

Midnight Sun Fly Casters
GRAYLING GAZETTE

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Lake trout to highlight April club meeting

**By Tom Norton,
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Hi All,

I'm hoping that we are in for a double header this month. I have invited two speakers. The first is from the Eielson Natural Resources Office.

I'm hoping they will be able to come out and inform us concerning the rules and regulations for fishing on Ft. Wainwright and Eielson AFB. Piledriver Slough, located on Eielson, is good for grayling and

stocked rainbows. However, in order to have access to this water all civilians must have a permit. If you are interested in obtaining one bring your 2006 Alaska fishing license and hear the rules and regulations. I haven't heard back from them yet but I'm hoping that they will be able to come out to pass out the permits. It would be fun to do a little early spring casting out there at Piledriver. This month's second speaker, Brendan Scanlon, who works for the Alaska Department

of Fish and Game, took it last summer at Tangle Lakes. For the past few years he has been involved with populations of Lake Trout both in Paxson Lake and in Tangle Lakes. Fishing for these fish is great fun! I've found the most success fishing early in the year just after the ice goes out. I've gone several times to both places. At Paxson the best place I've found is where the Gulkana River leaves the lake. The lakers congregate there every spring to

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MSFC lauds contributors to annual banquet

The Midnight Sun Fly Casters would like to thank the following individuals and business whose donations helped to make this year's banquet a success. We are very grateful that they were willing to help make our community such a wonderful place to live.

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Murdock; Seekins Ford; Sportsman's Warehouse; Dave Bates; Lou Staudt and Fairbanks Auction.

Proceeds from this event will be used to help teach young people and their families fly fishing skills and cold water conservation at the MSFC Tenth Annual Kids' Camp to be held at Twin Bear's on June 2-4. Also, funds will be used to send fly tying equipment and supplies to a National Guard unit currently serving in Iraq and for other program development.

Please remember when shopping at these businesses or talking with the individuals to express your **appreciation for their community spirit.**

Tom Norton
President MSFC

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feast on salmon smolt. At Tangles I've always fished the lake that is just to the right of the road. I float around the perimeter of the lake casting towards the edges. Almost any medium size fly works well if you strip the line quickly. I've also had some luck just trolling a streamer behind my cataraft.

According to Brendan, most of the fishing pressure at Tangles is on the lakes that are close to the road. Since there is a danger of fishing these fish out of that lake he wanted to determine how much fish movement there is between the lakes. His presentation will include data that he collected at both Paxson and at Tangle Lakes.

By the way it was great to see so many of you at the March Banquet. Those of you who missed it were out of luck. Together with Trout Unlimited we gave away over \$1000 worth of fly fishing equipment. Russ Smith was the lucky member who won a beautiful four-piece 6wt. rod that was donated by Howie Van Ness at the Alaska Fly Shop. And, with your help, our club raised money that will be used for this summer's Kids Camp and for next year's programs.

Anyway, the April meeting promises to be another interesting one. Chris Swain told me that there would be a nice fly tying vise in this month's raffle. Please mark your calendar because I do hope to see you on Thursday, April 21st. The manager at the Elks has assured me that we will meet upstairs in the Tom Rowinski Room. I hope to see you there. Pizza and salad will be available for \$5.00 as usual.

Remember to bring a fly for the fly box.

Kids' Camp back at Twin Bears for 2006!

The 10h Annual Midnight Sun Fly Casters Kids' Camp is coming June 2-4 at Twin Bears Camp near Mile 30 Chena Hot Springs Road.

Kids' Camp is for children ages 10 – 16. Kids 10 – 12 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Kids 13 – 16 may come alone; however, we encourage parents to accompany them. Camp begins about noon on Friday, finishes about noon on Sunday. Camp Curriculum includes: fly casting, fishing ethics, fly tying, knot Tying tackle talk (putting it all together) and entomology.

If you don't have any kids ages 10-16, then please pass this information along to other parents who may be interested. Each year a dedicated core of volunteers work tirelessly putting this event together for the Fairbanks Community. This year's committee could always use more help, even if it is just a few hours during that weekend. If you want to help, please contact any MSFC Board member (see below for phone numbers).

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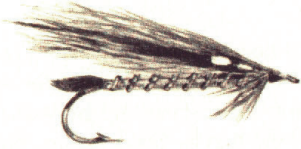
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