

Welcome to the Thames River Anglers Association

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Dedication Today for Tomorrow

For the enhancement, protection and promotion of a viable, multi-species fishery within the Thames River watershed.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE!

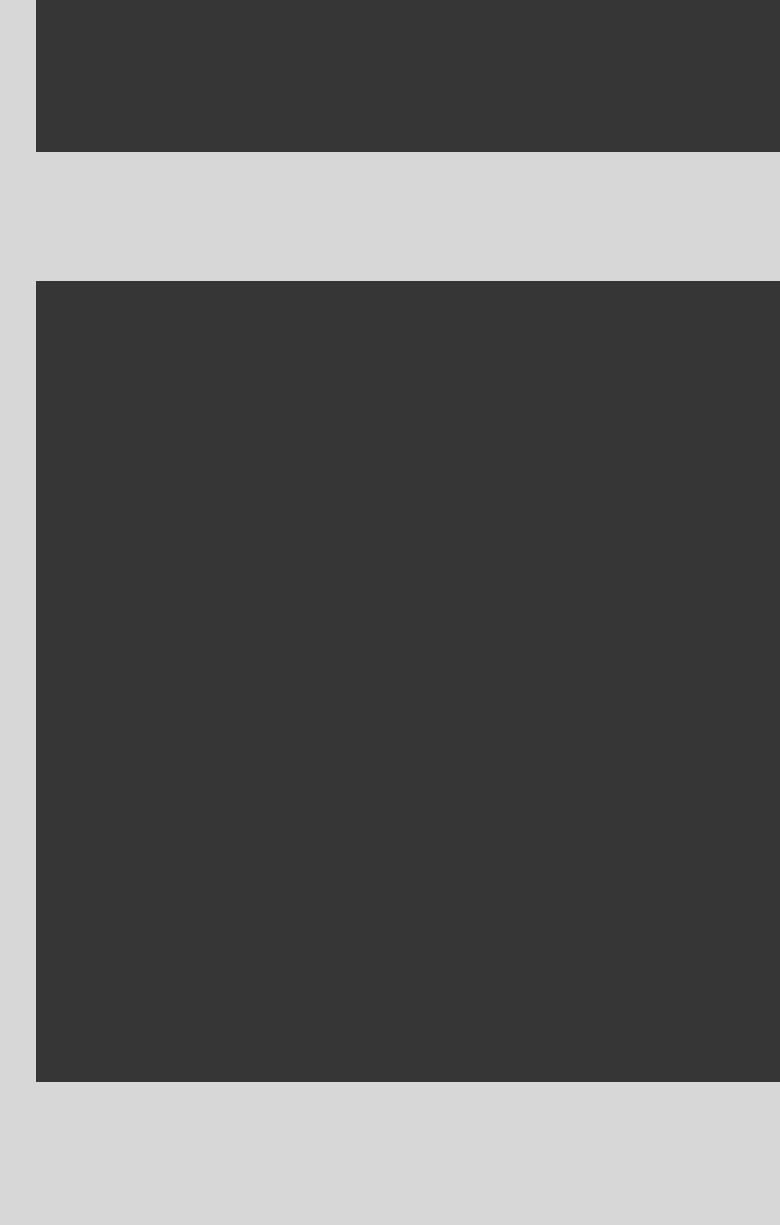
You get to be a TRAA member for a whole year for only \$25

Your membership also adds another voice to our efforts in protecting and enhancing aquatic habitats in the London & area community.

