

## STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Fall 2007 Issue

### Ed Perry to Speak on Global Warming at October Meeting

Ed Perry, of the National Wildlife Federation, will present “*Global Warming: The Science and Impacts on Fish and Wildlife*” at PVTU’s October meeting.

Over the past half-century scientists have become increasingly concerned over what is now widely recognized as a major issue for our planet. Sadly, though scientists are sounding the alarm, it seems that many citizens remain unconcerned.

Global warming is here for the long term and observant sportsmen and conservationists are already seeing its effects. Unless we begin to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, our children's view of wildlife will certainly be much different from ours.

Although the full impact of global warming cannot be known with absolute certainty, the temperature increases scientists predict are likely to significantly impact wildlife negatively in such ways as reduced brook trout habitat, increased smallmouth bass mortality due to bacterial infections, and lower dissolved oxygen levels in our waterways

After 30 years with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, where Mr. Perry worked to protect streams and wetlands from development in Pennsylvania, he began working on the National Wildlife Federation’s Global Warming Campaign. Mr. Perry’s goal is to mobilize the hunting, angling, and conservation communities to reduce emissions and persuade decision-makers to support efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Please join us on **Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7:30 PM** at the **Upper Perkiomen Valley Library** in Red Hill as Mr. Perry educates us about the threat global warming poses to our fish and wildlife and what we can do to reduce that threat.



### *From the President’s Desk . . .*

As the fall season approaches plans are well underway for next year. Beginning in October our meetings will feature activities for members and friends of the chapter. These activities will include fly tying, speakers, and an angler survey.

On May 19 the chapter held its most recent anglers survey on the West Branch Perkiomen Creek below Route 100. During our survey we found brown trout from Route 100 down to the mouth of the creek at Green Lane Reservoir. Everyone that participated caught fish and had a good time. As a result of the success of this event we have decided to hold a second survey in conjunction with the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture on October 20, 2007. The focus of this survey will be the headwater streams on the Perkiomen drainage, specifically, looking for brook trout getting ready to spawn. The purpose of this exercise is to establish whether or not there are brook trout reproducing in the Upper Perkiomen. Next Spring the other 6 chapters of the Southeast Region of Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited will jointly participate in an anglers survey to identify more brook trout streams.

In early September PVTU was approached by Perkiomen Valley Middle School West to help sponsor a Trout in the Classroom program for the school. This program is jointly funded by PVTU, PA Trout, and the state of Pennsylvania. Our Board of Directors approved chapter support for the program at its September

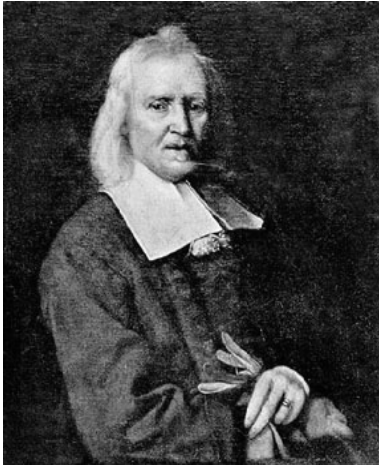
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## November Meeting to Feature Program on Izaak Walton

The November membership meeting of Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited will feature a presentation by the chapter's own **Mike Lindemuth**. Mike's presentation, "**Izaak Walton and Fly Fishing in England**" is one you surely will



not want to miss! Izaak Walton, who lived from 1593-1683, is considered by many to be the father of fly fishing in England and was an interesting personality in his time. His most famous work, *The Compleat Angler*, is a classic of angling literature which has been printed and reprinted in many editions throughout the past four centuries.

Mike's presentation will discuss Walton's life as well take those in attendance on a photographic tour of his beloved fishing spots. Please join us on **Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:30 PM** at the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library in Red Hill for this event. Members and non-members alike are welcome!

