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President's report

Well here it is April 17, a sunny beautiful day I want to be fishing but Jay says I have to write my report. The derbies are going strong; tickets are selling well in both Firemen and our Spring Trout Derby. Bruce and the boys (Walter, Ryan, Dave and anyone I missed) thanks for a wonderful job as usual collecting eggs. Thanks to all the members who showed up to pick eggs.

Steve's email did the trick . The eggs look really good and we should have terrific numbers this spring. All the other fish in the hatchery are very healthy The new egg picker has a few glitches to work out. I am sure that when Bruce gets back from vacation he will figure it out .

On a sad note, since our last letter Doug Parton has lost his daughter Tara. Tara fought a long and painful battle. I am sure her suffering will aid in the search for a cure to CF. Our hearts go out to Doug, Shannon and family.

The grounds are starting to green up,.There is still some work to be done on the deck and lighting on the club house. We are trying to get some money to have siding installed (beats painting). We will be asking for help to clean up the grounds and do some much needed maintainence.

THIS IS A PLEA . Members please get out and support our club, too many people have worked too hard, too long to see our club have to close because some members don't step up and do a little .We don't ask for much, just come out to our meetings and see what is new. There are still some openings on the executive. (vice president and Brian Lane wants to resign as treasurer) It sure would be nice if someone new volunteered, we need new blood to keep us old foogies from going stale .Our club stocks upward of ½ million fish yearly in the waters of the Georgian Triangle along with stream rehab and the work with the young people like Dave's bird houses, tree planting or dam busting .

Lets leave the waters clean teaming with fish for our kids and grandkids
Remember keep your rod tip up Gary

Buildings and Grounds report

Doug Parton reported that the clubhouse has three non-member rentals booked this spring. It is available for rent to members at no charge, however the member will have to provide public liability insurance naming the GTAA as an additional insured at the members own cost. Contact your insurer for costs and sign the yet to be developed rental contract form. Non-members will pay a fee, provide the same insurance and sign the rental forms as well.

The portable toilet will be cleaned regularly. The telephones in the hatchery and clubhouse are still not working and will be repaired by the next meeting

Hatchery report

Bruce Green and Howard MacDonald reported that rainbow trout eggs and milt has been collected on a ratio of one to one. This ensures that the strain of native trout is

genetically sound. We will have 150,000 rainbow to release. There has been some trouble with the rental egg picker from the lack of sufficient water pressure. Bruce is working to fix this. The Club is seriously considering the purchase of the egg picker if the water pressure situation can be effectively resolved. It will save hundreds of hours of labour. The MNR has given permission to stock Robson Lake with speckled trout. Although we lost approx 1/3 of our browns due to the plugged water line, the rest (100,000) are in the tanks and in great shape. The speckled trout (15,000) all look great and we are not losing very many, survival rate is excellent.

Membership Report

In 2007, we had 104 members. At the time of the writing of the newsletter our membership renewals totaled 61 and we have 9 new members. May 31, 2008 was the end of our membership year, if you have not renewed, please do so. All of our members belong to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

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.

There is a membership program "Sign up 8 in 2008" that provides merchandise to Clubs who sign up new members between April and December as well as an opportunity to win a boat, motor and trailer package.

Please contact Jay for details.

The membership chair will be working with the Treasurer to identify the costs for each membership to advise the Executive if any increase in membership fees will be required. The OFAH has increased membership costs this year which have not been passed on to the members.

Thank you to all members who support through volunteering and financially supporting the GTAA

Stream Rehabilitation

Dave Hodgetts reported that this spring the club will again be doing work on the Pretty and Silver rivers. It is our plan to remove logjams and beaver dams that impede or stop the migration of steelhead to the headwaters of these two fine coldwater streams.

The Vanier High School Get Outdoors Club and the Geoventure students will be volunteering their help again this spring. The staff and students at Vanier have, over the years, spent hundreds of hours helping our club with our stream restoration projects.

We set aside three dates this spring to complete this work, Friday, April 11th, Wednesday, April 30th, and Friday, May 30th. We are looking for club members to join one our future workdays. Grab your waders and chain saw and plan on joining us on the water. Give Dave Hodgetts a call [519-922-2025] to get site information and the details about the future dates. Work begins around 9:30 and we break for a BBQ lunch at 12:30 at the clubhouse. We can always use some help from club members who are willing to help prepare lunch, this is a terrific way to assist with the program. Again, give Dave a call if you can help out.

