

STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Your Trout Unlimited?

The end of Summer 2006 brings us once again to the time of year when we begin ramping up our Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited activity schedule. In recent years, this has been a smooth process highlighted by a fall program, chapter fly-tying nights, and an autumn project day for all members while the officers and board of the chapter formulate plans for the educational and entertaining programs we have been fortunate to book for our Winter "cabin fever" curing events. Heading into the fall of 2006, however, the path of our chapter is far less clear than in past years, as our chapter faces a number of challenges to our mission and the course of our future.

First among the issues we must confront is an urgent need for volunteers to fill key leadership roles within the chapter. The resignation of our President, Lou Wentz, at the end of September leaves us with a leadership deficit at the forefront of our chapter that must be filled for the new year. In addition, our current chapter officers are all nearing the end of their second terms in office. Consequently, our chapter faces the daunting task of filling the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President at the end of 2006 as well as replacing Lou as President. Further, we are also in need of several new board members to assist with carrying out the administrative activities of the chapter.

Compounding the importance of finding talented, energetic individuals to carry forward the mission of our chapter is the urgent need for Perkiomen Valley TU to remain an active advocate for conservation interests in the upper Perkiomen Creek watershed. We have accomplished much over the past few years. A drive along Tollgate Road, Lesher Mill Road, or Huffs Church Road reveals a stream that is largely buffered, with the burgeoning greenery of thousands of trees and shrubs beginning to reveal themselves above tall summer grasses. Where once a day of

fishing would only have turned up chubbs, now trout, wild and stocked, are beginning to take hold. However, threats to the watershed abound.

In addition to the need for our chapter to maintain the project areas we have worked to establish, new threats such as the construction siltation/sediment pollution that wrought havoc upon the upper Perkiomen this summer, can easily eradicate the gains we have made if not stopped. We have much to be proud of in our past, but much work left to be done in the future. At the heart of so doing, however, is the continued support of each of you as we forge ahead into 2007.

In order to give everyone input into this process, and to give those who think they might be interested in stepping up to a leadership position an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the chapter's needs and open roles, we will be hosting a **"State of the Chapter" open forum** (with refreshments, of course!) during our normal **Monday night** membership meeting slot on **October 16, 2006** at the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library in Red Hill. Whether you are a regular attendee of our chapter meetings or a newcomer to the organization, we urge you to attend this meeting where we will be discussing the future of our Chapter and what each of us as TU member would like to see PVTU accomplish for the coming year. A list of the current officer and board roles where help is needed is included on page 2 of this newsletter to preview prior to the meeting. We welcome the input of everybody at this crucial time in the life of our Chapter and look forward to seeing everyone at this event!

Sincerely,

Your Officers and Board

Perkiomen Valley TU, #332





PVTU OFFICERS AND BOARD ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Responsibilities
President	Set agendas for and preside over chapter meetings Maintain any needed communications between TU State and National Serve as liason with other watershed groups as necessary
Vice-President	Coordinate and Book Membership Meeting Program Content Serve as liason to other watershed groups as needed Book meeting facilities
Treasurer	Maintain financial records & monthly reports for chapter Prepare financial reports for TU state and national Coordinate non-grant fundraising efforts (merchandise sales, raffles, etc.)
Secretary	Prepare and distribute minutes from monthly chapter meetings Edit, set deadlines for, and coordinate distribution of chapter paper newsletter Maintain master calendar for chapter Send notifications of events and press releases to newspapers Retrieve and distribute chapter mail from P.O. Box in Green Lane
Membership Coordinator	Manage & Maintain chapter membership supplies (applications) Manage chapter membership database Initiate welcome letter to new members Follow up with lapsed members Coordinate recruitment efforts Coordinate any needed hospitality for chapter events
Projects Coordinator	Coordinate contacts, visitations, and memorandi of understanding with Perkiomen Watershed landholders Coordinate procurement of volunteers and materials for chapter conservation projects Submit dates/plan proposals to chapter officers for conservation project work days
Grants Coordinator	Apply for grants to support chapter conservation efforts/Report grant progress/submit reimbursables
Youth & Education Coordinator	Plan youth activities Establish and maintain non-TU youth group contacts for chapter activities
Floating Board Members	Assist officers and board as needed Coordinate special/unique tasks involving PVTU as needed

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A Word About Joining TU or Renewing Your TU Membership

TU's national organization offers a rebate program for our chapter if members join or renew and designate chapter #332 as their chapter. Chapter-acquired members renew at a higher rate than other members and are more likely to become active members-attending chapter meetings, coming to workdays and even serving as chapter officers. To encourage us to recruit new members, TU national will return the entire first year's dues as a rebate-\$15 directly to our chapter—and award us an end-of-year rebate of \$2.50/member The guidelines for the Rebate and Membership system is as follows:

- Chapters and councils can offer a year's TU membership for special rate of \$17.50 for new members only (cannot be used by previously expired or archived members).
- **New members can join by mail:**
 - Use applications printed by TU National or those available at our website (www.perkiomenvalleytu.org).
 - Make sure that you have printed or written our chapter number (332) in the appropriate box.
- **New members can join on the web:**
 - Go to www.tu.org/intro
 - When prompted to enter a code enter our chapter number (332).



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ble! We would like to thank each for
their generous contributions.

**Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited Calendar of Events
Fall 2006**

October

October 14

**CHAPTER BUSINESS
MEETING**
10:00 AM AT UPV LIBRARY

October 16

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**State of the Chapter
Roundtable**

7:00 PM AT UPV LIBRARY

November

November 18

**CHAPTER BUSINESS
MEETING**
10:00 AM AT UPV LIBRARY

November 20

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CHAPTER
FLY TYING & FLY SWAP NIGHT
7:00 PM AT UPV LIBRARY

December

December 16

**CHAPTER BUSINESS
MEETING**
10:00 AM AT UPV LIBRARY

December 18

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

2007 CHAPTER ELECTIONS
CHAPTER FLY TYING NIGHT
7:00 PM AT UPV LIBRARY

All Monday night chapter meetings will be held at 7:00 PM at the UPV Library in Red Hill, PA. Parking is available at the rear of the building. All chapter sponsored workdays, and programs are open to the public. For more information on any chapter event please contact the chapter via mail or e-mail at the addresses listed above.