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### ■ See Fall Numbers

See the numbers from our Fall 2013 Adult steelhead trout lift and transfer we conducted on the Saugeen River with the Lake Huron Fishing Club.

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### ■ Online Gear Swap

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### ■ Spring! Love Is In the Air!

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With a long winter there it will likely be a muddy spring. Despite the challenges, we expect thousands the steelhead trout we stock in the Saugeen River will be racing up to spawning grounds, the first chance they get! Steelhead egg collection will resume this spring which will allow us to stock more of these aggressive Saugeen steelhead in cooperation with Lake Huron Fishing Club, based out of Southampton Ontario.

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## Spring Egg Collection

### ■ 2014 Angler Conservation Award

For efforts on the Saugeen River, the Canadian Angler Hall of Fame presented a prestigious Conser-

vation Award to Ontario Steelheaders and Lake Huron Fishing Club.

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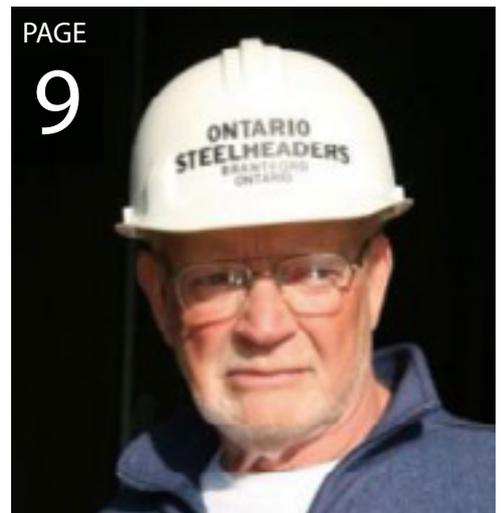
Karl Redin, president of the Ontario Steelheaders and Brian Garnet of the Lake Huron Fishing Club, for the achievements both clubs have reached by stocking steelhead rainbow trout and improving the stream habitats on the Saugeen River.

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### ■ Rodney Sitdown

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# President's Report

Online: <http://bit.ly/1f0v9ya>

Well folks it's that time of year again where I have to bring you all up to speed on the affairs of your Ontario Steelheaders. Where to begin lots has happened since we last talked.

The fall transfer went well but it cost me a case of beer to Mr. Choronzey as we had a side bet that we would or wouldn't get our 500 adults transferred my side was that we would and his was that we wouldn't as mother nature was closing in on us. He must have a hand on her pulse as the weather shut us down and we fell short by twenty some odd fish but hey the way I look at it some is better than none and Grant McAlpine and his crew did a great job as usual so I don't mind losing to Mr. C. We also did a stocking of advanced fall fingerlings which is an added bonus as we've only done this once before in 2012 when the LHFC had another banner crop of little guys and so we had to let some go early to make room in the hatchery.

Speaking of the weather are you all as tired of this winter as I am my back still aches when I see snow flakes. It certainly has been a brutal winter for snow and cold but it is Canada and we all will get through it. If your and ice fisherman or snowmobiler you sure had a awesome winter for it. The down side of all of this is if we get a quick thaw we could be facing some bad flooding in numerous places and this could delay our time spent this spring chasing our favorite fish.

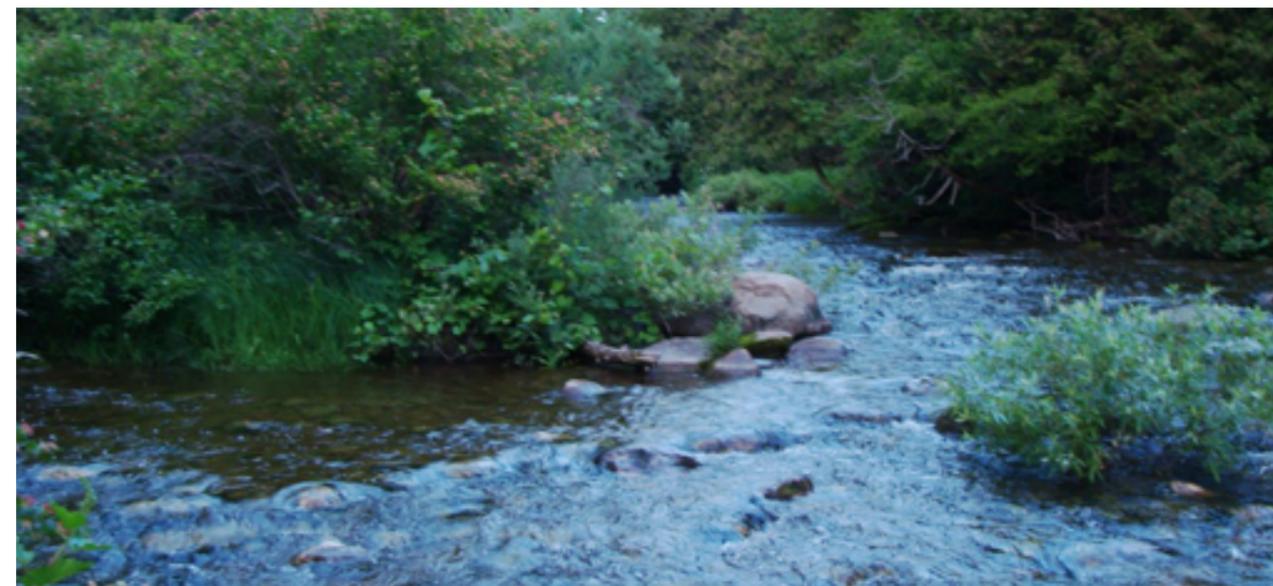


The club has all its paper work in order for the spring transfer of adults and now we sit and wait for the weather to break, we have three transfer tankers now so as long as we have tow vehicles available we should this year finish in record time. We will again be doing the transfer of our yearlings from LHFC hatchery. The little guys were all clipped back in February so they are eating and growing waiting for their new home in Saugeen later this spring.

Clipping this year thanks to a big turn out of OS and LHFC members set a record number of little guys clipped in one day at just over twenty thousand great job guys well done.

The newsletter is later than usual for this we apologize but as the OS is a volunteer group life sometime gets in the way and things don't go as planned. The group has had a number of personnel health and other issues so we are moving as best as we can and there will be a newsletter in a new and improved format. We are still working towards our Not For Profit status and also planning to have an AGM later this year, we will keep you informed as things progress so we ask for your patience and understanding.

The website as you all may or may not have seen looks and works great and is continuing to evolve



Saugeen Headwaters - Beatty Saugeen River

for the better so visit it often and enjoy the labour of love from our web guy, Scott Kidwell. Thanks Scott, job well done.

Thirty five years ago the OS started with its upwelling boxes on the Beatty Saugeen and have been working on this system ever since. That is a long time and things have continued to move forward like the fixing of Walkerton the addition of the fishway at Maple hill and soon another at Maple hill, other projects are in the works but are still in the planning stages so stay tuned for these will be very exciting if all comes together.

Thank you to all the people and MNR staff who over the years gave of themselves to the improvement of our beloved Saugeen and continue to do so without these selfless individuals we wouldn't be where we are today so keep up the hard work and thank you again.

Due to all this hard work our efforts this year came to the front as the OS and LHFC jointly were recognized by the Canadian Fishing Hall of Fame as the Conservation Project of the Year a real feather

in the hat of both organizations. The presentation took place at the Spring Boat and Fishing show with all the top people in the fishing world being present. Darryl Choronzey made a very heartfelt presentation to both groups of course with a few jabs during the presentation at his peers re various issues but we also have to thank him as we all know he's worked just as hard to help the Saugeen get to where it is just like the OS and LHFC. Along with a beautiful plaque the group received a donation of One Thousand dollars of which the OS portion was donated to LHFC to assist in the cost of feeding our little guys. We hope to have the plaque on display in Steelheader Park at the bulletin board so come take a look.

