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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, WOFSPA 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.



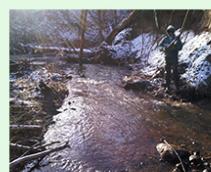
The TRAA trout hatchery is a popular activity of the TRAA as it's a great teaching tool with regard to the life cycle of a trout. Those involved with the hatchery get to see firsthand the development stages of the egg and the fry before their final release destinations to area streams. Volunteers attend 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.



TRAA Trout Hatchery



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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.



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Please email us if you'd like to take an active role in raising the funds needed for these



TRAA Komoka Creek



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.

TRAA Gear is now available! Tee shirts, hats and stickers.

Local Businesses Step Up to Help Out the TRAA



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.

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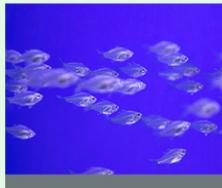
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The TRAA Works at a Grassroots Level Within the Thames River Watershed to:

1. protect, enhance and regenerate a viable, multi-species, year-round fishery.
2. promote and participate in environmental clean-up, pollution control and rehabilitation.
3. breed, relocate and stock to re-establish or augment appropriate species of fish.
4. promote environmentally sound sport fishing practices.
5. form partnerships with community businesses, government agencies, special interest groups, landowners, and other stakeholders in the Thames River watershed.
6. 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 grassroots 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.

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Participate, Help Out, Have Fun Events & activities are what the TRAA's all about!


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Stream Habitat Work Party Thursday, July 12, 2018

Work Party - Hatchery Roof Repair Saturday, June 30, 2018

It was an incredibly hot morning but the job was finished in record time. There were materials left over for the tool shed roof as well that will be another day! If you have questions about this event or would like to get involved with other hatchery projects, please Contact us.

We were very excited to have a group from the MNRE's Stewardship Youth Rangers Program to do some work on Komoka Creek. This program gives groups of 16 or 17 year-olds an opportunity to spend 8 weeks working outdoors on natural resource management projects in their own community.



Lets looking more past exciting event photos



















































Rainbow Trout Release

This spring's hatch of rainbow trout was incredibly successful with low mortality resulting in a phenomenal total of over 40,000 fry ready for release day on Saturday June 21, 2014. TRAA members and guests met at the County Hearts Restaurant in Komoka and car pooled to the TRAA hatchery site to help out moving the fry from the hatchery to the TRAA transfer tank. The rainbow trout fry were released into Dingman Creek. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone on the trout hatchery rotation whose dedication ensured a visit every day of the week from the fall when we got the brown trout and the spring when we got the rainbow trout. A special thanks goes to the rainbow trout hatchery volunteers, Chris Colgan and Chris Colgan volunteering his pickup truck to transport the transfer tank to the release site. The pictures below from this event are courtesy Rob Huber.



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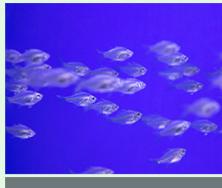
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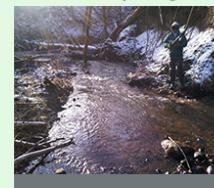
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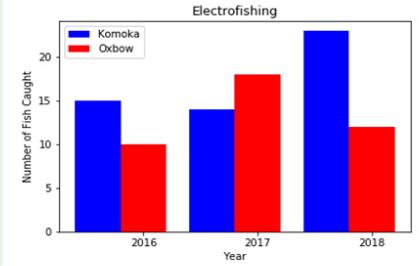
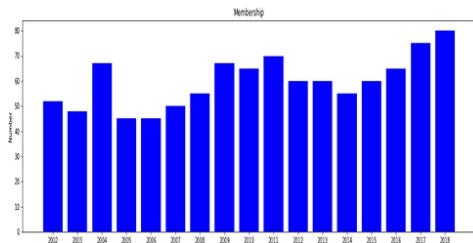


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"Hands-on Environmentalism" is what we do ... This is what sets the TRAA apart from other clubs and organizations. You'll find us right in the water clearing obstructions from streams, measuring returning salmonids & taking scale samples for DNA analysis,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

Here's some Current and past TRAA Projects



Salmonid Monitoring Program Spring 2013 will be our fourth year of this 5-year project. Tagged Trout Here's an overview of what happened over a few weekends in the Spring of 2012 when TRAA members and personnel from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) waded in for Year 3 of our 5-year Salmonid Tagging and Monitoring Program

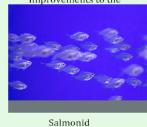


TRAAs Trout Hatchery Rearing both brown and rainbow trout. Trout Fry The TRAA first began rearing rainbow trout in an outdoor upwelling incubation box back in 1986. Since then we've successfully taken on both brown trout and brook trout eggs

