

# LAKE HURON Fishing Club



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## Next LHFC General Meeting

Please mark your calendar for our next general meeting. Join us on September 13<sup>th</sup>, which will take place at Underwood for 7:30 P.M.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with much sadness that I have to tell the Lake Huron membership that one of our supporters has passed away. George Ramsdale was one of our great working members. He was an innovator working with the Denny's Dam crew keeping the fish ladder open and making sure every part of collecting eggs for our rainbow hatchery was made easier and more efficient. George also worked in the Port Elgin hatchery every week from clipping to cleaning and feeding. George will be missed at the hatchery, but hopefully some of our younger members can step up to replace him. Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of George can do so to the Southampton Hospital New Building Fund.

Also, one of the longtime founding members is in the hospital, Jim Beange. I hope all members say a prayer for George and Jim. Jim is in Elgin Lodge in Port Elgin.

At our general meeting, it was decided to install a water meter inside the pump house at the north west corner of the

Kincardine hatchery. The Municipality of Kincardine suddenly thought the club should pay for water. They think that a

bylaw in 2008-09 stated that the club would pay for water, but we didn't. It was an oversight under the lease agreement with the Municipality.

We would like to thank OCWA for the donation of the lab cost to test our water at the Port Elgin hatchery. (the cost is \$73.45 per month). Thanks to Karen Lorente, Regional Hub Manager for Ontario Clean Water Agency.

With the weather as cold as it is now we cannot release our salmon, rainbows and browns (approximately 200,000). Once the temperature in the lake gets to 50 degrees, we will be releasing fish. Anyone wishing to help can contact Ron Krulicki (Kincardine) or Gary Biederman (Port Elgin).

**Yours in Conservation,**

**Phil Hahn**  
 LHFC President

*“George Ramsdale was one of our great working members.”*



## 2018 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY MAY UPDATE

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual 98 The Beach Chantry Chinook Classic brochure along with other promotional information has been printed. The brochure will be mailed to the 2017 participants sometime in May. Hopefully, mailed to one per household and only to those that gave us a proper and legible address.

The Derby committee will be participating in a brochure swap day hosted by the counties of Grey and Bruce Tourism at 10:00 A.M. on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Plex in Port Elgin. This venue allows us to distribute brochures to many tourist outlets across the region in one stop.

The LHFC and Derby committee will be attending and setting up a booth at the Saugeen Shores Volunteer Fair on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Plex in Port Elgin. It is the intent to encourage people to volunteer and participate with the club and our committee.

Derby tickets will be distributed to all the ticket outlets, along with posters and the derby brochures in the next few weeks. Tickets are only \$30 for a single and \$70 for a family. For information on outlets look in the brochure or visit our website. Please support our outlets and sponsors, as without them there would be no derby. Tickets are also available by completing the registration form in the brochure and sending your cheque as indicated or visiting our website and purchasing online via PayPal.

By purchasing a Derby ticket you are supporting conservation, as all monies raised by the Derby goes to the Lake Huron Fishing Club to help operate the two

fish hatcheries with the salmon and trout restocking program, along with the other conservation efforts of the club.

The Derby committee is hosting two fundraising BBQs this year in support of the derby. The first will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Home Hardware & Building Centre in Port Elgin. The second will be held June 30<sup>th</sup> at Your Independent Grocer in Port Elgin. The cost for food and drinks is by a donation to the derby. Please support these very worthwhile events.

With any event such as this derby, it is all about volunteers to make it a success. Volunteers play a major role in many aspects for this event, not just committee members. People are needed to work in the weigh stations and coordinate and to assist for special events, such as Media Day and Kid's Day. Remember our Kid's Day on August 4<sup>th</sup> has always been a huge hit for our younger generation anglers.

Committee members continue to work hard on securing sponsorship for the derby, now focusing on local sponsorship. Sponsorship, no matter how large or how small, helps in putting together the prize packages for the leader board and special events.

The Bluewater Anglers 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Salmon Derby is being held from Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$5000.00 prize for the largest salmon with over 100 individual prize packages, upwards of \$40,000 in cash and prizes. With the cooperation of the weather and wind conditions, they are anticipating a great salmon derby based on the

encouraging results from the last few years. For full information about the Bluewater Anglers and the Derby go to their website: [www.bluewateranglers.com](http://www.bluewateranglers.com).

