

STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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From the President's Desk.....

Trout season is about to open with some of the lowest spring stream flows on record. Prospects for catching wild fish will diminish as the low clear water will help announce the arrival of even the stealthiest of anglers. Hopefully the hatches will appear in numbers, but often low water mutes hatching activity as well. It should prove to be a very trying spring if we do not get some much-needed rain.

The chapter has partnered with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy to apply for a Growing Greener II grant which will be used to repair some of the stream bank in the Class A section of the Perkiomen, and also provide additional vegetation along Walters Creek. We should hear from the grant sources by July.

Existing **restoration** sites need some maintenance in the form of multi-flora rose removal, planting of native shrubs, and some fence repair. We will ask you to step forward on **April 22 (Earth Day)** to give some time that morning to help with these tasks.

The chapter has also formed a working group with other partners to submit stream classification upgrades throughout the upper Perkiomen. According to biological data supplied by the Stroud Water Research Center, the Perkiomen and many of its tributaries possess a healthy and diverse population of aquatic insects and other macro-invertebrates. The existence of these may support a classification of "Exceptional Value" by the state and would mean further protec-

tions for our watershed.

Our first ever fly fishing mentoring classes are about to conclude. Four students were taught about choosing equipment, tying knots, fly tying, and casting. They will be guided on stream sections on **May 13th**, the day of our annual **creel survey and picnic**. Other anglers who want to assist with the survey and attend the picnic are welcome to join us. The picnic will be in the early afternoon following the creel survey.

On **April 17th** (see calendar) the final spring program for the year will be offered by **'Ozzie' Ozefovich**, titled *Feeding Lies*. You will see some dramatic underwater video of trout behavior in feeding stations. This will help you understand what the trout are taking, which stage of the hatch they are taking and what to do in multiple-hatch situations. See previews at www.underwateroz.com. This event will be combined with our annual Spring Conservation Raffle. We have many great door prizes for this event, including a Cabela's smoker/grill valued at over \$250! Please join us.

Speaking of joining, the annual chapter trip to the Upper Woods Pond is scheduled for June 16, 17, and 18. Two nights and three days in a fine hunting camp offered by our Treasurer, Mike Fries. \$10.00 per night to cover expenses. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the April 17th program. If you cannot make it, contact Mike mcfries@erols.com. Your reservation will be held with a deposit.

Lou Wentz, Chapter President

2006 Raffle!

The 2006 PVTU Raffle grand prizes will be drawn at our next membership meeting, April 17th, following Ozzie Ozefovich's program. Meeting attendees will have one last chance to purchase raffle tickets at the meeting. The prizes are as follows:

- **Grand Prize:** Orvis T3 8'6" 5 Weight Rod with a Ross Cimarcon Reel
- **Second Prize:** St Croix Legend Fly Reel
- **Third Prize:** Cabelas Stowaway 8'6" 5 weight rod
- **Fourth Prize:** LL Bean "First Cast" Rod and Reel Combo.

Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Door prizes will also be raffled including a Gas Smoker/Grill combo and other fishing gear.

PVTU would again like to thank the individuals and businesses that made donations to this raffle: Cabelas, LL Bean, French Creek Outfitters and Dave Herold.

Volunteer!

There are numerous ways you can volunteer your time to PVTU—we are always looking for a hand! Currently there are openings individuals interested in joining the PVTU Board. The Board meets monthly and is responsible for setting the chapters meeting agendas and restoration projects for the upcoming year. If you are interested in becoming more involved, contact Lou Wentz at louw@patrout.net.



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PVTU is proud to list the following businesses as sponsors for the year 20062:

- **French Creek Outfitters**
- **Hook & Hackle**
- **Indian Springs Fly fishing**
- **Cabela's**
- **Zern's Country Sportsman**

Without their support much of our chapter's work would not be possible! We would like to thank each for their generous contributions.

PERKIOMEN VALLEY TROUT UNLIMITED SPRING 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

April 15
CHAPTER BUSINESS
MEETING
10:00 AM AT UPV LIBRARY

April 17
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING — 7 PM
Ozzie Ozefovich
“Trout Lies”

April 22

Chapter Workday
Planting and Fence Repairs
Tollgate Park,
Hereford Township
9 AM

For more information, contact
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May

May 13
PVTU Creel Survey
& Chapter Picnic
Tollgate Park,
Hereford Park
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June

June 16-18
Chapter Trip to
Upper Woods
Camp
If interested, contact Mike Fries at
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Enjoy the Summer!

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.