## **Bass Opener**

The TRAA has always had something going on the opening day of bass season and this year will be no exception.

In the past we have fished private ponds and have transferred the bass to Sharon Creek Reservoir. There has been tentative discussion about doing this sort of thing again this year.

One of the venues mentioned was the Aquagolf facility near Komoka. Apparently the owner is making modifications that may involve filling in some or all of the pond and he would like as many bass as possible removed.

Another possibility discussed is to fish the ponds at Doc Wilson's farm, a venue we have fished a few times in the past. Come out to the June 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting to find out where we'll be fishing the bass opener!





## **Contact Information**

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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 member Bill Valberg will be the guest speaker at the June 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Bill has been a competitor in a number of professional bass tournaments as an amateur. He has learned a lot fishing with some of the big names in professional bass angling and he will be sharing some of this knowledge of tackle, techniques and methods.

With bass season fast approaching, you won't want to miss Bill's talk that will surely help you put more bronzebacks on your line. See you at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting!



#### News Bites June 2008

Join us at the next

### General Meeting June 11, 2008

The meeting starts at **8:00pm** sharp

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

### Inside:

- Fishing Meetings
  summertime, and the fishin' is easy...
- Rehab' Projects
  we'll be kickin' it in to gear in August!

### A License to Run

A couple of young guys were fishing at their special pond off the beaten track when out of the bushes jumped the Conservation Officer! Immediately, one of the boys threw his rod down and started running through the woods and hot on his heels came the CO.

After about a half mile, the guy stopped and stooped over with his hands on his thighs to catch his breath and the CO finally caught up to him.

"Let's see yer fishin license, boy!" the warden gasped.

With that, the guy pulled out his wallet and gave the CO a valid fishing license.

"Well, son," said the CO.

"You must be as dumb as a box of rocks! You don't have to run from me if you have a valid license!"

"Yes sir," replied the young fellow. "But my friend back there, well, he don't have one..."

## No Cents in Fishing

Two redneck guys go on a fishing trip. They rent all the equipment: the reels, the rods, the wading suits, the rowboat, the car, and even a cabin in the woods. They spend a fortune. The first day they go fishing, but they don't catch anything. The same thing happens on the second day, and on the third day. It goes on like this until finally, on the last day of their vacation, one of the men catches a fish. As they're driving home they're really depressed. One guy turns to the other and says, "Do you realize that this one lousy fish we caught cost us fifteen hundred dollars?" The other guy says, "Wow! It's a good thing we didn't catch any more!"

## June's our Last Meeting!

- until September, that is ...

Anybody who has been a TRAA member for any length of time knows that we do not have "formal" General Meetings during the months of July and August.

The reasons are many but mainly nobody is interested in sitting in a stuffy old mansion when they could be fishing. So that's what we do – we go fishing instead!

This year the TRAA "Fishing Meetings" will be on July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>. How about July for smallmouth bass and August for carp? We will be deciding on the venues at the June 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (yes, at the stuffy mansion!), so be there!

#### **TRAAtoon**



"Don't you think it's a little - I don't know - spooky that the boat rental guy keeps shoving us out to the middle of the lake and then hauling us back?"

### **Trout Committee**

The rainbow trout fry in the TRAA trout hatchery have reached a good size and are ready to be released. Members may recall that some of these fry were hatched from wild eggs that were gathered by the TRAA from adults returning to Komoka Creek courtesy of John Schwint of the UTRCA and his electrofishing equipment. They will be released on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Members interested in helping out should be at the trout hatchery at 9:00 am.

There has been no stream chosen as of yet for the release of these trout but Dingman, Oxbow and Komoka Creeks have all been discussed. The final decision will be made at the June 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

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

### Rehab' Committee

The Rehabilitation Committee will be active once again starting in August. This is when low flow levels exist and we will not be harming any "young of the year" rainbow and brown trout.

There are several projects that need to be addressed. Lunker structures are to be installed along the cornfield bend and the bank below the TRAA trout hatchery needs to be stabilized. We will be discussing these at the June 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. If you have some ideas, please attend and offer your suggestions.

Contact Paul Holmes if you have any questions or would like to help out with the TRAA Rehab' Committee.