



# LIGHT LINES

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The current Executive have been hard at work since the elections in May. A lot of that time has been spent playing catch up due to the incredible response CRAA has received. For a while it may have seemed to some that CRAA had gone on a long vacation, let me assure you that this is far from true.

Our official paid membership has now reached 200, with some 100 renewals outstanding. Since the computerization of the Association's membership and other functions, we are dealing well with the numbers. Discrepancies do show up occasionally but are rapidly resolved. Remember to check your membership information on your mailing label and keep us up to date on any address changes.

At this time last year CRAA was a very reactive group, we are now becoming proactive. As time goes on we become more and more organized. Timetables for projects have changed from days to months and in some cases even years, the '1993 Kids Sucker Tournament' is a prime example.

We are making great improvements in our communication with members, the HOTLINE gets 10-20 calls per week. The message is changed approximately once a week so you won't hear the same message over and over again. If you aren't calling in at least

twice a month, you're missing a lot of information.

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the new CRAA membership brochure, this was put together by members as a tool to recruit further membership and to help us to obtain funds and services from corporations. This brochure along with our membership gives us a large amount of credibility to any prospective sponsors.



*Mark Tarnawczyk holds his 31" Atlantic Salmon caught and released in Erindale Park.*

In the last few months CRAA has been working closely with the City of Mississauga to increase angling access during the Salmon run by allowing access to the area North of Burnhamthorpe and South of the 403. The likelihood of this occurring if CRAA had not been formed? NONE! The likelihood of the river being closed from the lake to Streetsville during the Salmon run if CRAA had not been formed? 99.9%!

All this from a one day clean up 2 years ago. Since then there have been countless of hours of behind the scenes work done, including meetings with the MNR, the CVCA, the Mayor of Mississauga, the Mississauga Rec and Parks Dept., Corporations, other Associations, and 10-20 hours a month spent in the dining rooms and living rooms of the Executive.

So if you thought that CRAA had become idle, sorry – but foundations for success take time and hard

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work. The Executive and Future Executive must work at progress and must meet any challenges that may arise. I know that some may say, why is it taking so long? The Executive are all relatively new to this sort of work and we are learning as we go. Yes, we make mistakes and proceed cautiously in new areas. Be assured however, that we are not slowing down.

There are a number of people to whom I would like to express my gratitude. Without their contributions the Association would have never made it this far. First off, the original founders of the Association:

**Lyle Nezon**, the Past Co-President, a person who put his heart and soul into getting CRAA off the ground.

**Al Vineberg**, the Past Co-President and current Vice President, Operations. His contributions push the Association ever forward.

**Elliot Snitman**, we were never sure of his title, but he has been an asset to our fund raising and community relations programs.

**Ray Webb**, the Association Secretary ('90 and current) always strives to ensure that our methods are sound.

**All the Past Executive, Directors, and Chairmen**, who set the course and raised the sails for CRAA, we may have bumped a few boats in the night but we still remain afloat and stronger than ever.

**The Volunteers**, those of you who have given freely of your time to Clean Up the river, plant trees, and to

improve the fishery. Without you this Association could not exist. The continued support of our Volunteers is the only way to ensure that the Lower Credit River remains open to fishing during the Salmon and Trout runs.

**The Current and Future Executive, and Directors**, your efforts ensure that CRAA will remain a major force. In years to come, just as the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association has become synonymous with the Owen Sound Fishery. CRAA will one day become synonymous with the Credit River Fishery.

Ron Turalinski, President

## ANGLERS WORKSHOP

The following material is excerpted from the Jake North "Pacific Salmon F.A.C.T. Guide" (Copyright 1991). It is intended for the use of any Credit River Angler who would like to round out their knowledge on roe cures and for those who wish to begin curing their own roe.

"Tying Up a Roe Bag" should help the beginner get a handle on how to prepare the most basic fall/winter 'bait' used on the Credit (and on other fine rivers throughout the Great Lakes region).

Regards, Jake

### ROE CURES

For best results, start with number one (1) before using other cures. Processing Note: Use rubber gloves to keep human scent off eggs and to avoid staining hands when using fluorescent color mixes. Handle eggs very gently and as little as possible until cured. There are plenty of ways to cure roe. Here are three to get you started:

1. At riverside, rinse eggs clean of blood and debris to prevent deterioration. Place in something porous, such as a nylon stocking, to let water run through and around eggs for 15-30 minutes. (Or use a self-closing clear plastic bag like a Ziploc and change water 2-3 times over same time period.) This toughens outer egg shell as nature intended so you can gently handle and use the eggs as bait. Tie up in roe bag as usual if eggs are loose, or use small piece of skein (with eggs attached) threaded on a small wide gap hook. Eggs treated in this manner don't keep well but can be used immediately after curing. Treat later with another curing method for longer term storage.

