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LHFC General Meeting

Please join us for our upcoming general meeting for July 9th, which will take place at Underwood for 7:30PM.



Annual Club Fish Fry

Our annual Club Fish Fry will be held at the Baie Du Dore Quonset hut on Saturday June 13th. Dinner is at 6:00PM sharp. All in attendance, please bring enough salad or dessert to feed eight people. Those with last names starting with A – M bring a dessert, and those with last names starting with N – Z please bring a salad. Cost is \$15.00/adult - \$10.00 for children 5 to 16 years old. Children under 5 eat free. Our raw materials are at an all-time high so please come out and support the Club to help cover our costs. All Sister Club members are welcome.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The months of April and May are the busiest of the year, therefore there are many Thank-Yous for the active members. First, Grant McAlpine and the crew at Denny's Dam overcoming a broken basket lift when lifting adult fish for the headwaters. Then collecting eggs for our Hatchery as well as for the MNR, Owen Sound, and Bruce Peninsula Sportmens Association. Also, Thank You to the Ontario Steelheaders for helping with the lift and trucking the tankers to release the 1000 adult fish in the headwaters, plus trucking the 80 000 yearlings to the stocking sites. In addition, we received a cheque from the Ontario Steelheaders for \$5000.00 to help feed next year's rain-

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bows. Over the past four years, they have supported the Club with over \$20,000.00.

The Rotary docks always go in the last weekend in April. Although icebergs blew up the river and ice had to be broken, the docks went in. Thanks to Norm Dobson and the great crew. Also a big thanks to Al Wilkins for his help with his new toy, just the right size tractor to get the job done smoothly and quickly.

The Hatchery Managers also get a big thanks. Healthy rainbows and salmon for the future fishing generations. Lift numbers for rainbows indicate our hatchery fish are alive and well. There were 2145 fish lifted and 834 clipped—great numbers!

Thanks to Richard Elliott and Brian King for the release of school hatchery salmon. The children learn so much about nature and releasing their pet fish is a very special moment.

Just a reminder that the fish fry will be held Saturday June 13th. (A-L please bring a salad and M-Z bring dessert) Dinner will be at 6:00PM with socializing before and after. Hope to see you all there.

Here is a small bit of history from one of the Lake Huron Fishing Club's founding fathers, Bob Hicks.

Keith Mombourquette, Gary Biederman, and myself were members of the Owen Sound Sydenham Sportsmen Assoc. in

1981 and 1982 and were traveling to Owen Sound for the meetings. We decided the Lake Huron Shoreline needed to be represented and have a forum with government.

A public information meeting was held in the fall of 1982 and advertisements placed in local papers asking sportsmen to come to this meeting at the Underwood Community Center. The meeting was very well attended and from this meeting the nucleus of a new club executive met at Saugeen District Secondary School for a meeting to make decisions on a possible future for a new organization. As I recall some of those present who went on to be members of the first executive of the organization were: Keith Mombourquette, first president; Gary Biederman, first Vice President; myself; Gord King, memberships; Ken Thompson, first secretary; Brian Thomas, first Treasurer; Joe Reichenbach, Don Bryce, Bill McCreary, Bob Collison, and Grant Ferris. Joe Reichenbach drew up the charter and we were incorporated in early 1983. Some of our early executive meetings were

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held at the MNR building at Denny's Dam. We worked closely with the Lake Huron Tourism Committee and after we were initially reluctant to organize a fishing derby for 1983, (we thought it was too early for the club to tackle) we went back to the committee and indicated we would run a derby as a fund raising event for the new club. They gave us \$5000 in seed money for the first year and we never looked back. Although to back the financing for the

event in the early stages, some members guaranteed the loans for the derby with their homes. The first edition of the CFPS CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC was very successful and to coincide with this, we were given permission by the MNR to be one of the first clubs in Ontario to run an egg box, where the current Chinook Hatchery exists, at the Town Pond in Port Elgin. These are the best recollections of the early beginnings of this club I can remember. I

am sure after over 20 years, my memory is not good. If anybody else could add to this I think it should be documented.

Salmon Hatchery

The salmon are all gone and we did a big cleanup in the hatchery and thanks to everyone who helped.

