



Trout Hatchery

The TRAA trout hatchery has been tweaked, cleaned and is ready to receive this fall's allotment of brown trout eggs.

The incubation trays have been raised slightly with the theory that fewer fry will become trapped. This has happened in the past with some marginal mortality (but every fishy counts!).

The fry trap – it's that dark box that the tray system empties into – has received a new coat of paint on the inside surfaces. This time we went with green instead of black so that it's easier to see the fry when we go to transfer them to the circular growth tank.

The stairs were power washed to remove the slippery algae that had built up. Members are still cautioned to beware of slippery conditions caused by ice (sometimes the layer is so thin you can't see it).

The only thing that didn't get done this year was the painting of the exterior of the hatchery. By the time it was power washed and dry, the weather turned too cold to paint. Members of the trout hatchery rotation met at the hatchery for their orientation on Sunday, November 30th. There are a few new members so the instruction was in depth and was also printed on handouts for all.

The eggs will be arriving from Sault Ste. Marie within the next couple of weeks so everyone involved is excited – it's just like Christmas!!

Interested in helping out or need more information? Contact Dave Jeffries or Bobby Pearson.

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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

Guest Speaker

TRAA President Randy Bailey will be sharing some of his winter steelheading tactics with members at the December 10th General Meeting. Randy somehow manages to catch fish in all kinds of river conditions and weather, so this mini-seminar will be very informative.

While Randy is primarily a float fisherman, many of his "tricks of the trade" are adaptable to other forms of angling.

Outside of ice fishing, winter steelheading may be the only opportunity to chase a fish for the next few months, so join us in learning how to be successful doing it.



News Bites December 2008

Join us at the next

General Meeting December 10, 2008

The meeting starts at
8:00pm sharp

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

Inside:

🐟 Trout Hatchery – things are gearin' up for fall!

🐟 Guest Speaker – Randy does Steelies!

🐟 Springbank Dam
– the never-ending saga of London's ugliest money-pit.

🐟 Another Thames Plan
– a report on the Thames Valley Corridor Plan

Thames Valley Corridor Plan

On Tuesday, November 25th, Randy Bailey, Archie Graham, Dave Jefferies and Paul Noble attended an open house for the Thames Valley Corridor Plan. This was covered in the previous Saturday's edition of the London Free Press. Until then, none of us had heard of it.

The meeting was well attended and included folks from the Forest City Fly Fishers, the Thames Valley Trail Association, boaters, local politicians and general citizenry.

The following is from the City of London Web site:

The Thames Valley Corridor (TVC) Plan is a long range vision document that will address key land planning and management issues along the river, through London, including:

- Continued management of the floodplain and other hazards
- Improved protection, preservation and rehabilitation of the natural heritage system ie. Aquatic habitats, riparian and flood plain habitats, valley slope habitats
- enhanced public access and recreation opportunities
- management of urban development and infrastructure works in and along the corridor
- role of the corridor in support of urban water cycles (stormwater, wastewater, drinking water) and the connection with other natural areas

We will be discussing this at the December 10th General Meeting. To bring yourself up to speed, go to:

http://www.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/Parks_and_Natural_Areas/ThamesValleyCorridor.htm

Fishy Recipe

Kenny's Rainbow Poached in Vodka

Ingredients

2 lbs rainbow trout fillets
40 ounces vodka

Instructions

Drink a shot of vodka.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Drink a shot of vodka.

Place fillets in a glass baking pan.

Pour one shot of vodka over the fillets and one down your throat. Repeat until fillets are half submerged.

Place in oven and pass out at kitchen table for about 45 minutes.

Wake up an hour and a half later, turn off oven, throw out over-cooked fish and go to bed.

Wake up at 4:30am and make a cheese & ketchup sandwich. Enjoy with a smoke and a shot or two of vodka.

Fishin' with Uncle Dunk Jeffries



"I've been falling in so often lately, I figured I might as well start taking a look around."

Springbank Dam, etc., etc.

The continuing saga that is Springbank Dam has virtually taken on a life of its own. Nobody in charge seems to know what to do this controversial cash cow.

The Consultant's Report: The City of London can't seem to come to a decision on what to do next despite having a \$30,000 consultant's report and having closed door meetings with that report. The CoL's answer is to withhold the report despite the fact that it was funded with taxpayer money.

Post Construction Monitoring: Dr. Chris Bunt's monitoring of fish passage this year was delayed months only to be released a couple of weeks ago. Apparently there were some issues and it had to be re-worked (?). Nonetheless, there is some eye-popping information in this report that we will be discussing at the December 10th General Meeting. Members are urged to go to <http://www.biotactic.com/springbank%20dam%20fish%20movement.htm>

and review Dr. Bunt's report.

Citizens Starting to Wake Up: The normally apathetic John Q. Londoner has started to take an interest and make his, and her, voice heard. People are talking, writing and petitioning about leaving the dam open or outright removal. Folks are starting to see the beauty of a natural free-flowing river with vegetative re-growth of the genuine riparian sections that are normally submerged under a toxic stink-pond for the summer.

Lotsa More Stuff: There are many more interesting developments and talking points to this dam debacle, so come to the December 10th General Meeting and join in the discussions.