

TRAA Election Report

The following Executive positions were filled at the March 10th Annual General Meeting:

President

Randy Bailey

Vice President

Paul Noble

Treasurer

Archie Graham

Chairman

Robert Huber

Secretary

Will Mulder

The following Committee Chair positions were also confirmed:

Trout

Dave Jeffries, Stephen Leighton

Warmwater

Victor Fulcher, Bryon Mott

Rehabilitation

Paul Holmes, Jeremy Beaton

Social

Dave Jefferies, Lawson Jones

Public Relations

Paul Noble, Marco Deluca



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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

Guest Speaker

- Wray Ramsey

If you're as confused as the rest of us with regard to drainage issues then you'll want to come out and listen to Wray. He's been around this business longer than most and is very well versed in all things pertaining to the drainage act, stakeholder rights and what agencies do what.

Wray's candour can be refreshing or challenging, depending on which side of the fence you're sitting. He speaks his mind and is respected for his knowledge, experience and opinions.

Be sure to come out to the April 14th General Meeting and get "schooled".



News Bites

April 2010

Join us at the
Annual General Meeting
April 14, 2010





The meeting starts at
8:00pm sharp

The venue is



1017 Western Road, London

Meeting Features:

-  **Guest Speaker**
– Wray Ramsey: Creeks from a drainage perspective
-  **Trout**
– a new home for our brown trouties
-  **Salmonid Monitoring**
– another TRAA initiative!
-  **and Much More ...**

Rehabilitation Committee

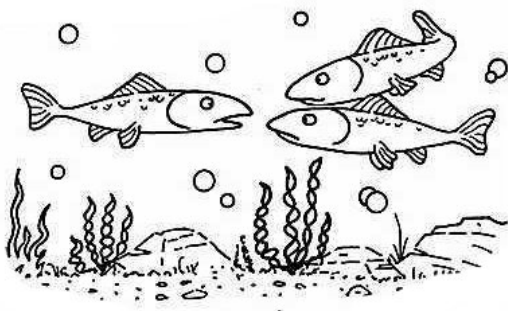
This time of year is a little slow for Rehab' activities because in-stream work cannot take place – spawning rainbows and baby browns need this window to “do their thing”. While there haven't been any opportunities to get into the water to do some much needed obstruction removal and habitat work, a small army of dedicated bushwhackers has been attacking bank-side infestations of wild grape vines.

Wild grape winds its “tendrils of death” around trees that afford a much-needed canopy for the stream. These vines take over, choking trees off to the point where they die and fall into the creek.

Removing the vines is very labour-intensive, using pruners and in many cases, hand saws. Despite this, these volunteers have managed to rid a very large area of this problem vine.

Victor Fucher, who initiated this project and Paul Holmes would like to thank all those who have helped and who will continue to keep this project moving forward.

TRAAtoon



I swear it was over 200 pounds and six feet tall. I almost had it in the water when the line snapped!

Salmonid Monitoring - Picture Gallery



John Schwindt probes the “cornfield bend”. Stephen & Bryon looking at the one that got away? Paul Holmes waits for the next one.



A rainbow in full spawning colours gets measured, tagged and scale sampled.



Smaller resident trout were not tagged but scale samples were taken for DNA purposes.

Trout Committee

The brown trout in the circular growth tank are growing like crazy and will soon need to be released into the donor stream(s). Area stream temperatures are warming and will approximate the water temperature in our hatchery in a short time. Also, as we saw last year, the larger the browns become, the more their meat-eating tendencies come to the fore – cannibalism will be a concern. Several donor streams are being considered and will be decided upon at the April 14th General Meeting.

We are also waiting for word on delivery of this year's batch of rainbow trout eggs. This should come at any time now.

Brook trout being raised in our hatchery is also still very much a “front burner” issue and will be discussed further at the general Meeting.

The TRAA's Salmonid Monitoring Program on Komoka Creek has been officially launched. So far there have been three outings and all have been very successful. John Schwindt of the UTRCA has been graciously donating his time and electrofishing expertise – it sure is easier than herding them into a net!

Members have been measuring, determining sex, tagging and taking scale samples for DNA analyses. This is a very cool initiative that will help us determine growth rates, return numbers, general habits and other characteristics of not only migratory rainbows but also our resident rainbow and brown trout.

Have a look at the pictures of one such tagging and scale-sampling party that were taken by Victor Fulcher and Bryon Mott. We're hoping to get out one more time – maybe Saturday, April 17th. Come to the General Meeting for confirmation.