Have a safe and great rest of 2014 and we'll be in touch sometime later this fall but keep looking at the Website as things will be posted as they happen.

Best Regards,  
Karl H. Redin  
President  
[president@steelheaders.ca](mailto:president@steelheaders.ca)

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Lake Huron Fishing Club

# Cultivating the Saugeen River Into a World-Class Steelhead Fishery

Written By: Josh Choronzey

Discuss Online: <http://bit.ly/1eFrHZv>

While trapped deep in the month of February, local outdoorsmen and women may find it hard to pursue their interests afield or on the water. Extreme cold and massive amounts of snow pack hampers many of the activities to be had in the outdoors. For the soft water angler mid-winter is a lonely time. That being said, snowmobilers, skiers, and snowshoe addicts have found a winter of bountiful opportunities and those who enjoy sport fishing had an avenue to relieve some of the winter blues at the Spring Boat and Fishing Show, which was held last week at the International Centre in Mississauga. It was at this same show that two local organizations were recognized, on a national scale, for their achievements in the sport fishing world.

This past Friday, the Lake Huron Fishing Club and the Ontario Steelheaders were inducted into the Canadian Angler Hall of Fame with receipt of the Conservation Award for their efforts on the Saugeen River. This award acknowledges the tedious work conducted by these two clubs, work which has resulted in the creation of one of the greatest

steelhead fisheries on the planet; a fishery that is in the backyard of many readers of this publication, and within a few hours travel time of Canada's largest population center.

Beginning roughly eight years ago, the Ontario Steelheaders approached the Ministry of Natural Resources and Lake Huron Fishing Club with a plan to undertake a stocking program on the river which would enhance the annual returns of steelhead to the fabled Saugeen. With permission and guidance from the MNR, the LHFC agreed to raise the fish at their Kincardine facility in conjunction with the Ontario Steelheaders. Eggs were (and still are) obtained from adult steelhead captured at Denny's Dam near Southampton and raised at the hatchery for the first year of their lives. These robust yearling steelhead are then released far up-river near the town of Walkerton, where they are imprinted into the flows of the river. The trout head downstream to Lake Huron and return to the river in following years as the highly prized silver steelhead. On top of the influx of stocked fish by the two clubs, the Ontario Steelheaders and LHFC members also undertake an intensive adult transport project, which sees adult steelhead trapped at Denny's Dam in the fall and spring.

These adult fish are then transported via tanker to the upper reaches of the river where they are released close to prime spawning water. With 1000 spring steelhead and another 500 adults trucked in the fall, this activity guarantees a number of trout will find prime spawning water come springtime.

In addition to these hands-on projects dealing with fish, the clubs have been instrumental while working with the MNR to repair and create fish passages at the Traux Dam in Walkerton and the Maple Hill Dam near Hanover. In order for fish to reach prime spawning habitat on their own, these man-made structures need to be passable. Creating one of North America's finest steelhead fisheries is not easy work. Ontario Steelheader's member and retired television host Darryl Choronzey was instrumental in seeing the project blossom from the beginning. Choronzey notes, "the potential to create an incredible fishery existed, but we were just missing the right building blocks to have large returns. We started with an annual run of less than 5000 fish, and now our hard work has resulted in a return of roughly 50,000 adult steelhead."

Raising fish and releasing them in a certain manner appears to really make a difference in the outcome of the fishery on the Saugeen. Instead of stocking undersized fry or fingerling trout, the clubs release yearling sized fish, enhancing the survival rate of the steelhead. Stocking the fish far upriver on the Saugeen allows for improved imprinting, which means the trout are able to find their way back to the river once they are adults.

When it comes to raising fish, the Lake Huron Fishing Club has been stocking local waters with trout and salmon for decades. A tour of the



Kincardine fish hatchery that the club operates is a sight to be seen. On top of the 50,000 plus steelhead currently inside the facility, there are also a large number of brown trout which provide a productive fishery for anglers up and down the Lake Huron shoreline. The club also operates a salmon hatchery in Port Elgin. Raising fish is not cheap, nor is it an easy task. The LHFC hatchery depends on a number of volunteers to aid in the husbandry of the small fish. Feeding, tank cleaning, sorting, fin-clipping and fish stocking are all duties carried out by the members. With minimal amounts of money being dolled out by the Ontario government to aid in such endeavors, vast amounts of fund raising is required on behalf of the club. The annual Chantry Chinook Classic is a prime example.

LHFC vice-president Mike Hahn was at the awards ceremony and said, "so much work goes into this project, such as raising the fish, transporting adult steelhead and major works to fishways on the Saugeen's dams above Denny's, it is hard to fathom what we have accomplished". Ontario Steelheaders president Karl Redin was quoted "working in conjunction with the MNR and LHFC has produced results that are something to proud of, our steelhead fishery on the Saugeen is second to none and a true reflection of our hard work". Choronzey also announced his pleasure in the teamwork atmosphere that has formed on the Saugeen stating, "working along side the LHFC and the MNR has really paid off and this is a perfect example of what is possible with a close partnership, creating a fishery for anglers that is unmatched elsewhere and should be used as a model in other parts of the province". Not to be forgotten, the local MNR has played a major role in this success story.



Winners at Canadian Angler Hall of Fame Award Ceremony

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Local Fisheries Specialists, biologists, and managers have been able to work closely with the recognized clubs in order to achieve the dream set out by the Ontario Steelheaders. Permitting large fish stocking activities and repair and construction of fishways is no walk in the park, plenty of planning and science is undertaken on behalf of the MNR. To add to the achievements on the river, the MNR is now raising additional steelhead for the Saugeen river at their Chatsworth fish culture facility. An added 35,000 steelhead raised by the MNR will be stocked into the Saugeen this spring, to compliment the same number released by the MNR last year. This brings the annual plants of steelhead on the Saugeen above 80,000 combined by the partners involved.

The Ontario Steelheaders and The Lake Huron Fishing Club received some much deserved recognition at the Canadian Angler Hall Of Fame Awards. These local clubs have done work which rivals any other comparable endeavor in North America and have carefully cultivated one of the best steelhead rivers I've ever fished. If the winter has us anglers a bit blue, just remember, the Saugeen is ready when you are.

# THANK YOU!

The Ontario Steelheaders wants to thank all of its members and businesses who have supported the Ontario Steelheaders initiatives which allowed us to be granted the Canadian Angler Hall of Fame Conservation Award.

Such a prestigious award is one to be very proud and goes as far to validate our success on a national level.



## Fishcam

Written By: Scott Kidwell

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One day in the October of 2012, I was fishing a drift I had been pounding with success all week when Saugeen was painfully low. Brian King from LHFC was out for a walk along the bank and we got to speaking about the live cam. He called Dr. Chris Bunt, a biologist at Biotactic who runs the camera project, and passed me the phone. We discussed re-broadcasting the video streams because the satellite Internet connection would only support a couple viewers.

Fast forward to April of 2013. Dr. Bunt and I began evaluating the challenges of re-broadcasting the stream to support more viewers. We decided to start with the simplest configuration, which we found out shortly there after we needed a more

robust solution. To make things more challenging, we are using a satellite Internet connection which can alter the signal during weather and heavy cloud cover, much like satellite TV and cause disconnections in the feed.

Through the summer of 2013, we worked to re-configure the setup using full-blown video streaming solution. In September, 2013, the new streaming server has proved to be more robust and more stable. Sure, there will be challenges ahead as the project is enhanced, but I feel a solid foundation is in place with support for unlimited viewers, including mobile devices.

