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President's report

Well, here we are in 2008, it's funny but all of my friends and family seem to be getting older. 2007 was an eventful year for the GTAA, we accomplished several projects. The spring trout derby netted us approximately \$2,500 and the donations from the Fireman's Derby along with the Rogers Bowling money were our main fundraisers. However, we were still left in the red by approximately \$500. We will hope for better in 2008.

A new deck was built on the back of the clubhouse and the seats and railing will be finished as soon as weather permits. Doug Parton did a lot of upgrades to the property and we now have easy access to the pond. Those members have not been down to the pond yet should walk down to it. On a sunny day, take your favorite soft drink and fishing rod and you can land a nice speckled or brown trout. Please practice catch and release so everyone can enjoy the fishing. Thanks Doug!

I would like to see the indoor washroom completed in 2008 this was one of Pat's goals for 2007. Too bad that she had to leave office before we could get that accomplished. Thanks Pat! We will add exterior lighting around the new deck that will give us a better place to BBQ or hold Club functions.

Aubrey Sawyers is working on a new derby that would see us partner with the Firemen and hold a one day derby. We would share proceeds with the hospital and other charities. Our share of the projected revenue is \$5000. The Spring Trout Derby will change to a one day derby.

Dave Hodgetts and Kate Knox are working to update our website which should be ready shortly. This will help us to communicate coming events.

Bruce Green and crew are doing a wonderful job as usual. The hours that members spend gathering eggs, raising and releasing fish in lakes and rivers are beyond belief. Please let's use our clubhouse and property more this summer. It is too beautiful a place to be used just once a month for meetings.

Three members have been appointed to the Nominations Committee. They will be telephoning you to ask if you would like to run for office as an executive member or director. Please consider this!

Anyone that can help the Club in any way, have new ideas, etc., do not hesitate to contact any executive member. Let's get into the black for 2009. Thanks to Aubrey, Rick, Pat, Steve, Fred, Bruce, Doug, Dave, Jay, Ryan, Brian and Mr. Scrounge Dave Field. You make my job very easy. So until next time, keep your rod tip up! Gary.

Hatchery report

Bruce reported that 165,000 rainbow trout, 150,000 brown trout and 8,000 speckled trout have been raised and released. The speckled trout went to Lake Eugenia, the Kolapore and the upper Beaver River. Signs for Lake Eugenia have been ordered and posted. 17,500 speckled trout eggs have been collected and 150,000 brown trout eggs arrived in December. Most had hatched by January 15th.

Bruce has had contact with a local landowner who has a 3 acre, 35 foot deep pond who would be interested in having it stocked and would allow members to fish it. He

will be working with the landowner in developing a lease agreement. A children's fish derby could be considered at this site.

The 2007 CFIP reports are filed and the application for the 2008 CFIP has been submitted.

Buildings and Grounds report

Doug reported that there has been a great deal of snow. The Vanier outdoor club kids removed snow from the building roofs. Doug is finding it is difficult to move such an enormous amount of snow. The tractor will be serviced later in January.

Stream Rehabilitation

Dave would like any member to report any beaver or log jams in local streams and rivers to him. Please call 519-922-2025. In the spring, the Jean Vanier High School students will start on their continuing project to rehabilitate a major spawning habitat on one of the Pretty River tributary creeks. No fishing signs will be posted.

Ways and means report

Aubrey reported that the Brampton Firefighters Rainbow Trout Derby will no longer be run by the Firefighters. We will run the derby instead on Friday May 2, 2008 and only 360 tickets will be available. The wrap-up award dinner will be at the Collingwood Legion. As well, we run a one day Spring Trout Derby on Saturday April 26, 2008 and only 500 tickets will be available. The wrap-up award BBQ will be held at the GTAA clubhouse. Tickets will be available from the following members of the executive.

Gary Lawrence 705-445-5292

Dave Field 705-429-7911

Steve Amis 705-444-6514

Brian Lane 519-599-6281

Rick Baldry 705-445-5915

Aubrey Sawyers 705-445-7501

Bruce Green 519-599-6324

Dave Hodgetts 519-922-2025

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 officers, directors and committee chairs at meetings or working directly on their elected responsibilities will 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.

