

The Flyline



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President's Message

by Randy Buchanan

Recently, talking to a fellow Trout Unlimited member from another chapter, I found out that MLTU is not alone. Now saying that, let me explain that I have always known that the chapter is one chapter in the southwest region. The region is part of all the other regions making up the PA Council of Trout Unlimited, and the state council is one of the councils making up the National Trout Unlimited. So, following this pattern, you can see we are not alone. But let me bring this back down to the chapter level, for this is where my thoughts are as I write this for our newsletter.

MLTU has a membership of close to four hundred, and although the past two years has been difficult for all chapters, we continued to hold monthly meetings in one form or another. MLTU meets each month of the year, something many other chapters do not do, so maybe we are alone in that respect.

Let me touch now on some items that we aren't alone with. As I stated earlier, with a membership close to four hundred, we should not have a problem with active members. As a chapter that I believe has a great working core, here is the problem that we face—aging! We have a membership that is getting older, and if by chance our membership is getting younger, where are you? Talking to a young member of the chapter some time ago, I was told meetings aren't fun - send me an email instead. Meetings are the place you get to interact with other like-minded people to protect our coldwater resources. Not all meetings are fun, but some are, and if you care—get involved.

Catch one!

Randy

Fly Tying to Return After Covid Hiatus

by Gary Cooper

We, at MLTU have decided to offer our popular, winter fly tying courses for beginners to the art. Classes will be held on both Monday evenings and Saturdays at the Richland Municipal Building. Monday classes begin at 6:30 PM, and the Saturday classes begin at 9:00 AM. Classes will be held for six weeks on successive Mondays and Saturdays. Classes are **FREE** to the public.

During this course, students will be taught the basics of how to tie nymphs, wet flies, dry flies, terrestrials, and streamers. When we are done, you will have the basic foundation to tie all sorts of flies. Materials and tools will be supplied to students at no charge. I must caution you! You will not succeed without practice between classes. We will explain to you where you may purchase your own tools and materials. We have some of the best instructors in the area. If you really want to learn how to tie flies, this is the place. Come have some fun. We'll have a great time.

There may be changes to times, places and days. We don't know how Covid restrictions may affect things. For actual dates and places, as well as times, go to www.mltu.org. We'll do our best.



Twelve Days of Christmas Tickets

by Gary Cooper

Each year MLTU sells five hundred tickets, which we call the Twelve Days of Christmas. We use the proceeds from these tickets to pay for chapter functions during the year, such as the newsletter, fly tying courses, and our chapter website. Usually a member will receive five tickets, though some may receive more. It is very important that you either buy them yourself or sell the tickets that you receive. Last year was the first time in a long while that we did not sell all of the tickets.

Here is how each ticket works. Each ticket contains two, three digit numbers based on the seven o'clock drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery's daily number. The cost of a ticket is

\$5.00. Winners are based on the 7:00 PM drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery daily number for December 1st through the 12th. Each ticket has two numbers, giving the holder two chances to win each day. That means you have twenty-four total chances to win during this time period. The winner each day will receive \$100.00 from the chapter.

If you would like to sell tickets or wish to buy some yourself, please contact Gary Cooper (814-266-4763) or Randy Buchanan (814-467-4034) as soon as you read this. That way you will be sure to receive tickets. Let's all make sure to sell every ticket.

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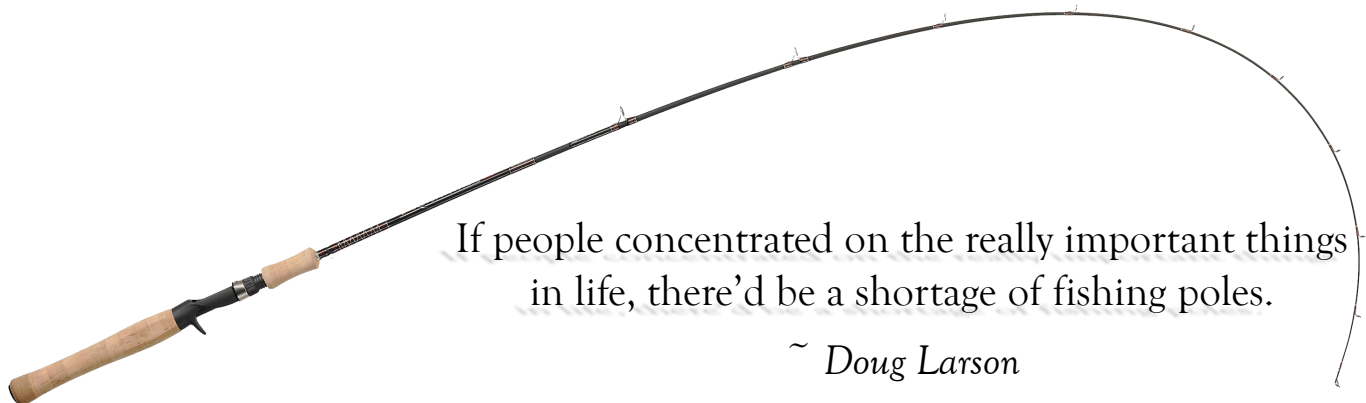
Keystone Coldwater Conference



The biennial Keystone Coldwater Conference is scheduled for February 25-26, 2022 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College. Hosted by the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, the conference will be held in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

This event is a great way to network with fellow conservationists working to protect our abundant resources and learn of research, ideas, and projects that benefit the Commonwealth.

A schedule is not yet posted, but more information will be available, closer to the date, at www.coldwaterconference.org.



If people concentrated on the really important things
in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.

~ Doug Larson

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Save the Dates!

- ◆ October 7 - MLTU Meeting @ Richland Municipal Building, Board 6:30 PM; Membership 7 PM
- ◆ Nov. 4 - MLTU Meeting @ Richland Municipal Building, Board 6:30 PM; Membership 7 PM
- ◆ Nov. 30 - MLTU newsletter submission deadline, 4 PM. Submit materials to Missy. Newsletter covers January 1—March 31, 2022.
- ◆ Dec. 2 - MLTU Meeting @ Richland Municipal Building, Board 6:30 PM; Membership 7 PM
- ◆ Feb. 25-26, 2022—Keystone Coldwater Conference
- ◆ April 2, 2022—MLTU Annual Banquet

