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LHFC General Memebers Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the first general meeting for 2019. Join us on April 11th, which will take place at Underwood for 7:30 P.M.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Two days ago my neighbour was raking his front lawn and this morning I pushed the snow from the end of the driveway the plow just left. Spring in Bruce County.

The club would like to thank the volunteers who clipped fish in Port Elgin. We had club members, members of the public and some Ontario Steelheaders members who travelled from Brantford way and Owen Sound area help out. The crew worked through about 9,000 rainbow before lunch time. It's very satisfying to see such great support. Thank you!

The MNRF has informed the club that fish for the pond behind the hatchery in Port Elgin will be stocked April 18th in time for spring trout opening. It is the Club's hope that parents and grandparents will take their kids fishing which will result in teaching children to catch and release plus, taking a fish or two home to eat. I will inform some able bodies to help with stocking when the time comes.

The next big club project will be to help club Director Bill Wyatt install the docks on the river at the Kincardine hatchery. These docks provide many local anglers with a safe moorage on Lake Huron and provide the club much needed money for our fish food. Please note this is a change of date for the docks-in date. Docks will go in over two days, **Saturday and Sunday May 4th and 5th.**

It's good work but like anything, many hands... Contact Bill to tell him you can help by emailing him at: rfs_jr69@hotmail.com.

The next big club project will be to help Grant McAlpine and crew at the Denny's Dam fishway to radio tag fifty adult fish to track the spawning run and to obtain eggs for the hatchery. We will email the membership when the Saugeen River temperature is right to complete this task at the peak rainbow run.

This month the Sydenham Sportsman Association hosted the annual Community Hatchery Program hatchery manager's meeting, sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters at their club house near Lincoln Park. The Sydenham Sportsman Association, Bruce Peninsula Sportsman Association, Bluewater Anglers of Sarnia, Thunder Bay Salmon Association and Lake Huron Fishing Club were in attendance. The group met first at the MNRF Chatsworth Fish Culture Station for a tour of the facility. Wow. Brown and specks raised to the tune of one and a half million fish and they're trying their hand raising a few tanks of a type of ciscoe called Bloater fish (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coregonus_hoyi).

The Chatsworth Fish Culture Station is one of nine facilities the MNRF operate throughout the Province. You can Google the hatchery for more information.

I just read an article that might be worth a read. It tells me we have to keep up our good work raising fish in our hatcheries. The article is called "Fish eggs are suffocating in Lake Michigan reefs". Mother Nature needs a hand for a while yet. Here's the article:

https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-met-great-lakes-reefs-20190108-story.html.

Our next General Meeting will be April 11th at the Underwood Community Centre at 7:30 P.M. We hope to see you make it out to your meeting.

Remember, always check-in on our club site: https://lakehuronfishingclub.com and our derby site https://www.chantrychinook.com.

Yours in Conservation,

Kelly Mullen - LHFC President

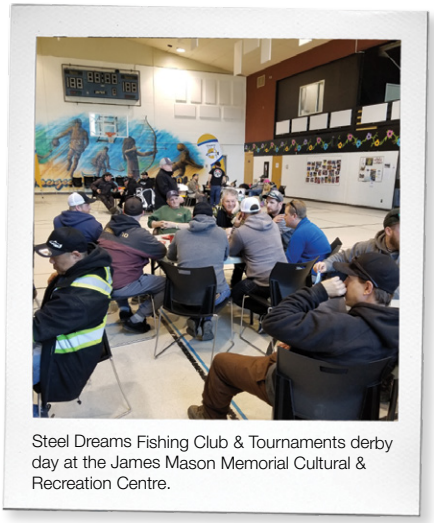
STEEL DREAMS RAFFLE DONATION

Steel Dreams Fishing Club & Tournaments presented the LHFC a wonderful donation of $6330 towards the hatchery.

Shown in the photo from the left: Jeremiah Burrows, Chris McIntyre and Kodey Buchanan of Steel Dreams presenting $6330 to Kelly Mullen, Phil Hahn and Tom Stewart.

The $60,000 we spend each year for fish food, water and hydro is all raised by fundraisers put on by our amazing volunteers. The BBQs, The Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby, the generosity of sister clubs like Steel Dreams Fishing Club & Tournaments shown here donating $6330 and Spiel Rodman Custom Rods recent donation of $2150, both over this past month, and the annual contribution of $5000 from the Ontario Steelheaders is what helps keep us going.

Thanks so much for your great support folks!



Steel Dreams Fishing Club & Tournaments derby day at the James Mason Memorial Cultural & Recreation Centre.

LHFC SCHOOL SALMON HATCHERY UPDATE: SCHOOL NUMBER 50!

This is a school in Orangeville that has been interested for 1.5 years. Mike Sklad, of Fishing Friendzy, has partnered with the school and LHFC to help run this with the Grade 7 Teacher, Ms Rebecca Nixon and her Students. This brings the total number of schools involved with this program to 50!

Richard Elliot
LHFC School Hatchery Program Co-ordinator
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HATCHERY MANAGER'S MEETING

Richard Elliott Lake Huron Fishing Club School Salmon Hatchery Coordinator discusses the importance of Social Media with the group at the hatchery managers meeting.

The day after this photo Richard was in Orangeville setting up the 50th school in Ontario with a Bruce Power funded mini school salmon hatchery aquarium. I know he has help but he regularly visits 26 schools himself! A selfless volunteer dedicated to helping young people discover stewardship while ensuring future generations will have quality fishing opportunities!

2019 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY COMMITTEE APRIL UPDATE

For those of you not aware. we promote the Derby through social media, local tourism websites, Explore the Bruce. We also place ads in the Bluewater Anglers Derby brochure, an ad and online in the Bluewater Visitor's Guide and the Day Tripper for a couple of months. Thanks to Amanda and Avenue A for sponsoring the design of our ads, rack cards, posters and brochures. We continue to look for the most effective ways to promote our Derby.

