

*...To preserve and share America's fly fishing heritage and the role of Pennsylvanians in this tradition.*

## PA Fly Fishing Heritage Day - 6th Annual June 14, 2008, Saturday

PA Fly Fishing Museum Association (PFFMA) is excited to once again host the Sixth Annual Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Heritage Day to be held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse at the Picnic Pavilion and The Meadow on the Yellow Breeches Creek in Boiling Springs, PA – rain or shine, 8:30am – 4pm. Heritage Day has a great tradition of being a gathering of fly fishing enthusiasts of all ages, interests, and skill levels coming together to celebrate Pennsylvania's Fly Fishing Heritage.

There will be presentations and demonstrations by regional and nationally known experts on various fly fishing subjects. In addition, attendees will learn about fly fishing from exhibitors, vendors, fly tiers, bamboo rod makers and other artisans. You can bring your fly fishing memorabilia and have it appraised by one of the antique tackle dealers. And there will also be great raffles and don't be left out on the crowd's favorite...The Rubber Fish Race!

Pre-registration must be received by June 11<sup>th</sup>, for a \$12 admission fee, including a buffet picnic lunch. Registration (without lunch) the day of the event is \$7. There will be only a limited number of buffet lunch tickets available the day of the event at a cost of \$8 so we highly recommend pre-register before June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Attention All Young Fly Anglers: Admission is FREE for anyone 15 years old or younger! You can pre-register for lunch for \$6, if you like. Plus, there is a FREE Youth Drawing with some great prizes!**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Swim Race** – You may have heard of Rubber Ducky Races. Well, we of course, use rubber Fish...bold, tropical little things that hit the Yellow Breeches and race to the finish line for the \$500 cash prize. This annual event has created much interest, especially for the youth. Each Fish entered in the race has an owner and a number to identify it. So come out and purchase your Fish and join the crowd who gather for the race event! By purchasing Fish swim Tickets you can support the PFFMA fund-raising program and be a part of our Heritage Day event, even if you are not present. We will be glad to mail you the \$500 winners check. Simply mail in the pre-registration form with your donation of \$10 per fish for the number of fish that you would like to enter in the race. And, you can also purchase your tickets ahead of time and avoid the crowd at the events table.

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Mark your calendars to attend the  
**10th Annual PFFMA  
 Fundraising Dinner/Auction  
 October 4, 2008**  
 and receive a free PFFMA  
 Commemorative Fly  
 Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse  
 Boiling Springs

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM:**

All members will receive a membership card, the Museum's newsletter, and special mailings.

- Friend \$25
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**THANK YOU !**

*The official registration and financial information of the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within PA, 1(800)732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*

**BELOW ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY SCHEDULED.**

- \* **Fly Casting**— One-on-one instruction and demonstrations. Improve your casting skills or try casting for the first time with expert fly casting instructors Bobby Clouser, Ed Jaworowski, Scott Loughner, Dave Rothrock and Emily Zeiders— From 9am to 4:00 pm!
- \* **Fly Casting Presentations** — Enjoy two educational sessions by Ed Jaworowski
- \* **“Split and Glued by Vincent C. Marinaro”** – Meet the authors, Bill Harms and Tom Whittle, of this exciting new book.
- **Women's Fly Fishing Network** - There will be a session devoted to women fly anglers to meet and discuss fly fishing opportunities.
- \* **Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission**—Featuring display and information
- \* **Colonial Angler** – The Colonial Angler, Ken Reinard, will be present in character and in costume to show you what fly fishing in the 1770s was all about.
- \* **Fly Tying Demonstrations** - Watch notable fly tiers demonstrate their favorite patterns.
- \* **Aquatic Insects** – Stream-side sessions on aquatic insect identification presented by Greg Hoover, specifically tailored for anglers.
- \* **Casting Cane** – Meet cane rod builders and try casting various spilt cane rods.
- \* **Antiques “MeadowShow”** – Like the Antiques RoadShow, Jerry Girard, an expert in appraising vintage bamboo rods and tackle, will be on hand to look over your treasures.
- \* **Plus Many Wonderful Fly Fishing Vendors and Exhibitors!**



Line judge Ed Jaworowski picks the winner at our Annual Fish Swim.

Check our website for more  
 detailed Heritage Day  
 information!

[paflyfishing.org](http://paflyfishing.org)

**“We will have our Silent  
 Action table again, featuring  
 many nice items to bid on”.**

### REMEMBRANCES OF HONEY BUGS PAST

by Ed Jaworowski

Caddis larvae are among the most numerous invertebrates in most Pennsylvania trout streams. Despite the plethora of creative imitations that tiers endlessly concoct, the Honey Bug is hard to top. When I immersed myself in trout fishing back in the 1960's, this little caddis larva representation was the deadliest nymph in my box. It was my go-to fly. In course of time, however, I had exhausted my Honey Bug material, and became involved in travel and pursuit of other species. My few remaining Bugs saw little action, as I spent less time on the trout stream each season. When PFFMA selected Berger's unassuming little chenille creation as the Commemorative Fly for its 2006 Banquet and Auction, I reflected on my wonderful experiences, fishing pale pink, or cream, or brown and white Honey Bugs on streams in northeastern, southeastern, and central PA streams. The most effective technique was short line nymphing. Holding the rod high, I'd move slowly into close range of a likely lie, flip the fly upstream and allow it to roll back downstream on a semi taught line. One split shot 18" ahead would generally keep it down.