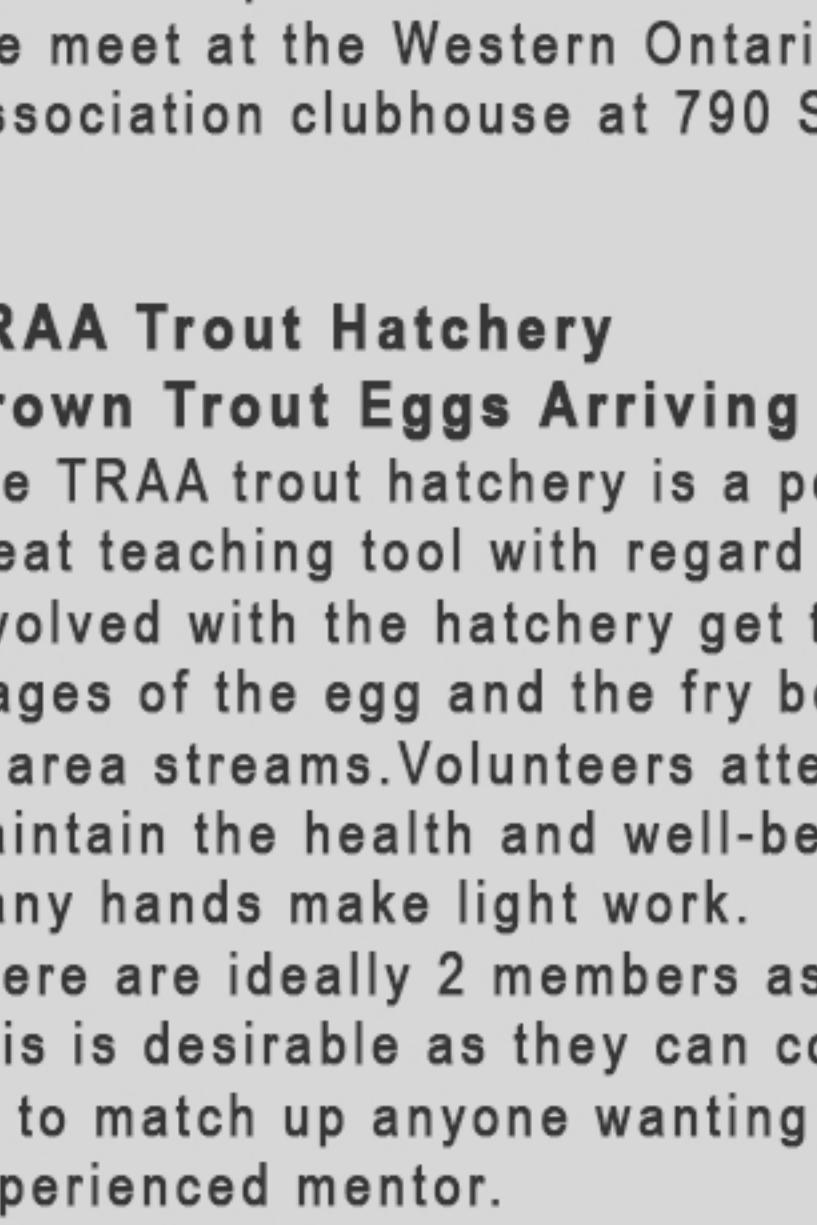
You've taken a lot of enjoyment from this unique fishery. It's time to give back by being a part of the solution.

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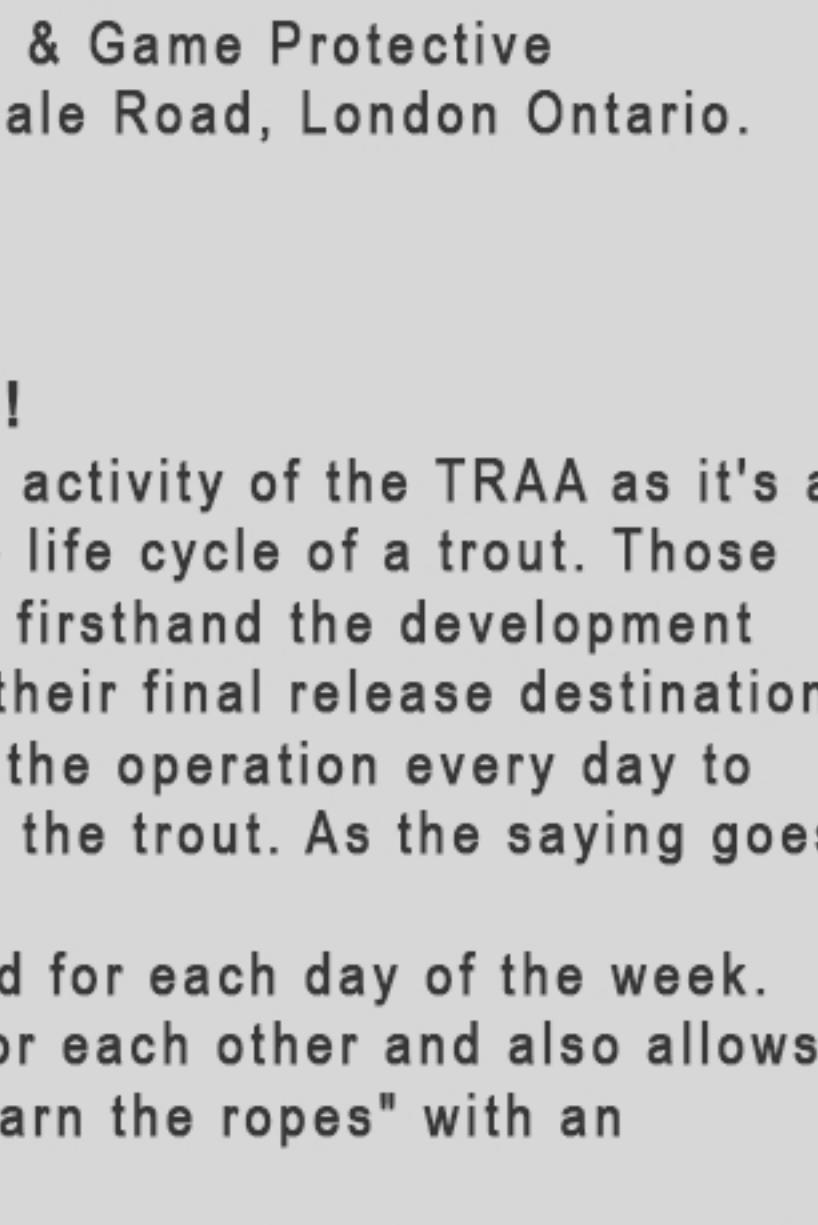
Efforts are underway to get the \$\$\$ we need to continue many of the TRAA's most vital projects:



Improvements to the TRAA Trout Hatchery



Continuation of the Salmonid Monitoring Program



Funding the Komoka Creek Hydrological Study

Please email us if you'd like to take an active role in raising the funds needed for these and other important TRAA activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TRAA General Meeting 7:00PM - Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Happy New Year!

