

## Guest Speaker

- Jeff Brick

Jeff Brick is Coordinator, Hydrology and Regulatory Services, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA). Jeff is a graduate of the University of Guelph and he has been with the UTRCA for 18 years.

He coordinates the UTRCA's Flood Control and Environmental Planning programs. Jeff is a Registered Professional Planner and in addition to his duties at UTRCA, he is also employed as a part time faculty member at Fanshawe College teaching in the GIS and Urban Planning Diploma Program and the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Integrated Land Planning Technology Program. Jeff lives in Stratford with his wife Heather and two children.

Jeff, will be doing a presentation on the UTRCA's roles and responsibilities for this watershed at the May 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

## TRAAtoon



*You have an acute case of insomnia Mrs. Brown. I'm prescribing three of my husband's fishing stories. If that doesn't put you to sleep, nothing will!*



## 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](http://www.anglers.org)



### News Bites May 2009

Join us at the  
**Annual General Meeting  
May 13, 2009**

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

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

## Thames River Clean-Up - April 18th

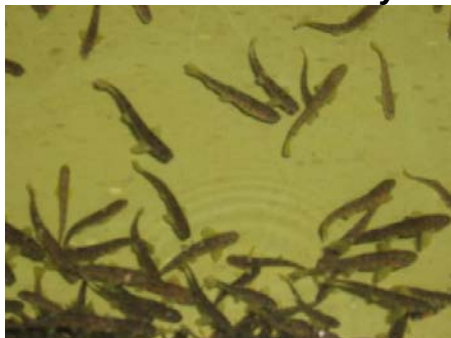


*The TRAA volunteered to clean up a large section of the riverbank in Greenway Park. The event was well attended and everything, including the kitchen sink (!), was picked up.*

## Meeting Features:

- Guest Speaker**  
– Jeff Brick of the UTRCA!
- Trout Hatchery Report**  
– the browns are now in the wild!
- and Much More ...**

## Brown Trout Release - Picture Gallery



*The Brown trout in the circular hatchery tank all packed and ready to go out on their own!*



*Into the transfer tank they go for the big trip!*



*Arriving at the release site:  
Dingman Creek on the Circle R Ranch.*



*Will Mulder acclimates the fry before releasing to minimize the shock.*



*Stephan Jones releasing the brown trout fry into their new home.*



*If you look closely, you'll see the tail of an unlucky smaller brown trout fry sticking out of this guy's mouth!*

## Trout Committee

The brown trout fry are no longer in the TRAA trout hatchery. On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, they were released into their new home, Dingman Creek.

Members, family and friends of the TRAA showed up at 9:00am at the trout hatchery to help transfer the latest successful batch of brown trout. The transfer tank was loaded onto the back of Bobby Pearson's truck (thanks Bobby!). Members then hand-bombed 5-litre pails of water from Komoka Creek into the tank.

Then the fun part: netting the brown trouties into the pails to be walked up the hill and then carefully dumped into the transfer tank. Bobby then led a small cavalcade of vehicles to the release area located on the property of the Circle R Ranch.

The browns were acclimated in the release bags and then allowed to swim free in their new environs.

It was the right time to do this release as some of the larger browns were starting to turn cannibalistic (see pictures at left).

Afterwards everyone was treated to hamburgers and hotdogs cooked up by Rob Huber and Bryon Mott treated everyone to an awesome perch fry – Cajun *and* regular flavour, yum!

Jeff Helsdon from Ontario Out of Doors was there interviewing the TRAA and snapping photo's for a summer issue of the magazine. Look for it in July or August!

The rainbow trout are still in the trays as sac fry. The Komoka fry (Tray #2) are noticeably bigger than the MNR hatchlings. Hatchery rotation members are reminded that there has been no interruptions in the schedule as these fry continue the daily-care cycle already in place.