

STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pvtu/>



From the Desk of the President

In a few weeks the warm weather we are now enjoying will give way to cool autumn days and crisp nights. The Chapter has remained active over the summer months. We repaired some fencing on the Longacre property in April and installed fencing for an angler's parking area on the Longacre property at Rt. 100 in July. The Chapter thanks Jim Longacre for his continued support of our conservation efforts on the West Branch of the Perkiomen Creek. A few hardy anglers braved some severe thunderstorms in May for the annual angler's survey. This year we had the opportunity to survey some private sections of the West Branch. In addition to evaluating the trout populations in these stretches of water, we had the chance to talk to some of the landowners about conservation concerns on their properties.

On **September 15th**, we kick off the 2008-09 season of general meetings and presentation of PVTU. This fall, we will have a full slate of exceptional speakers and our **Fly Tying Night** at the December meeting. This year we will be donating flies tied at this meeting to **Casting for Recovery** (www.castingforrecovery.org).

The Chapter received a grant from the Pennsylvania Fish Commission for stream improvements on the West Branch. The grant provides funding for materials over a three year period and defines plans for in-stream devices at three sites. The first workday for this project will take place on **Saturday September 27th** and will be led by Tyler Neimond from the PA Fish Commission. We will need as much manpower as we can get for this workday, so please mark your calendar!

Thanks to all who have given of their time over the last few months. We have been able to tackle a number of projects to help restore and protect the watershed. As always, I'd like to encourage you to get more involved in the PVTU this season. All members are invited and encouraged to not only attend the General Meetings, but also the Board Meetings which convene at 6:30 PM prior to the General Meetings.



A Busy Spring and Summer

As our President, Mike stated in his column, many members were busy over the spring and summer. The Longacre property was the priority. In April, members helped by fixing fences that were damaged over the winter and trimming back brush from the fences and stream banks. In this way it's a win-win situation for the landowner and fishermen. Mr. Longacre is so generous by letting the fisherman take advantage of the stream running through his pastures and the fisherman give back by being good stewards to the pastures and fences. For those that utilize his property, it's imperative to treat it with respect. Please don't litter and please pay attention to the gates and the fences. Another reminder that this section of stream is catch and release only.

In July the same group helped to fence in a parking area along Route 100 on the Longacre land. In the process an existing gate was moved and new fence posts were set. It was a very productive workday. If you haven't participated in a workday, you are strongly encouraged you to do so. Come out, meet new friends and make a difference in the conservation of a local stream.



PVTU Welcomes Ken Tietjens as Youth Coordinator

The Chapter welcomes Ken Tietjens as Youth Coordinator. Ken brings to this role his enthusiasm and experience working with the youth. Although Ken is relatively new to the Chapter he has not been afraid to jump right into things. Ken's function is to coordinate programs with the youth of the area and our Chapter. Below is Ken's biography. Welcome Ken, and we look forward to working with you.

Ken grew up in Blue Bell, PA and attended Wissahickon High School where football, wrestling and track occupied most of his time after school. Having graduated from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, Ken continued on to the University of Iowa where he became qualified as a teacher specializing in severely handicapped children.

After a few years of teaching in private and public schools, he moved on to work in sales and construction involving primarily new bank branch projects. It was during his travels in Northeastern Pennsylvania that he developed an interest in fly fishing and fly tying. Ken was involved with the Main Line Fly Tiers Club for a number of years. He has built several fly rods and enjoyed using them or giving them to family members.

For the past twenty years, Ken and his wife have operated a small wedding and party floral business. They have done floral arrangements for customers in Eastern Pa and New Jersey. They have also worked with many people in the industry and have done party consulting as well. When not designing with flowers, Ken established a custom woodworking and furniture business where he designs and makes unique and one of a kind pieces for his clients. This business has grown primarily by word of mouth and Ken has enjoyed working with many families with parents passing them down to children and sometimes grand children. This began over 25 years ago.

Ken has an avid interest in golf, fishing, and growing bonsai trees. He and his wife moved to their present home in Zionsville about 5 years ago and have enjoyed getting to know people in the area.

Most recently Ken has enjoyed working with the Allentown Symphony through the United Way Musical Treasure Chest Program. This involves helping out at local schools to bring musicians from the orchestra and music related programs to elementary school children.

Ken became interested in Trout Unlimited primarily because his grandsons are very interested in fly fishing. Getting to know local people who fish and participating in the club's many conservation activities is certainly appealing to him. Ken hopes that anything he can do as the new Youth Coordinator will help the club and the local community.

Summer workdays

Just some recent pictures from our spring and summer work days. As you can see, members of the chapter have been busy.





PVTU Work Days!

Saturday September 27, a work day is planned. This day will be led by Tyler Neimond of the PA Fish & Boat Commission. A grant was received from Fish and Boat Commission for stream improvements over the next three years, on the West Branch of the Perkiomen.

We will need as much manpower as we can get, so please plan on coming out. If you have not volunteered yet, this would be a great time to start. Come out and meet some new friends. This will take place on the Longacre Farm on Route 100 in Bally. On **October 11**, a youth field day is planned in Schwenksville. Volunteers will be needed to man out Trout Unlimited Chapter booth. More details on this event will be forthcoming.



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.



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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 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.



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Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited Calendar of Events — Fall 2008

Sept. 15 meeting

Jerry Girard to speak about the PA Fly-fishing Museum

Sept. 27

Work day at the Longacre farm
With Tyler Neimond of the PFBC

Oct. 11

Montgomery County Youth Field
Day in Schwenksville



Matt Weir, a teacher at Perkiomen Valley Middle School West, telling our group how his "Trout in the Classroom" project went with his students last school year. It turned out to be a big hit with his students. UPVTU sponsored this program with the help of several businessmen in the area. Thanks to those same businessmen, funding for this program will be available for the next three years.

Oct. 20 meeting

Tyler Neimond from the PFBC Will talk about stream habitat improvements on the West Branch of the Perkiomen.

Nov. 17 meeting

Don Duple will present Trout Streams of Central PA.

Dec. 15 meeting

Fly tying night for
"Casting for Recovery"
(www.castingforrecovery.org)