Editor's note: I made an error in the December Tri-Angler News. All volunteer hours accumulated by any officer, director, committee chair or member will count. The only exemption is hours worked that the club is paying the individual for will not count.

In 2007, 1517 volunteer hours were recorded. If you have not done so, please send yours to Rick. The Volunteer Awards for 2007 will be presented at a future general meeting.

Membership Report

Welcome to our new members! In 2007 we had 104 members. Renewals are coming in. 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. Membership is due June 1st and discounts are available to early registration as well as senior members. Please mail yours today. The December newsletter was mailed and emailed to all active 2007 members and to previous members that have not renewed from 2005 and 2006. This will occur with this newsletter as well.

Youth activities report

Dave reports that the Youth program will be doing more activities with stream restoration and stabilization and tree planting that will protect the fishery habitat. Dave Hodgetts has done stream work with students from Jean Vanier High School. Dave Field is working with Jean Vanier High School students building bird houses for students at Birchview Dunes School in Wasaga Beach. Materials are donated by local suppliers in Wasaga Beach. More activities are being planned for spring.

Upcoming events

Executive meetings

Tuesday February 12, 2008 7:00 pm National Bank Meeting Room
Tuesday March 11, 2008 7:00 pm National Bank Meeting Room
Tuesday April 8, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Tuesday May 13, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
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 February 20, 2008 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club
Wednesday March 19, 2008 7:00 pm Collingwood Rod and Gun Club
Wednesday April 16, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Wednesday May 21, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Wednesday June 18, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse
Wednesday Sept 17, 2008 7:00 pm Clubhouse

Derbies

Annual Spring Trout Derby (formerly the Brampton Firefighters Rainbow Trout Derby) Friday May 2, 2008
Annual Spring Trout Derby Saturday April 26, 2008

The GTAA remembers Grant Ferris

One of the original steelheaders, outdoor writer and conservationist Grant Ferris of Port Elgin died, after a five year battle with cancer, December 23, 2007 at the Saugeen Memorial Hospital. Grant was a member of the GTAA and was one of the founding members of the Lake Huron Fishing Club and was a member of many other fishing and hunting clubs. He was a former outdoors writer with The Sun Times and moderator and major contributor to the Grey/Bruce Outdoors where our Tri-Angler News was regularly posted. He was a veteran river angler with a deep concern for conservation and a particular interest in rainbow trout. He was one of the originators of float fishing building his own rods and fabricating reels before they were manufactured. He would share where fish were biting much to the anger of other anglers.

(Edited from the archives of Owen Sound Sun Times)

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 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. to jkivell@sympatico.ca or 68 Bruce Street South, Thornbury N0H 2P0. I am sending this via email to those who have provided 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

Information of note

Greg Maxwell attended the January general meeting and presented the GTAA with a \$400 cheque from the Blue Ridge Sportsmens Club for conservation projects.

Aubrey Sawyers was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the MNR in recognition of accomplishments in advancing resource management. Congratulations!

We all are concerned about the water levels in all of our lakes. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory has information about Great Lakes water levels, for more information, Google the NOAA site. Great Lakes water levels constitute one of the longest high quality hydro meteorological data sets in North America with reference gauge records beginning about 1860 with sporadic records back to the early 1800's. These levels are collected and archived by NOAA's National Ocean Service.

Mayor Ellen Anderson of the Town of the Blue Mountains was the guest speaker at the January general meeting. Ellen is one of the 10 members of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. 5 mayors from Ontario and Quebec along with US mayors attend meetings. Their catchment area includes 12.5 million residents. Their initiatives include; stopping of live firing into Lake Ontario from US States, initiating invasive species barriers, water conservation, use of grey water for irrigation, stopping water diversion, contributing to the renegotiation of the US Canada water use agreement and becoming better stewards of the earth.

The lowering of water levels in the great lakes and water taking are local concerns that Ellen is trying to address. If lake levels do not rise, water intake pipes will have to be lowered and harbours and approach channels dredged. The GLSTLCI is trying to get the federal government involved to address the great lakes concerns and make the tough decisions that are required to correct the situation. Her Council has restricted the use of bottled water in Town buildings to those that lack potable water. This has received attention all across Canada.

For more information, Google the GLSTCI site glslicities.org