

TRAA Elections

Yes, it seems like only last year that we voted for our TRAA Executive positions. Well that's because it *was* a year ago and so on March 12th we're gonna do it again!

The following positions will be voted upon (spaces have been left for you to write in possible nominees).

President

Vice President

Chairman

Secretary

The following Committee Chair positions will also need to be confirmed or filled:

Trout

Warmwater

Rehabilitation

Social

(now includes Email & Telephone)

Membership

(now included in Treasurer's duties)



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

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**I love you too Alice,
just not in *that* way!**



News Bites March 2008

Join us at the
**Annual General Meeting
March 12, 2008**

The meeting starts at
8:00pm sharp

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

Meeting Features:

🐟 ELECTIONS!!!!

🐟 Trout Egg Collection
– ever fish with electrical current? Beats TNT!

🐟 New Walleye Reg's
– closures you should know about!

🐟 Brook Trout Eggs?

Fish Recipe

Sometimes you go to the larder and your "go to" ingredients are gone. Such was the case when I had a couple of steelhead fillets to barbeque a few nights ago. I "made do" with what I had and the result was so awesome, it had to be shared.

Ingredients

- ? 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- ? 1/4 cup butter, clarified and cooled
- ? 1/2 red grapefruit, juiced
- ? 1/3 cup Kraft Poppy Seed Dressing
- ? 2-4 steelhead fillets (skin on)
- ? cooking spray

Instructions

Pre-heat grill on high.

Position the steelhead fillets skin side up and lightly coat with cooking spray.

Turn grill down to medium to medium high.

Place fillets skin side down on grill.

Sprinkle pepper evenly over fillets and press into flesh with spatula.

Cover grill and cook for 5-6 minutes or until fillets flake easily.

While fish is on grill, blend remaining ingredients well by hand (mixers make it too foamy).

Take steelhead fillets from grill, drizzle with dressing/butter/juice sauce and serve immediately.

This is wonderful served with a green vegetable such as asparagus, bok choy or green beans.

If you need a starch go with wild or brown rice with raisins and diced apple thrown in for the last 5 minutes of cooking.

Other General Meeting Stuff

Your 2008 TRAA memberships are due! Be sure you bring a twenty to the March 12th Annual General Meeting so that you're legal to participate in the Executive Elections as a voter and/or a candidate.

New Walleye Reg's

Please be reminded that the walleye season on the Thames River will be closed from the second Saturday in March until the second Saturday in April.

The only exception is an open season from the downstream side of the Middlemiss Bridge in Chatham to Lake St. Clair.

Be sure to check the MNR Web site or other MNR publications before you go fishing. Reg's can change and as always, ignorance of the law does not exempt you from punishment.

Work Parties

Two Stream Rehabilitation work parties, scheduled last month, were called off because of little or no attendance. Obstructions throughout Komoka Creek that require immediate attention remain to be addressed. Discussions at the March 12th Annual General Meeting will take place to determine what folks need to show up and participate in these work parties.

We will be applying for funds from DFO to make some signage to put on Komoka Creek. These signs will display our partnerships as well as Identifying Komoka Creek as a nursery habitat improvement project.

Trout Committee

John Schwindt has written a DFO proposal for identifying potential areas for stocking or re-stocking brook trout throughout the Upper Thames watershed. He sent an email to Randy Bailey asking if we would be interested in trying brook trout in our trout hatchery. If we were willing, John would try to find a few local sources for harvesting eggs as part of the project. Chances are this won't get funding but John thought he would give us a "heads up" just in case.

John is also up for helping us collect rainbow eggs in this month with his electroshocking equipment. In the meantime, we will also be asking the MNR for a permit for rainbow eggs from Sault Ste. Marie as a backup plan.

The Trout Committee Co-Chairs, Dave Jeffries and Bob Pearson, can be contacted for more information.

Trout Committee

Walleye Hatchery plans are still in the works pending the award of the \$100,000.00 to the Walleye Task Force. The OFAH and the TRAA will be trying to establish a rearing pond to compliment the hatchery at Fanshawe Lake. The PGT (put-grow-take) project is to be used to enhance the walleye fishery in Fanshawe Lake and hopefully the Thames River as well.

In related news, in John Swindt's email to Randy Bailey (see Trout Committee above) he stated furthermore that he might also try to get a permit to have look at North Thames spawning walleye this spring to see how plentiful and accessible they are for future egg collections.

Stay tuned to these and other Warmwater developments, by coming to the March 12th Annual General Meeting.