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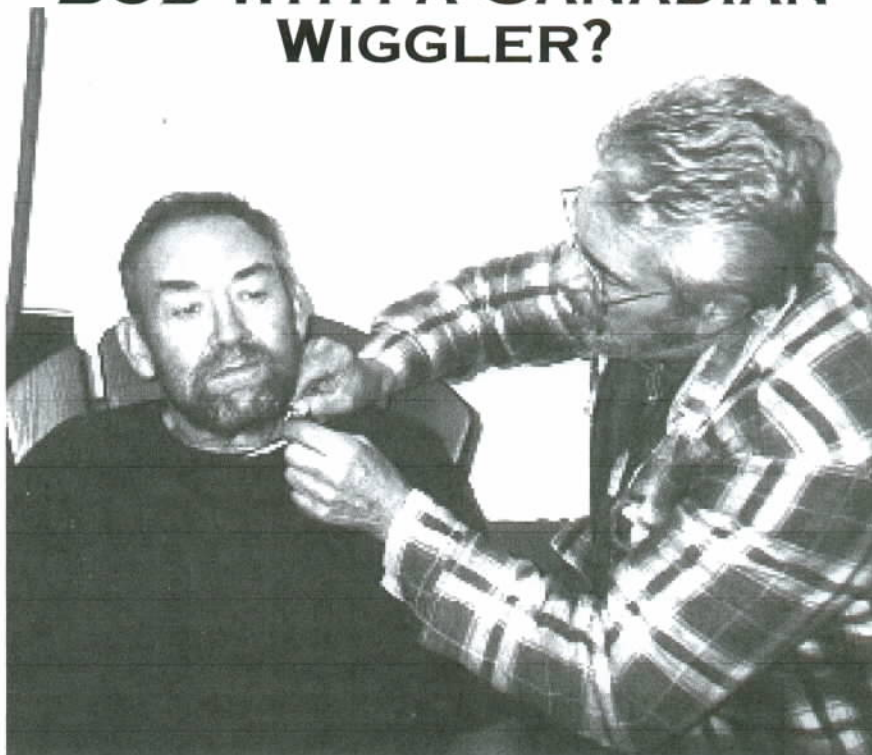
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WHY IS BUD ATTACKING BOB WITH A CANADIAN WIGGLER?



Actually, TRAA member Bud Bryant has come to the aid of fellow TRAA member Bob James. Although body piercing is all the rage these days, we believe that these things should be left to trained estheticians under controlled circumstances. Full marks to Bob for originality; jewelry is normally impaled on the ear, nose, lip, tongue, etc., but Bob decided to go straight for the jugular!

How many times have you been yanking on a snagged lure only to have it suddenly release and catapult past your ear at an alarming rate? If you're like the rest of us, the incident is quickly shrugged off with a joke and a nervous laugh. Ask Bob how

much fun he's having with Bud trying to dig treble hooks out of his neck. This ultimately resulted in a trip to the hospital for a surgical removal. There are ways to safely and effectively "unsnap" and you can read about it in one of this issue's "Techniques" column.

Editor's Note

Paul Noble



Many anglers dread the coming of winter and the supposed drought in fishing opportunities. Most of these so-called hardy outdoorsmen put their rods away and stay at home in a torpid state not unlike hibernation. For me (and a couple of close friends), winter can be the most rewarding times of the year to fish for steelhead, walleye, crappie, perch and pike. Our first choice is a river free from slush and ice. Even when a river looks un-fishable, there's sometimes just enough open water to cast into and that's all you need. Just this morning we were out catching walleye on a local river and only saw two other anglers (and they caught 'em too!). We were warm and cozy in our layered clothes. The snow was falling softly in big fluffy flakes that muffled our section of the river into peaceful silence. If everything freezes up it's time to get the "hard" water gear out and fish through a hole. And, it doesn't matter what the weather's like, you can still attend a TRAA General Meeting at Grosvenor Lodge, 1017 Western Road and just talk about fishing!

