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Forty years ago Dave Whitlock pooled his talents in painting, illustrating, writing, photography, fly fishing and lecturing, resigned his position as a research chemist, and embarked on his career as a full-time professional in the arts of fly fishing. He's written and illustrated many books, appeared in several videos and television programs and is known internationally for his innovative fly-tying designs, including the popular Dave's Hopper. Dave's experience and creative outlook on the whole spectrum of fly fishing has earned him the reputation of being one



of the top professional fly fishers in the sport. Emily first learned to fish when she was seven years old and began her lifelong love of the outdoors. Her degrees in botany and biology provided an ideal background for when she and Dave combined their talents in 1991. They are a unique fly fishing team who have lectured and fished across the U.S.

and abroad and Emily is a true partner with Dave in all his creative work. The Whitlocks live in the Ozark Mountains of Oklahoma next to a trout stream that Dave redesigned and that now holds big, trophy trout. They both continue to share the magic of fly fishing at their Whitlock Fly Fishing School near Tahlequah, Oklahoma. www.davewhitlock.com

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Club News

MLFT lands on Front page of the advertisement for the Philadelphia Sports show on Feb. 16-19 at the Oaks

EXPO Center.

Check us out. Once again we are near the casting pond. Our Booth is a corner booth and the number is 506.

http://www.sportshows.com/philly/philly_exhibitor_list.html

Wishful Thinking!
Can spring be far away?
The stocking schedules are coming out. See page 7 for the entire list

Sale of Trout Fishing DVD's to benefit MLFT

The Underwater World of Trout by Ozzie Ozefovich

Ozzie has appeared at Club Meetings and if you are not familiar with Ozzie, you know of his fascinating DVD's. Each Volume normally retails for \$24.95. Ozzie sells them at shows for \$20.00. But from now through the end of February, you can purchase any or all of these DVD's for just \$17.50 from Frank's Fly Fishing Shoppe. For each DVD sale, \$2.50 will be donated back to Main Line Fly Tyers.

You may think you know how to fish for Trout. But until you watch them in action, you really don't know trout. Each DVD is filmed underwater and gives you close up and personal knowledge on trout habits, etc. Not only will these DVD's make you a better Fly Fisher, but you will also help out MLFT.

Frank's Fly Fishing Shoppe

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Club News

Tool Tune up

Rick Szlachta will offer tips and assistance at the meeting this Thursday. He will have a tool for sharpening scissors and has a technique to make your hackle pliers more effective. Bring in your scissors pliers and anything else that needs tuned up.

New Trout Fishing Book

A fraternity brother of mine, Glenn Busch, has just written Journey To The Final Cast A memoir of fishing, friendship, and growing old. Glenn is a great storyteller. In the book he recounts how he and his fishing friends have wandered in diverse places to comb the waters, hoping to catch the trophy fish...or just be near the water in the company of others He lives down in Virginia and came up to fish the Clarion River with me a couple of years ago. I will have a copy of the book with me at this Thursday's meeting. If you are interested in purchasing a book please contact see me or contact Glenn directly at glenn.busch@gmail.com

Sale of Fishing Maps to benefit MLFT

"Frank's Fly Fishing Shoppe is offering a special opportunity for all MLFT members. Professor Higbee's map which includes every stream and lake in Pennsylvania. Offered by Vivid Publishing, these maps retail for \$19.95. They are being offered solely to MLFT members at a discounted price of \$17.95. Additionally, Frank's Fly Fishing Shoppe will donate \$2.00 from every sale to the MLFT. Don't miss out on this offering. Contact George Orlowitz if you are interested in purchasing this great, unique map. Also makes a great gift without spending a lot of money."

Frank's Fly Fishing Shoppe

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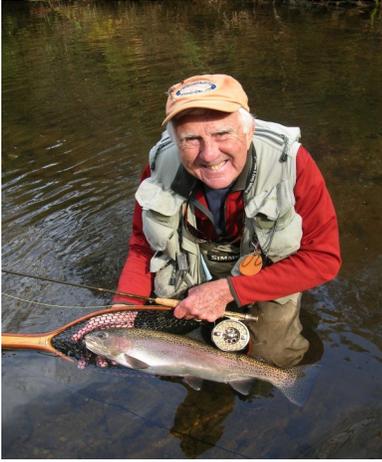
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Dave Whitlock