As part of the new you for 2019 why not start coming out to TRAA General Meetings. That way you're up on the latest details on TRAA news, plans and events. Also note that with the New Year, it is time to renew your TRAA membership if you haven't already! As always, guests are always welcome. If you're not a member feel free to drop in and check out what the TRAA is all about.

We meet at the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association clubhouse at 790 Southdale Road, London Ontario.

TRAA Trout Hatchery Brown Trout Eggs Arriving Soon!

The TRAA trout hatchery is a popular activity of the TRAA as it's a great teaching tool with regard to the life cycle of a trout. Those involved with the hatchery get to see firsthand the development stages of the egg and the fry before their final release destinations to area streams. Volunteers attend to the operation every day to maintain the health and well-being of the trout. As the saying goes, many hands make light work.

There are ideally 2 members assigned for each day of the week. This is desirable as they can cover for each other and also allows us to match up anyone wanting to "learn the ropes" with an experienced mentor.

At this time there are still openings those wanting to be a part of the trout hatchery rotation. You can Contact Us or attend a TRAA General Meeting (see above) for more info.

Rod Building - Your First Time

7:00PM - Mondays, February 18 through March 11, 2019

This will be a series of informal, hands-on sessions that will result in a spinning or fly rod that you have assembled and finished yourself. This opportunity is open only to current members of the TRAA, WOFGPA and/or FCFFC. Registration will be closed when 15 paid-up participants have registered, or January 11, 2019, whichever comes first. An email with further details has been sent out. If you haven't received this email by Wednesday, December 19th, please Contact Us.

Presented by: Thames River Anglers Association with the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Ass'n and the Forest City Fly Fishing Club. The Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association clubhouse is at 790 Southdale Road, London Ontario.

Stream Habitat Work Party

Took place on Saturday, October 13, 2018

A few TRAA members cleared a number of fallen trees and other blockages on October 13th. Dan Shinkelshoek made a video of the proceedings and it's worth a look so click on the picture to view.

If you have further questions about TRAA stream habitat projects and events, please come out to the TRAA General Meeting on Wednesday, November 14th or Contact Us.

TRAA Gear is now available!

Tee shirts, hats and stickers.

Many of you have already ordered the TRAA tee shirts, but if you haven't you had better hurry because many sizes are almost sold out! These are a steal at \$15 each.

There are three different hat colours available: Clay Grey, Burnt Orange and Taupe. If you thought the tee's were a good deal, all three editions of these hats are also priced at \$15 each.

We now have some nice stickers featuring the TRAA logo that you can display on your vehicle, boat, lunchbox or wherever you like.

These are \$2 each but you get one for joining the TRAA as a member or renewing an existing TRAA membership.

Get your TRAA Gear (makes a great Christmas gift!) at any TRAA event, such as this coming General Meeting.

LOCAL BUSINESSES STEP UP TO HELP OUT THE TRAA

The support of the following area business people is much appreciated

Over the past couple of years the folks at Melchers Construction Ltd have offered up their beautiful boardroom for TRAA executive meetings. It's an ideal space with all the amenities required for us to accomplish all the "behind the scenes" work of the TRAA. Many thanks go out to the continued support of Melchers Construction Ltd.

Members of the trout hatchery rotation know the woes we've had with lighting in the hatchery. Even with larger fixtures installed a few years ago, it was still frustrating on days when the mercury dipped below -15C and the fluorescent technology just teased us with its dull flicker. Enter Mike Jeffries of Guillevin Greentech in London with nice set of bright and dependable (and new!) LED fixtures.

Once they were installed it was like working in well-appointed laboratory.

The TRAA voted unanimously to re-name the TRAA trout hatchery honouring Keith Wales' memory and his unselfish support of the TRAA's work in the London area, in particular Komoka Creek. Special thanks go out to Muma Manufacturing in St. Thomas for donating the beautiful laser-cut aluminum sign.

After cleaning up the area around the TRAA shed and trout hatchery, our trailer was quite full and needed to be emptied. A big 'thank you' goes out to Rick Vandersluis and Mike Seabrook of Try Recycling who allowed the TRAA to empty the trailer at their facility free of charge.

Before we could take the trailer to Try Recycling, we needed to get the spare tire for the trailer fixed. Pat Devincenzo, proprietor of Angling Sports, offered to get it repaired. Turns out the tire needed replacing and Pat took care of it.

Angling Sports also supplied cards for all TRAA members that entitle them to a discount equal to the tax on anything in the store.

Thanks Pat, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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