

TRAA's "NAME THAT FISHIN' SPOT" CONTEST

Finally, a contest that's easy as fishin' – oh, wait a minute, we've seen most of you fish. OK, it's as easy as falling in the river – yeah, that's closer to home!

All you have to do is look inside at the photos of Randy and Carley. Examine them closely and try to figure out where they are on the Thames River.

Think you know? Then write it out below and bring your answers to the October 11th General Meeting.

A panel of impartial judges will decide if you're close enough to be entered into a draw for some really fabulous and cool fishing-related prizes.

Randy's wally came from:

Carley's smallie came from:



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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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"DEDICATION TODAY FOR TOMORROW"

***For the enhancement,
protection and
promotion of a viable,
multi-species fishery within
the Thames River Watershed.***



News Bites – October 2006

Join us at the next

General Meeting October 11, 2006

The meeting starts at
8:00pm sharp

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

Meeting Features:

- MNR's Dan Elliot will address the Fisheries Management Plan & Springbank Dam**
- Do We Give TRAA \$\$\$ for the TRFMP?**
- Planning the '06/'07 Year of Activities & Events**
- TRAA Contest Draw: Win Fabulous Prizes!**

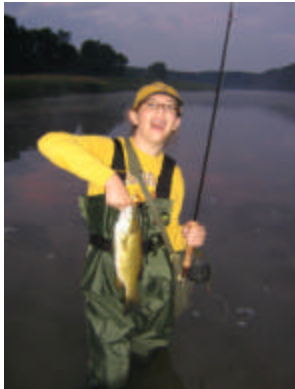
PICTURE CONTEST
See outside flap!

TRAA President Randy Bailey with a nice 2005 Thames River walleye.



It's almost time to pursue Mr. Wally again. Do you think the latest catch rates in the lakes will translate into a better run in the Thames River? Let's hope so!

Carley Noble with a nice Summer 2006 Thames River Smallmouth



*"Whatever Dad can do I can do better!"
Dad figures she's got the advantage of female pheromones. Ya, that's it!
"Now gimme my fly rod back."*

Hatchery Roof Replacement

October 13 & 14, 2006

Calling all TRAA members! We will be re-roofing the trout hatchery enclosure beginning on Saturday and then finishing up on Sunday. There will be something to do for everyone of all ages, capabilities and genders – in other words, we need YOU!

Just bring yourself and clothing appropriate to the weather & the job. Everything else will be provided, *including lunch and beverages*. If you can make it out to both days, all the better. However, if you can only fit in one day, that's OK too – we'll be happy to see you. Contact Randy Bailey what day(s) you can make it so that we can plan the work and the food and refreshments.

Municipal Elections

November 13, 2006

It's time again to vote in a bunch of folks you don't know to run your everyday life.

Ya, ya we've heard it all before:

"What difference can my one vote make?"

"They all lie just to get elected."

"My time's better spent in front of 'Survivor'."

Well guess what, *you're pissing off the rest of us who actually give a damn!*

Try to think about your kid's future past the next hockey practice. What kind of a legacy are you leaving? What are you going to say to them when they ask, "Where the Hell were you when all of this crap was going down?"

It's as easy as picking up the phone, writing a letter or firing off an email. Ask blunt questions important to you about the environmental future of London & area. Go to

<http://www.london.ca/Elections/default.htm>

to find out who you need to pester. And lastly make sure you follow up and tell 'em all whom you're voting for and why!

TRAA to Support the TRFMP

The TRAA received a letter in August of 2006 from the TRFMP (Thames River Fisheries Management Plan) Committee outlining the estimated budget required to complete the plan in 2006/2007. Although the stakeholders in this project are contributing "through in-kind support", completing the desired results within the allotted time frame "far exceeds the capacity of any of the stakeholder groups represented". As a result, the TRFMP Committee has set some lofty fundraising targets that will include cash donations from entities and groups such as the TRAA. The TRAA has been specifically asked for \$2500 to "cover the costs associated with a draft plan and for project coordination". The TRAA has been asked for "any assistance" that we can provide.

This was discussed at the TRAA 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. It was decided to put the issue to the general membership for comment or suggestion.

As a TRAA member with a say in how our funds are allocated, we would like you to think about the request from the TRFMP Committee.

Should we forward the full amount requested?

If not, what do you think would be a fair amount, given our bank account, the projects that we have slated and what our fair share should be?

It is important that all TRAA members are invited to participate in this discussion. If you are unsure about any of the issues, including our bank balance and pending projects, contact a TRAA Executive member. For TRFMP info' go to: www.thamesfishplan.ca.