



## THAMES RIVER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

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Editor - Earl Mullin

### KOMOKA BROWN TROUT UPWELLING BOX

The boys on the Trout Committee have submitted this informative report on the Brown Trout project.

The trout section is forging ahead with plans to start the introduction of Brown Trout into the Thames River water-shed this fall. Permission has been obtained to use a water source for an upwelling incubation box just outside Komoka. The spring fed water source is located in the Southwind gravel pit near the northeast bank of the Thames River.

Research on upwelling box construction and operation has been done during the months of July and August. The construction costs will hopefully be covered by a C.F.I.P. grant from the Ministry of Natural Resources. Volunteers will be needed to supply the labour to build and maintain the box during the box's operation. A proposal of intent for the project is being written for the Ministry of Natural Resources so permission from them can be obtained. The proposal will outline the club's long term plans for the Brown Trout project.

Some information about the biology of Brown Trout has been obtained from various sources. Brown Trout propagation using an upwelling box will be a very challenging project. The major difficulty in raising Brown Trout comes with the time of year that they spawn. The fish spawn in the late fall so the eggs must stay in the upwelling box all winter until early spring. The eggs will therefore have an increased chance of being damaged by disease or the elements. As a comparison, Brown Trout eggs will take as long as 100 days to hatch while Rainbow Trout may only take as little as 30 days in the spring run.

If you have any questions about the project or would like to help out please see a committee person at the next meeting. See you there.

## HATS AND CRESTS

Hats and crests are available to club members at each meeting for \$10 per set ( one set per member only). If you can not attend an upcoming meeting, call Paul Donovan, the club treasurer, on weekends at 453-6055 to make arrangements to purchase your set.

## FIRST LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

Dear Earl:

I was pleased to receive the very interesting newsletter. I have been a member since the second meeting, and have taken part in the netting at the gravel pit, and the catching of the largemouth bass at Komoka. I had to miss the last two meetings, due to work, so I found the newsletter very helpful in keeping up to date.

You mentioned a name for the newsletter -- what about "Thames Talk". Think about it anyway.

Keep up the good work!

Your truly,  
Lawson Jones,  
London

## SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

The Thames River Anglers Association executive have forwarded the following items.

This is your club and it is important that you attend the next meeting to voice your opinion as to the structure of the meetings? Do you want to voice your opinion as to the structure of the meetings. Do you want them to deal with business, lectures from fishing experts, films workshops?

What do you want from your membership in this club? Do you want fishing tournaments, club tournaments, club outings, work projects?

What do you expect from our club newspaper? Do you want updates on the latest projects, fishing tips, fishing stories from club members, fishing hotspots?

It is important that the executive know what you expect.

Hats and badges are on sale from the club executive for \$10.00. Buy one and proudly wear it when you're fishing to show your support for the club and its objectives.

#### **ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES:**

The Thames River Anglers Association's objectives are:

- a) to promote and assist in environmental cleanup of the Thames River Valley shoreline to create recreational opportunities for the general public.
- b) to promote and educate the general public towards the advantages of the catch and release method of fishing Ontario game fish.
- c) to create a spring, summer, and fall fishery by stocking smallmouth bass and trout in the Thames River.
- d) to promote the control of pollution of rivers and lakes.

#### **THAMES RIVER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE**

President	Tom Ervasti	652-5911
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Second Vice-President	James Vanos	652-2533
Treasurer	Paul Donovan	672-9024
Recording Secretary	Mark Smithson	765-1745
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#### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

We have a regular place to meet again. Monthly meetings will again be held at Clarke Road Secondary School at 8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on October 8.

Thank you to those who did the telephoning to inform the members of the meeting.

#### **APPLICATION FORMS**

Attached you should find a membership application form in case you know someone who may want to join our association.



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### Membership Application/Renewal

FEE .... \$10.00

DATE .....

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

POSTAL CODE .....

TELEPHONE .....

I would like to serve on the (bass/trout) committee(s) in order to improve that fishing.

I fish the following branches of the Thames River:

North .....

South .....

Lower .....

Main .....

I enjoy fishing for .....

Signature.....

(please send cheque or money order)  
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Received from .....

Amount ..... for an annual ..... membership

in the THAMES RIVER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION.

Signature.....