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TRAATrout Newsletters

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

1986- October

1996- Winter

1997- Summer- Fall - Winter

1999- Spring- Summer- Fall- Winter

2000- Spring- Summer- Fall- Winter

2001- Spring- Summer- Fall/Winter- Winter/Spring

2003- Spring

2004- Winter

2005- Spring- Summer

2006- June- October- November

2007- January- February- April- May- June- Novem- ber- December

2008- March- May- June- December

2009- March- May- June- August- September- Octo- ber- November- December

2010- April

2011- 1st Quarter





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. Carolinian Canada - Carolinian Canada's diverse network advances a strategic 'Big Picture' vision for healthy landscapes and a green future in Canada's deep south.

. Friends of the Thames / Thames River Cleanup - The Friends of the Thames has been organising and promoting the Annual Thames River Cleanup every spring for the past 14 years. Environmentally concerned volunteers, landowners, clubs, organizations and municipalities have come together during Earth week to help clean up portions of the Thames River watershed areas. Check out their Contact page to find out who or what organization is cleaning up your favourite section of the Thames River.

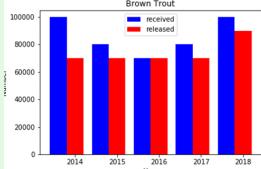
. Nature London - Nature London undertakes a variety of projects to promote environmental awareness, enhance habitat and protect natural areas. MFN members participate in the Chrysalis Bird Count, the annual Butterfly Count and other environmental surveys throughout the year.

. North Shore Steelhead Association - The primary concern of the founding members was the protection and enhancement of the north shore migratory Rainbow Trout (Steelhead) fishery, but their foresight led to the inclusion of all coldwater species in our constitution. This, by default, includes all species that use Lake Superior tributaries in their life cycle.

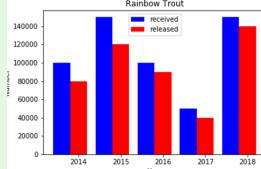
. Ontario Beavers - To promote the protection and rehabilitation of Ontario's rivers and streams through education and community action.

. Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters - You may think you know who they are and what they do, but check the site, you may be surprised!

. Trout Unlimited Canada - To conserve, protect and restore Canada's freshwater resources and their watersheds for current and future generations.



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2014	100000	65000
2015	85000	60000
2016	70000	65000
2017	75000	60000
2018	100000	85000



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2014	100000	50000
2015	140000	100000
2016	80000	70000
2017	40000	30000
2018	140000	130000

Support These Local Fishing and Related Retailers



Angling Sports - 6811 Highbury Ave N, London, ON N6W 4L4 (519-546-7429)

John's Fly Materials - 98 Rectory Street, London, ON N6Z 1Z8 (226-270-6029)

Angling Outfitters - 684480 Road 88, Woodstock, ON N4S 7V7 (519-539-5494)

Fishing and Related Links



. Ian Colin James - This late great friend of the Thames River and the TRAA was a Fly Fisherman, Tyer, Guide, Instructor, Author, College Prof, Artist, Raconteur, and Man About Town.

. Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association - Quite likely the oldest and still one of the most viable conservation clubs in the London area. It's also where the TRAA holds their meetings.

. Forest City Fly Fishing Club - Learn everything about all things fly fishing. Also great friends and supporters of the TRAA.

. Real-Time Hydrologic Data - Explore real-time river levels and flows (discharges) before you plan your fishing or canoe/kayak trip.

. Match Angling Club of Ontario - An interesting site with lots of info' on match angling, a growing aspect of our sport in North America.

. SOTTO Fly Fishing Club - This club organizes a series of fun fly fishing competitions across Ontario, one of which is the Thames River Open.

. Thames River Paddling Routes - The aim of this website is to create a single source for accessing information for paddling the Thames River.

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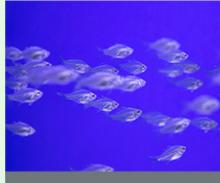
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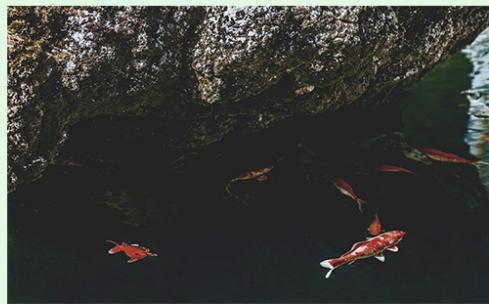


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TRAAT General Meeting

TRAAT SnailMail—Send all those cards and letters (and cheques!) to: Thames River Anglers Association 2202 Coronation Drive London, Ontario N6G 0B9



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 beforehand.

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.



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