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ATTENTION Mark your calendars: June 20th, 2009 7th Annual

Heritage Day
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...To preserve and share America's fly fishing heritage and the role of Pennsylvanians in ths tradition.

10th Anniversary! - Annual Dinner & Action - October 4th

The 10th Annual Dinner & Auction is just around the corner and we are well underway with plans for an awesome event. Each year, the event continues to exceed the previous events, especially with the items being offered.

This year, to celebrate our 10th Anniversary, we will be honoring an important fly fishing legend, George Harvey. We lost George this year and we want to acknowledge the man and his important contributions. See the article in this issue for details about this tribute by our honored guest, Joe Humphreys.

We strive for items that are distinctive, unique, or rare that have appeal for everyone, angler or not. We will offer guided services for fishing and birding. Items include jewelry, artwork, handcrafted items, certificates for bed & breakfasts and restaurants, flyfishing paraphernalia, and much, much more.

For those who have not attended in the past, Allenberry Resort Inn and Playhouse in Boiling Springs is a superb venue for our event. The Beltzhoover Banquet room is beautiful and the Yellow Breeches Creek which runs through the Allenberry property, is only a short walk away from the event. The Carlisle, Harrisburg, Hershey areas are full of things to do. Go to www.visithhc.com for ideas to fill the weekend and beyond!

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, beautiful music by harpist Elizabeth Baseshore, and the opening of the silent auction. After an incredible full course meal prepared by the Allenberry chef, the silent auction will end and the live auction will begin as the grand finale of the evening.

For all attendees, you will receive a *Commemorative Fly* to thank you for your support. This year, the featured fly is the *Comparadun* created by Al Caucci from the Delaware Valley. An article in this newsletter provides more details about this timeless design.

For those who have attended in the past, we thank you for your support of this event, our most important fundraising event of the year. We will have many new items to offer and the same great atmosphere of fun and friendship.

We hope to see you on Saturday, October 4th!

Use the enclosed form to register for the event or wait for the formal invitations to be mailed. Better yet...use our secure on-line registration available at www.paflyfishing.org.

Registration must be received before Wednesday, October 1st.

Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Heritage Day

This year's Heritage Day event was a record breaker with more than 250 in attendance. The event was held again at the beautiful Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse in Boiling Springs, along the banks of the Yellow Breeches Creek. The day was filled to the brim with casting instructions, fly tiers, presentations, demonstrations, vendors, and exhibitors. The Rubber Fish Race down the Yellow Breeches was entertaining and the Grand Prize Winner received \$500 cash! The new Casting Competition was a hit this year in all three categories: Youth, Amateur, and Open. Check out the information and photos from the 2008 Heritage Day on the PFFMA website.

Don't miss out on next year's festivities. The event promises to be even better than this year's! So mark your calendars for June 20th (the Saturday of Father's Day weekend).

2007 Dinner/Banquet





2008 Heritage Day





Ed Shenk, Tom Baltz and Don Holbrook display their artistic talents in fly tying at this years Heritage Day.

FALL TROUT IN THE POCONOS

Don't put away your trout rod just yet. Fishing the streams of the Pocono Mountains in northeastern Pennsylvania for more than 50 years has taught me that just about the time the leaves start to come down in the mountains, the fishing starts to pick up. September and October, and even early November, depending on weather conditions, can be like a whole new season. Cooler water temperatures and improved flow levels, both harbingers of the coming winter, seem to spur trout into feeding, and the crisp fall weather, with its pleasant air temps and colorful foliage, makes this a delightful time to be on the stream. You are also likely to encounter fewer anglers on the water now that at any time in the previous six months.

Choice of imitations is simpler now, too. The classic early season hatches are largely history by September. I rely heavily on terrestrials, especially ants, crickets, and beetles. Favorite mayfly patterns are sulphurs and olives (both in sizes 14-20), tricos (20-24), occasionally isonychias (12). Some gray and brown caddis flies (14-18) complete a basic assortment of dries. Add a few Pheasant Tail, Prince, and Hare's Ear nymphs, and you are in business. Oh, and a few Muddlers or other streamers might come in handy. A seven and a half or eight-foot rod that throws a three or four-weight line is ideal. And be prepared to fish clear water with fine tippets. Falling leaves can sometimes be a nuisance for a period on any mountain stream, especially when wind causes them to litter the surface, but such conditions are temporary.

Don't pine for the good old days. Anglers never had it so good. When I started fishing the Pocono streams in the 1950's, "trout season" closed at the end of July. Now, many streams are open year round. Some of the better ones include: Big Bushkill, Tobyhanna, Brodheads, McMichael's Creeks, and Lehigh River, all in Monroe County; Mud Run, Hickory Run, and Pohopoco Creek in Carbon County; Butternut, West Branch Wallenpaupack, and Dyberry Creeks in Wayne County; Dingman's Creek and Tom's Creek in Pike County. All these are open to fall angling and most are scheduled to receive stockings at the beginning of October. Note that the PA Fish and Boat Commission has imposed "catch-and-release" or "delayed harvest" regulations on several of these streams. Consult the PFBC website for specifics, then go out and have some fun.