A CHAT WITH THE PRESIDENT

Randy Bailey is winding up his third consecutive term as President of the TRAA. He is one of the original members and as such has seen many changes within the TRAA. The Thames River Angler caught up with Randy in his crowded garden shed.

TRA: Membership fees have increased for the first time in the TRAA's history, and by nearly 34%! How can this be justified in a time of dwindling membership numbers?

RB: As you mentioned in your question, the fees have remained the same for almost 15 years. All things being equal, the increase is modest and compared to other organizations, the total dues are still at least half of the going rate. I honestly believe we could have gone to \$30 without seriously affecting the membership roster. By the way, they are due now. Have you paid your \$20?

TRA: I'll cough it up at the January 9th General Meeting. So how do you account for the dwindling membership and the lack of interest in the ongoing activities of the TRAA?

RB: We've talked about these issues time and time again. The only thing we can be sure of is that membership numbers and the number of active members seem to fluctuate independently of each other. The number of folks we get out to work parties, for example, seems to remain stable despite the overall membership roster. The number of members who initiate and drive projects within the

TRAA has dwindled and this, more than anything, concerns us.

TRA: How are you addressing this concern?

RB: We've discussed the possibility of a "mentoring" program where some of our more experienced people take some of the keen but apprehensive members under their wings. We've tried this informally in the past with limited success. We forget to "back off" and let the "newbies" make the same mistakes we did but under a more controlled scenario. Many of us, and I may be the worst, tend to move in and get the job done without letting the new guy get his feet wet.

TRA: Talk regarding a permanent home for the TRAA is heating up once again.

RB: For me, it has never cooled off! Many of the more successful clubs have their own clubhouse and seem to enjoy a stable membership roster year after year. We are not a cash-rich club so we'll need some assistance in procuring land or for costs in the actual construction and maintenance of the building. As long as I am a principle in the TRAA, I will remain focussed on getting a place of our own.

TRA: Randy, thank you for taking the time to chat with us. Is there anything you'd like to add?

RB: Only to wish everyone all the best for this new year. Oh, and mark all the TRAA General Meetings on your new calendars now: they're every second Wednesday of each month!

2 Weekends at Bud's

the Cover Story Continues...

Bud Bryant

On Thanksgiving weekend two members of the TRAA - namely Archie Graham and Fred Smithers - drove 428 km on their way here and didn't get lost until they were within a stone's throw of our place. We were surprised they showed up on the same day they said they would. The last time Fred and his wife Nancy came up they were expected at about 8:00 am. At about 1 pm Fred calls and I figured they were lost near here but Fred says, "We're ready to leave London now. I slept in!"

Anyhow, Archie and Fred made it up just fine this year.

When Archie got up on the Saturday morning we asked how he slept. "Sleep," he says, "that mantle clock chimes every 15 minutes!" Clock moved to porch. Saturday was cold and wet. Three times we waited for the rain to quit and three times we came back wet. We even had sleet and a beautiful rainbow - lots of weather but not one strike from the fish.

Sunday was a better day weather-wise. Archie finally broke the well-known TRAA jinx by catching a small "hammer-handle" pike.

And now, the rest of the story. The very next weekend, Bob "Bunky" James and his wife Gail came up to our place. Bunky and I went out on the Saturday morning and fished all over the lake to no avail. We decided to go up to the top of the lake and try the river. We were fishing heavy weeds. Bunky had a big Canadian Wiggler lure tied on and, big surprise, got snagged in the weeds. Well, he starts pulling and yanking and pulling and all of a sudden ... WHAM!

Out of the weeds - whizzing past me - and into my fishing

partner is a Canadian Wiggler at lighting speed. The result? One 230-pound Bunky hooked in the neck. It's not a legal catch 'cause he's snagged, and not in the mouth - will have to release.

What's a guy to do? I got out my pliers and my knife and went to work. I was a bit scared standing in the boat doing backwoods surgery, especially when the water was getting a bit rough, but Bunky said, "Take it out." I managed to get one treble hook

out but the other was buried. I pulled and twisted with the pliers but decided not to use the knife on him. On the way back to the cottage I was laughing and taking pictures (it's hard not to laugh when you're sitting across from someone with a Canadian Wiggler dangling from their neck).

