

January 2021 Newsletter

The Tight Loop

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Antietam Fly Anglers Meeting 11/20/2020

In the November meeting, due to the presentation by Matt from the Feathered Hook Fly Shop, there were no meeting minutes. Here are a few screen shots from Matt's presentation.

Why I'm here


- Hatches you will see
- Tactics for fishing the different seasons
- Recommended gear for each season
- Access

Question? ASK!




Penns Creek

- John Penn's Creek
 - 1802 Act of Assembly
 - Penns Creek
- 61.7 mile tributary of the Susquehanna River
 - Pennsylvania's largest and longest limestone stream
 - Characteristics of a freestone stream
 - Stable flow and temperature



Headwaters

- Starts in Penns Cave
- Flows to Spring Mills
 - Sinking Creek
- Flows to Coburn
 - Elk & Pine Creek
- Basis of a perfect habitat which offers year round trout fishing




Science Lesson

- Highly fertile, alkaline rich flow of water


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acidic - neutral - alkaline

- Water on alkaline side->more conducive to trout reproduction, survival, and growth
- What is good for the trout is good for trout food
 - Aquatic insects, sculpins, crawfish
- Bug Factory
 - Diversity and quantity




Class A Wild Trout Waters

- Spring Mills-> Cherry Run
- Definition
 - "Streams that support a population of naturally produced trout of sufficient size and abundance to support a long-term and rewarding sport fishery"
- Management Style
 - No stocking
 - Natural reproduction to sustain wild populations




Slot Limit cont'd

- "Improve the size structure of the wild trout population in this section with direct limited harvest to intermediate sized fish while protecting larger fish in the population"
- Took effect: January 1, 2014
- Ending: December 31, 2020
- Monitored to determine the effectiveness of the regulation



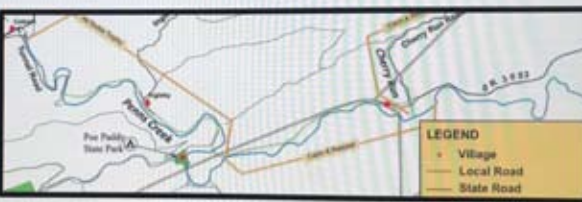
All Tackle Catch and Release

- Slot limit end point (The Wire) → ~8 miles downstream
- Open year round
- Artificial lures and flies only
- Catch and Release at all times
- Top 4 miles remote in location



Access Points

- Coburn
 - Railroad Stop
 - Tunnel Road
- Ingleby
 - Permanent homes (can access all winter)
- Poe Paddy
 - State Park
 - Start of C&R
- Cherry Run
- Weikert
 - End of C&R
- Glen Iron
 - End of Drakes
- Millmont
- Penns Creek
- New Berlin
- Kratzerville
- Selinsgrove



Hatch Season-March


- Cabin Fever
- Longer days
- Gradually Warmer temps

Hatches
Tiny BWO
Mixed Midges
Little Black Stones



Banker's hours hatches

- Banker's hours hatches
- Favorite March Patterns
 - BWO nymph
 - Zebra Midge
 - Big Black Stonefly nymph
 - Suckerspawn
- Gear
- Tippet



Hatch Season-April

- Light at the end of the tunnel
- Influx of bug activity
- Mid-late morning hatches
- Evening spinner fall


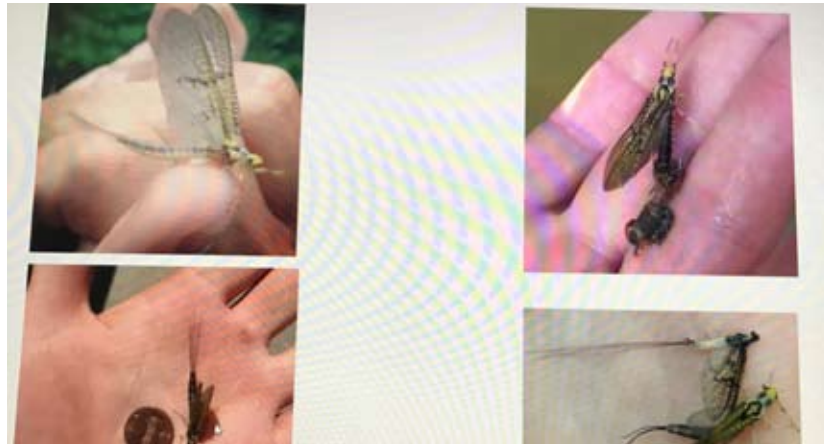
Hatches
Tiny BWO
Iron Blue Quill
Grannom Caddis
Hendrickson
Little Black Caddis
Tan Caddis
Little Yellow Crane fly







