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President's report

My dear membership: It is with regret that I must resign my responsibilities as president of the club. I have enjoyed my time in that position. Gary Lawrence as 1st Vice has stepped up to fulfill that position until the elections in March. Please give all the support you can to assist him with his new duties.

It's fall fishing time again. What can I say? I hear good rumors and bad ones. It's not for lack of our trying. We stock and restock successfully each year. See reports below. As long as we can afford to, we must never fail in our attempt to contribute to the fish population in our part of Southern Georgian Bay and its watershed.

We need some of our 100 membership families to step up to the plate and assist in our fund raising. Yes, I know that we have had some great ideas suggested and we thank the members for that. We need our members to take the bull by the horns and make it happen. Your executive is getting worn out. Our fund raising in the last year has not met our expectations. It soon could become a crisis. Please give of your time as well as your ideas, and we can keep building and expanding our club and its activities.

Thank you again for your support over the last year and a half. I appreciate it.

Editor's note: We want to thank Pat for her initiatives and dedication and wish her well.

Hatchery report

Bruce reported that the 25,000 to 30,000 browns have been released, some in the Collingwood Harbour and some in the Lighthouse Point Harbour. The year old speckled trout will be released in Lake Eugenia. Signs are to be made notifying people in the area of our efforts and to please release any they may catch in the first year. Roughly 300-400 of them will be put in Dave Hodgetts smaller pond with the purpose of using them for brood stock in 2 years. 15,000 speckled trout eggs have been collected so far. The next group of brown trout eggs will be here near the end of December.

Brian reported that the CFIP application has been received and he requires a report for the activities in the hatchery and the number of volunteer hours spent in the hatchery. Please make sure that your volunteer hours are documented and handed in. The OFAH continues to ask the Environment Minister why there is a lack of action on the legislation of the effluent water discharge from fish hatcheries. The OFAH has attempted to get a meeting set up for over a year in an attempt to save volunteer run hatcheries unnecessary expenses to no avail.

Buildings and Grounds report

Doug has improved the entrance to the pond and has constructed a great natural bench. The back storage room has been tidied up and organized and the flies in the clubhouse have been cleaned up. We are having waste collection issues with waste not being picked up on the Wednesday garbage day. We will continue to deal with the garbage issues as they come. The deck construction will be finished in the next

couple of weeks.

Stream Rehabilitation

Dave reports that we will be working on getting trees through Fred Dobbs. 40 Vanier students got on the Pretty River and cleaned out a portion of it on November 13. They will be planning another day to clean another section of the upper Pretty and Howard and Frank cleaned out the Silver Creek recently. Dave will be trying out a new anchor system for stream banks.

Ways and means report

Doug reported that he was still talking to different people about the snowmobile poker run possibility in the winter. Aubrey has volunteered to call a meeting of people interested in helping out with the Spring Trout Derby. Several members said they would sit on the committee. If you wish to help, please contact Aubrey. The Brampton Firefighters are not quite sure what they are doing with their Derby in 2008 but will keep us posted.

GTAA Volunteer Awards Program

Rick advised that qualified volunteers will be awarded a G.T.A.A. hook or pin and an opportunity to win a **DRAW** at the end of the year when certain conditions are met. A designated amount of cash will be awarded if the draw prize is not desired.

In order to qualify you must volunteer time at hatchery or designated volunteer projects or events from March 1st till the end of February. When you acquire 35 hours you receive a club hook or pin. Once you have attained fifty hours your name will be put in a hat and you will be eligible to WIN the Draw at the end of the year. The draw will take place at our General Meeting. Hours accumulated by the ten directors at meetings or working directly on their elected responsibilities will not count. Hours worked that the club is paying the individual for the service for will not count. Hours worked on other volunteer projects will count towards the program.

You must be an active member in good standing and your membership dues paid.

Time sheets are available at the hatchery or upon request and are to be signed, dated, indicating hours worked by members on club activities. We will accumulate and report progress on this program at our monthly meetings and in our newsletter. The Executive & Board of Directors appreciates the volunteer work of our members.

Membership Report

Lindsay reported memberships were slow coming in this year. To date, 102 families have registered for this year compared to 105 last year. Remember in order for you to continue as an Ontario Federation of Angler's and Hunters member and receive your "Ontario Out of Doors" magazine you must register. Membership is key in order to keep our club active and viable for our conservation work to be a success. With the increasing pressures on the Georgian Triangle environment, it is essential that we keep up our important work.

I want to thank Lindsay Brannen for being Membership Chair for the past 5 years and making it easy for me to take over as Membership Chair and Editor of the Tri-Angler News.

Youth activities report

Dave reports that this has been a very exciting and productive year for the GTAA young people. The Jean Vanier High School's *Get Outdoors Club* participated in dam removal on the Pretty River on three separate occasions to allow trout to reach spawning areas upstream. Jean Vanier students also assisted the children of St Noel Chabanel School with a bird house construction project. Additionally, Vanier students were involved in a boating safety course.

Pupils from Elmvale District High School participated in a tree planting project on the Wye River to stabilize stream bank erosion and enhance trout spawning beds. Students from the *Get Outdoors Club* planted 1500 cedar and black spruce trees on the Wye River. 30 students from the Elmvale *Get Outdoors Club* also took part in a 3-day canoe trip to Massasauga Park near Parry Sound. Nature study, outdoor skills and leadership courses were part of this initiative.

