

Welcome to the TRAA

“Dedication today for tomorrow”

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

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TRAA General Meetings

7:00PM - Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Happy New Year!

As part of the new year 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 Gear is now available

T-Shirts – \$15.00

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.

Stickers – \$2.00

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.

Hats – \$15.00

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.

TRAA Projects

"Hands-on Environmentalism" is what we do ...

This is what sets the TRAA apart from other clubs and organizations. You'll find us right in the water clearing obstructions from streams, measuring returning salmonids & taking scale samples for DNA analysis, education through trout hatchery tours & stream walks, being a voice for the Thames River watershed & its inhabitants and the list goes on.

Newsletters

Take a stroll down memory lane by browsing through the TRAA Newsletter archive ...

2011 - 2010 - 2009 - 2008 - 2007 - 2006 - 2005 - 2004 - 2003

2001 - 2000 - 1999 - 1997 - 1996 - 1986

and if you have copies of TRAA newsletters that you don't see listed below, please forward a copy to us by [email](#) or bring it to any TRAA event.

The TRAA Newsletters have evolved over the years.

The first newsletters were banged out manually on a typewriter and then copied about 100 times for distribution.

These initial efforts were simple (no pictures or colour!) but they did the job.

The latest versions are electronic, emailed to members and other TRAA friends. They feature nice formatting, pictures and yes, colour!

The greatest challenge over the years has been getting editions published on time (or at all!). Such is life within a volunteer organization like the TRAA!

You have to focus your energies on where they are most effective and a newsletter falls further down that priority list.

Helpful Links

Sites of interest for a “conserfishinist”

Conservation Sites

Conservation Authorities

Conservation Entities

Fishing and clubs

Related links

Please Note:

The links appearing on this page have been included for the interest of TRAA members and other like-minded individuals. We do our best to monitor what these sites offer as content. If you are concerned with any aspect of any of the linked sites, please contact the Webmaster. Sites linked to this page that are deemed unsuitable for any reason at the sole discretion of the TRAA, will be removed without notice or explanation. Like-minded organizations wishing to have their sites linked to this page may contact the Webmaster. Your site's suitability for linking to this page is a decision made solely and strictly by the TRAA.

About Us

The TRAA Works at a Grassroots Level Within the Thames River Watershed to ...

- Protect, enhance and regenerate a viable, multi-species, year-round fishery.
- Promote and participate in environmental clean-up, pollution control and rehabilitation.
- Breed, relocate and stock to re-establish or augment appropriate species of fish.
- Promote environmentally sound sport fishing practices.
- Form partnerships with community businesses, government agencies, special interest groups, land-owners, and other stakeholders in the Thames River watershed.
- Increase public awareness of the unique diversity of the Thames River Watershed, its challenges, its recreational opportunities and its vital importance to our community.

In the spring of 1986 the TRAA was formed by anglers concerned with the state of the fishery in the Thames River watershed, particularly the dwindling smallmouth bass population in the North Thames River.

The TRAA is not a fishing club, although most members are anglers and share fishing as a common interest. We are a “hands on” environmental group who likes to work at a grass roots level.

The TRAA is a volunteer organization, governed by a formal constitution and by-laws. An elected Executive, with the guidance of the General Membership, sets the policies and direction for the TRAA.

The TRAA has a history of always having a core group of active members supported by those who just want to be part of the solution. Either way, every member of the TRAA is active in their advocacy for the health of the Thames River watershed and its inhabitants.

Treasurer

Randy Bailey

Secretary

Jeremy Beaton

President

Rob Huber

Vice - President

Paul Holmes

Chairperson

Adam Bengen

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Members of the trout hatchery rotation know the woes we've 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 Guill-levin 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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Contact the TRAA

There's a bunch of ways to get in touch with the TRAA.

If you're with a like-minded organization or group looking for more information on the TRAA and its activities or ...

if you're an individual who would like to become involved with the activities undertaken by the TRAA ...

the TRAA would like to hear from you.

Form

Note: This is a mailing address only. See below for the location of the TRAA General Meetings.

Come and talk to us at a TRAA General Meeting

Guests are welcome!

The TRAA meets every second Wednesday of each month. We always try to get the meetings started by 7:00pm so try to be there a few minutes before-hand. The venue is the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association's clubhouse located just east of the Dearness Home on Southdale Road (East), on the North side of Southdale Road. The address is 790 Southdale Road East, London, Ontario.

Note: Every now and then we have “off-site” meetings. For example, the July and August meetings are “fishing meetings” so we won’t be at WOFGPA clubhouse. Stay on top of these changes by visiting this Web site often.