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The Split Tail Monthly

The Official Newsletter of The Main Line Fly Tyers

Philadelphia's Oldest Fly Tying Club
Established 1972

October 2018

JOIN US AT

Greater Plymouth Community Center

2910 Jolly Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA

Get Directions to the meeting

Directions

About The Main Line Fly Tyers

The objective of The Main Line Fly Tyers is to promote the art of Fly Tying and the sport of Fly Fishing. Our club is composed of enthusiastic Fly Fishers and Fly Tyers who are interested in furthering and sharing their knowledge of the sport. We welcome. men, women and youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen. We are a non-profit organization.

Our club meets on the third Thursday of the month from September to June at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. The meetings start at 7:00 PM with fly tying demonstrations, camaraderie, and refreshments. There is always a short business meeting and a presentation by a leader, author, or experts in the fields of fly tying or fly fishing. Throughout the year, our speakers cover a wide variety of fly fishing subjects including: trout, salmon, bass, saltwater and fly tying.

Our Newsletter Has Changed

Our MLFT newsletter now has a great new look, feel, and features.

Yes. This email is really different. We are now using MailChimp and we made the change for two reasons. First, security. The internet is a great thing, but it has flaws; its default email has no built in address authentication. So you can not validate where your email is coming from. Moving to MailChimp helps us secure your email address and helps keep junk and harmful email out of your

inboxes. If you see email in a different format than this, you should look it over carefully before opening it or clicking any links.

Next, the newsletter gets new features like calendar links and compatibility with your mobile devices. Be sure to see the next section and add our September meeting to your calendar. Then view this email on your smart phone. Enjoy!

October 18th Meeting: Nick Raftas Mark Your Calendar

Nick Raftas will be talking about fishing the Lehigh River. Most of know that the Lehigh has some very large holdover and wild fish. But, the Lehigh is a very big river and where are they? Where do you fish? What do you use? Nick will give us a lot of valuable information.

Add October 18th Club Meeting to your Calendar

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The President's Corner

This past week we lost one of our long time members,Leonard Wasmanski. Lenny organized all at the cooking and food at club events and always shared his great sense of humor with us. Below is a copy of of his obituary.

Leonard D. Wasmanski, 64
Oct 14, 2018 | Obituaries | 0 comments
Leonard Wasmanski, 64, husband of Nanci (Thornton) Wasmanski, of Perkiomenville, passed away Tuesday, October 9, 2018 in Union Dale, PA.
Born in Upper Darby, he was the son of Leonard J. Wasmanski and the late Geraldine (Cecere) Wasmanski.
Lenny was an avid outdoorsman and a member of the Main Line Fly Tyers. He enjoyed traveling to find adventure, and bringing his friends and family together for homemade meals. Lenny was a graduate of both Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and Wilkes University, and owned Don Len, Inc. in Conshohocken.
Surviving, along with his wife, Nanci, are sons, David Alan Wasmanski, husband of

Ellen, and Jesse Wayne Wasmanski, husband of Avery; daughter Aniela Joy Wasmanski; nephew Paul Wasmanski, Jr.; granddaughters Emma and Anna Wasmanski. He was predeceased by his brother Paul Wasmanski.
A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Theresa of Calcutta Church, 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473 with visitation from 9:30-10:45 AM.
Visitation will also be held Wednesday evening, October 17, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Catagnus Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Ltd., 329 N. Lewis Rd., Royersford, PA 19468. Interment will be held privately.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Revolutionary Hospice Care at 1619 Main Street, Olyphant PA 18447.

This Months Speaker : Nick Raftas

The Lehigh River: The Wild, Wild East!

In 2011 Nick joined a local guide outfit in eastern, PA and quickly expanded the business into offering float trips on some of Pennsylvania's best waters for trout, smallmouth bass, musky and pike. During this time Nick was a featured guide multiple times in Field and Stream's Video Series, "Hook Shots," he contributed to Field and Stream Magazine and was published by Fly Fisherman Magazine. Nick has worked tirelessly to establish a career in guiding and in 2015 began guiding on a full-time basis.

In 2017 Nick became an Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide and in 2018 Nick started Wild East Outfitters. Wild East Outfitters now has a fleet of 5 drift boats and 4 guides working for the outfit and will expand as the need arises. In Spring and fall, Nick spends most of his time running float trips on the Lehigh River for trout and his summers are spent guiding on the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers for smallmouth bass.

Nick has hosted trips to Montana, The Outer Banks and the Upper Delaware River. Nick plans to expand the options for hosted trips to some more exotic places that are yet to be determined but plans are underway. Nick prides himself on being one of the hardest working guides in Pennsylvania and pushing the limits and expectations of everyone he

fishes with. If you spend a day with Nick be ready to have a good time and be prepared to fish hard.