Enjoy watching the live stream this spring after the flood waters recede and egg collection is completed!

You can also view the video stream on our website:  
<http://www.steelheaders.ca/saugeen-river-fishcam>

## LHFC

Thanks to LHFC and Bio-tactic, you can now watch a live underwater camera as salmon and steelhead pass through Denny's Dam on the Saugeen River.

LHFC is a long standing club who has been supporting the Saugeen and other local waters for many years now.

Please consider becoming a Lake Huron Fishing Club member and supporting the hatcheries and other LHFC initiatives and efforts.

For more information visit:  
[lakehuronfishingclub.com](http://lakehuronfishingclub.com)

## Merchandise

Hey everyone! Its time to dust off the rods and check your tackle supply; the 2014 year will be packed with new projects and some great fishing opportunities.

See photos of some examples of our club's merchandise. We also carry hoodies that zip up, along with short and long sleeved Tee-shirts, track pants, and ball caps. We have sizes ranging from XS to XXXL but these are limited. I will have merchandise available for purchase at the Spring derby on May 3, 2014.

Merchandise will also be available for the AGM to be held on June 8, 2014 (details to come). Support your club by making a purchase and be proud to show off that you are an ONTARIO STEELHEAD-ER!

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A new program being introduced later on our website, this summer is called "**ASK THE FISH & GAME WARDEN**".

Simple: You ask a question (e.g. I have my limit on the stringer, can I still fish 'catch and release').

We will forward the selected questions to the Ministry of Natural Resources, Enforcement Branch/Legal Department for the answer and post it on the website and in our bi-yearly newsletter located at fishing and tackle stores throughout southern Ontario.

Please remember that your question may be answered only as an opinion and the court of law

has the final decision. We hope the addition will become a learning experience for readers to benefit anglers of all

So while you are fishing this spring, we invite you to think and gather some tough questions that haven't been asked before at our events.

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## A Little Sitdown With

# Rod Jones

Written By: Darryl Choronzey  
Discuss Online: <http://bit.ly/1hQGInb>

I've known Rod Jones for more than 40 years. I also knew that when he offers up a couple of free beers it was going to cost me in the long run. This time around I just didn't know that it was going to be a 10 year run.

It was just about a decade ago that Rod popped a couple of caps and asked if the Saugeen could really be rejuvenated. He already knew that I had proposed to the Ministry of Natural Resources, that the MNR reinstate a rainbow trout stocking program on the Saugeen. The plan at the time was pretty simple. Raise 50,000 quality yearling trout and release them in the vicinity of Walkerton for

perfect imprinting. The problem was there was no money in the government coffers at the time.

Those two beers led to a couple of conversations with Kevin Hawthorne the Owen Sound district's supervisor at the time and Kathy Dodge the district's biologist. From there a meeting was convened with the ministry and a few members of the Ontario Steelheaders and Lake Huron Fishing Club. The ball was beginning to roll!

### Rearing Rainbows and Stocking

I've always had a simple theory when it comes to stocking fish properly. You take the right fish, you raise the fish to the right size and you stock the

fish in the right place. Today, with urban encroachment, a growing population from coast to coast, less provincial, municipal and federal funding available and growing fishing pressure, every fish raised in a hatchery is important. With that in mind, it's important to remember, you don't raise fish to waste fish.

I'm getting a little long in the tooth. I've been around raising fish for more than 40 years. That being said, in more than 40 years I've seen more raised and stocked and wasted than most people and there's no reason to waste these valuable stocks. Trust me, that doesn't happen on the Saugeen.

I'm going to take a moment to thank the efforts of Al Wilkins and his crew at the Lake Huron Fishing Club's Kincardine Fish Hatchery. Our goal has always been to raise quality 8 inch steelhead yearling smolts and in my 65 years, I've never seen better looking rainbow smolt ready for stocking than those raised by Wilkins and his staff. The same can also be said for the Port Elgin hatchery where Gary Biederman and his boys raise not only additional steelhead smolts, but also the Chinook smolts that also go into the Saugeen every year.

I've put enough hours into raising trout and salmon over the years to know what these volunteers go through to reach their target weights and quality fish that have to reach the smolt stage before stocking. Yes, it's fun work, but it's also tedious work. Between baby sitting, feeding and freezing

these volunteers deserve your gratitude.

The Kincardine facility in particular, is one of a kind, modern, an almost state of the art facility. Every volunteer club in the province and even some provincial staffers could learn a thing or two by visiting Wilkins over at the Kincardine hatchery. Again, these fish are ready to go when we stock each spring. They are healthy, spunky and prepared to enter the wild. I believe the boys from Kincardine have reached our 50,000 target every year since the start of the program.

Every one of our rainbow are stocked as far upriver as our permits allow. The majority are stocked out at Walkerton and a few go into a smaller tributary just north the town. Both locations are approximately 40 miles from the hatcheries and approximately 40 miles from Lake Huron. The reason that we stock them so far upriver is allow the fish to achieve maximum imprinting of the Saugeen so that the highest numbers of these yearlings will pick up the characteristics of the river and return in the greatest numbers back to the Saugeen to provide maximum fishing results and maximum spawning results.

Over the years, I've heard some complain that other river locations could be used for release. The thought that we put too many young fish in one or possibly two locations is rubbish. Properly raised rainbow smolt released right out of the tanker for the most part head straight for the lake. That 40

miles can be covered usually in a day or two. Yes, a few cormorants capture a few, but the word to remember is 'few'. Some mortality can be expected no matter where you stock fish, but the two sites we utilize are essential locations for maximum imprinting and return. There are a couple of other branches of the Saugeen that have been suggested, but they are not suitable for either trout stocking or a home for returning adult fish.

By the way, when these trout return, they just don't magically stop and spawn in the waters around Walkerton. A small majority of fish will spawn near the release sites and downstream of Walkerton, but the majority head up the main river and that's where we want them to travel. These returning fish are proven to follow the current and move through the fishways at Walkerton and Maple Hill and then into the tributaries of the main Saugeen and the South Saugeen.

Just how great is the growth, conditioning and imprinting of this program really is, was evident that first year 6 months after the first fish were stocked. I expected the first return to show itself a year and half later after the first stocking. Instead, numerous rainbow were being caught in the lower river 6 months after being first stocked.

Again thank you to the guys from Lake Huron and especially Al Wilkins. You guys put out the finest steelhead yearlings anywhere in the country as far as I'm concerned.

### The Fishways

It's imperative that returning rainbow are allowed to make their way above Walkerton, especially into the Beatty Saugeen and other tributaries in the South Saugeen. If the main river from Maple Hill dam, downstream contained large stretches of suitable spawning and rearing water, there would be no reason to stock rainbow or transport adults. The water in this stretch is not conducive to permit adequate trout survival at hatching or their first year of holdover. Most years it freezes lock tight, it muddies and silts killing eggs and in summer it attains temperatures too high for maximum steelhead survival.



Over the last decade we've made major changes to the Walkerton fishway and installed a new fishway on the Maple Hill Dam.

Walkerton an old original fishway, constructed in conjunction with the Ontario Steelheaders and Dominion Foundries decades ago required a major face-lift and the Ontario Steelheaders again took on the task of updating the structure. Working with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Lake Huron Fishing Club's Mike Hahn and Owen Sound engineer Jeff Graham massive water control panels were installed at both the top and bottom of the fishway. Believe me this was no easy task. It was almost an entire re-vamp. Less than an hour after the fishway was official opened and flowing, big mature trout were entering the fishway, ascending the passage way and finding their way to more suitable upstream spawning grounds.