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fish Kincardine Derby is being held from Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> with a number of special fishing days plus Fish of the Day and Daily Hidden Weight Prizes. Derby Tickets are available at Kincardine Canadian Tire, Lake Huron Rod and Gun, Junction 4 & 19 and online. Grand Prize is a \$5000.00 shopping spree at Kincardine Canadian Tire. Top Salmon and Top Trout are each a \$1000.00 shopping spree at Lake Huron Rod and Gun. For further information go to their website at [www.fishkincardinederby.com](http://www.fishkincardinederby.com).

Time is fast approaching for the start of our derby. At this time, it is less than three months away. Mark your calendars for our first event: Sponsor/Media day on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Whitney Crawford Community Centre, Tiverton. All club members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Now that the fishing season is upon us, don't forget to check the expiry date of your Outdoors card and fishing license.

The next Derby committee meeting will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Salmon Hatchery in Port Elgin.

Watch for further updates in next month's newsletter or for continuous updated information on the derby, visit our website at [www.chantrychinook.com](http://www.chantrychinook.com).

Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/chantryderby](https://www.facebook.com/chantryderby). 

**Bert Kuntz**

## LHFC AND ONTARIO STEELHEADERS WORKING TOGETHER

The other day the LHFC along with The Ontario Steelheaders released thousands of rainbow trout, who wintered at the Port Elgin Hatchery, far upstream on the Saugeen River.

At the same time our Board of Director member and School Hatchery Program manager, Richard Elliott accompanied the JK/SK class from Hillcrest Central School of Teeswater.

**Kelly**



## OCWA HELPING OUT

The club received a cheque from OCWA for \$650 to pay for feed for the Port Elgin Town pond fish feeding machine, and also to pay for our water sample lab costs for the coming year!

Dave



## FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP

I attended the fish disease one day workshop at the U of Guelph Veterinary school on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This was put on by the OFAC and the Community Hatchery Program manager Matt Burley. The instructor was Dr Veronique LePage. The day was very informative for all (about 30) attendee's from hatchery across the province.

Dave Myette



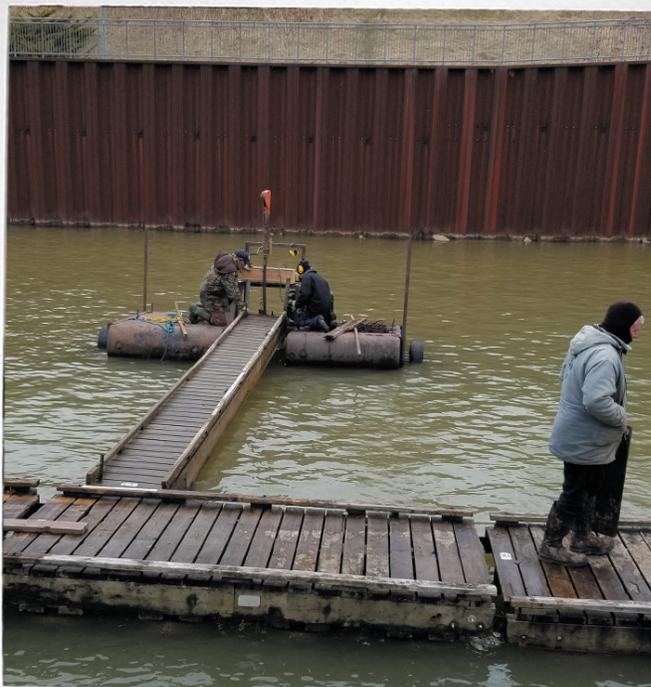
## PUTTING THE DOCKS IN

The volunteer participation was disappointing even though it's been in the newsletter for months.

Mike and Phil Hahn and three of Phil's brothers, along with Bob Hewitt, worked Friday and Saturday. I helped out on Saturday only. So six bodies Friday and seven bodies Saturday. It is a big job. It would have been nice to have 15 or 20.

Much needed help is required to remove them in September. If you're able to help, even for a few hours, please reach out to Phil, Mike, or Kelly.

Kelly Mullen



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Executive Meeting Dates:

May 17, 2018  
October 18, 2018

### General Meetings:

April 12, 2018  
September 13, 2018

### Special Events :

Adopt a highway -TBA  
Spring fish fry - June 9, 2018  
Derby Media Day/Sponsor Appreciation - July 6, 2018  
Derby - July 27 to August 12, 2018  
Derby Awards - August 12, 2018  
Pig Roast - September 8, 2018  
Christmas Party - December 6, 2018

### Special Projects:

Docks in (Kincardine) - April 28, 29, 2018  
Docks out (Kincardine) - September 29, 30, 2018  
Chinook & Rainbow egg collection - TBA  
Chinook, Rainbow, Brown release - TBA  
Baie Dor Docks - TBA  
2017 Conservation Projects - TBA