

# **MLFT**

## **Newsletter**

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**



**Resica Falls on “Learn to fish day” morning**

## **April Presentation: Rick Kustich**

***Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead*** - A complete discussion of the pursuit of steelhead in the Great Lakes region. The program looks at run timing, steelhead behavior, strategy, techniques, flies and some of the region's top rivers. The discussion on techniques focuses on my favorite approach to a steelhead river - swinging the fly, the use of switch and two-hand rods, and Spey casting.

Rick Kustich is a fly fishing author, photographer and instructor. In 2013 he released his fifth fly fishing title, *Advanced Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead*. Rick's work has appeared in numerous publications. He has also spent time as a fly fishing guide, shop owner and book publisher. After traveling extensively to experience the finest fly fishing throughout North America and beyond, he continues to find that some of the best fishing often exists in one's own backyard.

## **Last Month**

**Don Bastian** discussed fishing for landlocked salmon in Maine's Moosehead lake region. This area continues to be wild and undeveloped today. The streams that connect these massive Maine lakes continue to have large numbers of Salmon and Brook trout at the right times of the year. These fish enter the streams to feed on smelt, which are imitated by the beautiful Classic Maine streamer patterns. However, it appears that Don caught most of fish on the infamous "Woolly Bugger". From his presentation it is clear that this fishing is very physically demanding and does not result in large numbers of fish caught unless you hit conditions are just right.

Nevertheless, You are getting the opportunity to fish in the tradition of some of the great early twentieth-century eastern anglers such as Ray Bergman.

## **Learn to Fish Day! “In spite of Rain, Snow, and Sleet...”**

In spite of rain, snow and sleet the club had a very successful “Learn to fish day”. The morning started out in the low 30’s and then a light snow started that lasted all day. Fortunately, the Boy Scout Ranger agreed to let us use the Dining hall for the classes. It was not heated, but we had a hearty fire going all day. There are a few cancelations, but most students showed up right on time and were very enthusiastic. This year most students were total beginners. Sam and Dave gave excellent presentations on knot tying, wet fly, dry fly and nymphing techniques.



**Lenny Inc.** again did a incredible job with lunch. With the cold weather all morning, everyone was ready for lunch. It was a really great spread with: chili, sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers and more.



In the afternoon club member did one-on-one casting clinics and then some on stream fishing demonstrations. After classes some members and students fished Bushkill but the water was too cold (43 degrees and dropping) to produce much action.



**Sad News Dave Baker.** Long time member and former president of MLFT passed away last month doing what enjoyed most in life. Dave was a dedicated fisherman who was always willing to help others learn how to fly fish and teach them what flies to use. I remember him as one of the best wet fly fishermen I had ever seen. He will be greatly missed. Below is a moving e-mail message from his son.

Dave's son left the following message on the website.

Hello MLFT's, I must inform you that my father, Dave Baker Sr., passed away on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, 3/27/2016. Dad kissed mom good by around 2pm and headed for his favorite fly fishing spots in the far White Mountains of our New Hampshire wilderness. Dad didn't make it home that night and after alerting the Conway Police and NH Fish & Game and a few fishing buddies, it took a while, but dad was found Monday morning around 9am. And of course he was in his a quarter mile from his van and trekking to a favored fishing spot amongst the white birches. Just a perfect day of warmth and good fly fishing for dad. The final report from the medical examiner said it was a massive blood clot that let loose into his carotid artery and dad probably didn't know what hit him. I just wanted to let you know that the Main Line Fly Tyers held a very special place in dad's heart, as well as ours. I still find brochures and the old red rimmed patch here and there. Dad always wore a MLFT pin on his fishing guide vest next to the American Flag. Thank you for your friendship, support and all the crazy stories and memories of our MLFT family.

Sincerely, Dave's Son, Dave Jr.

## **Upcoming Club Events**

**May Presenter!**

**Joe Humphreys:**

The outstanding Pa. outdoor writer and fly fishing instructor from Penn. State will here fore May Meeting.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

“Stick day” on the Brodhead

**June 3-5**

**Upper Delaware camping Trip**

**Other news**

**Pa. Fly Fishing Heritage Day Yellow Breeches**

## 14th Annual PFFMA Fly Fishing Heritage Day Saturday June 18th, 2016

*This year's Heritage Day will be filled with fun from beginning to end, with over 60+ Vendors and Exhibitors, Speakers and Demonstrations, there will be all-day Fly casting instruction, a Fly casting competition, many Fly tiers in action, Raffles, Silent Auctions and the always popular Fish Swim Race on the Yellow Breeches. Several programs are scheduled and will take place in our museum and streamside.*

*This year The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum will again be co-sponsoring **The Mid-Atlantic Fly Casting Championships**. This event will again be co-sponsored and conducted by the **Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited ( CVTU )** Full details on registration, and contest rules will be available on CVTU's website at [www.pacvtu.org](http://www.pacvtu.org).*

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS and EVENTS**

**10:00—Rod Rohrbach, "Techniques For Tough Trout"** and how to catch them

**11:00—Brian Shumaker / "Fly Fishing for Smallmouth Bass Techniques and Places"** how, when, and where to catch smallmouth on the fly.

**1:00—Fish Swim Race /** Streamside

**1:30—Greg Hoover / "Streamside Aquatic Insect Identification Demonstration"**

Two New Raffles for 2016, tickets will be available at all events, and at : [www.paflyfishing.org](http://www.paflyfishing.org)

#### **Five Cane and Glass Fly Rods by:**

**Tom Smithwick, Massimo Tirocchi, Chris Barclay, Bill Harms, Thomas & Thomas**

#### **Five Guided and Hosted Trips by:**

**Joe Humphreys, Lee Hartman, Tom Baltz, Carl Richards, Brian Shumaker**

Help us celebrate our fly fishing heritage, Don't miss out on this years events .... More vendors then ever .....More fly casting and tying instruction then ever ..... Bigger Fish Swim Race then ever, TAKE A CHANCE and purchase your fish ticket on our website. New things added every year ..... Come join in the FUN on JUNE 20th, 2015. **REGISTER NOW**.....the \$25 registration fee includes the famous Allenberry Resort Picnic Lunch .....\$10 each without lunch, **FREE .... admission for children 15 years old and younger.** Youth lunch is \$12 each, you must also register for the youth lunch. You may register and pay on our web site through Paypal at [www.paflyfishing.org](http://www.paflyfishing.org)

Allenberry Resort offers a room rate of \$49 for PFFMA members. We encourage you to register early as rooms are limited. Call Allenberry Resort for reservations 1-800-430-5468

**Not a member ???** join at [www.paflyfishing.org](http://www.paflyfishing.org) from \$25 to \$250

**All 2016 events are held at the Allenberry Resort, 1559 Boiling Springs Rd. Boiling Springs, PA 17007 / Overnight lodging is available to PFFMA Members at \$49.00 per Room + taxes, rooms are limited,**

**If you would like to be added to our email mailing list, please email us your email address to: [info@paflyfishing.org](mailto:info@paflyfishing.org).**

## 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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