I would especially like to thank Owen Sound Ministry of Natural Resources supervisor Shawn Carey and Jody Scheifley. These two government representatives have constantly kept the doors open, worked with the Ontario Steelheaders / Lake Huron Fishing Club and been major proponents of our stocking and fishway programs. They both were also instrumental as we worked together to construct the new second fishway on the Maple Hill power dam south of Hanover two years ago.



With the second fishway now in operation more adult steelhead can ascend the main river to Hanover, but more important enter the South Saugeen to the Beatty.

### Adult Transfers

For what seems like eons, the Ontario Steelheaders have been transferring adult steelhead into the Beatty and another tributary above Walkerton. For those that don't know the Beatty, the 40 mile stretch of river up to Highway 6 offers some of the finest spawning and rearing water for steelhead anywhere east of the Rocky Mountains.

Originally the club would transport as many as 500 steelhead each spring from their capture site at Denny's Dam to the Beatty. With the start of the new program almost a decade ago the spring total was expanded to 1,000 adult fish. We have also implemented a fall transport program that sends an additional 500 adults to the Beatty Saugeen.

I can't emphasize enough just how important this operation is to the general betterment of Saugeen steelhead fishing in future years. The sole purpose of the transport program is to establishing a self-supporting natural reproducing steelhead fishery for the entire Saugeen system. Again, the waters below Walkerton can provide great fishing, but it is the stretches of river above Walkerton that will act as proven spawning grounds and nursery habitat. It's imperative to establish natural spawning runs

throughout the lower stretches of the Beatty all the way to Highway 6. This portion of river can produce hundreds of thousands of rainbow smolt annually in the future. The adult fish that we stock in the lower Beatty naturally make their way upstream and choose their own spawning sites.

I've been questioned in the past about possibly putting too many adults in the Beatty and the harm they might do to juvenile trout growing in the system. The answer is almost no harm at all. Adult steelhead wintering over in cold water seldom actually feed. Spawning fish are present to do just that....spawn and reproduce. If anything the adults provide a food source for the smaller fish when eggs fail to be covered and drift down with the current. Look at any major west coast river, pre-spawning and spawning adults coexist with younger fish growing up in the nursery waters. Please enough from the worry warts.

Again, for this program to be completed and succeed, as many adults as possible have to spawn in the Beatty. The stretch we work on is a great system, with the potential to pump out hundreds of thousands of rainbow smolt annually. Our goal with the seasonal transportations of adults is to establish the Beatty as a major spawning site and again the moving of adults by trailer is essential in attaining that goal.

That being said, it goes without saying that Grant McAlpine and his crew working the Denny's fish-

way lift deserve all the applause that can be bestowed up on them. We've now got three trailers on the road for ferrying the adults upriver, but it's Grant and his boys that put the fish in those trailers.

### The Near Future

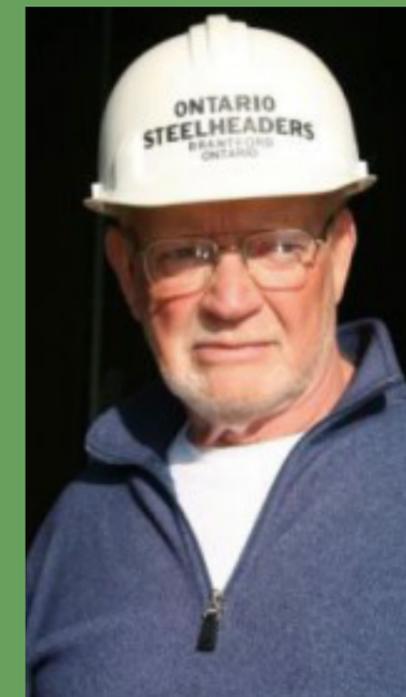
If you believe that this is all the Ontario Steelheaders are involved in you are wrong. Two major projects are on the planning boards, but until approved and started for the time being we are not discussing them.

What everyone has to realize is the fact, we need more members and more volunteers. Some members of the club don't seem to like it when I use the term 'Old Boys Rule! Well, to me that's tough. It is a fact. Look around at all the projects and endeavors we carry out. It is the senior element that has been carrying the ball on a lot of these labours. That's not to say that we don't have a growing number of younger members and those ranks are growing considerably and it is appreciated. Still, we now have thousands of anglers visiting the Saugeen. I hope they recognize the importance of joining the Ontario Steelheaders and improving this great fishery even more.

Just before closing this down, I would like to add that a couple of guys really need a big thank you for what is happening on the river. Rod Jones has spent 'ages' working to improve this fishery and he needs a big congrats for all his time and effort. Then there's our president Karl Redin who works 24/7 on every aspect of the program. I don't make one move without conferring with one or the other and usually both. When Rodney and I sat down and popped caps about a decade ago, I knew it would succeed. Succeed it has. You have the best steelhead fishery on the continent as far as I'm concerned.

It's been a long ride, but a good ride. Let's keep it up.

## Rod Jones



Rodney Jones is a old-school, hard-ass steelheader who was one of the original club founding members. He has committed a large part of his life to helping bring initiatives together to better the Saugeen River for years to come.



Fall steelhead trout transfer at Denny's Dam on the Saugeen River

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# GET INVOLVED

Here are a few ways every member and non-member can do their part in the club. Please consider any of the efforts to help this the efforts of the Ontario Steelheaders. Visit our website for more information: <http://www.steelheaders.ca/get-involved>

## Become a Member

We welcome you to join our growing membership, helping us make a significant impact on steelhead fisheries in Ontario, particularly the Saugeen River.

See back page for member application.

## Make a Donation

Please consider donating any amount and give back to the Saugeen river you enjoyed as a childhood or you actively fish today. Any donation amount is appreciated and proceeds go directly to the rehabilitation and hatchery processes.

## Use Denny's Dam Park

Our affordable vehicle parking and overnight camping fees go to fund the park and its expenses. Additional proceeds from the park are passed on to the Ontario Steelheaders towards rehabilitation and fishery efforts. Visit our website for more information.

## Report Poaching & Harvesting

We have all seen people poaching and harvesting fish and eggs. This behavior is not only illegal but disrespectful to the volunteers over the years who have worked so hard to make the Saugeen River the great fishery it is. Do your part and report any signs of poaching or harvesting of rainbow trout or salmon.

## Submit Your Photos

Submit your photos to us and we will post them on the website and possibly use them in the newsletter.

Submit your photos using our website or email them to: [photos@steelheaders.ca](mailto:photos@steelheaders.ca)

## Write an Article

If you are a member, and not able to make events to volunteer, consider writing a short article 100-200 word article or story once a year. The articles published in our newsletter and website help us bring more awareness to our projects and build our membership.

## Sponsor an Event

Sponsor one of our events to promote your business. Egg collection, fish transfers, derbies and other events can all be sponsored to show your support for local conservation.

Contact [president@steelheaders.ca](mailto:president@steelheaders.ca)

Ontario Steelheaders members can write, save and submit articles by logging into the website or sending them by email.

If you want access to this area, let Madeline, know and we'll get you setup.



# Steelhead Egg Collection 2014

Ontario Steelheaders wants to thank Grant McAlpine and the the Lake Huron Fishing Club for their continuous efforts year after year to make the Saugeen River a world-class steelhead fishery.

As the snow melts and the rivers rise, Grant McAlpine of LHFC and his team of dedicated volunteers are gearing up for the hard work involved with the egg collection process this spring.

Every year the Ontario Steelheaders and Lake Huron Fishing Club work collectively to trap and lift fish, sort, identify, safely milk eggs and sperm and release over 1000 Saugeen steelhead trout, collecting approximately 60k eggs. These eggs are then transferred to the hatcheries in Kincardine and Port Elgin and looked after for the next year by the Lake Huron Fishing Club members.