Students from all schools involved are eager to participate in any way to help with hatchery and community events.

I was very honoured to have received the OFHA *Larry Wallace Memorial Award* this past year for volunteer efforts with the Education of Youth Conservation Programs in Ontario. Our young people are the future leaders to preserve and protect natural resources so subsequent generations can enjoy the great outdoors we have today. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we welcome Ted and Jan Fisher to the Club executive. Together we hope to focus on getting more youth and family involvement to encourage new members to become part of the team. Also, it is hoped that a greater profile will encourage more community support. Young and new members are needed to carry on the incredible work presently done by a dedicated core group of GTAA members who spend countless hours maintaining and operating one of the best hatchery and fish stocking programs in Ontario. New members and community support are needed to ensure that this high level of fish stocking and hatchery maintenance is carried on in the future. Other schools in the GTTA area are being approached for future participation and assistance.

I would like thank Pat and Aubrey Sawyers, Rick Baldry, and Dave Hodgetts for their outstanding support and assistance. Dave Hodgetts did an excellent job in organizing the stream rehabilitation and restoration on the Pretty River with the Jean Vanier students.

Editor's note: Dave's July report was received after the newsletter was finalized. The July and December reports were edited and compiled together.

OFAH Zone H news

Rick reports that the spread of invasive species through our province has to be controlled whether it be Fish, Plants, Invertebrates, or Diseases.

For 2008 all Commercial Bait Dealers in the province will be required to have a mandatory MNR approved plan called (HACCP) Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Plan in place before they are issued their 2008 Commercial Bait Dealers License. The HACCP requires bait dealers to examine their bait handling practices to determine how they prevent the spread of invasive species. i.e. fish like; ruffe, rudd, round goby etc. plants like water milfoil, curly leaf pond weed, purple loosestrife etc. invertebrates like -zebra mussels, spiny water fleas, fishhook water fleas etc. and diseases like VHS, largemouth bass virus etc.

This plan is divided into two parts; Part A, a check list of how you currently operate your business and Part B, a check list of how you will prevent the spread of invasive species once you implement your HACCP. Both parts must be completed & signed before your application for your 2008 bait dealer's license will be issued.

Fishing in the great lakes as well as on inland waters this summer & fall has been better than in the last 3 years; in fact Lake Michigan had its 2nd best Chinook season in the last 40 years with both more & larger fish recorded. Both Derbies that the Lake Huron Fishing Club put on this year much the same results were recorded. Let's hope that our water levels go up & our fishing continues to improve.

Attend an OFAH Zone H meeting for a chance to win a Savage 17 Stainless Rifle. When you attend you will receive a free entry into the final draw to take place at the Zone H annual meeting.

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 will be as follows:

January 15th for March 1st

April 15th for June 1st

July 15th for September 1st

October 15th for December 1st

I have tried to follow the previously designed format. If you would like to see changes, please let me know. As well, please send me articles, information, fishing equipment for sale etc. jkivell@sympatico.ca or 68 Bruce Street South, Thornbury N0H 2P0. I am sending this via email to those who have provided Lindsay with email addresses. If you receive this via snail mail and would like to have it sent by email instead, please contact me. It will save us the printing, envelope and stamp costs. Jay

Upcoming events

Executive meetings

Tuesday December 11, 2007 7:00 pm location to be determined

Tuesday January 8, 2008 7:00 pm location to be determined

Tuesday February 12, 2008 7:00 pm location to be determined

Tuesday March 11, 2008 7:00 pm location to be determined

General meetings

Wednesday December 19, 2007 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club

Wednesday January 16, 2008 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club

Wednesday February 20, 2008 Collingwood Rod and Gun Club

Wednesday March 19, 2008 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club

Information of note

Steve Amis advises that The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has a weather station on our Clubhouse at the Petun Conservation Area. This link Datagarrison.htm will take you to a site that lists all of their weather stations. For the weather station on our clubhouse, click the Petun C.A. Tridium link and you should get the latest weather info. Some people have browsers that are not configured to get the information from the weather station. The following link should help. The information is only being downloaded 2 times a day at the present time, but once the battery is fully charged it will be downloaded more often.

<https://datagarrison.com/users/4161170044/300034012513720/plots>.

Steve also advises that he will be contacting the 2 local newspapers to have our clubs meeting dates posted in their community event pages.



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You can stop invading species

Boaters and Anglers - You can Help!

1. **Inspect** your boat, motor, trailer, and boating equipment such as anchors and fishing gear, centerboards, rollers, and axles. Remove any zebra mussels and other animals and plants that are visible before leaving any water body.
2. **Drain** water from the motor, live well, bilge and transom wells while on land immediately before leaving the water body
3. **Wash or dry** your boat, tackle, downriggers, trailer, and other boating equipment to kill harmful species that were not visible at the boat launch. Some aquatic species can survive more than two weeks out of water. Therefore, it is important to:
Rinse your boat and equipment that normally gets wet with hot tap water (greater than 40°C), or
Spray your boat and trailer with high pressure water (250 psi), or
Dry your boat and equipment in the sun for at least 5 days before transporting them to another body of water.
4. **Empty your bait bucket on land** before leaving any body of water. Never release live bait into water, or release aquatic animals from one water body into another. **It is illegal to use gobies, ruffe or rudd for bait!**
5. **Learn** how to identify exotic species, if you believe they have spread to a new location in Ontario; please call the province-wide Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711.