My first success occurred on the West Branch of the Lackawaxen, early May in 1965. Heavy overnight rains swelled and discolored the stream. The temperature, along with snow (!) began to fall and continued through the day. Adding an extra split shot, I flipped the fly well upstream and let it roll through a deep hole underneath a bridge. As the line came taut downstream and began to rise, fish eagerly and repeatedly chased it, apparently mistaking it for an emerging insect of some sort. Those five trout sold me on the efficacy of the Honey Bug. after that it became a staple and saw action on the Tobyhanna, Mud Run, French

Creek, Penn's Creek, and others. When saturated, the Honey Bug swells and takes on a translucence few flies achieve. I can only assume that is, in large part, the secret to his effectiveness.

I wonder now how I had let them slip into near oblivion. Well, I got the wake-up call. I'm now once again fishing for trout more avidly, and at the top of my to-do list for 2007 is to break out the Honey Bugs.



When wet, the Honey Bug makes an excellent caddis larva imitation.

Photo by Ed Jaworowski, Director PFFMA

### Dr. Robert A. Bachman

In addition to serving on the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association's Board of Directors, Bob currently serves on the Board of Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as a commissioner from District 6. Other board positions include: the Cocalico Creek Watershed Association, the Lehigh Coldwater Fishery Alliance, and Friends of the Upper Delaware River. Bob is also a member of the Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Flyfishers. He recently received the "Rising Trout Award" presented by Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited at its 2008 Limestone Banquet.

Bob Bachman earned his PhD from Penn State University. While there, he conducted groundbreaking studies on feeding behavior of wild trout. He retired in 1999 after serving for 13 years as Maryland's Director of Fisheries (inland and marine), Director of Fish and Wildlife, and Chief of Freshwater Fisheries.

### PFFMA Oral History Project

As an important part of its mission and growing memorabilia collection, the PFFMA Oral History Project records live commentary of celebrated anglers for future generations. Ed Jaworowski and Charlie Knight first interviewed and audiotaped Ed Koch and Ed Schenk on their local waters. Both men, fishing icons in the limestone tradition of Fox and Marinaro, recounted personal experiences and shared their impressions of the growth, evolution, and heritage of Pennsylvania angling during their lifetimes.

Joe Humphreys and Greg Hoover followed with an interview of George Harvey, legendary angler and tier. George founded the Penn State flyfishing program and mentored thousands of Pennsylvania anglers through his legendary flyfishing course.

The PFFMA team then interviewed Humphreys himself, who reminisced about his long career, and provided an interesting recounting of his travels worldwide. Next, Bob Clouser shared his thoughts on the current state of Pennsylvania angling, and particularly the changing Susquehanna River fishery. The renowned smallmouth guide talked of his past and the eventual creation and development of his famous Deep Minnow fly, today universally recognized simply as "the Clouser".

Most recently, Lefty Kreh gave us fascinating accounts on a wide range of topics, including his views on the direction that modern fly fishing is taking worldwide. While not a resident Pennsylvanian, Lefty's contributions to, and influence upon, this state's trout and bass fishing extends back several decades, and his overall influence in the flyfishing world is unquestioned. He most deservedly has earned a place in our history.

The Museum plans further interviews with important personalities and welcomes suggestions from its members. All the PFFMA Oral History interviews have been transferred to CD and are available to interested researchers at our Museum facility in Carlisle. Additionally, the CD's are offered for sale at certain Museum Functions such as Heritage Day and our annual Banquet/Auction.

Charlie Knight, Director PFFMA

### Remembering George Harvey 1912—2008

Under an overcast sky, with a chill in the air, and rain in the forecast, I left the Harrisburg area for the hour and a half drive to Fisherman's Paradise. Normally I would not be making the trip to this famed Pennsylvania fly fishing venue under these conditions, but today was different. Joe Humphreys had arranged a memorial service for George Harvey, who died on March 24th. Driving through torrential rains en route to the Stackhouse Training Facility, I thought the weather strangely appropriate, for with the passing of one of our greatest icons, this was a gloomy time in Pennsylvania flyfishing history.

I first met George 35 years ago, when he was helping Lloyd Reiss, who represented the Fenwick Company at the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show in Harrisburg. My fly shop booth was located across the aisle from the Fenwick location, and during slow periods, George and I had time to sit and chat. Upon arriving at George's beloved Paradise, I found the Training Facility overflowing with people George had touched in his long life, through his teaching in the classroom, on the stream, and in his writings. Family, friends and fishing buddies had come to pay their respects and share their memories. Among the many speakers were Joe and his daughters (George's adopted grand daughters). Lloyd recalled his experiences with George, and brought along some items that had been given him over the years and placed them with the many photos, books and hand made items that were on display.

George Harvey has recently touched my life again. The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association has, with the help of Joe Humphreys, acquired George's fly tying room, his library, and memorabilia from his fishing equipment. As a PFFMA board member, I am assisting in the reconstruction of his tying room. The Association has also recognized George's Spruce Creek dry fly as one of it's commemorative flies, and Joe Humphreys and Greg Hoover interviewed George as part of the museum's oral history program, which is now on CD.

As I headed home from the memoriam, I reflected on even more memories of this popular, personable, and respected celebrity. For 96 years he touched countless minds and hearts. I am sure that many who read this have been touched by George in various ways. **George Harvey, one of fly fishing's greatest anglers and teachers.**

Tom Hoffmaster, Director PFFMA



George Harvey working at his fly tying desk in his home, George passed on March 24, 2008 at the age of 96.

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association has acquired the George Harvey collection. Through the efforts of Joe Humphreys, and with the help of Greg Hoover, the Harvey collection was delivered to the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association shortly before George's passing. George's legacy will live on, through the preservation and display of his fly tying room, library, photos and fishing memorabilia.



Joe Humphreys places George Harvey to rest in his beloved Spring Creek, Fisherman's Paradise.

### 6TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA FLY FISHING HERITAGE DAY - PREREGISTRATION FORM

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Number of Attendees: \$12 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of youth Lunches: \$6 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fish Swim Raffle Tickets: \$10 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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