

# MLFT

Newsletter

**Thursday, May 18th, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**



Mark Sedotti

Mark Sedotti is a pioneer in Northeast saltwater fly fishing. He was born and raised in Port Chester, NY, 26 miles north of New York City on Long Island Sound. Here he developed the flies and casting techniques to fish the rich local waters for striped bass, bluefish, bonito, false albacore and other game fish of the Northeast coastline. Naturally, Mark expanded into freshwater fishing over

the years, and has vast experience fishing for trout, Pike, and even Makinaw with a fly rod.

He is a respected fly casting instructor and teacher who has written articles that have been published in the: "American Angler, Fly Tier, Outdoor Life, The Fisherman," and more featuring trout, pike and other species of fish. As the Casting Columnist for Saltwater Fly Fishing Magazine (1995-2000), Mark is known for his articles on Striped Bass, Bluefish, and False Albacore.

Mark is known for casting unusually large flies (4" to over 24") tremendous distances, with uncanny accuracy. Both things once thought impossible. He does this with a unique, ultra-powerful back cast called the "Sayonara Sling". He casts distances with magnum back casts of 120'-140'. He's also had some of his fly patterns, such as the Sedotti's Slammer menhaden series, the Sedotti Mackerel, and the Sedotti Flounder, to name three, featured in articles and fly tying books. Many of his patterns are giant and are castable by design, because of his concept of "weight balancing", which involves adding enough weight to the fly to counter (and negate) a pattern's drag. He's now into tying patterns that exhibit strike triggering actions, similar to what you see in many popular soft plastic baits.

## **Our New Board**

**Elections were at the April meeting. Here are our new and/or renewed leaders.** Congratulations and thanks to new president and vice president.

President            Dave Gutsch

Vice President    Todd Lustine

Treasurer           Jim Costello

Secretary           Don Bowers

## Sam's Fly-Tying text goes to a Second Edition!

The new edition of Sam's book, Fly Patterns / An Edge Above The Rest. 2nd edition is now available. If all goes well he will have them available at this coming May 18th. club meeting. This first run will be in limited supply. There are some new fly patterns, lots of new colored fly photos, a hatch chart with fly sizes, a complete Cut Wing dry fly pattern list with all his recipes plus all of his dubbing mixtures and much more.

If you will be attending the club meeting and would like to have a copy you are welcome to contact Sam and he would hold one aside for you.

I have a copy of the first edition and can highly recommend it. It is my basic reference for all the necessary patterns for fishing the Poconos and Upper Delaware. I know from experience that there are thousands of patterns in fly shops, but most do not work well on our streams. Sam's patterns are designed for the streams we fish and are highly effective.

## **7th. Annual LUNKER FEST ! On the Lehigh**

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

<http://www.lrsa.org/lunkerfest-2017> on the Lehigh River / May 13. While the event is over many of the fish they stock remain in the river and can provide excellent fishing. Check out the website and the stretch of river.

## **Club News**

### **Upcoming Spring Events**

## **June 2, 3, 4 Upper Delaware camping Trip**

Pleasant Valley Campground  
Equinunk, Pa  
Phone 570-224-4083

The annual camping trip to the Upper Delaware is scheduled for the first weekend in June. Fishing is often challenging on the Upper Delaware, but there are great rewards with large, wild fish. Adding to the pleasures of the weekend, Lenny and his crew are planning a major members-only dinner for Saturday night at 8 PM. Be on time or lose out! The Campground owner, Linda, would like all campers to call her ahead of time to make reservations. The phone number is listed above.

**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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