

TRAA's "NAME THOSE GUYS" CONTEST

OK, it seems as though the October "Name that Fishin' Spot" contest was a bit too challenging for most of you. It's been rumoured that some of you were so intimidated that you didn't even bother showing up to the General Meeting! This one's easier.

All you have to do is look inside at the photo of the guys on the newly shingled roof of the Trout Hatchery. Examine them closely and try to figure out who they are.

Think you know? Then write their names below and bring your answers to the November 8th General Meeting. To make it easier to get in the draw, identify which one is the TRAA President. Those who successfully name all the guys and ID the Pres' correctly will get their entries drawn first for some really fabulous and cool fishing-related prizes. If you name all the guys but don't know your President, you will be drawn secondly and those who only get the Pres' correctly will be drawn lastly. Those who don't get it at all will be publicly humiliated (just kidding).

Guy #1: _____

Pres: _____

Guy #3: _____

Guy #4: _____

Guy #5: _____



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General Meetings

The TRAA meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the above address unless members are otherwise advised

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www.anglers.org

November's Guest Speaker Julie Welker of the UTRCA

Julie Welker will attend our November 8th General Meeting as our Guest Speaker. Julie will be filling us in on Oxbow Creek and some of the proposed habitat improvement projects being planned in partnership with Friends of Oxbow Creek. Julie had contacted Randy Bailey with the hope that we might be able to help out with some of these initiatives. It was advised that she come to our General Meeting to explain what they want to accomplish and how the TRAA can help. See you there!



News Bites November 2006

Join us at the next

General Meeting November 8, 2006

The meeting starts at
8:00pm sharp

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

Meeting Features:

- **UTRCA's Julie Welker** will discuss **Habitat Work** required on **Oxbow Creek**
- **Walleye Hatchery** - not dead yet!?
- **TRFMP: TRAA Funding & a Workshop Update**
- **Another TRAA Draw: More Fabulous Prizes!**

PICTURE CONTEST
See outside flap!

Hatchery Roof Replacement

October 13 & 14, 2006



A small representation of the TRAA membership made it out to the trout hatchery roofing party – some even attended both days. Those that did make it out worked hard but had fun – and more importantly, got the job done!

The shingles were replaced, as well as all of the plywood sheathing and the roof vents.

Kudos goes to Randy Bailey and Tony Vaessen for sharing their expertise and guidance. Tony gets an extra nod for making some of his own equipment available.

A handful of guys made it out both days, but those of you who managed to fit in one day are also to be commended.

Funding for this project was provided by the Fishing Forever Foundation. The TRAA greatly appreciates their contribution towards this urgently required project.

October's Guest Speaker

Dan Elliot, Ministry of Natural Resources

Dan gave an excellent summary of the "Biotactic" testing of fish movement that was conducted at Springbank Dam, as well as MNR's own testing of fish larval migration at the same site. For those who attended, this was a great eye opener and was presented in a way that we could all understand.

Trout Committee

The TRAA Trout Committee has asked Dan Elliot of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for permission to collect our own brown trout eggs for the TRAA Trout Hatchery. The specific site for collection, if all goes as planned, will be Dingman Creek. This will be a joint effort involving the MNR, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and the TRAA. Details of this event will be available to those wishing to be involved at the November 8th General Meeting.

If you are interested in being part of the Trout Hatchery Rotation, please contact John Jackson or Dave Jeffries, co-chairs of the Trout Committee, at your earliest convenience.

Warm Water Committee

Yes, the Warm Water Committee still exists! It appears as though there may be some interest in rekindling the Walleye Hatchery as a TRAA initiative, and folks with the MNR, the UTRCA and the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH) share this interest! Even expanding the operation to include a rearing pond is being considered.

Interesting? You bet! Get more information and be a part of this discussion at the November 8th General Meeting.

TRAA Supports the TRFMP

If you were not at the October General Meeting, You missed a lively "point/counterpoint" regarding what, if anything, the TRAA should contribute to fund the ongoing activities of the Thames River Fisheries Management Plan (TRFMP). The TRAA had been specifically asked for \$2500 to "cover the costs associated with a draft plan and for project coordination". This was also discussed at the General Meeting in September. The consensus seemed to be that we should donate some money, but the full \$2500 seemed excessive for an organization of our size and limited resources.

After much discussion and wrangling, it was put forward as a motion to donate \$1250.00 (half the requested amount) with an option to add to this amount if and when funding from other sources becomes available. The motion was passed by a majority show of hands.

For additional TRFMP info' go to:
www.thamesfishplan.ca .

TRFMP Workshop

TRAA members Randy Bailey and Doug Jarmain attended the 2-day TRFMP Workshop that took place on Sunday, October 29th and Monday October 30th . Those who attended felt that they had accomplished the full purpose of the workshop. It looks very positive that there will be a rough draft plan and 2nd round of public consultations ready for Spring 2007. Randy was also excited about the contacts that he was able to make at the meetings. There will be a full report of the TRFMP Workshop as well as other related developments.