Yours in Conservation,
Phil Hahn, LHFC President

TROUT HATCHERY REPORT

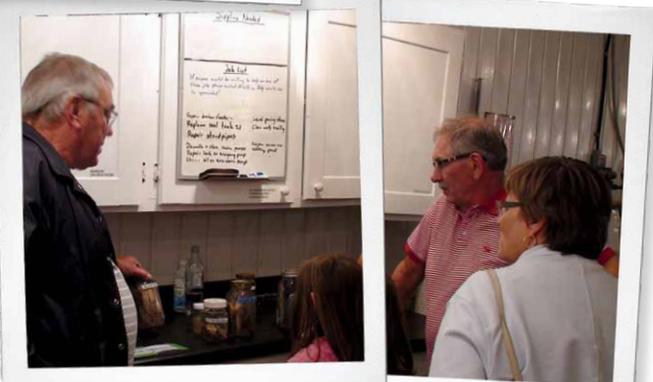
Our brown trout have all been counted and transferred to the intermediate tanks to give them more room to grow and to make room for the rainbow eggs. The rainbow eggs are just at "eye up" and picking has started. Our numbers look good and the hatch should start on June 2nd. On May 23rd and 24th, the Kincardine Trout Hatchery was part of "Doors Open 2015". Over the two days, we had 125 people tour through the hatchery. Thank you to Steve Carvell, Darryl Hilliard, Wayne Passmore, and Matt Luckhart for taking time out of their weekend to act as tour guides to our visitors.

It was interesting to hear, at the Lake Huron Fish Hatchery Manager's meeting, that the number of lake trout at the MNRF's Chatsworth Fish Culture Station is to be reduced. The brown trout brood stock from Tarentorous FCS will be moved into the empty tanks at Chatsworth. This should result in getting our brown trout eggs earlier and having larger fish to release in the fall.

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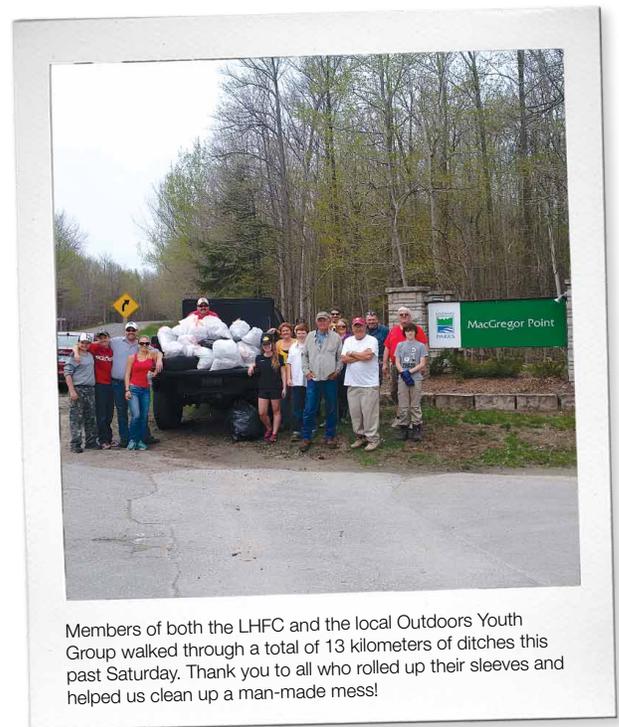


Matt Luckhart showing brown trout fry



Wayne Passmore explaining invasive species

ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEANUP



Members of both the LHFC and the local Outdoors Youth Group walked through a total of 13 kilometers of ditches this past Saturday. Thank you to all who rolled up their sleeves and helped us clean up a man-made mess!

CLUB MEETING MINI DRAWS

I would like to thank the following two businesses for their continued support for our Club mini draws:

- Lake Huron Rod and Gun** in Underwood
- J & S Tackle** in Port Elgin

Every year both of these businesses donate merchandise from their stores so that we may run our Mini Draws at our Club Meetings and at our special functions. The profits from these draws enable us to pay for the Hall rental for our meetings and to purchase special draw prizes for some of our functions.

A big thanks goes out to these stores and please check these stores out for your hunting, fishing and outdoor supplies. Give them your support.

Wayne Passmore

2015 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY JUNE UPDATE

By now you may have seen the new 32nd annual 98 the Beach Chantry Chinook Classic, brochure. The brochure has now been mailed to 1130 participants, from 2014. We did our best to only mail one per address. The mailing did not include your personal record of fish entered in the 2014 Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby, due to the amount of work involved. A number of mailings were returned as a result of incomplete and incorrect addresses. So, when you are filling out your Derby tickets, please give your complete address, including box numbers and postal code.

Derby tickets have been distributed to all the ticket outlets, along with posters and the derby brochures. There is a new ticket outlet in Goderich for those who live south of us on the Lake Huron shoreline. For information on outlets look in the brochure or visit our website. Support them 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 and visiting our website and purchasing online via PayPal.

The derby committee hosted a very successful barbeque at the Home Hardware and Building Centre in Port Elgin on May 16th. Thanks to Peter Gauthier at Home and those people that supported us. A second barbeque will be held on June 29th from 11:00AM to 4:00PM, at Wal-Mart



Home Hardware owners Peter & Jill Gauthier

to raise funds in support of the derby. The cost for food and drinks is by a donation to the derby. Funds generated by this barbeque will be matched by Wal-Mart. Please support this very worthwhile event.

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 coordinate and to assist for special events, such as Media Day and Kid's Day. Remember, our Kid's Day event has been a huge hit for our younger generation anglers.