The Ontario Steelheaders will work as a team in action with LHFC to truck and release the smolts for imprinting when they are mature enough for the wild.

## Schedule

Want to volunteer and handle some monstrous steelhead? The lift schedule can vary depending on temperature and clarity of water. You can find the latest egg collection news and updates posted the following ways:

### Website

<http://steelheaders.ca/news>

### Facebook

<http://steelheaders.ca/facebook>

### Twitter

<http://steelheaders.ca/twitter>





## Salmon Can Smell Predators

Salmon can sense mammal predators because they can tell whether they have eaten salmon before, according to new research.

Swansea University scientists found the fish can "sniff out" otters and other common predators.

Smell acts as an early warning system for the fish.

"It's the predator's diet - not just its own smell - that's alerting the salmon," said Dr Laura Roberts, co-author of the scientific report.

Although previous studies have shown that some fish can detect the presence of other predatory fish, this is the first research to show that fish can also sense mammal attackers.

The researchers tested individual Atlantic salmon in a "Y-maze chamber" - a trough with two arms linked to a holding tank at one end.

Different scents were released into each arm of the tank - one scented by otters which had eaten salmon and the other with the scent of non-salmon-eating otters.

The salmon's avoidance behaviour was measured by recording how much time they spent in different parts of the tank.

They found the fish tended to avoid the water which had been scented by otters which had eaten salmon - around 85% of the time - but did not avoid water scented by non-salmon-eating otters.

"We wanted to test whether the salmon were able to recognise the otter as a threat using just chemical cues, and also to see whether they were detecting the smell of the predator's itself or of its diet," said Dr Roberts, whose research was published in the *Animal Behaviour Journal*.

"The salmon's ability to sense these chemicals helps them react to a wide range of predators without the need to learn about each individual species."

Discuss Online: <http://bit.ly/1njO611>

## Fall 2013 Adult Transfer Numbers



Each year, the Ontario Steelheaders transfer adult steelhead rainbow trout fish upstream on the Saugeen River and occurs at the same time as the steelhead trout egg collection each spring. Adult rainbow trout transfers also take place in the fall on a MNR permit-basis.

The adult steelhead trout are transported in our customized trailers, The Steelhead Express, upstream to prime trout spawning and nursery habitat. Steelhead rainbow trout fish transfers are dependent on water, weather and fish passage conditions.

We are simply doing our best to ensure a few of the steelhead rainbow trout reach spawning beds and natural habitats, bypassing river obstacles and 52 dams located on 85+ kilometers of the Saugeen River and its tributaries like the Beatty and Rocky Saugeen.

Much appreciation goes out to the LHFC and Grant McAlpine's team of dedicated guys!



### Some Daily Numbers

October 17, 2013  
Salmon: 0  
Steelhead Rainbow Trout: 243  
Brown Trout: 1

October 18, 2013  
Salmon: 0  
Steelhead Rainbow Trout: 78  
Brown Trout: 3

October 19, 2013  
Salmon: 4  
Steelhead Rainbow Trout: 43  
Brown Trout: 0

October 20, 2013  
Salmon: 1  
Steelhead Rainbow Trout: 2  
Brown Trout: 0

### Transfer Totals

Permit Allowance: 500

Total Steelhead Trout Lifted: 492

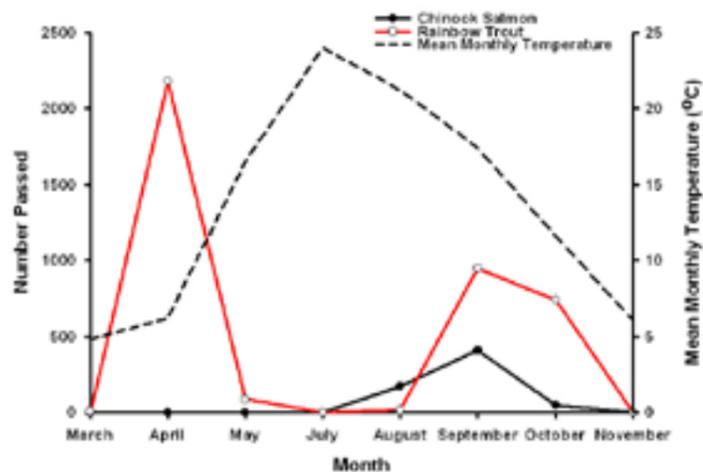
Total Steelhead Trout Transferred: 458

Total Brown Trout Released: 6

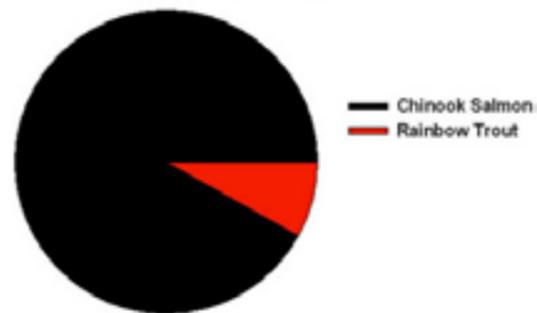
Total Chinook Salmon Released: 16

# 2013 Denny's Fishway Traffic

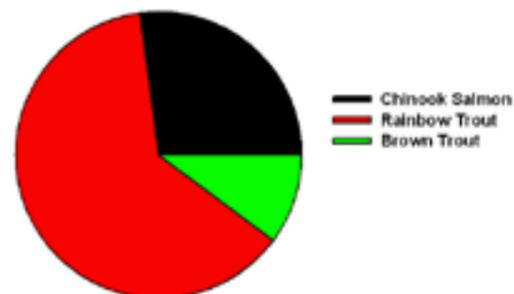
**Passage of Chinook Salmon and Rainbow Trout at Southampton, 2013**



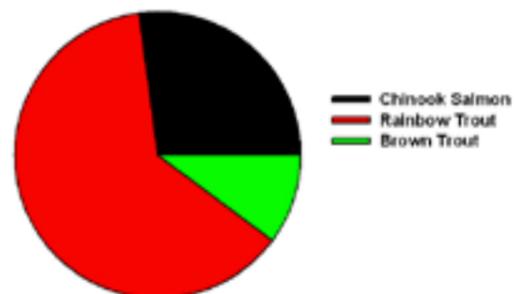
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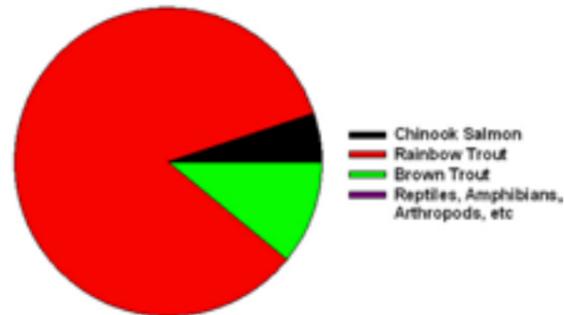
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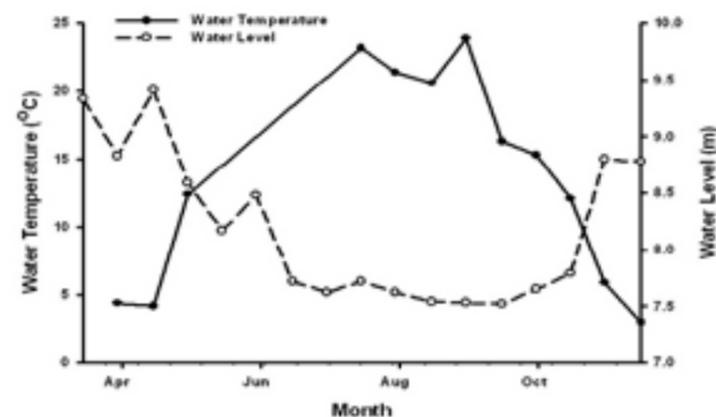
**Species Composition, Node 11, September 2013**



