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Newsletter

Thursday, April 20th, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Tom Gilmore

Tom Gilmore is a dedicated environmentalist. His 1983 to 2012 tenure as NJ Audubon's President is punctuated by at least four major environmental achievements. But his passion and respect for the outdoors doesn't end there. Tom is also an avid fly fisherman.

Tom has fly fished around the world for over 40 years. During that time he has recorded the details of landing over 11,000 game fish with a fly rod. He is an accomplished author, having written numerous articles on the many aspects of fly fishing, and is currently working on his fourth fly fishing book. Tom's first book, *False Albacore*, was published in 2002 by Countryman Press, and represented the first book dedicated exclusively to the pursuit of this exciting and challenging species, extremely fast and strong for their weight. His second book entitled, *Tuna On The Fly*, was published in the Fall of 2006 by Countryman Press. Here Tom Gilmore explained the behavior and habits of the several species of tuna, and where they can be found. His book includes tackle, tactics and important flies and knots, and is considered an indispensable guide for those pursuing this sport fishing trophy.

His Fly Fisher's Guide to Pennsylvania was published in 2016.

Most fishing guides to Pennsylvania are becoming out dated, which is why Wilderness Adventures Press is introducing the all-new, 8.5x11-inch full-color, map-heavy Fly fisher's Guide to Pennsylvania by noted author Tom Gilmore. This is a completely new from-scratch edition that includes large, full-color maps with GPS coordinates for access points, stunning full-color photos and comprehensive hatch charts laid-out in an easy-to-process

format. Each stream was put to a rigorous test ranking them of five criteria: public access, ability to hold trout year-round, fishable population of wild trout, scenic beauty and overall fishing experience. Only the best made the book. The book details 160 trout streams and provides detailed driving directions to over 400 public access points. Under the sections "What the Experts Say" the author shares insights gleaned from interviews of over two dozen guides and experienced fly anglers. It includes exhaustive coverage of the Delaware River and its branches, the Lehigh, the Little Lehigh, French Creek, the Lackawaxen, the Lackawanna, Spring Creek, Penns Creek, the Allegheny, the Loyalsock, the Youghiogheny, Big Spring Creek, Yellow Breeches Creek, Letort Spring Run, Falling Springs, Brodhead Creek and dozens more, both large and small. Anglers are virtually guaranteed to learn something new about fly fishing in Pennsylvania in this fantastic new guidebook.

Last month's presenter

Brian Shumaker is the owner of [Susquehanna River Guides](#), which specialized in fly-fishing for smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna. He talked about how he fishes the river and how it is making a very good come back from pollution and disease. This river can be wade -fished as well as from a boat. There are many very large smallmouth in the river.

ELECTIONS THIS APRIL MEETING

Below is the slate of candidates for the Election. You must attend to vote.

President Dave Gutsch

Vice President Todd Lustine

Treasurer Jim Costello

Secretary Don Bowers

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Learn to Fish Day A Great Success!



Wade a little deeper, Please!

We had a great turnout for the Learn To Fly fish Day yesterday and some great food by Lenny. Jim and the rest of the cooks. Ed and his son made an outstanding chili. The day was cool, but with bright sun which made it a beautiful day. The river was way up and that made wading impossible and fishing the stream difficult. Sam and Dave made excellent presentations on fishing with dries, wets and nymphs. Later on Sam demonstrated casting and after lunch the club members helped the students improve their casting.

Later in the afternoon many members fished the stream. While most of the stream was unfishable, there were back eddies along the side where the water was deep and slow. Those could be fished with nymphs and woolly buggers with success. You just needed to fight the bushes.

7th. Annual LUNKER FEST !! On the Lehigh

The Lehigh River Stocking Association is having its annual LUNKER FEST.

<http://www.lrsa.org/lunkerfest-2017>

It is on the Lehigh River / May 13, starts at 8.30 am.

Any one can join in, non members cost is 25.00 a head. The sign up time is 7.00 AM at the Bowmanstown boat launch the day of the event.

It will be well stocked with around 1400 fish from 14 to 28". Many fish in the 20" class and more then 10 fish 26" and bigger. Lots of nice prizes will be given out.

The official boundaries run from the confluence of the Lehigh River and Lizard Creek to the bottom of the island just below the East Penn Boat Ramp.

This section of the river is .9 miles long and contains exceptional trout water.

This is nice event to sign up for and help these guys out for all the nice fish they stock and all the nice work they do on the river but if you don't want to sign up for the contest the river is open to anyone wanting to fish it. So for all you hatchery truck chasers this is a very good time to fish these areas of the river and have the opportunity of catching some really nice trophy size fish for the next few weeks following the event.

Dennis the Menace



So Sad.

Club News

Upcoming Spring Events

April 22nd “Stick Day”

**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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