Last spring we managed to clear the Pretty River all the way to its headwater tributary streams. This is an important accomplishment because it allows the rainbows a huge coldwater drainage basin for spawning. Our temperature studies on the Pretty and Silver indicate that these headwater creeks remain cool all summer, even on the warmest days of August. So the small fry that hatch in these upper areas have a good shot at survival. Any club member who is aware of a log jam or beaver dam on either the Pretty or the Silver is urged to contact Dave Hodgetts with this vital information. The club can then acquire landowner permission to do stream restoration.

Volunteer Awards Program

Rick Baldry presented the volunteer award of the year to Doug Parton at the Annual General Meeting. Awards of recognition were presented to Aubrey Sawyers, Fred Wilson and Bruce Green for their dedicated service. Hooks and Crests are being purchased. Please record your hours and get them to Rick.

Ways and means report

Aubrey Sawyers reported that the Georgian Triangle Anglers Association Derby will run from April 26 to May 4. Our club was invited to set up a barbeque at Sobeys on April 26 to sell hot dogs and pop and hamburgers with all proceeds to the club. Sobeys generously donated the dogs/burgers/pop. All entrants in the derby had a chance in a draw for a rod and reel donated by Rick Baldry. The wrap up barbeque was at the clubhouse.

Rainbow Derby results:

This one day derby was formerly known as the Brampton Fire Fighter's derby. It was held on Friday May 2, 2008 and 51 fish including rainbow, brown and lake trout and salmon were entered. The results were:

Rainbow trout

Paul Eagles 8.48 lbs

Rod Rowbottom 7.62 lbs

Bill Jennings 6.90 lbs

Mike Cordovale 6.60 lbs

Ray Morley 6.26 lbs (also the largest firefighters rainbow)

Brown trout

Jim Hammond 5.89 lbs

Salmon

Dan Henderson 8.70 lbs (the largest fish)

Georgian Triangle Anglers Association Derby results:

This derby ran From April 26 to May 4, 2008. It was shortened by one week from former derbies.

Rainbow trout

Chris Yates 9.28

Adam Martin 9.10

Chris Yates 7.80

Brown trout

Wayne Hunter 6.68

Salmon

Dennis Scheil 11.10

Watch for announcements on future derbies.

Membership Drive Committee

Ted Fisher is looking for help to recruit new members. Please contact him if you know anyone who would be interested in joining.

Entertainment Committee

Jan Fisher is looking for ideas for social events and for help in running them. Please contact her.

Youth activities report

Dave Field reported that his "Kids and Conservation Project" where Mr. Osburne's grade 5 class at Birchview Dunes, recently completed building birdfeeders. Mr. Martel's class from Jean Vanier assisted in this project. Materials were donated by Todd Young of Wasaga Beach Builders (Home Hardware). The kids took their feeder's home to continue to learn about conservation while feeding their backyard birds.

Future events include tree planting: in McIntyre Creek and Lamont Creek near Stayner assisted by the Wasaga Beach Fish and Game Club, Stayner Collegiate Institute, Elmvale and Jean Vanier students; in Black Ash Creek near Blue Mountain Mall assisted by Stayner Collegiate Institute, Jean Vanier and Pretty River Academy students and in Oro Medonti assisted by Elmvale students. .

Upcoming events

Executive meetings

Tuesday June 10, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Tuesday July 8, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Tuesday August 12, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Tuesday September 9th, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse

General meetings

Wednesday June 18, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Wednesday Sept 17, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse

Information of note

The election of Officers and Directors took place at the Annual General meeting. As well, the Committee Chairs were appointed. For a list of the Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs, please check the masthead at the left hand side of page 1.

A Plaque from the MNR for the clubs help in resource management was received and placed in the display case. Dave Hodgetts advised that we should thank Kate Knox for redesigning our GTAA web site. Kate will manage the site for us. Please send your comments and information that you wish to be included to the Executive, who will forward it to Kate. Thanks to Dave Hodgetts who chaired the web design committee as well as Steve Amis and Jay Kivell who had input.

Our first general meeting at the clubhouse this spring began with a fine barbeque of hamburgers and sausage and sauerkraut. A special thanks to Jay Kivell, flipper extraordinaire and Aubrey for the kraut and bringing the goodies.

Howard MacDonald mentioned that members that claim mileage should submit their forms quarterly so they can be expensed to the proper year.

The NVCA is looking for a member to sit on a steering committee for Water Community Action Plan. Both Aubrey Sawyers and Dave Field have volunteered.

Editor's message

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

January 15th for March 1st

April 15th for June 1st

July 15th for September 1st

October 15th for December 1st

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