When we got back to dry land I got some tools from my dirty tool box and my wife came out of the cottage a bottle of peroxide. I was laughing so hard I was rolling on the ground. We decided to take him to Emergency and let

the professionals take it out.

After the lure's removal, they asked to keep it for a board in their Emergency Room. It had about 25 lures mounted on it! Once a year they sell tickets for all the lures they collect and the money raised goes to buy stuff for the Emergency Department. Believe it or not, Bunky wanted to keep the darn thing and he made a donation instead! With his neck all stitched up we headed back to my place. Thank God winter's coming!

Even though Bud's retired and living the good life in the Parry Sound District, he still maintains his membership in the TRAA. He also maintains his lake's teeming with fish!



TECHNIQUES

Dunk Lunkerson

Snags. If you're putting your bait, lure, or fly where the fish are, you're going to get "hung up" on a regular basis. With this in mind, it's amazing how many anglers don't know what to do when their terminal tackle gets stuck on something. Maybe it's that many of us are too frustrated or lazy to approach the problem in a sensible manner.

Most of today's fishing rods are designed to cast and fight fish efficiently, not as levers against immovable objects. Yet that's the first thing we do when a snag occurs. The challenge begins with a series of jerking motions that send the rod from a relaxed state to a dramatic "C" shape.

Nice TV-show hookset, Einstein. You've just set the hook deeper into that submerged stump. Or jammed it further into that tiny crevice between those boulders. Or snapped your rod in half. Or, as in Bob James' case, the weed waits for the optimum moment to catapult the lure directly back at you (see cover story - ed.).

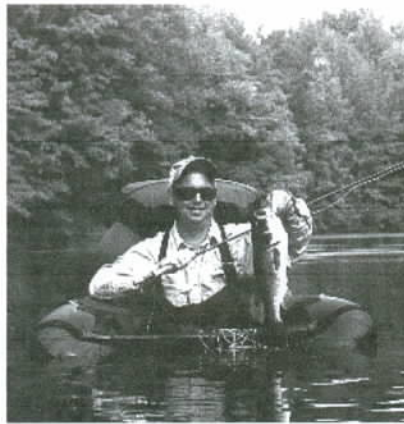
You don't have to risk losing a rod, an eye or a tooth to work out a snag. Firstly, you've got to think about your situation. Are you in a river, a lake, a ditch, a pond...? Should you continue pulling in the direction that got you in trouble? Does it feel like weeds, wood or rock? In moving water, you can use the current to "belly" slack line in behind the snag. You can now do your TV-show hookset because the "belly" against the water resistance dampens the shock. The "belly" also redirects your pull in a direction different than the one that got you in trouble. In any type of water, repositioning yourself to pressure the snag from a different direction can work. Most experienced fishermen have tried this technique but some screw it up. Three things to remember: continuing to maintain pressure while you move may only re-direct the snag itself and changes little; wading climbing or tiptoeing into danger only complicates things; wading into the pool or

"run" only ruins the fishing for you and everyone else. Wading or otherwise moving into danger to save a lure or bait is just plain idiocy. Changing positions with a boat or float tube simplifies things but you still have to be aware of spooking a "prime lie".

Another technique is the "slingshot" and is usually only effective when you're hooked on a rock or concrete

structure. This involves angling the rod slightly to one side and pulling the line tightly just above the reel perpendicular to the rod. The line is then released with a "snap" as the rod-hand brings the rod sharply in line with the snag.

