tyer and fishing expert speaking today. We have him giving a presentation on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> on "The tricks for finding and taking big trout". Be sure not to miss it and to note that the January meeting is on the fourth Thursday of the month. Below is a description of Gary's extensive contribution to the sport of fly fishing.

**Afternoon Fly-tying class with Gary Borger!** Gary will also be running an afternoon fly-tying instruction class entitled "42 Hackling Techniques". He will be demonstrating hackling and other tying techniques. This class will be free and open only to club members. The class will be from 2 to 4 P.M. in our normal room at the Plymouth Center. The club is asking that all interested members contact Chris Mc Geehan ([ckworld@comcast.net](mailto:ckworld@comcast.net)) by e-mail to indicate that you are coming. We need to have a sense of the number of members interested in the tying session.

**Special Raffle Prize.** The club will also be have a special raffle this evening. We have a Temple Fork BVK (Bernard "Lefty" V. Kreh) 5 wt. 9 ft. graphite rod. The BVK series are some of Temple Fork's top of the line rods. This rod would be perfect on the larger streams of the Poconos and the Upper Delaware.

**Gary Borger** holds a BS (1966), and an MS (1968) from Penn State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1971). He is Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of Wisconsin Campus in Wausau where he taught for 28 years. During his teaching career he taught Botany, Zoology lab, Natural History Photography, Writing in the Sciences, Ecology, Taxonomy, and other topics. He was presented with the Teacher of the Year Award on two different occasions. His achievements have been recognized in "Who's Who," The Millennium Edition of Strathmore's Who's Who," "Who's Who in the Midwest," "Who's Who in Science and Engineering," "Men of Achievement," the "Dictionary of International Biography," "Who's

Who Among America's Teacher's," "Outstanding People of the 20th Century," and "Outstanding People of the Millennium."

Gary is one of the world's foremost fly fishing educators. He has been a fly fisher since 1955, and since 1972 has taught classes and lectured internationally on all aspects of fly fishing for trout and salmon. A freelance writer and photographer. He is Editor at large for Fly Fisherman magazine, and the Virtual Fly Shop. He has written nine best-selling books on fly fishing, including "Nymphing," "Naturals," "The Borger Color System," "Designing Trout Flies," "Presentation, and four new books in the Fly Fishing series": Fishing the Film, Reading Waters, Long Flies, and The Angler as Predator (available at [Gary Borger Enterprises](#)).

Gary Borger pioneered fly fishing video instruction with his release of "Nymphing" in 1982. Since then he has appeared in four videos for the 3M Company; and in cooperation with the Federation of Fly Fishers, produced the environmental video "Where The Trout Are." His video production company has produced an additional 17, internationally acclaimed videos in the "Skills of Fly Fishing Series." In addition he has appeared in TV productions on ESPN and OLN. This production work has earned him a listing in "Who's Who in Entertainment." Gary was also a consultant on Robert Redford's movie "A River Runs Through It."

With his award-winning CD/cassette tape, "My Madison," he pioneered fly fishing, nature-music audios (available at [iTunes](#)).

In addition, Gary is the designer of the Weinbrenner Ultimate Wading Shoe, the Gary Borger Fly Vest, the Gary Borger Signature Fly Lines, and many other innovative angling products and unique fly designs.

He is a founding board member of the River Alliance of Wisconsin, a founding member of the Board of Governors of the Federation of Fly Fisher's fly casting instructor certification program, a member of The Order of the Jungle Cock, Trout Unlimited, United Fly Tyers, the Federation of Fly Fishers, and other conservation organizations. He is a recipient of the Ross Allen Merigold Complete Angler Memorial Award, the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award, the Joan and Lee Wulf Conservation award, and others, and is internationally recognized for his conservation efforts; in recognition of this work he received the first Lew Jewett Memorial Life Membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers in 1979.

For more information on Gary's artwork, writing, books and appearances visit his web site at [www.garyborger.com](http://www.garyborger.com).

## Last Month

### *The Holiday Party and Club Auction!*

The annual club Holiday party and Auction was great success. The food was both plentiful and excellent. It featured pulled pork sandwiches, spare ribs, baked beans and corn bread. Sam did an excellent job running the auction. There was excellent necks and feathers available that went for reasonable prices. There was also a good selection of rods, rod blanks and reels available. It was interesting that there was much less interest in either rods or rod blanks than in prior years. In fact, it seemed as though you could not give away a rod blank. Clearly there is much less interest in rod building. This might be due to the fact that the fly-rod market is now flooded with good rods at very reasonable prices.

### **Somerset Fly fishing conference. January 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>**

No one who loves fly-fishing should miss this conference! Great speakers and demos all through the day. A great place to buy any necks and hard to find supplies. The quality of all of the the tying material is also excellent.

## **Upcoming Club Events**

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| February | 25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> | Oaks Fishing Show              |
| February | 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | Club day at Sporting Gentleman |
| April    | 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | Learn to Fly Fish Day.         |
| April    | 16 <sup>th</sup>                    | Opening Day on the Brodhead.   |

# **MLFT Fishing and Fly-Tying Classes for Winter, 2016**

## **Souderton School district**

[www.soudertonsd.org](http://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 or register on-line)

## **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**

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### **Board Members**

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