Article and photos by, Ed Jaworowski, Director, PFFMA





The Anglers Club of Philadelphia

It was 1946 when a group of dedicated Salmon Anglers met at The Philadelphia Racquet Club and began what was then called the Salmon Anglers of Philadelphia. Limited to 100 male members, it quickly caught on. In 1947, the first year's guest speaker, Lee Wulff, drew a full house.

Three years later, the Pocono fishers were heard and at a fall meeting in 1950, the board decided that Salmon was a once a year pursuit while trout were much closer to find and could be fished for more often and by more anglers.. The club was re-named The Anglers Club of Philadelphia, still limited to 100 gentlemen members, but it was not long before the numbers swelled and women were welcomed. The first woman president (Eleanor Winsor) was elected in 1987.

The club continues to be strictly a fun social group with an annual dinner meeting and 3 or 4 luncheons. Past guest speakers include the who's who of fly fishing, among them were Ernest Schwiebert, Paul Jorgenson, Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser, Gary La Fontaine, Dave Whitlock, Barry and Cathy Beck and the museum's own Ed Jaworowski who also provides annual fly casting classes.

One of the most popular draws is the Private Club Lottery, which provides the opportunity for members to fish the many various private club waters, hosted by members of each of the clubs This year 10 clubs were on the list, including the famous Henryville Club on the Paradise branch of the Broadhead Creek, where much of America's fly fishing history began

Recently, the club has initiated a yearly outing for children and their parents on a local farm located on the banks of Ridley Creek. Hamburgers, hot dogs and trout in abundance are supplied and it has proven be to a fun day for all.

For the more serious angler, there is an annual multi day saltwater outing at various locations. This year is at Montauk, Long Island for a 3- day outing complete with boats and guides and lodging.

Memberships are available on a member letter recommendation basis. Guests are always welcome at the annual dinners in April.

Charlie Knight, Director, PFFMA

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Thomas Whittle

Board member Tom Whittle served as President of the PA Fly Fishing Museum Association from its formation in 1998 through 2007. Employed in the field of wastewater treatment for thirty eight years, a registered engineer, and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, Tom was a founder of CET Engineering Services in 1979.

A fly fisherman since the late 1950's, Tom's first fly rod was a hand-me-down bamboo rod with broken ferrules and half of the tip section gone. He couldn't wait to move onto fiberglass rods. Later, he became interested in bamboo rods, first restoring and fishing with older rods and then learning cane rod building from the late George Maurer. In 1997, Tom began marketing his bamboo rods under the Stony Creek Rods label, named after his favorite trout stream from a very young age. In addition to fishing with bamboo for bass and trout, Tom has enjoyed saltwater fly fishing on the flats of Mexico and Belize and along the Atlantic coast in North Carolina, New Jersey, Delaware, Massachusetts, and Maine.

Soon after the PFFMA acquired the Vince Marinaro collection in 2000, Tom began discussing the possibility of a book on Marinaro and his bamboo rod building with fellow builder, Bill Harms. Bill had been taught by Vince to build rods in the 1970's and it was Bill's first-hand experience building with Vince that made the book possible. The PFFMA collection also provided the resources to complete the project. "Split & Glued by Vincent C. Marinaro" was published in 2007 by Stony Creek Rods, in cooperation with PFFMA

Tom and his wife Cheryl live in Lower Paxton Township, east of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Their son and daughter are both married and have blessed them with three grandsons. Recently Cheryl and Tom purchased a home on the Damariscotta River near the coast in Maine where they plan to spend more time as they approach retirement years. Tom's other interests include upland hunting, side-by-side shotguns, outdoor photography, and landscape painting.

REVIEW

Essential Saltwater Flies

by Ed Jaworowski Stackpole Books (2007) ISBN 13: 978-0-8117-3459-2 (soft cover) 124 pp., approx. 550 color photos \$21.95



When Ed Jaworowski first mentioned to me that he was writing a new book on saltwater flies, with detailed tying instructions and recommended uses, I immediately ordered one. I received my

book in the spring of 2008. This gave me plenty of time to study it and tie flies that I would need for a fall trip to the Florida Keys. Although familiar with trout and bass, my lack of knowledge about bonefish, permit, and baby tarpon presented me with new problems. Choosing tackle presented little difficulty, but selecting fly patterns and learning how to tie and use them was another story.

Essential Saltwater Flies, "with step by step tying instructions for 38 indispensable designs and their useful variations", was extremely valuable to me. Just to know that I am tying flies developed and recommended by some of the most recognized icons in fly fishing today assures me of the confidence I need to venture into saltwater fly fishing from the New England coast to the Florida Keys.

The author has filled a void in fly tying literature, and has presented a choice compendium of the most basic patterns, culled from the many thousands available, along with variations on theme designs. More than 500 crisp step-by-step color photos accompany the concise text. Chapters include: "Materials and Tools", "Tying Techniques and Tips", including a section on tying various types of weed guards, "Baitfish Imitations", containing most of the important standards and classics, "Crabs, Shrimp, Eels, and Worms", "Topwater Flies", "Bonefish Flies", "Tarpon Flies", plus a section on recommended fishing knots for attaching flies to leaders and illustrations on one and two hand retrieves.

Tom Hoffmaster, Director, PFFMA

10TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA FLY FISHING DINNER & AUCTION - REGISTRATION FORM

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Must be received by **October 1.**

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Please provide the names for all attendees for name tags.