

## STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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### Perkiomen Valley TU Winter Programs Return!

As the hustle and bustle of the holidays fades into memory and the long stretch of winter leading to rejuvenated spring trout fishing looms, Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce a full slate of programs to help relieve everyone's "cabin fever." This year's slate of programs offers opportunities for education and entertainment on a wide variety of topics in support of TU's mission.

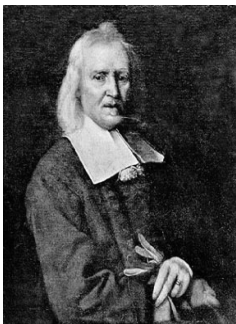


PVTU's winter 2008 programs kick off on **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** with a program from **Brian Vadino** of the **Wildlands Conservancy**. Brian has worked with Wildlands Conservancy for the past 8 years developing partnerships with municipalities, state agencies, private landowners and other organizations. His focus is upon conducting assessment, planning, designing, permitting, construction and monitoring activities associated with a number of watershed assessment, stream enhancement, and fish habitat improvement projects. Brian will talk about a variety of projects supported by Wildlands Conservancy including stream/riparian restoration, enhancement, and dam removal.

How many of us have spent months shopping for a favorite fly rod, but then turned around and purchased whatever line the store we bought the rod at has on the shelf to go with it? Have you ever wondered exactly what it takes to make a fly line that allows you to get the most from your rod? If so, please join us on **February 18<sup>th</sup>**, as our chapter hosts **John Shaner** of the **Cortland Line Company**. John grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York, has fished the Catskill Rivers and Montana extensively, and currently calls the West Branch of the Delaware "Home." As a representative of the Cortland Line company, John will discuss one of the most critical, and too often improperly understood, pieces of our equipment—the fly line itself.

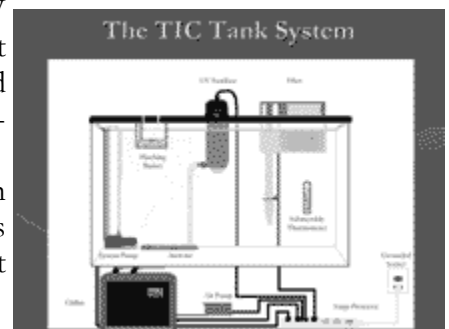


Our **March 17<sup>th</sup>** meeting will feature a presentation by the chapter's own **Mike Lindenmuth**. Mike's presentation, "**Izaak Walton and Fly Fishing in England**" is one you surely will not want to miss! Izaak Walton, who lived from 1593-1683, is considered by many to be the father of fly 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.



Finally, to close out our winter programs, **Matt Weir** will provide us with a recap of Perkiomen Valley West Middle School's **Trout In the Classroom (TIC)** project at our **April 21<sup>st</sup>** meeting. 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 West Middle School. Matt and his fellow teachers are using this equipment to teach students about how technical education, environmental science, and trout management intermesh. Our prize drawing for our annual Conservation Raffle will serve as the "grand finale" of this meeting as well!

All meetings will be held at the Upper Perkiomen Library, located on Route 29 in Red Hill, PA.. Programs will begin at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and door prize raffles courtesy of our chapter sponsors will be offered at each meeting. We look forward to seeing you for these events!





## *From the President's Desk . . .*

Last year when I heard that there was talk of possibly folding the Chapter, I decided that I would take a more active role and found myself serving as Vice President. Up until that point I really only came to chapter meetings to listen to the speakers, something I always found to be interesting. This past year I learned a great deal from the officers and board about the stream conservation projects that many of you have put so much time into over the years. These projects have greatly contributed to the restoration of our watershed and increased its population of wild trout. I'm excited to be part of continuing in that tradition in my new role as chapter president for 2008. Special thanks belong to our outgoing president, Chaz Macdonald, who gave me a "crash course" on the chapter's project history and stream conservation in general. We are very fortunate to have officers of Chaz's caliber and I am glad he will remain a vital contributor to the chapter in his new role as Conservation Coordinator, wherein he will be our "go to" guy for organizing our conservation projects. We have a good mix of seasoned club members and new faces serving in various capacities during 2008 — a sure sign that PVTU is alive and well as we enter the new year!

Although a tremendous amount of restoration work has been completed in our watershed over the last several years, there is still much to be done. It seems like there is always new development that potentially threatens the quality of our watershed. We will once again have a workday to coincide with Earth Day in April to continue improving the areas we have restored in recent years. In addition to typical conservation projects, I believe that the chapter needs to focus more attention on outreach within the community, in particular, youth. The future of our sport and watersheds depends on the interest of young people who will carry forward the conservation mission in future decades. This has already begun with the Trout in the Classroom program PVTU is sponsoring at Perkiomen Valley West Middle School (please come out for our April program to learn more about this project!)

I encourage everyone to become more involved in chapter activities this year. There will be several opportunities to get your hands dirty and your feet wet in the spring and summer months. We will be establishing a parking area for anglers on the West Branch of the Perkiomen on the Longacre property. The West Branch holds a nice population of wild trout, but more habitat enhancement is needed at the lower end of the Longacre property. This past fall, a group of PVTU volunteers planted some trees along the lower part of the Hosensack and there is more work to be done on this stream. Fortunately, in addition to these workdays, some opportunities to enjoy the outdoors will also come with the warmer weather. Keep an eye on your email for announcements about chapter fishing trips to local and not so local streams.

*Mike Lindenmuth*  
President, PVTU

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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 alongside education in 2008 with a work day on **Saturday, April 26, 2008**. The focus of this 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 this point to our various work sites.

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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 — Winter 2008**

*January*

*January 21, 2008*

**Membership Meeting**

**Brian Vadino**

**Wildlands Conservancy**

6:30—7:30 Business Meeting

7:30 — Program begins

*February*

*February 18, 2008*

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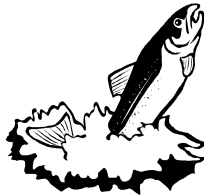
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*April 21, 2008*

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**Matt Weir**

**Trout in the Classroom**

**&**

**Raffle Grand Prize Drawings**

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*April 26, 2008*

**Earth Day Chapter Work Day**

Meet at Tollgate Park at 9AM

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.