

# **MLFT**

Newsletter

**Thursday September 17th, 2015 7 PM**

**“Where I Fished Last Summer”**



**Every year members of the club take major fishing trips to dream fishing areas such as Canada, Alaska, Montana, South America and Florida. Several of the members have taken pictures and agreed to share their experiences with us. We will have a series of short presentations of trips for different parts of North America**

**including Montana, Steve Nack, Ed Emery and Don Bowers will speak about their trips.**

**Reminder: Dues for 2015-2016 are due!**

**Last June's speaker**

**Fishy Fullum**  
**Tying flies with common household Materials**

**“Fishy” clearly qualifies as both an innovative and eccentric fly-tyer. Rather than tie with feathers, fur and hackle he ties with foam, plastic and Crazy glue. His creations look more like bugs from a Science fiction movie than they do to the beautiful creations seen in most fishing magazines. However they do float really well, are very durable and they catch fish. His program illustrated some of his patterns and how to fish them. In addition, he gave an excellent tying class in the afternoon where he provided the materials. As a tying instructor he was both entertaining and highly instructive. More members should try to take advantage of these afternoon tying sessions when they are available.**

**Upper Delaware Dodges a Bullet!**

**Most members know that the Upper Delaware is the premier tail water fishery on the east coast. It supports huge numbers of trout and many Browns and Rainbows over 20 inches in length. This fishery however, depends on bottom releases from two large reservoirs:**

**Cannonsville and Pepacton.** This summer the Commission decided to start boring drill holes near the Cannonsville dam as part of a project to use the water from the dam to also produce hydro-electric power. The drilling inadvertently caused a leak from the bore holes so that water and silt started leaking from the dam. This is not good, since the leaking can grow and undermine the entire dam. Dam failure would not only ruin fishing it would flood the Delaware Valley. Not Good! In order to repair the damage they caused the commission decided that they needed to quickly lower dam levels and then repair the leak. Most of the summer they were releasing large amounts of water (1600 cfs). This made wading and fishing very difficult but by itself does not hurt the fishery. The danger was that you only have a limited supply of cold water in the reservoir and that you will run out of cold water. Then the releases would be at 70 degrees rather than 50 degrees. (Think of the releases on the Lehigh). That could severely damage the fishing in the lower West branch and Main river as temperatures rise into the high 70's or 80's Fortunately, they were able to repair the leak by early August and return flows to normal before the cold water ran out.

The Upper Delaware dodged a bullet. This is a reminder of how fragile this great fishery is and how it could easily be lost by either a severe drought or manmade error.

## **Club News**

**Club Election Results** We have a new President and a new Vice President. Please congratulate them at the meeting and thank Steve for the great work he did as President for the past four years.

**President** Chris McGeehan

**VP** Dave Gutsch

**Sec.** Don Bowers

Treasurer Jim Costello

## **MLFT Fishing and Fly-Tying Classes for Fall, 2015**

### FALL CLASSES

#### **Souderton class Monday nights**

Fly Tying – Beginners class. Starts MONDAY Sept 28 – 6 weeks.

Note; There will also be Winter classes in Souderton for Advanced Fly tying and a Fly Fishing Tactics and Strategies class.

You must call to pre register

**Phone:** 215.721.1551 / **Fax:** 215.723.8897 **Web Site:** [Souderton Area School District Schools](#)

#### **Sporting Gentleman class. Tuesday nights**

Fly Tying – Advanced class on Upper Delaware dry flies. Starts TUESDAY Oct 6 – 6 weeks.

Note; This class will be on Sam's very own dry fly patterns and techniques that are featured in his book. Fly Patterns - An Edge Above the Rest

Call the Sporting Gentleman 610-361-2001 or e-mail

#### **Plymouth center classes. Wednesday Nights.**

Fly Tying – Beginners and Advanced class. Starts WEDNESDAY Sept 23 – 6 weeks.

Register by calling 610-277-4312, in person or on the web.

**Cheltham High class. Thursday nights.**

Fly tying – Beginners and Advanced class. Starts THURSDAY Sept 24 – 6 weeks.

### **Up Coming club events**

**October Lake Day**

**October Cast and Blast**

## **A Parting Thought!**



**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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