

TRI-ANGLER NEWS

GEORGIAN TRIANGLE ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Report

Our membership is down to 90 members and the same few are showing up to meetings and club functions. Please come out and help. We have a beautiful piece of land and a clubhouse with a fireplace newly installed. Tell your friends about us – it's the best \$80.00 you can spend.

Take a walk around the property on a sunny day, see the wildlife – cast your fishing rod into the pond and sit and listen to nature – It doesn't get any better. For fathers and grandfathers; bring out the kids as your guests and let them enjoy.

It has been brought to my attention that some of the long time members have not renewed their memberships...I hope this is just an oversight; it would be terrible to loose you as a member.

Our Christmas meeting is Wednesday December 16. Come out One and All. There will be food and gifts for everyone. Last year everyone enjoyed what we did, so we decided to do the same this year.

This club has done alot of good in stream rehab, fishing, our work with children and the Out of Doors Clubs. We should be proud of our accomplishments and look forward to the future, and all of the plans we have for the clubhouse, hatchery and grounds.

As 2009 ends, I want to thank everyone for all there help. Sometimes I look at all the work just a small portion of our members do and I think it would be a lot easier if we had more volunteers. I am proud of the direction of our club and our accomplishments. Everyone, lets keep up the good work.

See you all at the meetings.....keep your tip up. Gary

Buildings and Grounds Report

Doug Parton reported that our propane tank and clubhouse furnace were inspected. The furnace was red tagged and has since been replaced by a propane fire stove with a digital thermostat. It is working very well.

The Petun Conservation Area (where the club house, hatchery and pond are located) is leased to the G.T.A.A. from the N.V.C.A. and no trespassing is allowed. Members are encouraged to use the property for family events i.e. picnicking, camping or fishing etc. Contact Doug for reservations, keys, etc. Guests must be accompanied by a member and no is allowed by anyone unless they are a member or are a guest accompanying a member.

Hatchery Report

Frank DeGraaf reported that 75,000 browns were recently stocked in the Bay at Collingwood, Thornbury and Meaford with none lost. There are 11,000 specks that are in good shape. Some will be stocked this fall; weather permitting and the balance will be stocked in the spring. Stream temperature studies have been completed.

48 members of the Huronia Woodland Owner's Association visited the hatchery, were impressed with our efforts and made a donation to help fund GTAA programs.

10,000 speckled trout eggs have been collected so far this fall and we hope to obtain more. We have to update our permit with the MNR for stocking and taking of eggs and milt. We are going to ask for permission for an alternative to the 1.6 million browns we have stocked in the past. No-one has caught them. As a courtesy, we should advise the NVCA when we stock in their watershed

Membership Report

Welcome to our new GTAA members. Membership renewals are slowly coming in with 90 renewals to date. Thank you to you who have submitted their 2009/2010 membership fees. For those who have not yet submitted their fees there is an application enclosed. My apologies to those who have paid, but are not yet in my hands.

The executive wants to encourage members to come out to meetings and participate in events. What can the executive do for you as members and get you to come out to meetings and participate in events? We need your support and we want to make you happy. Our 2008/2009 membership totaled 114. The new membership fee schedule is:

Single membership including OFAH membership \$65
Family membership including OFAH membership \$80
Single membership excluding OFAH membership \$30 *
Family membership excluding OFAH membership \$35 *
All GTAA members must be members of the OFAH.

* You have to provide your OFAH membership number when you pay your membership fee.

There are no longer any discounts for early payment or seniors. New members (who have not been former members) who join in December or later will not pay until May 31st of the second year. For example: if you joined on December 15, 2008, your membership will be valid until May 31, 2010.

The benefits of OFAH include: \$3 million liability insurance; the Ontario Out of Doors magazine; the Angler and Hunter Hot Line; OFAH membership card and decal; potential of 20% savings on all home, cottage and vehicle insurance; potential of savings on health and dental coverage; potential savings on hotels and resorts; use of an OFAH MasterCard which supports conservation, angler and hunter rights with each purchase; savings on taxidermy, discounts at the Brick, Marks Work Warehouse, Hakim Optical, Thrifty and Hertz rentals and OFAH member discounts on merchandise. For more detail, check the OFAH website and click on membership.

Stream Rehabilitation Report

Dave Hodgetts reported that he is always looking for blockages and beaver dams that need to be removed. Often Dave Hodgetts and Dave Field work with each other using students to help with removals.

Volunteer Awards Program Report

Rick Baldry reported that if you have not done so, please record your hours and get them to him. Our grants depend upon us providing hours worked on the many activities. Hat hooks or pins are available to those who complete 35 hours or more.

Youth Activities Report

Dave Fields reported that this has been a very busy and productive year for youth projects. Activities included birdhouse projects, stream rehabilitation with tree planting and dam removal on local streams. The GTAA has been recognized by the OFAH for youth programs and awards have been presented. This year we participated in the Get Outdoors Summer Camp and the Women's Outdoor Weekend (WOW). We look forward to having a successful and exciting year for 2010. We hope to have a school hatchery in one of our local schools. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the NVCA for our projects.

Coming events

Executive meetings: Tuesday December 8, 2009 7:00 pm
Tuesday January 12, 2010 7:00 pm
Tuesday February 9, 2010 7:00 pm
Tuesday March 9, 2010 7:00 pm
Tuesday April 13, 2010 7:00 pm Clubhouse, at the Petun Conservation Area located on Concession 2 off of Grey Road 19

Tuesday May 11, 2010 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Tuesday June 8, 2010 7:00 pm Clubhouse
All members are welcome!

General meetings: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 7:00 pm, our special holiday season meeting for members and their spouses or partners at the Collingwood Rod and Gun Club

Please **RSVP to Jay Kivell** if you can attend.

12 Gun Club Road located opposite Cranberry Trail off Highway 26
Wednesday January 20, 2010 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club
Wednesday February 17, 2010 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club
Wednesday, March 17, 2010 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 7:00 pm Clubhouse, at the Petun Conservation Area located on Concession 2 off of Grey Road 19
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Wednesday, June 16, 2010 7:00 pm Clubhouse
All members are welcome!

Ice Fishing Derby: February 13, 2010. It will be contingent upon ice availability in the Collingwood Harbour.

30th Annual Georgian Triangle Anglers' Association Spring Derby: April 17 to May 1, 2010

2nd Annual Cleanup Day: June 5, 2010

Editor's message

Thank you to the President and Committee Chairs for getting their reports to me for your Tri-Angler News. The Tri-Angler News deadlines are as follows:

February 15th for March 1st

May 15th for June 1st

August 15th for September 1st

November 15th for December 1st

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