

# TRI-ANGLER NEWS

## GEORGIAN TRIANGLE ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION

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### **Buildings and Grounds Report**

Doug Parton reported that the cleanup day in June resulted in the hatchery being cleaned up and the trees were trimmed next to the building to stop snow from collecting on the roof. The clubhouse was cleaned up and painted. The entrance to the pond was improved and access is much better. We will plan another cleanup day to complete the work that wasn't able to be done. Thank you to everyone who participated.

It must be stressed that the Petun Conservation area is leased to the G.T.A.A. from the N.V.C.A. and no trespassing is allowed. Guests must accompany a member and no picnicking, camping or fishing is allowed by anyone unless they are a member or are accompanying a member.

### **Hatchery Report**

Frank DeGraaf reported that 128,000 rainbow trout were stocked in local streams in the latter part of June. Less than half of the brown trout have been stocked. There are two reasons for that; the eggs were received later this year than usual and the water in the Bay warmed up. The remainder, 75,000 fish will be planted this fall when the temperature drops. They will certainly be larger. We will be using the fish transporter to take a load to a boat ramp where they will be taken by more volunteers by boat to safe drop zones. They will receive oxygen for the boat ride as we now have our own oxygen system. The 12,000 speckles are doing great; some will be stocked this fall with the remainder being stocked next spring.

### **Membership Report**

Welcome to our new GTAA members. Membership renewals are slowly coming in with 89 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.

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 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.

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 two days were spent with the Vanier kids on 6 or 7 kilometres the Pretty River cleaning deadfalls. At the Nottawa Bridge and the 10<sup>th</sup> Line there is beaver activity, if anyone knows a property owner there, please contact Dave to get access. Another day will be spent with the Vanier kids in the fall. If anyone knows of other dams or activity, please contact Dave.

### **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 3000 trees were planted last spring. There are now 2 birdhouse projects completed. On July 16-18, Dave gave a talk at the get outdoors kids' camp in Huntsville. As well, he was on a canoe trip with high school kids in early July. Dave contacted Banrock Station Wines about a class room rearing station to raise brown or speckled trout. The Outdoors Club at Vanier would be a good match.

### **Coming events**

**Executive meetings:** Tuesday September 8, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
Tuesday October 13, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
Tuesday November 10, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse

Tuesday December 8, 2009 location TBC  
All members are welcome!

**General meetings:** Wednesday September 16, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
Wednesday October 21, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
Wednesday November 18, 2009 7:00 pm Clubhouse  
Wednesday December 16, 2009 7:00 pm location TBC  
All members are welcome!

**Fly casting and fishing seminar:** Dave Hodgetts will conduct a fly casting and fishing seminar at 6 pm on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at the pond below the hatchery. All members are welcome!

### **Information of note**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Optimists Club fishing day for kids was held June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. Participants received a rod and reel, a tackle kit, fishing book, hat and a free lunch voucher from Boston Pizza. A barbeque was held for participants, their families and the volunteers and prizes were presented to winners in each category.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> for March 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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

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

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