Hatches

- Hendricksons
- Little Yellow Crane fly
- Big Yellow Crane fly
- Tan Caddis
- March Brown
- Gray Fox
- Yellow Hendrickson
- Blue Quill
- Sulphur
- Light Cahill
- Little Rusty Crane fly
- Green Drakes
- Stoneflies (lots of stones)


Hatch Season-June

- Baseball, camping, and the beach
- Drunella Cornuta



June Bugs

- Light Cahills
- Sulphur
- Yellow Drake
- Slate Drake (Isonychia)
- Blue Quill
- Mixed Caddis
- Mixed Crane fly




Summer

July	August	September
Light Cahill	Cahills	Mixed Midges
BWO	BWO	BWO
Sulphur	Slate Drake	Slate Drake
Mixed Caddis	Light Tan Caddis	Little Blue Dun
Little BWO	Blue Quill	Blue Quill
Trico	Trico	Trico
Terrestrials	Terrestrials	Terrestrials



Old Faithful Favorites

- Pheasant Tail
- Hares Ear
- Stonefly
- Caddis Larvae
- New class
 - Frenchie
 - Rainbow Warrior
 - Iron Lotus




February

Hatches
Tiny BWO
Mixed Midges
Little Black Stoneflies

Winter

- Favorite Patterns
 - Frenchie
 - BWO nymph
 - Big Stonefly Nymph
 - Zebra Midge
 - Sucker Spawn





Antietam Fly Anglers

Calendar:

January 21— Board meeting to discuss fund raising and future plans, and general discussion via Zoom about the good and bad fishing events for each member, as needed. There will also be the annual nomination and election of officers. If you are interested in serving as an officer or on the board, please let us know and/or come to the meeting.

Calendar:

February 18— “Presentation by Bill Anderson, entitled, ‘Little Juniata—From Sewer to Class A’, via a Zoom meeting.

March 6-7— TENTATIVE— Lancaster Fly Fishing Show <https://flyfishingshow.com/lancaster-pa/>

March 13—TENTATIVE—Maryland Fly Fishing and Collectible Show <https://marylandflyfishingshow.com/>

March 18— Meeting

April 15—No meeting due to Rendezvous

April 24—Rendezvous (tentative)

May 20— Meeting

June 17—Fishing at Mt. Aetna pond



“Small Stream Review”

<https://www.troutbitten.com> A review of Domenick Swentosky's website and blog by Mike Saylor

Several AFA members have had the opportunity and pleasure of fishing with Domenick Swentosky, the owner of the Troutbitten.com website. Dom is a well-known central Pennsylvania flyfishing guide who guides on Penns Creek, Spring Creek, the Little Juniata and other less well-known rivers. Dom has been a flyfishing fanatic since he was a kid. As he got older he and several of his fishing buddies would commonly share their fishing experiences and observations by email. As he became more and more skilled and knowledgeable more people inquired about his knowledge and eventually he decided to launch his website, Troutbitten.com, in 2014.

Troutbitten.com is essentially a repository for the numerous blogs that Dom has written. Thus far he has written over 700 articles and the site also houses several educational videos.

Dom is a avid proponent of what he calls the “Mono-rig”. It is a rig that is primarily used for nymphing, although there is some flexibility in the system that allows for using streamers and occasionally dry flies. The articles in the website do an excellent job of describing the system which essentially utilizes a very long monofilament leader with a sighter section and thin tippet.

The goal of the system is to allow for a drag-free drift of the nymphs through the underwater strike zone. As flyfishers we have always stressed the need for drag-free presentations of our dry flies but until the last few years there has been insufficient importance of drag-free nymph presentations. The Mono-rig and other “European” nymphing styles are designed to enhance the authenticity of our nymph presentations.

Not all of Dom's articles are educational in nature. Many of them are short stories that show his great love of flyfishing and the outdoors. Many of these are particularly enjoyable to read.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to read the articles on Troutbitten.com I would encourage you to do so. You won't regret it.

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“...it takes several years of serious fishing before a man learns enough to go through a whole season with an unblemished record of physical and spiritual anguish.”
—*Ed Zern, Are Fisherman People? (1951)*

AFA information:

Just a reminder.

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fly shops:**

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