There are a number of snag removal tools on the market and they have enjoyed a limited popularity despite their general effectiveness. Most are too cumbersome, too heavy and employ a length of rope - a setup most fishermen would rather not carry in their vests. I personally believe that they make a lot of noise during their use and, despite manufacturer's claims, are abrasive on



Float tubes give great access to fish like these. You can also get into more snags and a new set of challenges and dangers.

most of the lighter monofilament lines that we use locally. The best way to deal with snags is to lessen their likelihood or make it easier on you and your equipment when they happen. Your terminal tackle can be rigged to lessen the occurrence or the damage caused by snags. When fishing with baits, it's usually the sinkers that get hung up. Try a "dropper" rig that sacrifices only the sinker portion of the setup (see Glyn's "link ledger" next page - ed.). Randy Bailey uses lighter line below his floats so that he always gets his float back after "snapping off". Anglers experienced in fishing weedbeds know that weedless lures - spinner-baits, plastic worm rigs, etc. - or floating lures that suspend over the danger are most effective. You are, without a doubt, going to get snagged. How you minimize the occurrence, the damages and losses, as well as the dangers, is up to you and your common sense.

TECHNIQUES

Glyn Williams

I have been a member of the TRAA for many years now and I know that they have many fine anglers, but seem to fall down when fishing in carp derbies and pickerel fishing. I would like to give you my thoughts and a different approach today on pickerel fishing.

When I first came to Canada in 1977 and was out fishing I had endless number of people comment on the length of my rod: 13-feet. They did not realize that in using a long rod I could use with confidence a 3-lb. line, could cast a small weight a long distance and generally have better control over my lure or float. Anglers in England now use poles up to 50-feet long, no reel and a piece of special elastic about 3-feet long attached to the rod end and then to the terminal tackle. They are then able to lower the bait in the water with minimum disturbance and fish over the chummed area more

accurately. Salmon fishermen have for many years used 14- and 16-foot rods.

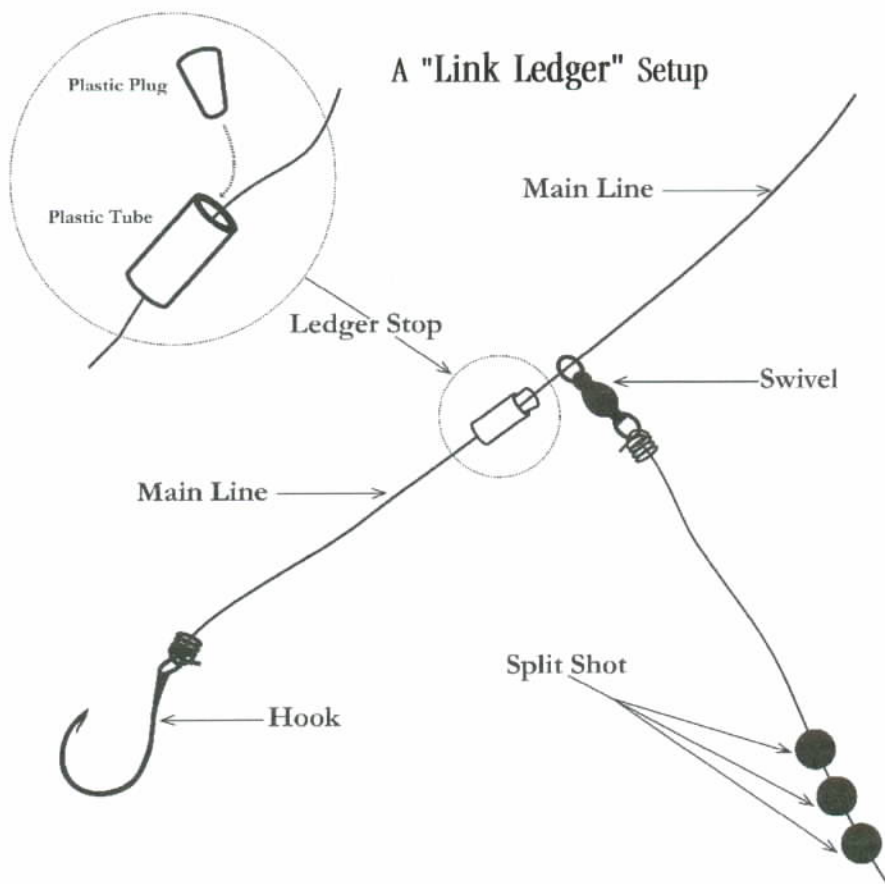
I have noticed that many TRAA anglers are using long rods with fine lines so the principal must work. The first thing that I do to my rod is to take the shine off it with the green pan-cleaning material called Scotchbrite. This eliminates all flash when casting and does not scare the fish so much.