Dave regularly contributes his fly-fishing art, photography and writing to many publications such as FLYFISHERMAN MAGAZINE, FLY FISHING & TYING JOURNAL, TROUT MAGAZINE, IN-FISHERMAN and FIELD AND STREAM. He has written and illustrated five books: DAVE WHITLOCK'S GUIDE TO AQUATIC TROUT FOODS, the L.L. BEAN FLYFISHING HANDBOOK, the L.L. BEAN BASS FLY FISHING HANDBOOK and IMITATING AND FISHING NATURAL FISH FOODS for Lefty's Little Library and his new book TROUT – A COMPACT GUIDE FOR FLY FISHERS. Dave has also co-authored or made contributions to many other books, including THE FLYTYER'S ALMANAC, SECOND FLYTYER'S ALMANAC, Art Flick's MASTER FLYTYING GUIDE, McLane's FISHING ENCYCLOPEDIA, Miguel's STREAM CONSERVATION BOOK and MASTERS ON THE NYMPH and others. He has illustrated over 20 books including Steve Raymond's YEAR OF THE ANGLER and YEAR OF THE TROUT, Swisher and Richard's new edition of SELECTIVE TROUT, plus President Carter's OUTDOOR JOURNAL. Dave also demonstrates his fly-fishing and teaching skills in seven videos and through guest appearances on televised fly-fishing programs.

One of Dave's most notable contributions to wild trout management and preservation is the Whitlock-Vibert Box System -- a unique and efficient, in-stream salmonoid egg incubator and nursery device. Dave spent 7 years researching and developing this system and wrote and illustrated an instructional text, the FFF WHITLOCK-VIBERT BOX HANDBOOK. Today, under the sponsorship of the Federation of Fly Fishers, this Whitlock-Vibert Box program is used throughout the world for introduction or enhancement of wild trout, char and salmon stocks.

Dave's experience and his devoted and objective outlook on the whole spectrum of fly-fishing has earned him consulting assignments from top companies such as 3\M Scientific Anglers Company, Bass Pro, G Loomis Rods and Simms Fly Fishing Gear. He designed and directed the first 10 years of the LL Bean Fly-fishing Schools. Dave is in demand as a lecturer on fly-fishing and conservation throughout the world and has produced many slideshows on the subject plus one movie. Dave also conducts fly-fishing courses yearly throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Dave is a recipient of many awards including the Max Ander's Wild Trout Award in 1976 for his work on propagation of wild trout and the FFF's Conservation Man of the Year Award in 1981. Dave also received the Buz Buzeck Flytyer's Award which is the highest honor in the fly tying world. It recognized his innovativeness in new fly tying patterns and his national fly tying activities.

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Upcoming Events

The Fly Fishing Tactics and Strategies Class will again be held at the Sporting Gentlemen fly shop this winter.

Dates;

Wed nights for 5 weeks at 7:00 pm, starts Feb 1st ends Feb 29

Class is limited, if you want to attend you should call Barry or Chris to reserve your spot.

300 W. State Street , Media, PA 19063, (610) 565-6140 gentsporting@gmail.com



Garden State Convention Center Somerset , New Jersey

January 27, 28, 29 2012

Show Hours: Fri 10 - 6; Sat 8:30 - 6:00; Sun 9 - 4:30

Admission: Adult: \$15 for one day, \$25 for two-day pass, \$35 for three-day pass;

Children under 5 free, under 12: \$2

Scouts under 16 in uniform: free

Active Military: \$10

Cash only at the gate

Regardless of the weather, the show will go on!

Weather Affects Angling Tactics

Wind diminishes hatch activity, although it is not clear whether the insects are reacting to changes in air pressure or sudden changes in light intensity (from wind chop on the surface of the water). It is not unusual to see the start of a good hatch and then watch the activity dissipate as the wind picks up. Similarly, evening falls of mayfly spinners are dependent on gradient winds dropping in the evening to allow the bugs enough mobility to form a mating swarm — if the wind stays up, the spinner fall just won't happen.

If there is decent hatch activity in the wind, the fish grow accustomed to the hatching insects skittering across the surface, movement that is mimicked by the drag of a less than perfect drift. In extremely flat water, a breeze can produce a riffle where one didn't exist before. The broken surface of the water in wind chop prevents the fish from getting a good a look at the fly

or its drift, and although fish are harder to spot in these conditions, and it is also harder for the fish to spot the angler. The fish also recognize that hatching bugs in these conditions are often ripped away from them quickly, so they may become more aggressive in their feeding habits, slashing at the insects (and your artificial fly) before it can get away.

