

# MLFT

Newsletter

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Brian Shumaker**  
**Susquehanna River Guides**



Brian Shumaker is the owner of **Susquehanna River Guides**, specializing in fly-fishing for smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna River that runs through Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Susquehanna River is a fertile limestone river and home to one of the best smallmouth fisheries in the East. This majestic river is rich in food, with rock ledges and wide shallow riffles laden with nymphs, crayfish and other foods. This environment ensures prolific hatches and rapid growth rates and holds the promise of thrilling smallmouth fishing!

Brian's love of fishing started at an early age, encouraged by his father. After years

of exploring the fascinating island-studded river, Brian started Susquehanna River Guides in 1993 as a way to share his love of the river and fly-fishing with others. Today, clients from every reach of the U.S. and as far away as Canada travel to Central Pennsylvania to discover the thrill of fly fishing for smallmouth bass.

Brian is also a co-author of the newest book on where to fish in Pennsylvania “Keystone Fly Fishing: The ultimate guide Pennsylvania’s best water”. I obtained a copy from Amazon this month and it is well worth the price. I discusses many streams and rivers across the state and how to access them. Excellent book for exploring new streams across the state.

### **Last month’s presenter**

February’s presenter was Henry Ramsey, one of the authors of the new book “**Keystone Fly Fishing, the ultimate guide to Pennsylvania’s Best Water**”. He discussed what are the best hatches on Pennsylvania’s best streams. He gave some very useful information on what hatches are best on each of the local streams.

### **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 will soon be stocked. French Creek delayed harvest has already been stocked. Black and Brown stone-flies are coming off local streams. The black flymph 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.

## Granite Fly-tying Bases.

At the Oaks show we met Chris Spangler who is making granite bases for tying vises. He was at Lancaster and gave our members a nice discount on the bases. If anyone is interested in getting one talk to Ed Emery at the meeting. If we get a few orders we can save some shipping. Check out the bases at his website [www.flystones.net](http://www.flystones.net) Each base is unique so what you see on the web is what you would get.

I saw one of these bases at our tying class last week. They are very well made and quite beautiful. An excellent addition for anyone's fly tying bench

## Club News

### Upcoming Winter Fishing Shows and Meetings

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| April 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Learn to Fly Fish Day.      |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup> | Opening day on the Brodhead |
| April 20 <sup>th</sup> | Meeting Tom Gilmore speaker |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | "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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