A general method employed when

pickerel fishing is to cast the lure or bait about 30 times then move up a few paces and start again until the full length of the river has been covered. My theory is that when the angler moves the fish move as well so one is always fishing where the fish were a few moments ago. Why does everyone do this? In Canada we have a wonderful spring "run" of walleye. If one stayed in the same place all day, every fish that was moving upstream would go past you. Think about it. Get a comfortable chair get settled in and let the fish do all of the work. Chum the river in front of you with 50 chopped-up night crawlers and a dozen or so smelt cut into chunks. Fish with a link leger about 3-inches long with just enough weight to hold in the river and bait with an air injected worm or piece of smelt. If you get bored have a few casts with your favorite jig or

lure. Try it out before the annual derby and see how it goes. Your highlight of the day may be more fish instead of the fantastic breakfast dealt out.

It is a fact in England where they don't have a spring run, that 95% of all pickerel are caught on live or dead bait - mainly herrings. Many big fish are caught and one of 14lbs hardly gets a mention. Two rods are permitted between 1st October and 15th March, which allows the angler to employ more methods.



REHABILITATION

Mark Biesinger

Work parties for the Rehabilitation Committee are now back in gear with the cessation of the spawning activities in Komoka Creek.

One major project is the restoration of some work that was done by the TRAA a few years ago.

The cornfield bend on Komoka Creek, just downstream from the trout hatchery has been an ongoing enterprise since it was identified as a severely eroded section that was in danger of getting out of hand. The TRAA brought in heavy equipment and actually moved the stream channel back to its original position and created a new bank using root wads, soil and vegetation. This has held for a few years but is once again in danger of being compromised by the relentless forces

of high water events. Although the root wads have, for the most part, remained in place, the soil and vegetation portion of the bank has been eroded to the point that the stability of the entire outside bank is in jeopardy.

In order to help stabilize what is left of the

remaining bank and to avoid having to bring heavy equipment back in, the Rehabilitation Committee decided that a more "robust" back-fill was required.

On December 15th, TRAA members formed

a work party to move four pick-up truck loads of rock and broken concrete to the cornfield bend site. As each truck arrived, each piece was painstakingly placed by hand behind the existing root wads. It was miraculous that neither truck got permanently stuck at the streamside.

The next step is to lay down the filter cloth and cover it with a layer of gravel.

This in turn will be

covered with a layer of topsoil that will be planted with various grasses, willows and dogwood to help maintain the stability of our hard work.

Thanks go to Randy Bailey and Mark Biesinger for the use of their trucks.



The "cornfield bend" is back-filled - ready for filter cloth, gravel, soil and finally, the planting of vegetation for bank stabilization.

TROUT

Randy Bailey

The Trout Committee had reason to believe that their troubles were over after the success enjoyed this past spring with the release of rainbow trout fry hatched in the TRAA trout hatchery. After the rainbows were gone, the entire weir section of the spring source was aggressively cleaned of sludge and other organic matter. The entire system was flushed and it was felt that, barring any natural disasters, we were ready for the brown trout eggs in the fall.

In order to try to eliminate some of the "natural" disasters, a work party was called in October to cut down a couple of dead trees that were threatening the source water pipe and the hatchery itself. Kevin "Black Jack" Lemesurier operated the chainsaw and instructed those of us directing the fall of the tree by pulling on a rope. After much discussion and planning, Kevin cut the tree with the rest of us pulling mightily on the rope. The tree fell directly across the source water pipe, snapping it in several pieces in a shower of water! There was a silent pause and then one after the other, each of us fell into hysterical laughter. The pipe was quickly repaired that same day.