2. a) Borax or Salt Bath. Use '20 Mule Team' laun-

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dry powder (inexpensive borax) or salt to cure water hardened eggs (#1) for long shelf life. Clean eggs of debris and blood. Stir borax or salt in plastic or glass container of cool water until no more will dissolve into the solution. Add eggs; stir once, gently. Set in shady, cool location and test every 30 minutes for desired firmness. They should 'pop' or break under moderate fingertip pressure. Tacky, not mushy, with liquid centre is ideal. Drain well and store in glass jars. They will last months if refrigerated.

b) For single eggs, slowly bring eggs to a boil in the same solution until just firm enough to stay on hook (pliable, soft, not a hard BB). Boiling eggs causes eggs to turn white but does not lessen their attraction power.

3. Try 'Pro Cure' or other commercially available curing mixes (Siberian Cure). Buy in tackle store or order direct: Pro Cure, Box 5251, Dept. JN, Salem, Oregon 97304. One package treats up to 15 pounds of eggs. 'Pro Cured' eggs will keep for a year or longer if frozen.

### **TYING UP A ROE BAG**

Once your Salmon eggs are cured, place a few (4-6 chinook eggs, 4-8 coho) in a 3" x 3" square of gauze, spawn netting material or an old nylon stocking will do. Twist gently into a bag shape and tie off to snugly hold eggs in a tidy dime to quarter sized roe bag. Use sewing (knot to hold secure); Red Wing Tackle's Spider Thread (needs no knots), or other spawn bag tying thread for reliable holding power. Trim excess material away above thread.

Slip your small hook (#8-12 short shank, wide gap) into the gauze to hold bag in place on hook during use. Use bright colored gauze, such as chartreuse or fluorescent orange, in murky or muddied water; natural colored, such as pink or white, in clear water.

Tie up a number of bags in different colors and sizes in case one size isn't producing fish. Use a non-breakable container to hold your bags when you're on the river to avoid container breakage and egg loss.

## **FALL EVENTS ROUND-UP**

### **2nd Annual Salmon Tournament Sunday, September 22**

Conditions couldn't have been worse for a tournament, but 50 hardy anglers registered anyway. Brad

Penn took home \$300 and a trophy for his 1st place, 24.5lb. fish. Enreco took home 2nd place with a 22.4lb. fish. Enreco received \$200 and a trophy. Byron Burridge took home the 3rd place prize with a 22.2lb. fish. Byron received \$100 and a trophy.

Because of poor fishing conditions the Executive decided to give the Diawa rod and reel combo donated by KTL Canada as a door prize rather than a raffle. Anand Maharaj, a brand new member took home the prize. Uncles Angling Excellence kindly donated a \$225 float master float reel for our raffle, the proceeds from the raffle topped \$300 and will help pay for River Projects. The winner of the reel was Kevin Tanner.

Thanks to all the Volunteers for organizing the event especially Al Vineberg and Rod Toyota, Event Directors. A special thanks goes to Elliot Snitman for arranging to have the Salmon from the Tournament donated to the Scott Mission.

### **Fall Clean Up Sunday, October 6**

A large amount of garbage and dead fish were removed from the river in Erindale Park. Although the weather was cold and drizzling, 15 dedicated Volunteers showed what they were made of. And made up for those of you who were unable to come out.

The work of Volunteers like these is what keeps the river open to fishing. Not long ago the river was within a hairs breadth of being closed to fishing from August 15 to the last Saturday in April. Now CRAA is discussing with the city, the possibility of opening the river up to the 403. This will only happen if CRAA will commit to taking care of the river. If volunteer turnout remains as low as the Clean Up, we can kiss that section goodbye during the Salmon run, if not the entire river.

In order to address the problem of low turnout at volunteer events we will be holding work days throughout the fall. These work days will be run by one volunteer, this volunteer will bring some basic supplies (supplied by CRAA) for the day such as garbage bags and some tools. There will be no extras such as raffles, food or door prizes.

Any member is welcome to run a work day just contact the Executive through the HOTLINE and let them know what you have in mind. If you just want

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to help out on a work day but don't want to run one, just show up at the designated time and place with whatever supplies you need for yourself.

We hope to be able to run at least 4 work days in November, this should give every member an opportunity to get involved. Dates will be posted on the HOTLINE (849-8150) and in the Bulletin Board in Erindale Park. The first Work Day was on November 2nd at the Ice Breaker, we'll let you know how it went in the next 'Light Lines.'

