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LHFC General Meeting

This LHFC General Meeting will feature an all you can eat meal, paid for by Bruce Power! There is only room for 120 people, so it is important that guests who want to attend RSVP Mike Hahn ASAP! There will be guest speakers from Bruce Power and the MNR. We will also have a presentation on their Rainbow Trout study on the Saugeen, specifically the Walkerton/Maple Hill camera study as well.



Annual Christmas

Dinner Reminder

Just putting an early reminder of this year's Annual Christmas Dinner, which will be from 6pm - 9pm. Please mark the date on your calendars and RSVP us with your response. A-M bring a salad, N-Z bring a dessert. This will take place at the Underwood Community Centre.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sadly summer is coming to a close. The days are getting shorter and cooler. Nature is slowing down in preparation for the coming winter. With any luck we'll be able to squeeze in a few nice days of fall fishing before the weather gets real nasty.

Club business is progressing along in a timely fashion. The Trout and Salmon Hatchery budgets have been approved and the School Hatchery Program is set

to expand. Some of the schools have had participating teachers move and I believe one school will be undergoing renovations and have to temporarily suspend the program, however, there have been several new schools expressing interest so the program will continue to expand.

The next General Meeting will be November 14 at the Community Centre in Underwood. We will be giving out the Annual Awards and Bruce Power has generously offered to provide the meal

which will be served at 6:30 sharp. Please remember you must RSVP to Mike Hahn as soon as possible to ensure that enough food is provided. If you do not reply and you are not on the guest list you may not get a seat. As it has happened in the past, that

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there was not enough food prepared because people did not have the courtesy to RSVP. Also, you should note that the Annual Christmas Potluck will be held

December 12 at Underwood. As usual A-L bring salad, M-Z bring dessert. I'm sure that there will be a cash bar and Wayne is arranging special draws for the night.

You will find a Calendar of Events on the final page of the Newsletter. Please make note of these dates. This may be updated periodically to keep you informed of Club activities and projects.

Respectfully,

Brian Garnet, LHFC President

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Well here are again almost finished another year. It's time to start thinking about your membership renewal. Members who receive their newsletter through the mail should check the Mailing Label on the their envelope and if your membership renewal date is highlighted then your membership is due Jan 1, 2014. Members who receive their newsletter via email will receive an email if your membership is due.



CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC DERBY COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2013 UPDATE

This is a short update this month with only a couple new items to tell you about.

Preparations are under way for the 31st annual 2014 Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby. The Derby committee has already held two meetings, on September 23rd and October 21st. There are a few changes to the committee with some new volunteers coming on board. Although for the most part, roles and responsibilities of committee members have been determined and assigned. We are looking for, and in need of, a sponsorship person for Kincardine area and a local sponsorship coordinator. Anyone interested in these roles and wishing to join or assist the committee in any way should contact the chairman at chairman@chantrychinook.com. You may also contact Rick Dwinell at 519-396-6144 and email rick@tnt21.com or Bert Kuntz at 519-389-4203 and email bkuntz@bmts.com. Your assistance would be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

A \$20,000 cheque will be presented to the Lake Huron Fishing Club, at the November 14th meeting, from the proceeds of the 2013 derby and boat draw. These monies will assist the Lake

Huron Fishing Club's so they can continue to contribute to the health of our fisheries and ensure a healthy future for the next generation of fishermen.

The special boat draw held for the 30th annual Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby will not be held in 2014. This was a labour intensive special, with little return for the amount of time and energy spent by Derby committee members. There also is no one coming forward to run the draw.

Watch for a further announcement soon regarding expansion of the derby boundaries. This decision will be made within the next week.

The much needed sponsorship drive for the derby is already underway.

If you wish to sponsor, or know someone who does, please let us know.

Rick as always, is working hard and has all the new information for 2014 posted on the Chantry website. Stay tuned to the Derby web-site at www.chantrychinook.com for up to date news, coming from your 2014 Derby Committee.