http://www.troutu.com/class/how_weather_affects_trout_fishing

The Northwest Territories by Rick Say



Part 4. How cold was it last night? I woke up freezing. I put all my clothes on, scrambled out of my tent and reached for my canteen which I left outside my tent the night before. The water in it frozen. I walked down to the lake to get some fresh water so I could brush my teeth. Along the way I ran into our guide Alex. He said the wind shifted during the night and some of the ice from a large ice flow at the other end of the lake floated over to our side. If we don't leave real soon we might be stuck here! After a quick breakfast of hot oat mill and biscuits we shoved off. Although it was cold it was a beautiful sunny morning. You could still see the storm clouds we flew through yesterday on the southern horizon. The wind suddenly picked up and began blowing the ice field right at us. We started across the lake against a strong headwind and tried to stay to the right of the ice. However the ice started to break up and blocked our route. We had to stop and wait until a large patch of ice passed us by. The ice was really an amazing site. Most of the time it was about one foot thick and in large irregular patches of say five to twenty yards long. Up close the ice looked like it an upside down chandelier. And it was noisy, a lot of tinkling and crashing about could be heard. The scientific term for this kind of ice is "frazil ice"-*a collection of loose, randomly oriented needle-shaped ice crystals that form in super cooled clear water.* It resembled slush and had the appearance of being slightly oily when seen on the surface of the water. I broke off a chunk to take back to camp to make some cocktails with later. After the ice passed us by we made a break out pass a point and after a few zigs and zags we were into the clear. We left the lake and entered the Talston River. We canoed through an area that was burned by a forest fire and made camp on a rocky knoll with a picturesque view.

After lunch Alex said he knew of a wolf den a couple of miles hike in the distance. Me and a few of the group said we would like to see it. About half way into our hike we spotted two big white wolves. They watched and followed us from a distant ridge never getting too close but always within eyesight of us. As we approached the den. we could hear baby wolves making purring sounds inside of it. One of the pups popped out for a second to see what was going on then quickly disappeared back inside. Alex tried to call the pups out, but they would not go for his noises. He said they were too young. The two white wolves just stood off in the distance and watched us. We were on a hill overlooking the tundra. It was pretty bleak up there.

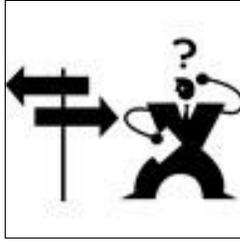
Later back on the river we ran into some good fishing. I caught a couple of big trout but again had trouble getting them into the canoe. I also caught the first pike, a 15-20 pounder that I did land with the help of my canoe mate. I got one of the trout into the boat as well. The evening was real nice, not nearly as cold as the night before and still no sign of mosquitos or black flies. (to be continued)

2011-2012 Meetings and Events

January 26th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Dave Whitlock
January 27th-29th	Somerset Show	
February 1st	Tactics and Strategies Class at the Sporting Gentlemen begins	
February 16th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Graham Maisey and Jack Mickieviez
February 16th-19th	Sportsman Show Oaks PA	
March 3rd	Calvary Outdoor Expo	
March 15th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Charlie Craven
April 7th	Learn to Fly Fish Day	
April 14th	Opening Day on the Brodhead	
April 19st	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Ben Rinker
April 21rd	Stick Day	
May 4th-6th	Spring Coburn Trip (Penns Creek)	
May 17th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD
June 1th -3rd	Upper Delaware Camping Trip	
June 21th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : TBD

<p>NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY 2012 PRESEASON & INSEASON STOCKING LIST</p>

DATE	WATER	MEETING PLACE	TIME
2/15	FRENCH CREEK - FFOC&R PICKERING, WEST VALLEY DHAL'S	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
2/16	EAST BRANDYWINE DHAL	KERR PARK	12:00
3/1	FRENCH, PICKERING WEST VALLEY CREEKS	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
3/3	FRENCH CREEK (3) TRUCKS HOLLOW RD. – RT23	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
3/7	EAST BRANDYWINE CREEK KERR PARK – DOWLIN FORGE RD.	KERR PARK	12:00
3/10	FRENCH CREEK GAMELANDS – COVENTRYVILLE RD.	WARWICK PARK	12:00
3/23	EAST BRANDYWINE GLENMORE TO REEDS RD.	GLENMORE FIRE CO	12:00
4/3	FRENCH CREEK GAMELANDS TO CAMP SANKANAK & FFO C&R	WARWICK PARK	12:00
4/5	FRENCH & PICKERING (2 trucks) HOLLOW RD – RT23	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
4/10	EAST BRANDYWINE WEST VALLEY CREEK & DHAL	GLENMORE FIRE CO.	12:00
4/24	EAST BRANDYWINE & DHAL	GLENMORE FIRE CO.	12:00
4/27	FRENCH - PICKERING & DHAL (2 Trucks) (Game lands to Rt. 23)	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00



Directions to:

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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