**Species Composition, Node 11, October 2013**



**Mean Daily Water Temperature and Water Level at Southampton, 2013**



Date	Chinook	Rainbow	Avg Temp
March	0	7	4.8
April	0	2,179	6.2
May	0	86	16.5
June	-	-	-
July	0	0	24.0
August	170	15	21.2
September	409	948	17.4
October	45	739	11.6
November	-	-	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>3,974</b>	<b>-</b>

Date	Total	Chinook	Rainbow	Peak Time	Peak Rate	Water Temp
9/1	1±0	1±0	0±0	19:00	1±0	22.4
9/2	88±9	85±9	0±0	18:00	25±0	22.8
9/3	51±4	51±4	0±0	14:00	12±0	19.3
9/4	9±0	9±0	0±0	7:00	5±0	19.2
9/5	103±8	103±8	0±0	16:00	29±2	18.2
9/6	17±3	17±3	0±0	18:00	7±1	18.6
9/7	-	-	-	-	-	18.3
9/8	-	-	-	-	-	17.9
9/9	2±0	2±0	0±0	15:00	1±0	17.1
9/10	66±3	62±3	4±0	14:00	20±1	18.4
9/11	7±0	5±0	2±0	14:00	3±0	21.1
9/12	13±1	7±1	4±0	19:00	3±1	21.6
9/13	17±0	2±0	12±0	16:00	5±0	18.4
9/14	41±1	2±0	36±0	13:00	12±0	14.9
9/15	8±1	5±0	3±0	19:00	3±1	16.3
9/16	3±0	0±0	3±0	2:00	2±0	15.3
9/17	42±0	0±0	34±0	10:00	10±0	14.1
9/18	128±3	41±3	71±0	14:00	25±1	14.9
9/19	33±0	10±0	21±0	14:00	9±0	16.7
9/20	20±0	0±0	20±0	10:00	5±0	18.9
9/21	26±1	1±0	25±0	17:00	6±1	19.4
9/22	7±0	2±0	5±0	20:00	4±0	16.1
9/23	23±0	4±0	19±0	16:00	8±0	15.1
9/24	58±0	0±0	58±0	17:00	8±0	13.4
9/25	92±3	0±0	81±3	16:00	42±2	13.1
9/26	40±5	0±0	63±5	17:00	45±3	13.2
9/27	52±0	0±0	49±0	17:00	15±0	-
9/28	298±7	0±0	209±3	17:00	78±1	-
9/29	198±3	0±0	167±1	14:00	33±2	-
9/30	70±2	1±0	62±1	16:00	23±2	15.3
10/1	-	-	-	-	-	15.8
10/2	187±7	10±0	124±1	17:00	49±1	17.2
10/3	37±1	2±0	34±1	10±00	14±0	16.1
10/4	36±0	3±0	29±0	13:00	10±0	17.0
10/5	27±4	6±0	14±1	16:00	8±2	16.7

For more reports, visit the Biotactic website.  
<http://www.biotactic.com>



## GEAR SWAP

We would like to announce we now have an online gear swap classified section on our website. This new section will allow anyone to list your equipment for free. We have setup categories for you to sell your fishing, camping and RV gear. We ask all members, take a minute and list an item that is collecting dust so we can get this online resource some action!

**You can find the online classified section for fishing, camping and RV gear located at:**

<http://www.steelheaders.ca/gear-swap>



1572 Victoria St. N Kitchener, ON  
1-888-MAX-FISH

## NEXT DERBY

The Ontario Steelheaders Saugeen River Spring derby is coming up in May. We welcome all members and non-members to come enjoy a day of fun with family and friends for a friendly competition of who can land the biggest fish of the day.

The derby is held at Denny's Dam Park on the Saugeen River near Southampton. Dinner is served at the Rod Jones Pavilion, where we have draw-prizes, raffles, merchandise, club updates, guest speakers, derby prizes and biggest steelhead trout trophies are awarded. Overnight camping and day use at Denny's Park on the Saugeen is available for participants and their families.

### Derby Location

Denny's Dam Park  
Southampton, ON

Visit our website for more info and a map to the park.

### Date

Spring Derby: May 3 2014  
\*River conditions permitting  
Alt. Date: May 10, 2014

### Time

Derby: 7AM - 5PM  
Dinner served at 5:30PM  
Raffle & ceremony at 6PM

### Entry Fee

Price: \$10 donation  
\*Price subject to change.

### Prize Donations

Submit to Scott Redin:  
Email: [derby@steelheaders.ca](mailto:derby@steelheaders.ca)

## Steelheaders Derby

Online: <http://bit.ly/1i0jNoI>

The fall derby was a success despite the weather. The weather was less than perfect, but the fishing was pretty good. We had 12 plus fish entered & the majority were over 7 lbs. Big props to the past derby chairman for taking 1st place @ 9.1 lbs, great job Dave Munro. I heard you almost let her go cause you didn't think she was big enough! 2nd place go's to Paul Greiwgk @ 9.0 lbs. 3rd place goes to Jake Drmay @ 9.0 lbs.

Once again thank you to all our members for their support turn out. A BIG THANK YOU to all of our sponsors & contributors to the derby. ( Angling Outfitters, Black Bird, Lake Huron fishing club, Camp 31 & many other). It was a super wet evening and we had an awesome turn out. Erika and Shannon and many others did an amazing job helping with getting the dinner set up and selling raffle tickets.

### New Derby Rules

1. Last Call: A new rule is forth coming to our future derby's - we are going to sound off an air horn 1 1/2 hours to the weigh-in deadline and a final long horn blast for the 10 minute warning for the final derby weigh-in. Hopefully this will eliminate any future problems with people having different times on the watches, etc.

2. Weight: As well every person that weights a fish in will have the opportunity to weigh their fish 3 times, with the scale provided by the Steelheaders. No other scales will be excepted.

I hope to see you all at the Spring Derby Saturday, May 3rd, 2014 at Denny's Dam Park in Southampton. Visit our website for more information.

Questions? Please feel free to contact me using the website or e-mail or post a message on our Facebook page and I will do my best to address any questions you may have.

Scottie Redin  
Derby Director  
[derby@steelheaders.ca](mailto:derby@steelheaders.ca)



## Fall 2013 Derby Results

**1<sup>st</sup>** Dave Munro  
9.1 lbs

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Paul Greiwgk  
9.0 lbs

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Jake Drmay  
9.0 lbs

### Live Release

Brian Watson

28 in

### Junior Division

Corey Munro

7.6 lbs



## Study: Trout Can Inherit Behavior

Populations of endangered salmonids are supported by releasing large quantities of hatchery-reared fish, but the fisheries' catches have continued to decrease. Earlier research has shown that certain behavioral traits explain individual differences in how fish survive in the wild.

A new Finnish study conducted on brown trout shows that there are predictable individual differences in behavioral traits, like activity, tendency to explore new surroundings and stress tolerance. Furthermore, certain individual differences were observed to contain heritable components.

Researchers at the Univ. of Eastern Finland, the Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute and MTT Agrifood Research Finland studied the consistency and heritability of key behavioral traits in brown trout by comparing half-sibling fish of known parentage. The study was carried out in the Finnish Game and Fisheries Institute's Kainuu Fisheries Research Station in Paltamo.