Finishing touches are being put together for the 2019 Derby brochure to be printed and distributed in the near future.

The Derby committee members and others continue to work hard to seek cash and product for prize boards. Corporate sponsorship requests were sent out through emails and mailed packages earlier in the year, with previous and new donations coming in. The local sponsorship packages are printed, and distributed to local canvassers. The canvassers will start the campaign in the near future.

Remember when you are looking to purchase your fishing and boating supplies, look to our sponsors and ticket outlets for their products and services. We all know that we need them.

Derby entry tickets will be available soon from committee members and the ticket outlets. Derby tickets are now available at Lake Huron Rod and Gun in Underwood and at J & S Tackle in Port Elgin. Details of the ticket outlets with locations are posted on our website for purchasing tickets. You can also purchase your tickets online from our website via PayPal or print an application, mail it in. Tickets purchased online or by application by July 15th will be mailed to you.

The 43rd annual Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby will be held May 3rd to 12th 2019. The Derby is the main source of funds needed to operate their hatchery. It brings anglers from all over Ontario and promises great fishing and a chance to win some amazing prizes.

Anyone interested, wishing to join or assist the committee in any way should come to a meeting or contact us by email chairman@chantrychinook.com. Your assistance would be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

For anyone wishing to join us, the Derby committee will hold their next meeting at the Port Elgin hatchery on April 23rd at 7:00 P.M.

Stay tuned to the Derby website at www.chantrychinook.com for up to date news, coming from your 2019 Derby Committee. Follow us on Facebook.

Bert Kuntz

FISHING CLUBS WORKING TOGETHER

Ray Marklevitz, Chairman of the BPSA Fish Committee and LHFC member asks Matt Burley of the Community Hatchery Program to look into the possibility of the MNRF granting longer licensing periods for our area hatcheries so we can all plan further into the future rather then just by one year at a time as it stands now.

NOTTAWASAGA STEELHEADERS

[Editor's Note: Gary Christie is a Facebook admin for a group called, Nottawasaga Steelheaders. He's been very involved with the watersheds of the Nottawasaga River and I felt it would be very informative for our LHFC members to read about conservation efforts in and around the Georgian Bay/Huron tributaries. With his permission, I'll be including updates that he posts on his Facebook group. If you're interested in learning more, you can join his Facebook group: Nottawasaga Steelheaders.]

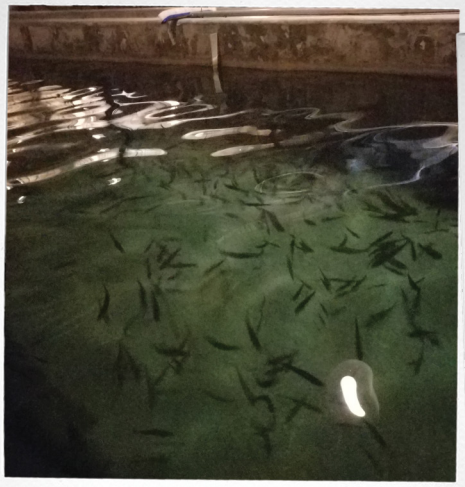
The amazing transformation of the Nottawasaga River 17 Years after tree plants and stream rehab. I hope the younger generations can continue the work we have done through the years.

CHATSWORTH FISH CULTURE STATION

Matthew Brailey Operations Coordinator at the Chatsworth Fish Culture Station tours the group of area hatchery managers through the MNRF facility.

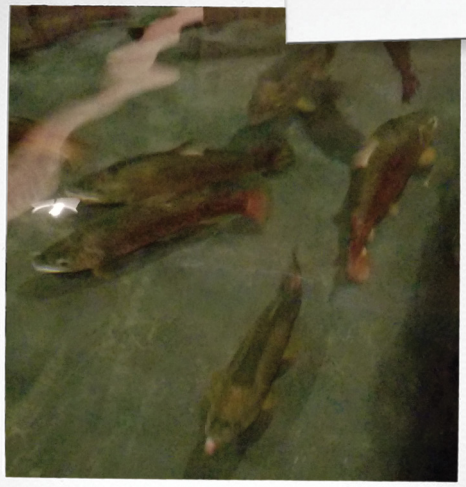
Matthew started us in the egg room and then on to the rest of the plant to see the different stages of growth. The smaller fish are Bloaters, there are a few brook swimming around and then one lonely 5 year old brown male with some time on his fins. He only has one job at the hatchery.

Finishing Tanks



Bloaters

The Group!



Speckle/Brook Trout

5 Year Old Brown Trout

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting Dates:

May 16, 2019
October 17, 2019

General Meetings:

April 11, 2019
September 12, 2019

Special Events :

Adopt A Highway -TBA
Derby BBQ at Home Hardware - May 18, 2019
Spring Fish Fry - June 8, 2019
Derby BBQ at the Tiverton Reunion 2019 - June 29, 2019
Derby BBQ at Rowland's Your Independent Grocer - June 29, 2019
Derby Media Day/Sponsor Appreciation - July 5, 2019
Derby - July 27 to August 11, 2019
Derby Awards - August 11, 2019
Pig Roast - September 7, 2019
Christmas Party - November 22, 2019

Special Projects:

Docks in (Kincardine) - May 4 & 5, 2019
Docks out (Kincardine) - September 13 & 14, 2019
Chinook & Rainbow egg collection - TBA
Chinook, Rainbow, Brown release - TBA
Baie Dor Docks - TBA
2019 Conservation Projects - TBA

THE 36TH ANNUAL DERBY WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 27 TO AUGUST 11

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