

## General Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>

Make sure you come to Grosvenor Lodge, 1017 Western Road at 8:00pm sharp on Wednesday, November 11th.

Here's some of what we'll be covering at the meeting:

### Komoka Creek Dredging Update

The assumption is that the work we have done recently, as well as the precedents set in the past have earned Komoka Creek a reprieve from the ravages of heavy equipment. History tells us that we need to be diligent, keeping the pressure on to halt this short-term, short-sighted practice of dredging.

### Trout Hatchery Activities

We will soon be getting this season's batch of brown trout eggs. There are a number of members who have expressed an interest in becoming part of the trout hatchery rotation so you need to get your name in soon. Get an update at the November General Meeting.

### Springbank Dam Monitoring: 'Year 2'

Most of you already know that Biotactic has completed 'Year 2' of the post-construction monitoring of fish passage. The folks who occupy the "Happy Horseshoe" at City Hall have yet to release their version of the report. In case anyone missed it, Randy Bailey's letter to the London Free Press is opposite. We'll chat about this issue at the November General Meeting.

## TRAA Rainbow Derby

On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, several TRAA members ventured out onto the Thames River near the mouth of Dingman Creek in search of the elusive rainbow trout, AKA steelhead. There were smallmouth and silver bass caught, along with white suckers and a walleye. John Jackson decided to break with TRAA tradition and actually landed the species we were fishing for: a lovely 10-lb. steelhead (see picture opposite).

## Letter to the Editor

### Springbank Dam Post Construction Fish Monitoring: Year 2

Year 2 of the post construction fish monitoring study was completed by Biotactic on time in late August and submitted to the City of London for review. It is now November 4th and we the concerned stakeholders/taxpayers are still waiting for the City to release the results. If you recall, year 1 of post construction monitoring showed that the attraction rates were similar but the passage efficiencies were not even close. This is going to pose a serious problem. The delays, rising costs and lack of information on the environmental aspects can't be serving anyone's interests. Hopefully the City will get nothing from their litigation proceedings and finally realize that this dam needs to go because I am quite sure there will be a revolt once we all understand who is going to be paying for it.. Not to mention the SETC's erosion protection plans, and the habitat alteration degradation and destruction that has occurred downstream. These costs have yet to be factored in to the equation. So for a select few, and their historical expectation of use, I say get rid of it! Heck, they finally relocated to another facility this summer after 3 years.

**Posted By:** Randy Bailey President, Thames River Anglers Association. London

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*John Jackson with a lovely 10-lb. steelhead.  
(Sorry John, had to improvise because nobody sent any pictures as requested.)*