

# **MLFT**

**Newsletter**

**Thursday, February 15th, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

**Rick Nyles:**

**Penns Creek “The Hatch Factory”**



Rick Nyles has been fly fishing for over forty years, guiding since 1999, and as business grew he started Sky Blue Outfitters. One of the best dry fly fishing guides you will find in Pennsylvania, Rick offers guided trips that will increase understanding and skill level when fishing for rising trout. Rick also teaches nymphing and streamer techniques, and has a

simple "back to basic" approach for fishermen who have forgotten what got them where they are today. Sky Blue Outfitter's Orvis and Trout Unlimited endorsed guide service offers walk and wade, drift boat trip and overnight packages on the best streams in PA, including Penns Creek, Lehigh River, Big Fishing Creek, Spring Creek, Bald Eagle Creek, Pine Creek, Slate Run, Elk Creek, Kettle Creek, Brodhead Creek, Tulpehocken Creek, Manatawny Creek, Pohopoco, Mud Run, Lackawana River, Class A Wild Trout Streams, Little Juniata River, Susquehanna River as well as destination trips to Montana and the Outer Banks.

Rick is a celebrity fly tier and presenter at The Fly Fishing Shows and placed 3rd in the Orvis Fly Tying Contest with his Green Drake pattern. His authoring includes contributions to Bob Mallard's "50 Best Places Fly Fishing in the Northeast" and Tom Gilmore's "Flyfisher's Guide to Pennsylvania" and contributions to numerous articles in newspapers and magazines.

The title of Rick's presentation is "Penns Creek-The Hatch Factory." Rick will discuss the creek, hatches and techniques on being a better dry fly angler. He will also show off his productive flies for the spring hatch, Little Black Stonefly to the Green Drake.

## **Last month**

**Jason Randall:** Advanced Nymph Fishing Tactics.

Last month Jason Randall gave an extremely entertaining and informative presentation on the topic of nymph fishing tactics. He also discussed some of the new Czech/polish techniques of nymphing.

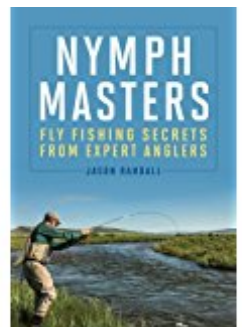
I found his discussion of how water at different depths in the water column flows at different speeds very informative and had a lot of fishing implications. Water movement in a stream is not the simple, smooth that it appears to be. The sides move more slowly than the center and the middle of the water column is moving faster than the top or bottom. This creates real problems, such as drag on the nymph and the inability to detect strikes, when deep water nymphing. It is also why strike indicators are often not very effective.

Czech nymphing was interesting and clearly very effective in certain water. I am not sure it what most us consider fly fishing since there really isn't any casting. It reminded me of when I was kid fishing with those old 12-foot bamboo sticks. You would tie a string to the top and at the other end of the string tie a bobber and worm/grasshopper/dry fly. That was great fun and very effective against bluegills. You couldn't call it fly fishing because the rod only cost a dollar. (Anyone know where you can get some of those bamboo poles today?)

### **Book Sale of Jason Peters new book Nymph Masters.**

Last month's speaker, Jason Randall sold and autographed copies of his most recent book, Nymph Masters, and generously donated part of the proceeds to our club as a fundraiser. The books went fast, and Jason offered to autograph and mail additional books to anyone interested to benefit the club further. We need 4 more books sold to reach the minimum for shipment. If you want a book, please e-mail Dave Gutsch

([davidgutsch@gmail.com](mailto:davidgutsch@gmail.com)), and indicate the name you want the book to be signed to. Also, please bring \$35 to the meeting, and the order will be placed after this month's meeting. Distribution of the books will be at the March meeting.



### **MLFT on the Web.**

## Club Website and Facebook pages

Mike Ebner has done an excellent job updating the club website. It contains excellent photos, videos and information about upcoming club events. The site is: **Mainlineflytyers.net**

**Facebook.** Main line fly tyers has a very active site on Facebook. Just enter Main line fly tyers and the site will appear. There is an extensive collection of videos and photos from club events. Todd updates these each month.

## Club News

### Fisherman Exposed! MLFT Newsletter exclusive!



That Sam catches a good number of large trout is well documented. How he catches them remains a secret. However new photos have been discovered of Sam and “Mr. Bobber”. Is it possible that in spite of all the denials the secret is really with using bobbers?

# **Fly fishing and Wing Shooting Expo**

**Split Rock Resort at Lake Harmony, Pa.**

February 24th & 25th of 2018

## **“ The Fly Fishing & Wing Shooting Expo ”**

This show will be unique. Unlike most other fly fishing shows this show promises to be filled with not only some of the best Fly fishing pros & celebrities but will also have some of the very best wing shooting & dog training celebrities throughout the country. This will not be the same old people from the same old shows. There will be some of the very best new talent celebrities in both fly fishing and wing shooting, demonstrating there talents through the weekend. Some of the finest fly fishing & wing shooting retailers, manufactures, lodges & artists will be in attendance. There will be scheduled demos, classes & seminars all day long for Fly Tying, Casting, Wing shooting and Dog training plus semi private classes available with the pros. So mark your calendar, you will not want to miss this.

Split Rock Resort

428 Moseywood Road

Lake Harmony Pa

Presented by;

**Riversage Productions**

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## Upcoming Club Events

**April 7<sup>th</sup>      Learn to Fly Fish Day.**

April 14<sup>th</sup>      Opening day on the Brodhead

April 21<sup>st</sup>      “Stick Day” on Brodhead. Bring your “classic Bamboo” rod and see how it compares to modern graphite rods. In their element, bamboo rods (small streams and short distances) were/are great fishing tools.

June 1<sup>st</sup> to 3rd      Upper Delaware camping trip

### **Penns Creek - Central Pa - June 15-17, 2017**

Make reservations at The Feathered Hook, Coburn PA 1-814-349-8757

Or email Jonas: [Jonas@thefeatheredhook.com](mailto:Jonas@thefeatheredhook.com)

Breakfast included

Super - Dine out with your buddies or cook your own on the grill or kitchen stove

Guides available, Contact Feathered Hook

Book now! Spots will be held open for MLFT members for a few weeks before offering to the general public.

**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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