

STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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From the President's Desk.....

PVTU is gearing up for another productive year protecting and enhancing our watershed and providing educational programs. We have an exciting line up of speakers for the membership programs to help alleviate your "cabin fever". Our season opener once again features our own Don Douple, who will provide an entertaining video program that includes information on local and regional fishing, common hatches, and restoration progress on the Perkiomen. If you have not seen one of Don's shows, make sure you start the year with this one. Check the calendar located on the last page of this newsletter for a listing of all of our programs.

For the very first time, many of you are receiving this newsletter through email. Stamps are going up to \$.39 by the time of this mailing, and internet distribution is still free. So if you haven't already, please forward your email address to Virginia Fitzpatrick at VirginiaFitzpatrick@comcast.net so we can economize.

The chapter will be losing one of its better fundraising venues, as the March Fly Fishing Show is moving out of the area and being held in Carlisle. The show gave us a booth for fundraising and we have participated the last few years. However, we are fortunate to be able to replace this lost revenue source this year with a silent auction. The auction items were donated by the estate of John Ziegler via long time chapter member and John's friend Walt Kreibel, and includes a bevy of fly fishing paraphernalia including bamboo rods, tying equipment, and other items.

There will be a preview of these items at the February program, and there will be a silent auction after the March program. We thank the Zeigler family for their generous gift.

Our work in restoring the Perkiomen Watershed continues. We are currently partnering with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and other partners to submit a Growing Greener grant for restoration on at least three properties in the upper watershed, and may have smaller projects on board by the end of the month.

Those with Internet access should check out the recent macro-invertebrate sampling on the Upper Perkiomen Watershed performed by the Stroud Water Research Center. Go to www.stroudcenter.org/schuylkill to get a glimpse of the quality of the Perkiomen Watershed. Our biggest concern remains providing ample shade along the creek as temperatures continue to become elevated in the few un-buffered properties left above the Green Lane Reservoir. As Chaz Macdonald, a long time chapter member stated, "the Perkiomen really wants to be a trout stream." Evidence of that is starting to become apparent. Charles Jack, another long time member, told me last month that he caught 15 wild brown, from 5 to 11 inches, in the stream above Tollgate Park on a nice day in November. These are fish that are moving in to take advantage of the food, and then moving out to seek cooler temperatures in the heat of summer. Constant shading will change all that, and produce bigger fish too! The complete trout restoration is just around the corner.

Lou Wentz, Chapter President

PVTU "Cabin Fever Series"

PVTU is once again planning an exciting calendar of programs for its membership meetings this winter. As mentioned in the President's Message, PVTU Board Member **Don Douple** will open our program season with one of his jaw-dropping video programs. In February, PVTU welcomes **Dean Druchenmiller**, President of the Lehigh Coldwater Fishing Alliance. The LCFA has been instrumental in the fight for consistent and trout friendly dam releases on the Lehigh River. In his program he will be speaking about this as well as the fishing opportunities on the Lehigh. In March, Board Members **Scott Repa and Dave Herold** will give a presentation on their experiences fishing in Alaska for both salmon and trout. This program will illustrate the amazing fishing opportunities in America's last frontier. Following their presentation, we will be conducting the silent auction. A listing of the items is on page 2. Finally in April, "**Ozzi**" **Ozefovich** will be returning with another of his amazing underwater video programs which are designed to help the angler to better understand the underwater world of trout. This is a "can't miss" program!

Save the Wetlands

Wetlands that protect our streams and rivers are disappearing nationwide and in Montco there are plans to fill in more wetlands in the Schuylkill watershed. Details can be found at www.stonycreekwatershed.info. Residents near the proposed wetland development site are concerned about lost habitat, increased flooding and erosion. Hopefully the neighbors can convince the local branch of the Army Corp of Engineers to designate the area as wetlands to be protected from development. The neighbors would be interested to know if anyone else in Montco has had success (or lack of) with the Corp in protecting wetlands - if so contact us at treeleaf@rcn.com. -Virginia Fitzpatrick

John Zeigler Memorial Silent Auction

As many of you know, PVTU lost a long-time friend and chapter member through the passing of John Ziegler. John's generosity and support of the chapter will continue in the coming year through his donation of much of his fishing equipment to the chapter. John's collection of fishing and fly tying equipment features many classic collectible items as well as top-quality functional gear. This spring we will be holding a silent auction of John's gear as a fundraiser to further the conservation work of PVTU.

All equipment will be displayed for preview at our January and February membership meetings. At our March membership meeting a silent auction will be held for all gear. All items save for John's Bamboo rods will be on a no-reserve basis. All rods will be sold on a reserve based on the appraised value of the rods as listed below.

Please join us in showing our appreciation for John's generosity through helping us ensure that his contribution to our chapter becomes an investment in the future of the Perkiomen watershed!

