

Easy Fishin'

Even a TRAA member can get 'em this way!



John Schwindt of the UTRCA (centre) readies the electro-fishing equipment that temporarily stuns the fish with an electric current. TRAA members Carley Noble (left) and Randy Aeichele (right) are waiting with the nets to collect the partially immobilized rainbow trout.



Randy Bailey holds one of 14 fish caught that day as Ken Armstrong looks on. Unfortunately it was too early to get the eggs as all of the females, including this beauty, were still "green".



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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

TRAA Web Site

www.anglers.org

Fishing Tip

Live Bait Do's & Don'ts

Limiting the spread of diseases such as VHS is everyone's responsibility (come to the April 11th meeting to know more about VHS because it's not a video format).

If you use live bait – minnows, roe, etc. – be sure to use them only in the water from where they were captured. If you buy your bait, ask where the product was sourced. If you collect your own, trap or collect it in the body of water in which you are going to use the bait.

Lastly, you could use commercially prepared baits or artificials instead of live bait.



News Bites

April 2007

Join us at the next

General Meeting

April 11, 2007

The meeting starts at

8:00pm sharp

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

Meeting Features:

- **MNR Biologist Trevor Friesen** will discuss **Larval Migration at Springbank Dam**
- **AGM Results** – your new **Executives** (kinda!)
- **TRAA Memberships** – they're past due!
- **Electro-fishin'** – about that possession limit...

Annual General Meeting

Happenings from the March 14th Meeting

The Executive for 2007 was decided at the TRAA Annual General Meeting on March 14th. Those in attendance were, for the most part, the usual suspects and so the results of the nominations and the elections were somewhat predictable.

Here's your "new" 2007 TRAA Executives:

President: Randy Bailey
(Call him King, 'cause he'll reign 'til he dies!)

Vice President: Tony Vaessen
(Does anyone know what the VP does? Tony?)

Chairman: Dave Jeffries
(A 6-pack of Red Bull should help those nods, Dave!)

Secretary: Will Mulder
(The assault on the written word continues!)

Treasurer: Archie Graham
(The books are so cooked only Arch' can figure 'em out!)

The Volunteer Positions are:

Trout: Dave (Uncle Dunk) Jeffries
Bob (What'd he say?) Pearson

Rehab': Randy (Space) Bailey
Ken (24's R Us) Armstrong

Warmwater: Kevin (Timber-Oops) Lemesurier

News Bites: Paul (Handsome Devil) Noble

It was decided by vote that the position of Public Relations would become a part of the duties of the current President and that the position of Membership Co-ordinator would become a part of the current Treasurer's duties.

The social activities will continue to be decided upon by the TRAA membership, usually at General Meetings. Organization of each event will be assigned to an individual(s) as required.

April's Guest Speaker

Trevor Friesen, Fisheries Biologist, MNR

Most of us are familiar with the monitoring and testing of fish movement around Springbank Dam that Chris Bunt conducted for the Science Team.

The MNR has also conducted testing of its own at the Springbank Dam site. This testing was focussed on the larval fish migration after the spawning and hatching activities in the spring. The biologist involved with collecting and making sense of this data is Trevor Friesen, who will be our guest speaker at the April 11th General Meeting. Trevor's presentation should be supported by your attendance at this meeting. It will be interesting to get further perspectives on the effects of the dam on the life cycles of some of the fish species monitored.

TRAA Memberships

are due for 2007

Archie Graham is accepting your renewal fee for the upcoming year of 2007.

Your \$20.00 still gets you a TRAA membership, not just for yourself but also for your entire immediate family!

Please keep in mind that the membership is due on the calendar year, not on the anniversary of your joining the TRAA (it's not a magazine subscription!).

It is also very important to update all of your contact information. Check with Archie to make sure this is accurate and up to date, especially if you have move or have changed email address, phone number, etc.

Trout Committee

All of the brown trout fry have been transferred from the egg trough and baffle box into the circular growth tank. We had an excellent survival rate (over 90%) and are in discussions as to what donor stream(s) will be selected for their release.

A small contingent of TRAA members accompanied John Schwindt (UTRCA) to electro-shock Komoka Creek with the purpose of collecting our own rainbow trout eggs. All of the females collected on the first outing were not ready to spawn and so we were unable to collect the eggs at that time. A smaller group of us went out again with John and were able to find two females that were ready to yield their eggs. A male or two were also available for their contributions and the fertilized eggs were placed in one of the trays in the TRAA trout hatchery.

Contact Dave Jeffries or Bob Pearson if you have questions or an interest in helping out with the TRAA Trout Committee.

Rehab' Committee

Fencing to permit limited access for horses to drink from Komoka Creek will be erected on Saturday, April 7th. A large amount of gravel will also be placed to mitigate erosion and allow safer footing for the horses.

Stream walks will be conducted to scout out possible sites for the lunker structures that were built last fall. We will also be checking out the old rehab' work that was done upstream of County Road 14 to determine what needs to be repaired/replaced.

Give Randy Bailey or Ken Armstrong a shout if you'd like to help out.