

STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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We had a great line-up of programs this winter at our monthly meetings which carried us over until we could get out fishing again! The programs ranged from fishing programs like Montana Fly Fishing (Dave Doll), Wet Fly Fishing (Don Bastian) and Bamboo Rod Making (Mike Canazon), to stream improvement in Brad Turberville's Riparian Buffers presentation. Each of the presentations touched on a different aspect of the fish we pursue and the habitats where they live.

From the Desk of the President

The Chapter has been, and continues to be, very active in stream maintenance and restoration work. We're lucky to have a strong group of stream team leaders and lots of helping hands. There are several stream projects planned for the summer months – I hope you can join us for them as we can always use another pair of hands! They are a lot of fun and require no particular skills other than a desire to work for a few hours in and around a quaint Perkiomen Valley stream. There's a list of planned dates in this newsletter with updates on our website. It's amazing to see how much can be accomplished in one of these workdays. Please join us!

You may have noticed a change here. At the April meeting, the board approved Mike and I switching roles as new demands in Mike's life mean less time for TU. Thanks are due to Mike for his leadership and hard work in keeping the Chapter moving forward. Fortunately, he and other past presidents remain active members. The Chapter board will be working over the summer to put together a program for the fall/winter as well as plan future stream conservation and improvement projects. It would be very helpful to get your suggestions and ideas for programs or projects we should consider. You are an important part of the Perkiomen Valley community – please send your thoughts to PVTU332@aol.com

Barry

I had the pleasure to participate in the 2009 Perkiomen Watershed Stream clean up this year and really enjoyed the day (the beautiful weather didn't hurt!). For those of you that either weren't aware of this annual event or just haven't had the chance to participate, I thought I'd give you a brief overview in case you're interested in joining the fun next year!

THE 2009 PERKIOMEN WATERSHED STREAM CLEAN-UP

On Saturday April 18th, nearly 600 volunteers worked at 36 different stream clean-up sites throughout the Perkiomen Watershed, from Collegeville, Arcola, Oaks, Schwenksville, Skippack and Harleysville to Lederach, Green Lane, East Greenville, Boyertown, Pennsburg, Telford, Perkasio and Sellersville.

It was great fun and with this many people, much was accomplished.

Specifically:

- 16 TONS** of trash was collected
- 278 tires** were collected, cleaned and recycled
- 1 TON** of scrap metal was rescued and sent for recycling



Additionally, there were some "surprise" items found, like; a computer, washing machines, a dishwasher, refrigerators, a vacuum cleaner, furnace, sinks, toilet, expansion tank, water heater and a propane tank. If you looking to upgrade the old fishing cabin, the annual clean up may be a good source!!

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Seriously, it was great fun and obviously whenever you can get so many volunteers mobilized, much can be accomplished to help our local watersheds.

If you're interested in more information, here's the link to the website:

http://perkiomenwatershed.org/Conservation/annual_perkiomen_watershed_stream_clean_up.aspx

Dave Doll



Support our raffle!



Our chapter is having a special raffle. Take a look at the pictures below. What you will see is a custom made fly tying bench that was made and donated by chapter member Ken Tietjens. Ken makes custom cabinets in his shop at his home. He was gracious enough to donate this bench. There will be 400 tickets available at \$10 each. More news about this will be forthcoming. Stay tuned and tell your friends.





Get out to a TU Meeting

As Barry indicated in his presidents article, we had a great season of programs. If you haven't attended a meeting yet, I suggest that you do. There is so much information to be had. The programs were very educational and fun too. For instance, do you know how a bamboo fly rod is made? If you attended our April meeting you would have found out. The new season of programs starts again in September. Why not put a meeting or two on your agenda and come out and enjoy the evening.

Chris Ulmer



Checkout our website!

The chapter has a website. The web address is <http://www.PVTU.net>. We are looking for someone to maintain the site and update the information. If you have web experience or think that you can help, please contact Chaz MacDonald (chazmac1949@rcn.com). Currently the site is up and running, but the information is not current. Keep checking back for updates.

The Yahoo site is still up and running also.

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

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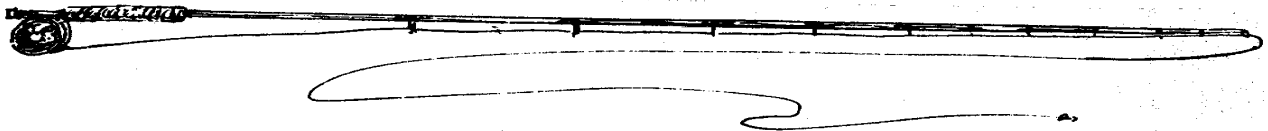
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All Monday night chapter meetings will be held at 7:30 PM at the UPV Library in Red Hill, PA. Business meeting for Board precedes general membership meeting at 6:30 PM. Parking is available at the rear of the building. All chapter sponsored workdays,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

Upcoming projects:

Mid summer:

Phase II of the work at Longacre Farm with the PAFBC.

Fall

Tree planting

Dates to be announced

Did you know that you don't have to be a fly fisherman to be a member? TU welcomes all fisherman and conservation minded people willing to make a difference.

Bamboo Fly rod making with Mike Canazon , in April



Member notes:

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At the April board meeting, Mike Lindenmuth and Barry Edwards swapped positions. Barry is now chapter President and Mike is Vice President.