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Next LHFC General Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the first general meeting for 2018. Join us on April 12th, which will take place at Underwood for 7:30 P.M.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Kincardine hatchery has completed sorting and counting the rainbow trout as of January 21st. Thanks to the help from all the volunteers—it was terrific. The fin clipping will begin February 11th. It takes a while to clip 55,000 fish, but it is easy. Anyone can help and it is very gratifying. If

you can help please contact Matt Lockhart at 519-368-7289 or Ron Krulicki at 519-395-5318.

The 12,000 rainbows in Port Elgin will be done the middle of March. The exact date will be in the next newsletter or will be emailed to the membership.

As most members are aware the Truax Dam has been a project that the Lake Huron Fishing Club has been trying to remove for almost 20 years. The project is now reality. Mike Hahn and myself will meet with the engineering and Brockton council on February 23rd to map the road forward. With the removal, not only will it help our

program for spawning beds in good water streams, but will finally let warm water fish get to better beds (fish like bass, pike and musky). Science proves that with the removal, it will let the Saugeen River produce five times more fish (example 1 lb now will be 5 lbs. with the removal).

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For all the fisher men and women, the Lake Huron Fishing Club has been very disappointed with the cleaning station in Kincardine. That said, we have put money into buying a new garbator and have put new signage on as to how it has to be run. So all who use it make sure to follow the instructions and help people who don't know because if it is not looked after, the club will not put another one in. It will be installed in early spring.

Yours in Conservation,

Phil Hahn
LHFC President

TROUT HATCHERY REPORT

We have about 62,000 rainbows that are going to be sorted and fin clipped in the coming weeks. The rainbows are growing fast and are doing great. We are also holding over 6,800 browns this year and they are looking good. They are over 70 grams last time they were weighed. Our brown eggs are coming on January 23rd this year—this is a month later than usual.

Thanks,

Ron Krulicki
Hatchery Manager

2018 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY FEBRUARY UPDATE

As announced in the last update, a Maple Syrup Festival is being held in downtown Port Elgin on March 24th 2018. The Derby committee met with the Port Elgin and District Lions Club who are providing a pancake and sausage breakfast for this event. To provide that breakfast the Lions Club requires a number of volunteers. The Derby committee will share in some of the proceeds from the event by providing assistance to them. We could use some volunteers from within LHFC membership to help. Please contact us.

Sponsor packages have been updated and for the most part distributed to corporate sponsors. We have a number of confirmed received and sponsors already. Local sponsorship packages will be going out in the near future.

We are seeking sponsors for cash and prize board prizes both of which are of

utmost importance to support the cash prizes and prize boards. I will continue to stress the need for us to show our appreciation for the continued support of our sponsors by purchasing their products and services. Anyone who wishes to sponsor or knows someone who does, should contact any of the committee members or visit the website.

We now have our newly designed posters and rack cards for distribution and will have the updated brochure in the near future.

Derby Entry Tickets and are available at Lake Huron Rod and Gun (in Underwood) and at J&S Tackle (in Port Elgin). Details are posted on our website for purchasing tickets. You can purchase your tickets via PayPal or print an application, mail it in. Tickets purchased and received online or by application by July 15th will be mailed

to you. Tickets will be available from other ticket outlets in a few months.

The Derby committee will hold their next meeting at the Port Elgin hatchery on February 21st at 7:00 P.M. We could use some assistance with sponsorship in the Kincardine area and someone taking on responsibilities for promotions and media relations. Anyone interested wishing to join or assist the committee in any way should come to the meeting or contact us by email chairman@chantrychinook.com. Your assistance would be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Stay tuned to the Derby website at www.chantrychinook.com for up to date news, coming from your 2018 Derby Committee. Follow us on Facebook..

Bert Kuntz

LHFC SCHOOL HATCHERY PROGRAM UPDATE

The Canadian Fishing Network likes our program and they're promoting the school salmon hatchery on their blog. Here is a little something they did for me and a picture of Brookside School from January 25, 2018. By the end of the week, we should have 47 schools involved in the program and still could grow more this year. With some of the equipment on backorder, we had a bit of a late start for some of the schools. I could have a booth at the BPS Spring Classic on the kids weekend to promote the School Hatchery Program and should have an article coming out in one of the fishing publications.

Richard Elliott



Canadian Fishing Network blog feature.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Attn all Members. The Lake Huron Fishing Club would like to thank all members who have already renewed their 2018 membership and for your continued support.

Members who have not yet renewed, your membership is now past due. Members renewing via email will receive a notice that their membership is due via email. Members who receive their newsletter by mail will noticed that on their mailing label the

"Membership due" date will be highlighted in red and you will have a membership form inside your envelope with your newsletter.

Don't forget you can renew your membership on the internet. Just visit our new link at:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/LHFC2/lakehuronfishingclubmembershipform>.

Bob Moss

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