

TRAA Elections

Well Stevie Harper dodged a bullet and we were spared a trip to the polls this past year. Having said that an election might heat up the deep freeze of winter so we're gonna have our own on Wednesday, March 11th.

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)

Public Relations

Webmaster



Contact Information

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London, Ontario N6G 1G5

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

A Great Place to Start

You want to get more involved and take your TRAA membership to a higher level but you're just not ready to take on that Executive role.

Hey, here's a great idea: volunteer to take over one of the Committee Chair positions. It mostly requires being able to come up with some ideas, being a bit organized and knowing when to ask for help – 'cause help is always there!

Another option is to ask a current Chair if they'd like to have a Co-Chair to help out and learn the ropes. Bet they'll say yes.

Try it – it's a great place to start!



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Join us at the
**Annual General Meeting
March 11, 2009**

The meeting starts at
8:00pm sharp

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

Meeting Features:

- 🐟 ELECTIONS!!!!**
- 🐟 Trout Hatchery Report**
– one of the best success rates in years!
- 🐟 New Blood Needed**
– it's as easy as saying yes to a committee chair!
- 🐟 Membership Dues**
– yes, it's time to cough up that measly twenty!

Fish Recipe

– Perch-a-licious!

It's been a pretty good year for ice fishing (except, of course, the TRAA outing) so a perch recipe might come in handy. Here's a somewhat traditional one that's dead easy for those who might be a bit challenged in the culinary department and it's delicious. This recipe usually calls for the fish to be deep-fried but it can be fried in about 3/4 inch of oil in a large, heavy skillet. Also, the original recipe called for perch fillets, any firm, white fillets such as walleye, whitefish, etc. will work.

Ingredients

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups crushed saltine crackers (about 45 crackers)
- 2 lbs perch fillets
- vegetable oil (for frying)

Directions

Place beaten eggs and saltine cracker crumbs in separate shallow bowls or pie tins.

Dip fillets into eggs, then coat with crumbs; let stand for 5 minutes.

In a heavy, deep skillet, or electric frying pan, heat oil (about 3/4 to 1 inch of oil) to 375°.

Fry fillets, a few at a time, for 2 minutes on each side or until fish is golden brown and flakes easily.

Drain on a rack over paper towels. If you're making lots of fish place the rack in a 225° oven while you're cooking the remaining batches.

Yum.

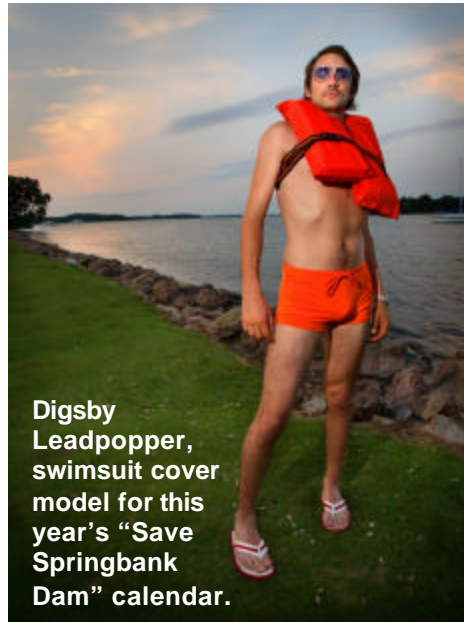
Other General Meeting Stuff

Your 2008 TRAA memberships are due! Be sure you bring a twenty to the March 11th Annual General Meeting so that you're legal to participate in the Executive Elections as a voter and/or a candidate.

The first SETC meeting took place on Tuesday, February 24th and we were there. Lawson Jones and Archie Graham will fill us in on what happened at this re-formed committee.

Make sure you think about whom you would like to see run for the Executive positions of the TRAA for 2009. You can jot down their names in the spaces provided on the back flap of this issue of *News Bites*.

TRAAtoon



Digsby Leadpopper, swimsuit cover model for this year's "Save Springbank Dam" calendar.

Trout Committee

According to Dave Jeffries, this fall's batch of brown trout has been a resounding success. Elevating the trays slightly made a big difference in sac-fry survivability.

All members of the trout hatchery rotation have been very diligent in making the rounds or having the responsibility to make sure there's a substitute when they can't make it. These and other smaller details has made this one of the best batches in terms of low mortality that we've had in years.

All members are invited to suggest possible donor streams into which these brown trout fry can be released. Any stream considered will be a tributary of the Thames River and must be downstream of Fanshawe and Hunt Dams.

Rainbow trout eggs will be a part of the TRAA trout hatchery scene within a month or so.

It's a tradition for the TRAA to try and gather some of the eggs and milt from rainbows returning to Komoka Creek and this year will be no different.

We will be contacting John Schwindt of the UTRCA to come out to Komoka Creek with his electro-fishing gear over the next few weeks. If you have not been involved in one of these outings, ask anyone who's done it, it's worth getting signed up!

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