

MLFT

Newsletter

Thursday, March 17th, 2016
7:00 P.M.

**Don Bastian -Custom Tyer and Wet fly
specialist**



Don Bastian opened his fly fishing business in 1987 in Williamsport, Pa.. Since 1998 he focused his business operation on personal production. He made the decision to keep it small with low overhead. He discontinued retail sales of items he does not manufacture. All of the flies he sells are tied by him personally. He writes “Focusing on what I do best, I sell my own custom fishing flies - dries, wets, nymphs, streamers; I specialize in the tying of classic dry flies, wet flies, and streamer patterns for collectors, including some framed displays.”

He was a Pennsylvania fly fishing guide for 16 seasons. He is a custom fly tier and fly designer, and has commercially tied thousands of dozens of flies. He reproduced the wet fly patterns from the color plates of Ray Bergman's books, Trout, Just Fishing, and With Fly, Plug, and Bait, almost 500 flies, 4 different times; once for the 1999 book, Forgotten Flies, and 3 times as a 10-frame set for private collections, including Clyde's Tower Oaks Restaurant in Rockville MD, where they are on permanent display. He authored 3 fly tying instructional DVD's; Tying Classic Wet Flies, Advanced Classic Wet Flies, and Traditional Streamers and Bucktails and designed more than 100 original patterns. He is currently working on my first book, Favorite Fishing Flies - 1892. He is a published author; his main accomplishment being the Ray Bergman biography and approximately 765 flies published in the 1999 book, Forgotten Flies. My wet flies from Ray Bergman's books are being published at www.Hatches Magazine.com - the Ray Bergman Collection. When this project is complete he will have more than 1400 flies published in books and on-line.

Last Month

The movie didn't quite work out. Members enjoyed a social evening comparing plans for the upcoming season.

Thank you Fly-Tyers!

Our club depends on the recruitment of new members. The Oaks and Calvary sports shows provide two excellent opportunities to show sportsman what our club is about. A big thanks to all the volunteers who manned the booths, sold flies, tied flies and talked up the club at the Oaks and Calvary Shows.

Thanks to the tying volunteers last month. In anticipation of early season hatches, Steve Nack tied wet fly versions of 2 classic flies, the Quill Gordon and the Red Quill. Dave Gutsch tied the Miss Westwood Bass Bug, a heritage buck tail pattern that originated in the Midwest in 1912 with variations going by the names, the Ozark Weedless Buck tail and the Mississippi Bug.

Pre-season Fishing

No need to wait for April for the opening of the season. There is excellent fishing in March in the catch and release and delayed harvest streams. All of the special regulation streams should now be stocked. Black and Brown stone flies are coming off local streams. The black fly nymph is effective in imitating that hatch. BWO (baetis) should be starting to hatch in the second half of March. Limestone streams such as the Little Lehigh have good numbers of these insects.

Upcoming Club Events

April 9th

Learn to Fly Fish Day.

April 16th

Opening Day on the Brodhead.

April 23rd

“Stick day” on the Brodhead

MLFT Fishing and Fly-Tying Classes for Winter, 2016



The above stonefly is one pattern that was taught in the Winter fly tying class. Check out some of the other patterns we learned this winter on the club website. These classes are both enjoyable and teach you how to tie patterns that work throughout Pa. Think about signing up for a fall class.

Closing comments:

The Newsletter received the following photograph from a club member by the name of D. Duck. He sends this picture as proof of his catching a very large trout. (note use of an early model strike indicator and classic bamboo rods)



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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