Volunteers are required daily during the derby to assist at the weigh stations in Kincardine, Saugeen Shores, and Pike Bay. Show your support and make this a big success for our club and the derby committee.

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.

Club members are invited to attend Media/Sponsor day luncheon July 10th, at the Tiverton Community Centre. For those that wish to attend, it is requested that you confirm your attendance so that we can ensure sufficient food for the number of attendees. Please contact Calvin Kay by July 1st at ick@bmts.com

Harold Cowan has received an order for the 2015, 32nd annual Chantry Chinook Classic hats, including some pink-cost is \$15.00 each. They will also be available at special events and at the weigh stations during the derby. Contact Harold at haroldstoy@sympatico.ca.

Remember, the Chantry Chinook Classic is the largest derby on the Ontario side of the lake, north of Bluewater, which supports the fisheries on Lake Huron. Funds generated by this derby helps to support the work of the Lake Huron Fishing Club. The LHFC operates two fish hatcheries that continue to stock salmon and trout in the tributaries that feed Lake Huron. This stocking has and continues to support the sport fishing that we enjoy today and for years to come. By sponsoring and entering this derby, you are doing something to support conservation and the future of sport fishing on Lake Huron and its tributaries.

Bluewater Anglers again held a successful 39th Annual Salmon Derby from May 1st to May 10th with 1001 fish weighed in. The largest salmon was 17.44 pounds and the largest lake trout at 19.80 pounds.

At the time of writing this update, Fish Kincardine Derby has weighed in a chinook salmon at over 13 pounds, with the leading lake trout at over 22 pounds. Should the trend continue, there should be some big salmon and trout caught in our 2015 derby. Time is fast approaching for the start of our derby, less than two months away, time to purchase your derby ticket.

Watch for further updates in next month's newsletter or for continuous updated information on the derby, visit our website at www.chantrychinook.com.

Bert Kuntz



Very successful BBQ Fundraiser!

LHFC SCHOOL HATCHERY PROGRAM UPDATE

Richard Elliot Jr., program coordinator for the LHFC School Hatchery Program, has been super busy handing out prize packs to the schools participating in the program. There were many happy students and teachers, which were made possible by our generous sponsors and donors. Richard would like to personally thank them all and we'd like to recognize the efforts for his tremendous work!



Winner from Hillcrest



Winners from Wingham Sacred Heart



Prizes for Brookside



Donation/Sponsor prizes



Winners from Formosa



Winners from Goderich



SISTER CLUB UPDATE

The Hepworth Anglers Club (HAC) received the 2015 Heritage Award from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula last evening at the Sauble Beach Community Centre attended by approximately 300 persons.



Hepworth Anglers Club

The Hepworth Anglers Club has existed for 123 years and have worked tirelessly to restore fish habitats and increase stream flow in Spring Creek.

Using native materials (rocks from farmer's fields), the Club has worked over the years to provide a substantial amount of high quality cool water to the Sauble River, Sauble Falls and Lake Huron through their restoration projects.

Through their awareness programs and published articles, they educate about the uniqueness of our area and bring an understanding of what makes our area historically significant. They have worked on the completion of many studies and projects which have assisted in preserving the fish habitat in Spring Creek and have contributed to an increase in spawning. They have participated in the mapping and locating of the Hepworth karst features which pays homage to the natural environment and assists in land use planning.

The Hepworth Anglers Club have contributed to our natural environment and in doing so, they preserve the rich history of our forefathers. Hunting and fishing have been a way of life for many generations and thanks to the work of the Hepworth Anglers Club, future generations will learn about our natural environment and enjoy it first hand.

Thank You

LHFC CLUB AWARDS

This award was won by Bruce Power last year and was presented to Francis Chua, Cherie-Lee Fietsch, and Emily Johnston for their outstanding contribution to the LHFC.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting Dates:

~~January 15, 2015~~
~~February 19, 2015~~
~~March 19, 2015~~
~~April 16, 2015~~
~~May 21, 2015~~
June 18, 2015
July 16, 2015
August 20, 2015
September 17, 2015
October 15, 2015
November 19, 2015
December 17, 2015

General Meetings:

~~January 8, 2015~~
~~March 12, 2015~~
~~May 14, 2015~~
July 9, 2015
September 10, 2015
November 12, 2015

Special Events :

~~Christmas Party – December 11, 2014~~
~~Adopt a Highway – April 25, 2015~~
Spring Fish Fry – June 13, 2015
Derby Media Day and Sponsor Appreciation – July 10, 2015
Derby – July 25 - August 9, 2015
Derby Awards – August 9, 2015
Pig Roast – September 12, 2015

Special Projects:

Docks in – Last weekend of April 2015
Docks out – September 25, 26, 2015
Chinook egg collection – last week of September 2015
Rainbow egg collection – TBA
Chinook release – TBA
Rainbow release – TBA
Brown trout release – TBA
Road cleanup – TBA
Baie Dore Docks – TBA
2015 Conservation projects – TBA