During Nick's days off from guiding Nick likes to spend his time with his wife and 2 daughters as well as supporting Trout Unlimited functions and other local conservation efforts.

Nick Raftas with a Monster Brown trout!

Fly Tying Classes

Beginner to Expert - We have the fly tying class for you!
Fall / Winter 2018 - 2019

Comparadun tied at last year's Intermediate Fly Tying Class.

Greater Plymouth Community Center Classes

Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Fly Tying
Starting Monday October 1st 2018

Beginners Fly Tying

SIX WEEKS CLASS / Starting Monday October 1st 2018
Students can have no experience or up to one year experience fly tying.
On the first night, students do not have to bring any fly tying materials or tools.
The teacher will go over everything students will need for future class.

Mondays starting 10/1 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Price: $46 Resident / $58 Non Plymouth Township Resident

Add First Plymouth Township Fly Tying Class to Your Calendar
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Advanced Fly Tying
A Step Beyond Catskill Fly Patterns

SIX WEEKS CLASS / Starting Monday October 1st 2018

This is a special class covering Catskill dry fly and matching wet fly patterns.
This class is for experienced fly tyers who want to improve their skill level.
Students will learn how and why the instructor has improved classic Catskill fly patterns. He will also explain why the new patterns are much more successful.

On the first night students need to bring there own tools and some materials for tying dry flys. Everyone can use the teachers materials as needed for the first night.

Mondays starting 10/1 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Price: $46 Resident / $58 Non Plymouth Township Resident

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To sign up online Greater Plymouth Community Center **or contact:**
Joanna Sharapan (Program Manager)
Office: 610-313-8681 Email: JSharapan@plymouthtownship.org

Classes held at:
The Greater Plymouth Community Center
2910 Jolly Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Indian Crest Middle School Classes

Intermediate / Advanced Fly Tying
Starting Tuesday October 2nd 2018

SIX WEEKS CLASS / Starting Tuesday October 2nd 2018

Participants must have at least one year of fly tying experience. The first night students need to bring their own tools and some materials for tying dry flys. Everyone can use the teachers materials as needed for the first night.

Tuesdays starting 10/2 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Price: $60

Add First Indian Crest Fly Tying Class to Your Calendar

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To sign up contact:
Lisa S Burger (Community Education Secretary)
Office: 215-721-1551; Email: lburger@soudertonsd.org;

Classes held at:
Indian Crest Middle School
139 Harleysville Pike, Soudeton PA 18964

Cheltenham Adult School Classes

Beginners / Intermediate Fly Tying
Starting Thursday Sept 27 2018

SIX WEEKS CLASS / Starting Thursday Sept 27 2018
Class dates are: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, (no class Oct 18th), 25th, Nov 1st, Nov 8th.

This class is for beginners wanting to learn how to tie flys and intermediate students with up to a year experience.

Thursdays starting 9/27 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Class dates are: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, (no class Oct 18th), 25th, Nov 1st, Nov 8th.

Cost: $98

Add First Cheltenham Fly Tying Class to Your Calendar

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Students must pre-register by calling the Cheltenham Township Adult School at 215-887-1720 and pay by credit card.

Last Month's Featured Tyers

Tyers at the September meeting focused on some patterns for small Black Stone flies. These nymphs are in most trout streams during the fall, winter and early spring. They typically hatch in early spring.

Main Line Fly Tyers Gear

Great New Main Line Fly Tyer Gear is available at club meetings.

Help support our club and show your club pride with our great new gear. We

have short and long sleeve T-shirts, Hooded Sweat Shirts, MLFT Ball Caps, Fleece Stocking Caps, and more!!

Meeting Schedule

Our monthly meetings is held on the third Thursday of each month at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. Meeting run from September through June and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

IMPORTANT NOTE:
January's meeting is the 4th Thursday - January 24th.

Photos of the Month

Fly Fishing and Fly Tying photos contributed by our members

Slate Run Swimming hole. May 2018

Last years intermediate fly class collection.

Directions to Our Activities

Fire up your GPS with the following links to your favorite activity.

MLFT Club Meetings

Cheltenham Township Adult School - Beginner Fly Tying

Indian Crest Middle School - Advanced / Intermediate Fly Tying

Greater Plymouth Community Center - Advanced / Intermediate Fly Tying

Resica Falls - Learn to Fly Fish 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 Com- munity Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

Officers and Board Members

Current officers and board members are listed below

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Treasurer: Jim Costello -- treasurer@mainlineflytyers.net

Board Members

Steve Nack, Dave Shillington, Sam Vigorita, Jim Costello, Ed Emery, Mike Ebner. Pete Fazio

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