On November 2nd a batch of 30,000 brown trout eggs was picked up by Archie Graham and Kevin Lemesurier from the MNR Fish Culture Station in Normandale. The daily rotation was set up to monitor the hatchery. All things were progressing well until days 49, 50, & 51. Notes regarding the number of white eggs and fungus had increased in the log book. On Saturday, December 29th, (day

52) I ventured out to the hatchery hoping that things were turning around. Much to my dismay, we were having the same problems as we experienced last fall. The decision was made to flush the remaining 60% to 70% of eggs that were in the process of eyeing up. This was done rather losing them all. I took samples of the eggs in various stages of development as well as samples of water and filter cloth.

I will be sending the egg samples to Paul Malcolmson at Normandale and the water samples to the M.O.E.E. attention Bruce Hawkins or Scott Abernathy for evaluation. The general membership will be informed of the results once they are made available. Thanks to all those members on the hatchery rotation who volunteered their time to check the hatchery each day.



Randy Bailey carefully removes "dead" eggs from a tray in the TRAA trout hatchery. High rates of fungus and non-developing eggs have raised questions about the over-all quality of the hatchery's spring source water.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Paul Noble & Rick Ornato

Most of you may have noticed that the Fall and the Winter issues of the *Thames River Angler* have been combined. The reasons are numerous but there are three main ones. Firstly, those responsible for putting this publication together have been running short of the time that can be needed for editing and writing. Secondly, the activity level within the TRAA seems to have dropped off - fewer stories to report. Thirdly, there is hardly anything coming from the general membership (everyone is probably as sick of hearing this as we are of pointing it out, but there it persists).

Despite all of the roadblocks and the resulting wait, we believe that this issue is still one of our best. Bud Bryant, Glyn Williams, Mark Biesinger, Rick Ornato, George Allen and Randy Bailey should be commended for their submissions.

The PR. Committee is also working on slide presentations to a Scout troop and to a high school fishing club. Unfortunately, the trout hatchery tours that had been arranged this winter were cancelled because of the problems with this year's brown trout eggs.



Paul Noble installs a rainbow trout replica in the TRAA trout hatchery for viewing by tour groups.

WARMWATER

Kevin Lemesurier

The Warmwater Committee activities are a bit dormant in the colder weather but that hasn't stopped us from making plans for this coming spring.

The hydro-electric service for the walleye hatchery has to be properly and permanently installed. We have also been reviewing designs for a water filtration system that may incorporate a sand filter and/or a bio' filter. Anyone familiar with swimming pool systems will know about sand filters and those who enjoy aquariums will be familiar with bio' filters.

Also of interest to the Warmwater Committee is the possibility of obtaining and installing a chiller unit in the walleye hatchery to keep the water temperature constant during the growth period in the circular tank.

Randy Bailey is having a new screen fabricated for installation the circular tank to stop any fry from entering the holding tank that houses the submersible pump.

These projects need to be completed before April, 2002 as that is the time when we will be obtaining walleye eggs.

Anyone interested in getting involved should call Kevin Lemesurier.



Kevin Lemesurier puts some final touches on the bell jars in the TRAA walleye hatchery.

THE TRAA GEAR PIG

Paul Noble

Last issue's "Gear Pig" column was so popular with readers, we decided to do it again. A few more local angling luminaries were asked, "What is your single, most favourite piece of gear? What is that one piece of gear that, above all, makes you a better fisherman, makes you think you're a better fisherman or simply makes the whole thing more rewarding and worthwhile?"

George Allen, who fishes matches, chose the whistle that starts and ends the Derbies. "Waiting for the "off" produces all sorts of feelings: anticipation and eagerness, and hoping you at least make your entrance fee back. Like greyhounds straining at the leash - there is no feeling like it. Then, there's the "all-out" whistle. If you are catching well, you hope there are hours to go. Conversely, if you are catching well, you might also want it to blow a.s.a.p. and hope no-one else catches a monster in the interim. If you have tried everything but have had a lousy morning, the whistle can't come soon enough. Here's to "the whistle" (especially as I get them for nothing from my buddy Duncan)." Hey George, everyone likes free gear!