Simon Backley

## TO FISH OR NOT TO FISH

by Ron Turalinski

I'll bet that thought crosses the minds of more than one CRAA member the night before a CRAA event. It may be a Clean Up a Tree Planting, or maybe even Urban Fishing Day. But the reasons for choosing to fish are often the same:

- I worked hard all week.
- I need to relax.
- I don't get much time to fish anymore.
- It's a perfect day for fishing.
- They don't need me, lots of guys will show up any way.
- I got in the way last time.
- etc, etc...

What about the reasons not to fish?

- CRAA always needs Volunteers.
- Show the community that there ARE responsible anglers.
- Pressure the undesirables out by showing strength in numbers.
- Meet other members, learn something new, swap fish stories.
- A great way to "learn" the river.
- Improve Habitat and Fishery.
- Meet and discuss Club Events with Executive.
- Preserve your fishing opportunities on the Credit River.

That's why the Credit River Anglers Association needs you to volunteer (definition: to offer to give or do a service). Next time we call for help, we need more than 15 Volunteers for a Clean Up. 50 to 100 would be more appropriate regardless of the weather or fishing opportunities. Low volunteer turnout will

guarantee only one thing: eventually the river will be taken away from us.

## ANGLERS TIPS

by Simon Backley

When your wading boots dry out not only are they uncomfortable to walk in but they also tend to crack decreasing the life of the boot. This tip will help solve both those problems. Before heading out fishing knock off any dirt from your boots then run hot tap water into them. Let the water soak through and drain out, place your boots in a plastic bag and off you go. Alternately, take along a Thermos filled with hot tap water when fishing. Fill your boots with the water and let soak through while you're getting set up.

Having trouble getting your Neoprenes on? Try putting plastic shopping bags on your feet first. This makes your feet slide in easier and also keeps your feet dry if you have any pinhole leaks.

Originator Unknown

## COOL WATER MEANS HOT LARGEMOUTH BASS ACTION

Many of you have probably put away your Bassin' arsenal somewhere in your basements by now to gather dust until that fabulous last Saturday in June next year. Well, bass season does not end with the beginning of brilliant colored leaves nor with the passing of Labour Day. For the savvy bass angler, Fall spells the beginning of a new season where the odds of latching onto a trophy bass increase geometrically. For those of you yet to try fall Bassin', don't expect to see the flotilla of pleasure vessels or hell-bent water-skiers that seem to be fixtures on the more popular lakes of Southern Ontario, especially the Kawarthas.

For the purpose of this article, I will define "Fall" as the time of year when Summer patterns of bass begin to disappear and lasts until Winter patterns are established, or until the bass season closes, in most areas mid-November. Understanding that Fall is the season of dramatic change in the "lifestyle" of a bass will make the understanding of bass behaviour at this time of year more logical. Examining a little closer

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the environmental factors that a bass will encounter during the Fall should make their locations more predictable.

#### **Temperature:**

Largemouth in the Fall will tend to seek out the water temperature closest to their preferred range of 70-80F. With the cool nights of Fall bringing the thermometer plummeting, finding water in the preferred range becomes increasingly difficult. Yet subtle factors such as water clarity can mean significant changes in temperature, even on the same body of water. The darker or more stained the water is, the greater the amount of heat it can absorb and hold from the sun's rays. Areas which are sheltered from wind influence and wave activity like coves and inner bays are also good bets to have temperature warmer than the main lake.

#### **Current:**

Bass will leave the main current areas such as creeks and rivers and take up location behind current breaks. Although current is important in bringing oxygen to bass in the Summer, bass rely more on green aquatic vegetation for oxygen in the Fall.

#### **Vegetation:**

Most aquatic vegetation begins to die off as sunlight penetration is lessened in the Fall. Brown weeds should be avoided as they use valuable oxygen in the decomposition process. Look for lush green vegetation in 8-15 feet of water when shallow weeds are dying off. Any breaks or pockets in the weedline should be fished, as should transition areas where weeds meet rock or sand. In 1990, Big Jim McLaughlin won the OV PRO BASS CLASSIC on Lake Couchiching by ripping crankbaits through the last remaining GREEN weeds he could find.

#### **Fall Locations:**

(Deep Weedline Pattern) Concentrate your efforts by looking for areas of slightly stained water protected from the main lake. Locate weedlines that break into deeper water and fish the lushest green vegetation available. Fish areas that have a mixture of weed types present, if possible, or isolated clumps of weeds. Breaks or bends, especially the inside bend are prime spots within a prime pattern.