The research group discovered that the behavioral traits examined were individually repeatable, i.e., fish showed personality. Furthermore, certain behaviors related to stress tolerance, such as freezing, showed statistical heritability at a level of 14 percent. This means that non-random mortality related to stress tolerance both in fish farms and in the wild can modify the heritable traits of fish populations and thus lead to changes that are difficult to reverse. At worst, these changes might weaken the ability of fish to avoid predators and decrease the fisheries' catches unless mitigated by acknowledging the potential selection acting on fish personality.

The article is currently in Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology and a link can be found on our website.

Discuss Online: <http://bit.ly/1h8j4RC>



(519)787-4359 <http://www.grandriveroutfitters.ca>

## Membership Update

Online: <http://bit.ly/1neEWTB>

This past spring I initiated the commemoration of a Honorary Membership Status for those members who have volunteered their time and efforts to the benefit of the Ontario Steelheaders. This was well received and as such, I would like to announce that I am accepting from our membership any nominations that anyone would like to submit for this status. If any of you feel that someone is deserving of a Honorary Membership, please drop me a line and provide the individual's name and a brief summary as to why you think they deserve this status. I would like to make this an annual event and announce the honorary members during the Spring or Fall derby. The nominations will be discussed at the board of director's meeting and decided upon at that time. If we have no nominations than obviously no one will be selected.

Now, please keep in mind that all membership dollars received are 100% directed to the Ontario Steelheaders and their goals and objectives. The money received from the actual membership fees is relatively small in comparison to the donations, grants and bursaries from businesses, government organizations, as well as, other community group funds. As such to grant everyone Honorary Memberships wouldn't allow us to do the work that we do - LOL.

I continue to view my role as Membership Director as being an interactive role. I have the responsibility to ensure that our members receive the information, handouts, memos, updates etc. that our directors prepare for us. You should note that the most recent membership application form

provided an option for those of you who wish to opt out of receiving mail through Canada Post and only receive e-mail communications. I realize that for some of our members continue to depend on receiving our communications through Canada Post and this will continue. However for those of you who have selected to opt out and receive e-mail communications only, I thank you, as this does reduce our overall operating costs. However, regardless of how you wish to receive your communications please ensure that I have received your most up to date contact information.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - MAKE SURE THAT I HAVE YOUR CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS AND ALL CONTACT INFORMATION. I have received a lot of returned mail and e-mail's stating incorrect addresses and if I don't have your phone number, I have no way of making sure that you receive the information that we are disbursing. As such if you haven't been receiving any communications then you may want to check in with me to ensure that I have all your accurate information.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead of us in the coming year. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions regarding your membership or club communications, and I would be happy to assist.

Madeline Walker  
Membership Director  
[membership@steelheaders.ca](mailto:membership@steelheaders.ca)



# Dennys Dam Park Update

Online: <http://bit.ly/1jFk0Qk>

After a long winter, we are all eager to begin enjoying the park amenities and spending time fishing the river for fresh steelhead.

Once the flood waters recede, we will begin pulling in trailers to the park as they are accessible; there is quite a bit of snow still in the farm field.

I must once again remind everyone to follow the park rules especially late night noise. It is part of our contract with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority that we must control excessive noise at all times.

This year, we have another series of events going on at the park. Some of them include spring trout opener, spring derby, Canada Day party, fall derby and more. Stay tuned to our website for updates on events held at the park.

You can find a map and more info about the park on our website:

<http://steelheaders.ca/dennys-dam-park>



I have to bite my tongue and report to you all, that in January of this winter, an unauthorized driver of a motor vehicle equipped with a snow plow had blazed a trail from the turnaround into the park right up to the end by the fire pit. This act of stupidity and laziness will cost the club thousands of dollars to repair.

Once the way was cleared, others followed as it is easier to drive to the river than park up top and walk to the park.



But as you can see in the picture, one person was not so lucky - right up to the axles - what was the cost to get the car towed out?

As a result of these actions caused by a few, we are now creating a plan to install a steel main gate at the turnaround thus preventing this from happening again. The gate will be closed at the end of November of each year and only re-opened at the discretion of the park manager!

Dave Munro  
Park Manager  
[park@steelheaders.ca](mailto:park@steelheaders.ca)



## Fisherman Learns 52 Lessons

Caught -- and released to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Rob Scott, Crane Lake, Minn., is an angler who caught a potential 52lb world-record lake trout in February 2014 fishing a lake near the US/Canada border. The fish was 45 inches long with a 32-inch girth, Rob said.

Worried he may lose his Canadian fishing license, and possibly access to fish Canadian water again, Rob got lucky with a hefty fine plus court costs. The angler won't get to keep the fish or enter it as a world record catch. The current record is 29 pounds, 6 ounces, so he would have won by a considerable margin. The fisherman did not contest the charges.

But because Rob's lake trout limit was one fish and he had already kept a 4-pounder earlier in the day, he was over his limit when he kept the big lake trout. He later gave the 4-pound trout to his nephew, he said, but according to Ontario law, he had possessed both fish. "He killed two fish. You're only allowed to kill one," the MNR's Elliott said.

A prime example of why to respect your local regulations and catch limits.

Discuss Online: <http://bit.ly/Qs5mDy>

POACHERS  
BEWARE!

Program  
in effect

The Ontario Steelheaders  
are committed to protecting this fishery.

Exceeding harvest limits, fishing in sanctuaries,  
and snagging are all illegal activities

Possession limit of Rainbow Trout on this river  
is **2** fish. (one for conservation license)

Poachers will be reported!  
Protect your fishery - Report a violation

1-877-TIPS-MNR



## Spring Creek

Ontario Steelheaders wants to thank the Hepworth Anglers Club for taking initiative to rehabilitate a key part of the Saugeen watershed, improving the Saugeen's wild aquatic habitat.

The Hepworth Anglers Club (HAC) completed Phase 1 of the Spring Creek Restoration Project in September, 2013. Implementing the recommendations of Parish Geomorphic Ltd., fourteen wing deflectors were constructed and installed in the stream bank at strategic locations, using mats to minimize stream bank damage. Woody debris structures were installed in the bank and numerous boulders were placed in the channel at prescribed locations. Over 280 tons of river stone were placed in three different areas of the Spring

Creek to increase and improve existing spawning sites. Completion of Phase 1 will result in an improved quality of cold water flowing into the Sauble River and Lake Huron from Spring Creek and increase Spring Creek's contribution to the migratory fishery (rainbow and brown trout, chinook and coho salmon) currently reproducing naturally in the stream.

The restoration work was made possible by two grants received by the HAC, (1) Land Stewardship and Habitat Restoration Program (Ministry of Natural

Resources) and (2) Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (Department of Fisheries and Oceans). The HAC is awaiting word on its 2013 Great Lakes Guardian Community Grant (Ministry of Environment) application and will be applying for additional grants to complete phases 2 and 3 of the Spring Creek Restoration Project in the future.

Discuss Online: <http://bit.ly/1j9fqbu>

## PARTNER WITH US!

Partnerships are key to success. We are constantly on the hunt for new partnerships. If you are a club, business or organization actively involved with improving Ontario watersheds and want to partner with us, we want to hear from you!

Contact us on our website: <http://steelheaders.ca/partnerships> to get the conversation started

## Treasurer's Report

Online: <http://bit.ly/1e0zXd3>

Once again spring has finally arrived. What a nice change after the long, cold winter we all just struggled through, snow shovels in hand. I'm sure you are all getting antsy waiting for the fishing season that is coming. I wish you all fair weather and tight lines.

This is a list of Friends of the Ontario Steelheaders who have chosen to donate to our efforts.