Mark Biesinger took "reflex buying" to a new level. "My new favourite (it changes constantly) piece of gear is my 7-foot, one-piece, St. Croix, Legend Elite baitcaster. I've caught a few fish with it and it's a heck of a great rod but I like it for different reasons. My buddy and I were at the Spring Fishing Show with plans to buy baitcasting rods. We were both looking at the St. Croix Avid series (mid-range). Both of us were ready to buy when a strange feeling came over me. I

couldn't just have the same rod as my buddy. Must have better ... must spend more money. Hence the purchase of a high-end piece of gear. And it was just for the sheer one-upmanship of it. Plus, I can constantly tell him my rod is 1.05 ounces lighter than his: 'Yep, I could cast all day with this puppy!' So, Mark, does the wife let you out anymore with the wallet?

Ian Colin James is a professional fly fishing guide and has seen a lot of trendy gear. "My favorite piece of gear is split-shot. I tell my clients to add more when they think they've got the just the right amount. I'll ask the locals how much they're using and then add two or three times more. When you've got enough shot above your fly to bring down a polar bear, you're ready to fish. It must sound like a rock slide rolling down the river at them but the fish don't seem to mind." And you thought fly fishing was an artful and delicate pursuit.

Rick "Ramble-on" Yeadon could probably talk fish into giving up but uses a rod anyway. "I've got a flashlight that clips right to my hat so everywhere I look I've got light to see. I look in the river and see the fish get spooked by the high-intensity beam. I look at my buddies and watch them stumble around with temporary blindness. It's really neat. It doesn't matter how fast I turn my head. Everything I look at I see. Why just the other night ..." Um, Rick, we see the light. There you have it. Another eclectic mix of people reveals, well, more eclectic choices.

THE TRAA GEAR PIG

Rick Ornato

When fishing new water (which I frequently do) one of the problems we fishermen face is what gear to bring on the stream and what to leave at home or in the car. As most of the best fishing is off the beaten trail, I want to make sure I have everything I need for a day on the water. While most people figure I need a 90-litre, expedition-

grade backpack to go fishing, quite the opposite is true. I am always re-examining the gear I carry streamside and removing that which isn't essential. If there is one tool that can take the place of two or maybe three others, I'll give it a try.

It was that kind of thinking that made me take a closer look at cassette reels. I had been using the regular assortment of cheap but respectable reels such as the Crown II and Orvis Clearwater. This worked alright with a vest but I had switched to a chest-pack a couple of years ago. This meant sacrificing a fly box to have an intermediate line available for a quick change. Leave a fly box behind? Not a chance. Not on new water anyway.

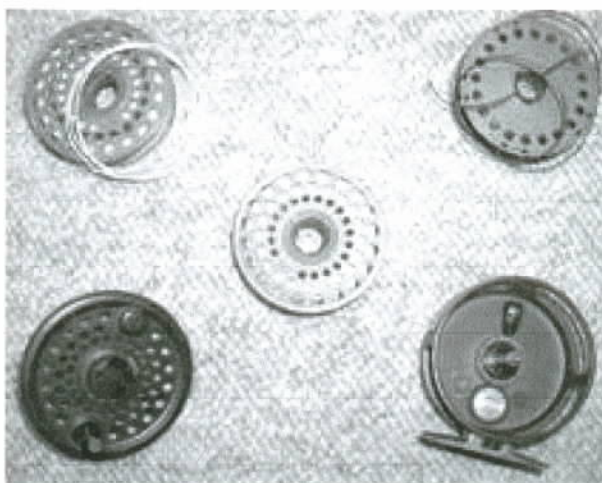
So off I went to the Internet for a virtual shopping trip and started looking for reels. And reels there were. Big ones, small ones, shiny ones, dull ones, expensive ones, and well... more expensive ones (\$300 USD to save a little bulk? The name's Ornato, not

Gates).