#### **Presentation:**

Start by locating active fish by "burning" lipless crankbaits over weed beds and parallel to weed edges. A big-bladed spinnerbait also produces in the same location. For inactive or neutral fish, especially after cold fronts, slowly work a jig & pig along the



*The Author with a typical fall Largemouth.*

weedline and concentrate on placing the jig into weed pockets and transition areas. Slow is the key here as the fish may need to have the bait dropped on their nose. Also, don't leave the spot after just one fish. Sometimes a pocket the size of a bushel can hold a limit of bass.

#### **Sheer Wall/Bluff Pattern:**

Bluffs become fish magnets in the Fall because they attract some of the bait fish which have become displaced from their shallow weedy homes of Summer. Heat retention of the rocks also provides a nominally favourable condition for the Bass. Crayfish, the main portion of a Largemouth's diet, also love the crevices of bluffs.

#### **Presentation:**

A jig & pig that represents in colour and size the crayfish present in a specific lake works well here. Work the entire bluff parallel to it and concentrate on peculiarities in the bluff, especially points or visible ledges in the water. Bass may locate at any depth along the bluff but definitely count on them being tight to the bluff. Let the jig bounce off the bluff and follow the contour of the bluff. If the line pauses or moves, set the hook.

For those of you ready to give it a shot, bring a camera to snap all those fish you're going to release. Fall is trophy time. For those considering passing up a chance at 'Old Bucketmouth', don't despair... bass season opens again in eight months.

By the way... say Hi to the water-skiers.

Mark Tarnawczyk

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## SPONSOR THANKS

by Al Vineberg

This column acknowledges all the individuals and companies who have supported CRAA with both product and financial donations. Without the support of these people, CRAA would never be able to achieve its goals. Written records of donations had not been kept in the past, so if we missed anyone please let us know so we can add to our records.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, November 19, 1991**

**General Meeting**

**Dun & Bradstreet Building,**

**5770 Hurontario St.**

**(West side, just South of 401),**

**Mississauga**

**7:30pm to 10pm.**

### **Guest Speaker**

Karen Wells, City of Mississauga Public Gardens Project Coordinator. Karen will be talking about the development plans and planning processes for the Public Gardens between Burnhamthorpe and the 403 on the Credit River.

### **Demonstrations**

Paul Hill will be demonstrating his Rod building skills.

Roy Jenkins will be demonstrating Fly Tying (Winter Steelhead patterns).

### **Door Prize**

The Brew Store, Burnhamthorpe Rd. (behind Harvey's) has donated 1 free brewing session. This is an experience not to be missed and with only a few exceptions, you just can't buy beer this good.

### **Raffles**

As usual the very popular 50/50 draw.

Phantom of the Opera Tickets (value \$180)

Jake North F.A.C.T. Guides

### **Videos**

The Real Fishing Show with Ron Turalinski? A Muskie video that will impress the hardy and scare the dickens out of the weak at heart.

### **Club Business**

President's update on projects.

Vice President's discussion of committees for events in New Year.

December to May CRAA schedule.

### **November 24**

**Meet the Egg Upwelling Box  
Terra Cotta Conservation Area  
1pm - 3pm**

Ron Turalinski will be giving a guided tour of CRAA's Upwelling Box at Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Guest speakers will be present from the MNR to talk about stocking programs. Coffee and Hot Chocolate will be served. This would make a great family outing so bring the kids along. Report to the gate and show your membership card.

## CONSERVATION NOTES

On Friday Oct. 11 we were notified by the MNR that our services would not be required for egg collection. The reason for this was a change in the method that the MNR used for collection of fish. This change resulted in less manpower being required and the task being accomplished much faster. On behalf of the MNR we apologize to all those who wished to volunteer for this activity.

Pray for rain! Why? Well the water table is so low up North that the Upwelling Box has a shortage of water flow. Hopefully by the time the MNR supplies eggs for the box (Browns or Atlantics) the water table should have recovered and water flow will again reach the volumes we had last year.

## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rod and Debbie Toyota give birth to baby boy (Ryan) on September 23.

Ray Webb gives birth to Jake North F.A.C.T. Guides.

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Rob Ryan bids farewell to the bachelor's life on September 1 and marries Evelyn.

Best wishes to Donna McNair, hope you're feeling better.

Roy Jenkins leads the "Recruit a Member" campaign with 2 paid members.

Dave Robertson has stepped down from the V.P. of Operations position for personal reasons. The current Executive have nominated and appointed Al Vineberg (former Co-President) to fill the position. This appointment follows the guidelines defined in the Credit River Anglers Association Constitution.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**Central Sports**, 610 Yonge St., Toronto, 964-8226, offers a 10% discount to all CRAA members.