Redwing Tackle  
 J&S Tackle  
 Hammond Power Solutions  
 Trevor Garland  
 The Sauble & Area Mens Club  
 Roberts Onsite  
 Toronto Sportsmens Show  
 Jim Weir  
 Wilson's Fly Fishing  
 Angling Outfitters  
 Centerpinangling.Com  
 Grandriveroutfitters

Thank you to the many who give of their time and effort to help maintain the fishery and keep our park in good order.

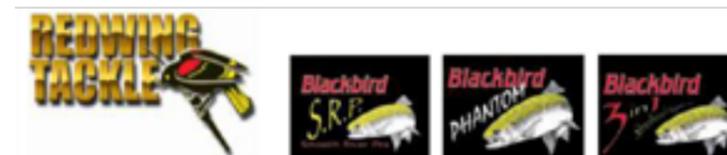
Harold Curtis  
 Treasurer  
[treasurer@steelheaders.ca](mailto:treasurer@steelheaders.ca)

Discuss Online: <http://bit.ly/1e0ZnR0>

### Financial Report Apr 2013 - Dec 31,2013

	Debits	Credits	Balance
April	4,025.7	2,475.19	21,972.98
May	16,069.54	19,373.21	25,276.65
June	9,081.17	19,630.27	35,825.75
July	745.80	417.96	35,497.91
August	4,109.89	2,880.31	34,268.31
September	1,886.06	1,537.79	33,920.06
October	6,902.56	3,615.65	30,633.15
November	8,998.40	1,650.24	23,284.99
December	1,427.23	.20	21,857.96

## More Great Sponsors



# Fundraiser Report

Online: <http://bit.ly/1mi4fl7>

How 'bout ya there buddy

A little update from your ever loving fundraising director. Last year was quite successful; however, it is with a saddened heart that I am informing you all that I won't be running for re-election next term. As such, the position of fund raising director is available for nominations. While the 4-year term is up in October, we have opted to hold the election at the AGM on June 8, 2014 (details will be announced soon). Accordingly, I won't be hosting a garage sale this year; however, if whoever decides to run for this position can certainly take over in this regard if they so choose.

At the AGM we will be hosting a Swap meet/sale for articles related to fishing ONLY. So if you have anything that you are not using and would like to donate to be sold during the AGM, additionally, if you have any items that you would like to consider swapping with another person, please contact me.

I will be having a 50/50 raffle during the May long weekend on the 17th. Also during the AGM on June 8th I will have a \$100.00 gift certificate from

the LCBO to be raffled off. Tickets for the LCBO gift certificate will be 3 for \$5.00.

I can be reached through the Steelheaders website at <http://www.steelheaders.ca/contact/>

Thanks for your past and ongoing support of our organization.

Cheers,

Don Power  
Fundraising Director  
[fundraising@steelheaders.ca](mailto:fundraising@steelheaders.ca)



## Volunteer Day - May 17<sup>th</sup>



We will be hosting a volunteer day on Saturday, May 17, 2014. We ask those of you who are interested and available to let us know by May 3rd of your participation. There will be a sign up sheet at the Derby for this. We would like to walk the river bank and road leading down to Denny's Dam Park for cleanup. As I'm sure many of you are aware our river banks can get quite littered and we want to keep this stuff from getting into our waters. We will supply the garbage bags and will also host a barbeque for volunteers; as such we need to know how many participants will be attending. Thanks again for all your ongoing support!



## Saves the Day

In 2013, Ontario Steelheaders came to the rescue when approximately 35k fish measuring 2-3 inches were scheduled to be killed as the hatchery operation had no room for them and were overstocked.

To save these little guys, the Ontario Steelheaders paid \$1,500 to the Lake Huron Fishing Club trout hatchery for these fish and then we took it upon ourselves to transport and stock the fish into the upper headwaters of the Sauguen River.

Each year, the trout hatchery can typically only house 60k steelhead yearlings and this year in particular, there was an abundant overstock. Why? The primary reason for the overstock numbers was due to a great hatch rate and less dead eggs/fry ratio. This is great news for the ecosystem and natural reproduction.

Thanks to all of our directors, members and supporters. We have created a club that can step in and take action when needed. This action is a result of our supporters. We turned a negative situation into a positive result and these fish wouldn't have survived without the support from each and every one of you!

Discuss Online: <http://bit.ly/1mi8a14>

## Meet The Committee

### President

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### Fundraising Director

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### Denny's Dam Park Manager

Dave Munro -- [park@steelheaders.ca](mailto:park@steelheaders.ca)

### Technologist

Scott Kidwell -- [webmaster@steelheaders.ca](mailto:webmaster@steelheaders.ca)

# DECAL PROGRAM



Dear Current Supporter/New Supporter:

As we enter yet another year of the Saugeen River Fishery Enhancement Program in partnership with the Lake Huron Fishing Club, we are reaching out to business and corporations for support. One of the biggest challenges in this very ambitious program has of course been financing the extensive costs involved. Your help, including revenues from draw and prize ticket sales and many other fundraising efforts will help us reach our goal of making the Saugeen River an exceptional Steelhead destination. We have the ambition and manpower, the know-how, and the co-operation of the MNR. Funding remains our only on-going challenge...but you can help!!

This year we are adding your supporter decal to our new website (ontariosteelheaders.ca) besides the newsletter which is printed twice a year. The storefront decal is also being revised that can be displayed showing your support.

The storefront supporter decals are renewable annually and we would be happy to renew your advertisement in the newsletter(s) if applicable which is also posted on our website. Currently, there are two newsletters published yearly. Please join the many supporters already displaying the decal!!

It would be a sincere pleasure to have your company display the supporter decal in your storefront window. We believe this is the most effective way for you to contribute directly to the enhancement of this fishery and in turn enhancing your business. As always, we're looking for partners/supporters old and new.

Yours in Securing a Strong Fishery.

David Allen  
News and Media Director  
news@steelheaders.ca

Want to get your business, employer or local business involved with conservation, sportsman and nature?

Our decal program is in full effect again this year and the support earned by this program goes right back into our efforts of improving the Saugeen to be one of the top world-class steelhead fisheries in North America.

Show your customers you support local natural habitat conservation by applying a decal to your store window and company vehicles displaying support for the Ontario Steelheaders.

## DETAILS

Price: \$200 Donation

The full color decal measures:  
Length: 7.25 in  
Height: 3.5 in

For more information, or contact  
Karl Redin, email :  
president@steelheaders.ca



## Decal/Advertising Form

New Supporter \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Supporter \_\_\_\_\_ (Select one)

Company \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

I, (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Have enclosed a cheque or money order Payable to : Ontario Steelheaders in the amount of \$200.00 in support of the Saugeen River Fishery Enhancement Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to display the supporter decal(s). Please send one to the address below.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would also like more details about advertising in our newsletter and/or website.

### Payment

Please send cheque / money order for \$200.00 to:

The Ontario Steelheaders  
Box 604  
Brantford, Ontario N3T 5P9

**Please allow 3 weeks for your decal to arrive.**

NOW ACCEPTING



**More details on our website: <http://steelheaders.ca/advertise>**



# New Membership Form

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership \_\_\_\_\_ (Select one)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Circle the Type of Membership Desired Below:**

Regular 1 Year = \$25.00      Regular 3 Year = \$60.00      Family 1 Year = \$30.00

Junior 1 Year (16 years or under) = 10.00      Senior 1 Year (age 65 and over) = \$20.00

List all Names for Family Membership

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: For family membership, all correspondence will be addressed to the primary membership holder.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to opt out of receiving newsletters and other communications by mail (paper copy).

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to receive communications by E-mail only

## Payment

I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$\_\_\_\_\_ with this membership application, payable to:

The Ontario Steelheaders  
Box 604  
Brantford, Ontario N3T 5P9

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**PayPal**



**You can also signup and pay online using our website: <http://steelheaders.ca/membership>**