Fishing Equipment Lots

1	Cabela's XL Vest (olive)	25	Misc. Fishing Line Assortment
2	Herters Improved Bowie Sheath Knife	26	Western Sheath Knife
3	Hat brim magnifier	27	Plug Assortment
4	Hat brim magnifier	28	Float/Bobber Assortment
5	Spinner/Spoon Assortment	29	Thread Assortment
6	Pocket Knife Assortment	30	Misc. Fly Tying Hooks
7	Streamer Assortment	31	Fly Tying Hooks -- Egg
8	Hook Sneller	32	Fly Tying Hooks -- Nymph
9	Nymph Assortment	33	Fly Tying Hooks -- Misc.
10	Scissors Assortment	34	Fly Tying Hooks -- Streamer
11	Line Dryer (metal)	35	Fly Tying Hooks -- Misc.
12	Fly Tying Vise	36	Fly Tying Hooks -- Midge
13	Spinner/Spoon/Salt Hook Assortment	37	Fly Tying Hooks -- Midge
14	Air Cel DT4 Sinking Line	38	Fly Tying Hooks -- Dry
15	Air Cel Ultra 2 DT-3-F Line	39	Rod Building Parts Assortment
16	Herters Rod Wrapping Jig	40	Headnet and Leader Wallet
17	Mitchell 396 Salt Spinning Reel	41	Pocket Knife Assortment
18	Wood Line Dryer	42	Floats/Bobbers/Hooks Asst.
19	Fly Tying Tool Assortment	43	Bobbers (Bag)
20	Fly Tying Tool Assortment	44	Streamer Hook Assortment
21	Hackle Plier Assortment	45	Plastic Baits Assortment
22	Treble Hook Assortment	46	Grab Bag
23	Orvis Tippet Assortment	47	Braided & mono spin lines
24	Misc. Tippet Spools	48	Old Fly Lines

Bamboo Rods

		Appraised Value
A	Heddon Model 10 Blue Waters Fly Rod	\$125
B	Powell Custom Built 9ft (2 tips)	\$200
C	Paul Young Special (2 tips, 1 short)	\$500
D	Unnamed fly/bait combo (early 1900's)	\$75
E	Herters Homebuilt (2 tips)	\$125

2006 Conservation Raffle!

The annual PVTU Conservation Raffle serves as the chapter's primary fundraiser each year. For the past several years we have been fortunate to have many business sponsors donate merchandise and services that are raffled off to help fund our many stream projects. This year, we have raised the bar!

Our grand prize this year is an Orvis T3 8'6" 5 weight 4 Piece Fly Rod with matching Ross Cimarron #1 fly reel donated by board member **Dave Herold**. Second prize is a St. Croix Legend 5/6 Fly Reel donated by our friends at **French Creek Outfitters**. Third prize is a Stowaway 8 1/2' 5 wt. Rod contributed to the chapter by **Cabela's**. Fourth prize is a complete First Cast fly fishing outfit donated to us by **LL Bean**.

In addition to these prizes, door prizes sponsored by **French Creek Outfitters, Cabela's, and Zern's Country Sportsman** will be raffled off at each membership meeting. Tickets will be sold at each meeting and at our booth at the outdoor shows (see schedule on back). If you are unable to attend one of our meetings, simply fill out the enclosed tickets and return with a check for the appropriate amount to PVTU at the address listed on the reverse side of this newsletter. Raffle tickets are 1\$ each and 6 for 5\$. Good luck and thanks for your support!

Scott Repa
Chapter Secretary


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PVTU is proud to list the following businesses as sponsors for the year 2006:

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

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

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WINTER 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

JANUARY 14
CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING
10:00 AM AT UPV LIBRARY
&
Fly Fishing Mentoring
"Tying Dry Flies"
11:15 AM AT UPV LIBRARY

JANUARY 16
MEMBERSHIP MEETING — 7 PM
Don Douple
Watershed Updates and Fishing Techniques

JANUARY 19-22
PVTU BOOTH AT GREATER PHILADELPHIA OUTDOORS SHOW
FORT WASHINGTON EXPO CENTER

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 18
CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING
&
Fly Fishing Mentoring
"Rivers Conservation"
10:00 AM AT UPV LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 20
MEMBERSHIP MEETING — 7 PM
Dean Druchenmiller
President of the Lehigh Coldwater Fishing Alliance

FEBRUARY 26
PVTU BOOTH AT BALLY FISHERMAN'S FLEA MARKET
BALLY FIRE HOUSE

MARCH & APRIL

MARCH 18
CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING
10:00 AM AT UPV LIBRARY
&
Fly Fishing Mentoring
"Introduction to Casting"
11:15 AM AT UPV LIBRARY

MARCH 20
MEMBERSHIP MEETING — 7 PM
Dave Herold and Scott Repa
Salmon and Char Fishing in Alaska & Silent Auction

APRIL 17
MEMBERSHIP MEETING — 7 PM
"Ozzi" Ozefovich
Underwater World of Trout Plus
Raffle Grand Prize Drawings

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.