**Nick's Gun Shop**, 573 Yonge St., Toronto, 925-1060, offers a 10% discount on all regularly priced items to CRAA members.

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## ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

In order to allow the Executive more time to become involved in the day to day operations of the Association. And in order to allow the membership to become more involved with the Association, there has been several organizational positions created for which we require volunteers. No previous experience is required and you will receive the full support of Executive in your efforts. To get more information or to volunteer, call the HOTLINE at 849-8150.

**Tree Planting Chairman** – This position involves planning the Association's tree planting efforts. You would be involved in the following:

- Setting the dates for the tree plantings.
- Organize the acquisition and delivery of trees with various agencies.
- Develop a long term 'Master Plan' for future tree plantings, defining with the help of various agencies the location and type of trees to be planted.

**'Kids Sucker Tournament' Committee** (5 positions) – This position involves the planning and organization of the planned annual kids tournament (early May each year). You would be involved in the following:

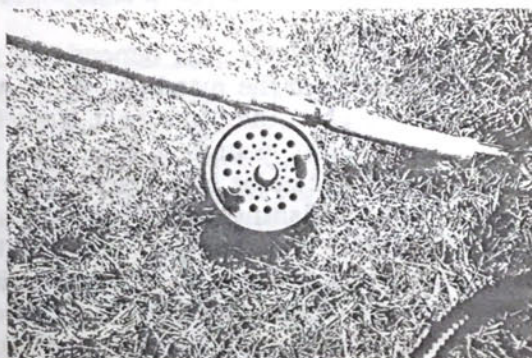
- Promotion, obtaining prizes, defining equipment needs, arranging for equipment donations, working with agencies such as the MNR, CVCA, BIA,



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Parks & Rec, and the City of Mississauga, planning the execution of the tournament, volunteer recruitment.

**'Live Release Rainbow Tournament' Committee** (5 positions) – This position involves the planning and execution of the '92 Rainbow Tournament. You would be involved in work similar to the Kids Tournament.

**Work Day Committee** (2 Positions) – This position involves setting up Work Days.

You would be involved for the following:

- Defining projects for Work Days.
- Recruiting volunteers to run Work Days.
- Creating schedules to be published in the Newsletter.
- Ensuring that materials required for Work Days are available.

**Angling Teachers** (Unlimited number of positions available) – This involves teaching new anglers in the basic techniques for river fishing and proper etiquette.

CRAA will be providing angling lessons free to the general public during the '92 Salmon run. It is hoped that by improving the methods and etiquette of new anglers we can make a dent in the snagging problem. Those of you who have asked 'what can I do about snagging', this is it! Lessons would be 1.5 – 2 hours long and limited to classes of 20. The Peel Region Police are helping us out by providing at least 1 interpreter.

## WORK DAYS

**November 9** 9:30 – 12:30

**November 10** 9:30 – 12:30

Both are Clean-Ups. Meet at the Bulletin Board across from the Barn in Erindale Park.

## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

A good Association Newsletter depends on input and contributions from the members. What will it take to make 'Light Lines' the best Newsletter available? A cartoonist, your best tips, your black and white photos (or color in a pinch), your best fishing tales, your fishing knowledge. In short, PARTICIPATION. Whether you are a budding writer or just a hack like me it's a great feeling to see something you created published. Remember we can never have too many articles, our current format allows us to produce up to 12 pages with little difficulty.

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader:

This will be the last time I will be acting as Editor on 'Light Lines'. Our new Editor, John Medeiros was unable to assist on this issue because of other commitments. It's been a challenge and a whole lot more work than I had envisioned. This little stint leaves me with a lot of respect for those who have been Editor in the past.

It will be nice to see someone who knows what they are doing at the helm of 'Light Lines' for the next issue. If you thought this issue was good wait till next issue. John Medeiros as many of you know was instrumental in putting together the last issue of 'Light Lines', in record time I might add. John is an Outdoor Writer and has been published in a number of magazines including 'Outdoor Canada', John also publishes a regular column in the 'Mississauga News'.

A special thanks goes to Jürgen Richter. Jürgen sat patiently listening to the 'expert' design team of 'Simon, Mark, Phil, Al, Ray, and Bill the Trout' and still managed to come up with the great format you see here. The format keeps costs down and allows us to add up to 8 pages of text to the basic 4 pages.

Thanks again to all those who made this issue a success.

Simon Backley  
Interim Editor

**Note:** articles for the January 'Light Lines' should be in by December 18, articles for the March issue should be submitted by February 19, and articles for the May issue should be submitted by April 22.