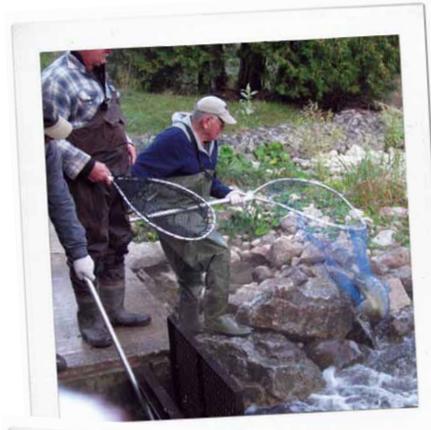
SALMON HATCHERY REPORT



The hatchery is up and running. The eggs arrived the last week of September. They are now at eye-up stage and we will be shocking and sorting them over the next week. Thanks to Harold and the gang for the work put in on the Sydenham River collecting the eggs. The school hatcheries are also getting ready to receive eggs over the next couple of weeks.

A special thank you to TRI – MACH GROUP for the supply of material and equipment for the making of the new outlet screens for the small rearing tanks. The previous screens were breaking apart from corrosion, but we now have new ones.

Garry Biederman



TROUT HATCHERY UPDATE

As you read this, our brown trout releases should be in progress. It is amazing that no matter how warm or long the summer is, or how cold or wet the fall is, it is almost always the same last week of October that the lake temperatures are right for release. Our release sites were the same as other years, except that we have not put any browns in Inverhuron Bay this fall. This was because of the heavy commercial fishing activity in the bay over this past summer. We will see what next year holds for commercial fishing activity and decide about future stocking in the bay. Very soon, we will be moving 12,000 rainbow fingerlings to the Port Elgin Chinook hatchery to spend the winter. Also the Ontario Steelheaders will soon be releasing 20,000 fall fingerling rainbows into the Saugeen. That will still leave 55,000 rainbows to spend the winter in Kincardine. It was a good year for the rainbows.

Anyone who has toured the Trout Hatchery will have seen the various fish mounts in the office area. These fish are all of species that inhabit our local waters. We use them a lot for educational purposes for the many children that tour our hatchery. Some of these fish mounts have been given to us and some are on loan. There are a few species of local fish that we do

not currently have. It would be nice to fill those gaps in. If anyone has a good quality fish mount that they do not want anymore or would be willing to loan it to us for a year or more please let me know. Specifically we are looking for fish species other than chinook salmon, brown trout, lake trout, musky, speckled trout, or smallmouth bass. We promise to take good care of anything loaned to us.

Yesterday, we were solving the country's political problems at our early morning brainstorming session when the hatchery power went out. The lights went off, the pump and motors all stopped. The emergency oxygen system fired. The water flow stopped. The aeration system quit. Forty five seconds later, the emergency generator started, the emergency transfer switch operated, the lights came back on, the aeration system restarted, the emergency oxygen system shutdown, the supply pump restarted and water flow resumed.



The only physical response required from us was to manually turn the coffee pot back on. We're trying to figure out how to solve that problem.

Al Wilkins

Donation

We would like to say a big thank you to Kim Ward. Owner of the recently closed Port's Pets in Port Elgin. Kim generously donated 9 aquariums and equipment to us for our Classroom Fish

Hatchery program. Hundreds of children each year will benefit from Kim's gift. These children will be the stewards of our fisheries into the future. Everyone wins with this program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting Dates: November 21, 2013
December - no meeting
January 16, 2014
February 20, 2014
March 20, 2014
April 17, 2014
May 15, 2014
June 19, 2014
July 17, 2014
August 21, 2014
September 18, 2014

General Meetings: November 14, 2013 Bruce Power Dinner R.S.V.P. & Awards
January 9, 2014: Bill Blackwell *President of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters*
March 13, 2014: Guest Speaker TBA
May 8, 2014: Guest Speaker TBA
July 10: Guest Speaker TBA
September 11, 2014: Guest Speaker TBA

Special Events : December 12, 2013: Christmas Party
June 14, 2014: Spring Fish Fry
September 6, 2014: Pig Roast
August 9, 2014: Derby Fish Fry
July 11, 2014: Derby Media Day & Sponsor Appreciation
July 26 – August 10, 2014: Derby
August 10, 2014: Derby Awards

Special Projects: Docks In – Last weekend of April 2014
Docks Out - September 26 – 27, 2014
Chinook egg collection - last week of September 2014
Rainbow egg collection - TBA
Chinook release - TBA
Rainbow releases
Brown Trout releases
Road Clean-up – April 13th
Baie Dore Docks
2014 Conservation Projects - TBA