

Spring has finally arrived and the Credit River is just rounding into shape for trout opener this weekend. The water is very high and cold, so it's far from a typical opener. Many Grey-Bruce tribes still have snow in the forest so expect high water and late run fish.

CRAA has been busy all winter with fishing shows, funding applications, hiring students for the spring and summer and organizing all our projects. If you would like to help organize events or projects please let us know and volunteer for the executive committee.

### **CRAA Spring Steelhead Tournament:**

The annual event is set for **May 3rd, 2014**. You can register on the CRAA website and information can be found on the website, CRAA's Facebook page, CRAA's message board and hard copies at local tackle shops.

Sign up can be done via PayPal on the CRAA site. [www.craa.on.ca](http://www.craa.on.ca)

Register and pay with PayPal link: <http://www.craa.on.ca/tourney-registration.htm> This year profits will be donated to the Canadian Kidney Foundation.

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### **Spring Steelhead Lift at Norval:**

The run started late due to the cold winter, but the fish have run and in excellent numbers. Volunteers started lifting steelhead at Norval fishway on April 7th and finished the transfer of 600 fish (300 pairs) on April 21st. The lift was done in 11 days with tons of fish still jumping in the ladder and the dam after the lift was finished. CRAA drafted a request to MNR to transfer more fish (asking to return to the 1,200 quota we had until 2011), however the MNR has not agreed. CRAA has reviewed the fish community data from CVC/MNR for the transfer sites and it shows a drop of between 75% to 99% in steelhead density/biomass since 2011 when MNR cut our transfers to 600 fish and cut all transfers to Silver Creek. Sadly this is very bad news for wild steelhead in the Credit River.

### **Tree Planting Crew:**

CRAA has hired a planting crew that will plant another 25,000 or more trees this spring and summer along the Credit River. Our planting work extends from Port Credit to Orangeville. If you own property or know a land owner that would like trees planted along the river please let us know. Send a note to: [president@craa.on.ca](mailto:president@craa.on.ca). Funding has been provided for the trees and crew from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and Ministry of the Environment.

### **Hatchery Update:**

Over 15 CRAA volunteers have worked daily throughout the fall, winter and spring to raise coho salmon, brown trout and steelhead for stocking. It was a very cold winter, but the fish are in great shape and will be released shortly.

### **Stay in touch:**

CRAA's Facebook page has regular updates and has become our primary messaging forum for members. With close to 800 members signed up it's a great way to stay in touch. Additional updates are done through our website, message forum and e-news.