

## STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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### Perkiomen Valley TU's Last Winter Program

Come and join us on April 21st for our last program of the season. **Matt Weir** will be there to provide us with the latest report of Perkiomen Valley Middle School West's **Trout in the Classroom (TIC)** project. Matt is a Technologies teacher who, through funding provided by PVTU, PFBC, and chapter donors, was able to obtain an aquarium, filter, refrigeration system, and trout eggs to open a "mini-hatchery" at PV Middle School West. Matt and his fellow teachers are using this setup to teach students about how technical education, environmental science and trout management relate to each other. The "grand finale" of the meeting will be our prize drawing for our conservation raffle !

All meetings are held at the Upper Perkiomen Library, located on route 29 in Red Hill, PA The program starts at 7:30 PM. We encourage all chapter members to come out and attend. Refreshments and door prize raffles courtesy of our chapter sponsors are offered at each meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



### From the Presidents Desk

Although there is some snow falling outside while I write this message, spring has officially started this week, and warmer temperatures are sure to be on the way. Time to make sure your boxes are filled with flies and that your waders aren't leaking.

This winter the Chapter has been busy planning for project workdays and keeping tabs on conservation issues in the watershed. Our first workday of the year will take place on April 26th. As usual, this workday will entail cleanup and maintenance of some of the areas on the Upper Perkiomen and West Branch that the Chapter has been focusing on in the past. Other upcoming project days will include a bank stabilization project using recycled Christmas trees and construction of a small parking area on the Longacre property of the West Branch along Route 100. We will also have our annual Angler's Survey on May 31st. This year, in addition to our regular survey on the main stem and West Branch of the Perkiomen, we will be looking for populations of brook trout in some small local streams to assist PA Council of TU in their Brook Trout Survey. The survey will be followed by a picnic, so we will need a count if you are interested.

We've had some interesting programs this year and will conclude in April with a presentation by Matt Weir of Perkiomen West Middle School who is the lead teacher for the Trout In the Classroom program being sponsored by our Chapter. Please come out to our final meeting of the season on April 21<sup>st</sup> to hear Matt and some students will share their experiences with TIC.

Our Chapter is lucky to have a good number of dedicated folks always coming out for workdays, and I thank them for their efforts. If you haven't taken part in a workday, please come out to one this year. They're a lot of fun and there's something to do for everyone. Feel free to send me an email to see how you can get involved in the Chapter ([MLindenmuth@comast.net](mailto:MLindenmuth@comast.net)) and have a great season of fishing!

*Mike Lindenmuth*  
President, PVTU



## *Trout in the Classroom Funding*

The Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is pleased to be sponsoring a Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program this year at Perkiomen Middle School West. The program has been co-sponsored by Board Member Barry Edwards. In an effort to expand this program, Barry has successfully solicited funding for the next three years with a group of conservation-minded executives, "Impax Execs", from the local area. Their combined funding of \$1000/year over the next three years will allow the Chapter to bring this valuable program to several more schools in the area. The Chapter thanks the contributors for their pledge of support for this fantastic program that fosters environmental stewardship and awareness for our youth.

With the expansion of this program and our interest in promoting coldwater conservation among the youth in our community, we are seeking to fill the position of *Youth and Education Coordinator* on the Board. This person would be responsible for establishing TIC programs in the local schools and develop other youth outreach activities within the Chapter. Please contact Mike Lindenmuth if you are interested in knowing more about this opportunity to serve.



## Looking Back

Taking a look back at this past season's events, we see that we have accomplished quite a bit and had a good time doing it. Starting with the program in October we had Ed Perry of the National Wildlife Federation give an informative presentation on global warming. He talked about the impact that it is having on fish, wildlife and their habitat. Later in October we held a Brook Trout stream survey. We were looking for any Brook Trout that might be present in the local streams. In November we had a work day that included planting trees along the Hosensack Creek. This was done to help ease stream bank erosion and provide shade over the stream bed. Thanks to all who helped! At January's meeting, we had Brian Vadino from the Wildlands Conservancy in Lehigh County give a presentation. He showed us some techniques on helping to limit stream bank erosion. We plan to use some of these on up coming projects.

During February's program John Shaner from the Cortland Line Company taught us all about fly lines. He showed us ways to take care of them and also gave us some insight as to how they are made and the history of fly line. At March's program, our chapter president, Mike Lindenmuth, gave an informative presentation on Izaak Walton. Walton has been referred to as the father of fly fishing. His work called "The Complete Angler" has been printed and reprinted for almost 4 centuries as a classic of angling literature.

We should be looking forward to the April meeting and hearing about the Trout in the Classroom update from Matt Weir from Perkiomen Valley Middle School West. Hope to see you there on April 21st.

### *A few shots of our tree planting along the Hosensack Creek.*



# PVTU Work Day!



Mark your calendar now to get out where the rubber meets the road on our project areas! PVTU will continue its tradition of putting action alongside education in 2008 with a work day on **Saturday, April 26, 2008**. The focus of the day will be to maintain and improve our project areas in the upper Perkiomen watershed. Our foremost task will be to continue maintenance of the buffer fences along the main branch of the Perkiomen. A sturdy rake or pitchfork will be helpful, as we have debris to remove from the lower wires. In addition, we may have an opportunity to plant some trees and repair broken fences on this date. We will meet Saturday morning at 9:00 AM at Hereford Park on Tollgate Road just outside of Palm, and move out from there to the various work sites.

## 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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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 — Spring 2008

### *April 21*

**April 21, 2008  
Membership meeting**

**Matt Weir  
Trout in the Classroom  
&  
Raffle Grand Prize  
Drawings**

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



### *April 26*

**April 26, 2008**

**Earth Day Chapter Work  
Day**

Meet at Tollgate Park at  
9:00 AM