I then came across a company called British Fly Reels (BFR). They had a 3/4/5-weight and a 6/7/8-weight in both click & pawl and disc-drag models. The prices seemed reasonable so the next step was to get my hands on one. One of the local fly shops had one in

stock so I went to have

a look. It seemed like a very solid cast-aluminum reel. The click was a little loud but that was a minor consideration. What really impressed me was the drag (because, unlike many fly reels, it worked). It even had a nice range of tensions. All for around \$100.00



CDN including two extra spools. Another nice feature is the line details stamped on the cassette (e.g. 3/4/5/, WF/DT/ST, F/I/S) All you have to do is colour in the appropriate characters with a permanent marker and the on-stream guesswork is gone.

I ended up buying that reel and have bought another one since. I have two spools for my 8-weight lines, three spools for my 6-weight lines, and three for my 4-weight lines. The cassettes change very quickly, weigh much less and are flatter than conventional spools. These features all add up to ease of transport in a chest pack and ease of use streamside.

My original reel is now almost eight years old and still works great.

Anybody want to buy a Crown II?

The Quotable Angler

"There is no substitute for fishing sense, and if a man doesn't have it, verily, he may cast like an angel and still use his creel largely to transport sandwiches and beer."

Robert Traver,
"Trout Madness" (1960)

The Fisherman and the Frog

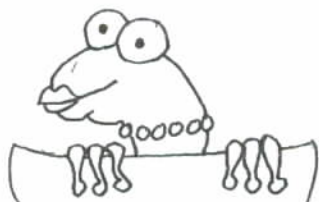
TRAA member Tim Jokela was fishing the Thames River when a frog called out to him from the reeds, "If you kiss me I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He grabbed the frog and put it in his vest and resumed fishing.

"Hey, said the frog poking its head from Tim's vest pocket, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess and stay with you for a week." Tim smiled and pushed the frog's head back in his vest pocket.

"OK, OK," said the frog, struggling from the vest pocket, "I'll turn into a beautiful princess, stay with you for one week and I'll do *anything* you want!" Again, Tim merely smiled and pushed the frog back into his vest.

The frog once again struggled to daylight, clearly frustrated. "What's with you? I've told you that I'm a beautiful princess, that I'll stay with you for a week and that I'll do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

Tim stopped casting and smiled at the frog. "Look, I'm an avid fisherman and when I'm not fishing, I'm tying flies, so I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog is really cool!"



Obituary by a Wife Who was a
Fishing Widow before her Husband
Actually Passed Away:

Matt is Dead, Boat for Sale.

HOW TO MAKE ANY FISH LOOK LIKE A TROPHY!



All anglers like pictures of trophy fish, especially when they're the ones with the happy smiles and the slimy hands. However, if you're like the rest of us, the only time you land that once in a lifetime specimen is after you used the last roll of film to record your buddy passed out with the mini-marshmallows up his nose.

You always have a camera with lots of film when you catch that little skipper, right? Well take a tip from Mike "Donny" Canvanagh and Scott "Hiemer" Roulston. Hold the hapless creature as far out in front of you as possible so that, from the camera's perspective, the fish looks huge. If you have a buddy like Hiemer who is the same size or shorter than you, pull him into the shot to reinforce the size difference. If you want rods in the shot keep them back beside you or pressed to your body. This will further the ruse by distorting the scale size of the fish in relationship to a measurable prop.

Have the photographer coach you on how to tilt the fish to attain as much glare as possible. This distorts the image and helps with the overall effect.

Congratulations to Donny, Hiem and the photographer for giving Donny that trophy steelhead we all know he richly deserves.

Nice fish Donny!

YOUR THAMES RIVER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE!!!

Yes, as of January 1, 2002, your 2001 TRAA membership has expired.

All of the payment plans we've had in the past are still in place: cheques, money-orders or cash for payment in full! Wow, with terms like that how can you resist!

Please take note, especially if you're renewing:

Membership fees have been increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year.

Even with this modest increase, membership dues do not begin to cover the costs of the TRAA.

Please consider a donation over and above your membership fee.

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for charitable donations over \$20.00.

Yes! I want to help the Thames River Anglers Association help the Thames River

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