



# TRI-ANGLER NEWS

## GEORGIAN TRIANGLE ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION

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### **President's report**

Here we are almost the first of March and we still have lots of snow. Both of our derbys are up and running. The Firefighter tickets are on sale now, the Trout Derby tickets will be available the first of March at locations around town as listed on the posters and on our website.

At our April 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, we will have a special guest speaker. His topic will be the Atlantic Salmon that are being introduced into Lake Ontario. This should be very interesting. We will have refreshments and a B.B.Q. before the meeting starting at 6 o'clock

I will host a spring clean up at the club house and the hatchery on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have refreshments and a B.B.Q. Please let's have men and women out. I would like to see the kitchen facilities cleaned and organized at the Club House. Hope to see you at both events; we need more members to attend as this should be fun. See you in the spring, until then keep your tip up. Gary

### **Buildings and Grounds report**

Doug Parton reported that there has been a great deal of snow this winter. Jack trapped 3 beavers out of the pond on the Club property. The phone is not working at the clubhouse again; we are going to have to run new lines.

### **Hatchery report**

Bruce Green reported that we still have about 13,000 specks that we will have to keep for the winter. Eventually they will be put in Kolapore Creek, Lake Eugenia, Upper Beaver and the Mad River.

13,000 speck eggs were collected over 5 weekends. They have hatched and are looking good. 50000 brown trout eggs have hatched.

Brian Lane reported that we have received the CFIP Grant for this year (\$2000) and the application for next year has been submitted.

### **Membership Report**

Our current membership is 108, 4 more than in 2007-2008. The Board of Directors recently approved a new membership fee schedule. All GTAA members must be members of the OFAH.

Single membership including OFAH membership \$65

Family membership including OFAH membership \$80

Single membership excluding OFAH membership \$30 \*

Family membership excluding OFAH membership \$35 \*

\* You have to provide your OGAH 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 31<sup>st</sup> of the second year. For example: if you joined on December 15, 2008, your membership will be valid until May 31, 2010.

## **Stream Rehabilitation**

Dave Hodgetts wrote that this stream report will cover the work that was completed last fall and what projects we hope to undertake this coming spring for the Pretty River and Silver Creek.

In early October, GTAA members along with students and staff from Vanier High School spent a day working on the Pretty River. The first location was just behind the village of Nottawa. Over the last few years a huge logjam had occurred at this site and it became apparent that no amount of flooding would take it out. So, armed with chain saws, pick axes and fifty willing students in waders, we managed to clear a channel through the logs and muck. As far as I know this was the only obstruction to fish migration on the lower river. Many thanks to the staff and students at Vanier, with your help the Pretty River continues to be one of the best cold water spawning rivers in the area.

Our next stop was on the middle course of the river in the Provincial Park where there is an excellent small tributary here and its course was beginning to braid and wander. In places its flow was shallow and weak. So we created one strong course and removed any obstructions hindering the migration of steelhead. This small stream has run clear and strong all winter, hopefully many fish will continue using it as an outstanding spawning site.

As usual, the lower Silver suffered some beaver dam activity. Also as usual, Howard McDonald and his buddies spent several afternoons getting rid of them. So far, Howard is winning the battle. It is due to these efforts that the Pretty and the Silver continue to be excellent cold water habitats.

This spring our goal is to keep both these streams free of obstructions so the trout can migrate to the headwater gravel beds. We know our efforts are paying off because over the last six or seven years we have seen trout spawning far up both rivers. This is a very important accomplishment as it ensures that a healthy strain of trout will continue to swim in Georgian Bay.

If members wish to help with stream restoration work, please contact the club executive or Dave Hodgetts at 519-922-2025. One of the best ways to help is to hike along the Pretty and Silver and note any beaver dams or log jams that occur each year. The best time to do this is during the spawning run sometime in April. If you suddenly find a section of river with no fish in evidence, then head downstream until you locate the dam. If we know where the problem spots are, it is relatively easy to get a crew together to clear the obstruction.

## **Volunteer Awards Program**

Rick Baldry reported that total number of volunteer hours reported from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 were 2194 (587 for the hatchery, 653 for derbies, 413 for grounds, 87 for youth, 454 for meetings). He presented hooks to all members who have put in 35 hours of work or more. If you have not done so, please record your hours and get them to Rick.

## **Ways and means report**

Rick Baldry is the Chair of the 2009 Georgian Triangle Anglers Association Spring Rainbow Trout Derby which will run from April 17 to April 30, 2009. Aubrey Sawyers is the Chair of the 2009 Georgian Triangle Anglers Association Fire Fighter's Derby which will be May 1, 2009. Rick and Aubrey need all of us to pitch in and help.

## **Youth activities report**

Dave Fields reported that the NVCA watershed committee will be planting trees along the Lamont and MacIntyre Creeks

## **Upcoming events**

Executive meetings    Tuesday March 10, 2009 7:00 pm Collingwood Yacht Club  
                                  Tuesday April 14, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
                                  Tuesday May 12, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse

Tuesday June 9, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
All members are welcome!

General meetings      Wednesday March 18, 2009 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club  
Wednesday April 15, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
Wednesday May 20, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
Wednesday June 17, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
All members are welcome!

#### Derbies

##### **GTAA Spring Rainbow Trout Derby**

Friday April 17 to 6 pm Thursday April 30, 2009

Cost \$ 15.00 single - \$ 20.00 family

Derby prize largest rainbow      Prize \$ 500.00

Daily largest rainbow              Prize \$ 50.00

Prizes to be presented at the Fire Fighters Derby May 1st, 2009 at the Collingwood Legion # 63

Special Kids Day Saturday April 25, 2009

Largest fish, hidden weight, youngest fisherperson, prizes for girls and boys

Must have family ticket to qualify

Limited number of \$20 Dinner tickets for the May 1st award dinner will be available April 1, 2009

The Derby Chairperson is **Rick Baldry**. For more information contact Rick at 705-445-5915

##### **GTAA Fire Fighter's Derby**(formerly known as the Brampton Fire Fighter's Derby)

Friday May 1, 2009

Cost \$30 includes dinner at the Collingwood Legion # 63

Prizes galore, silent auction, draws, large prize table.

The Derby Chairperson is **Aubrey Sawyers**. For more information contact Aubrey at 705-445-7501

Ticket locations will be posted on the website for both Derbies or contact any member of the GTAA executive for information

**Diaper Derby** Sunday August 9, 2009 contact **Fred Wilson** at 705-445-3796

Spring clean up      club house and hatchery Saturday June 6, 2009 refreshments and B.B.Q .lunch

Members camping weekend    August 15 -16, 2009 Clubhouse & grounds

#### **Information of note**

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**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:

January 15<sup>th</sup> for March 1<sup>st</sup>

April 15<sup>th</sup> for June 1<sup>st</sup>

July 15<sup>th</sup> for September 1<sup>st</sup>

October 15<sup>th</sup> for December 1<sup>st</sup>

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