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meeting. The funds donated for the program will cover the costs for refrigeration, filter, and aquarium equipment for the school as well as trout eggs. Teachers in the school's science and technical education programs will use the equipment to raise trout fry while simultaneously teaching about biology and biotechnology. Trout will be released at the end of the school year into the Perkiomen Creek watershed. Through this venture we have a great opportunity to share TU's mission regarding the needs of trout in the wild and the value of clean cold water. Volunteers from the chapter will be needed from time to time during the school year to speak to the students, so please let us know if you would like to help out.

We now have recorded a full summer of water temperatures on the Perkiomen Creek that will be used as a base for future temperature surveys. Thermographs were placed in the stream at 3 locations in early July. They recorded the temperature at 15 minute intervals through early September. The data will be downloaded to a database to give the chapter a clearer picture of whether the work we are doing to improve water temperatures is doing what is intended. This information will also be shared with stream conservation experts to help identify potential project areas.

For next year new projects are already being planned for several reaches of the Main Branch and West Branch of Perkiomen Creek. These projects will be part of the Adopt-a-Stream Program of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Look for more information regarding work day opportunities and details of the projects throughout the Fall and Winter!

*Chaz Macdonald*  
President, PVTU #332

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## PVTU Work Day!

Mark your calendar now to get out where the rubber hits the road on our project areas! PVTU will continue its tradition of putting action on **Sunday, November 11, 2007** day will be held the following Sun- be to maintain and improve our watershed. Our foremost task will of the Hosensack Creek. If our per- work on repairs to the fences along shovel for planting trees and a to remove debris from the wires. afternoon at 1:00 PM at Hereford Park on Tollgate Road just outside of Palm and move out from this point to our various work sites.



where the rubber hits the road on our project areas! PVTU will alongside education with a work day (in the event of heavy rain, the work day, 11/18). The focus of this day will project areas in the upper Perkiomen be to plant several trees along a section sonnel resources allow, we will also the main branch of the Perkiomen. A sturdy rake or pitchfork will be helpful For this work day we will meet Sunday

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**Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited Expands Web Community for  
Chapter Members and Associates**



**PVTU is now on Yahoo! Groups!** In order to facilitate improved communication of meetings and events, PVTU has set up a Yahoo Groups account. This new tool for the chapter creates a networking site whereby chapter members can stay up to date with current chapter events, learn more about our organization, and communicate with each other. Email notifications of meetings, workdays, and important notices will be sent through this new system. The webpage (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pvtu/>) will also provide us with an online calendar of

events. We hope to phase out the old email list after we have converted everyone over to our Yahoo Groups mail list. **Please note: since messages can only be sent to group members by groups members there will not be an issue with SPAM!**

Your enrollment in our Yahoo group will help the chapter to more efficiently and cost effectively keep chapter members abreast of the latest-and-greatest goings on within PVTU. Please take a few moments to join our Yahoo group. In order to join, simply send an email to [pvtu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:pvtu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

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**Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited  
Calendar of Events — Fall 2007**

**October**

*October 15, 2007*  
**Membership Meeting**

**Ed Perry**  
**Global Warming**  
6:30—7:30 Business Meeting  
7:30 — Program begins

*October 20, 2007*  
**Brook Trout Stream Survey**

Meet at Tollgate Park at 9AM

**November**

*November 11, 2007*  
**Chapter Work Day**  
Meet at Tollgate Park  
1 PM— 5 PM

*November 19, 2007*  
**Membership Meeting**

**Mike Lindenmuth**  
**Izaak Walton and Fly Fishing in  
England**

6:30—7:30 Business Meeting  
7:30 — Program begins

**December**

*December 17, 2007*  
**Membership Meeting**

**Fly Tying Instruction**  
**Favorite Patterns**

6:30—7:30 Business Meeting  
7:30 — Program begins

All Monday night chapter meetings will be held at 7:30 PM at the UPV Library in Red Hill , PA. Business meeting for Board precedes general membership meeting at 6:30 PM. Parking is available at the rear of the building. All chapter sponsored work-days, 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.