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LHFC General Members Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the first general meeting for 2019. Join us on September 12th, which will take place at Underwood for 7:30 P.M.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well a big thank you has to go all to our dedicated Derby Committee members who organized the 2019 Chantry Chinook Classic, to all the sponsors, to all the Captains who helped us out by taking our sponsors for a day of fishing on Media Day, to those who manned the Weigh Stations over the 16 days and to all those who purchased a ticket and fished. That was a great derby. Kudos to our many dedicated entrants and successful winners! Thanks for participating.

You hear it occasionally, but the Chantry Chinook Classic is the largest fundraiser put on by our club. Like everything done in the LHFC, it is a 100% volunteer driven and all the proceeds go towards operating our two hatcheries.

It's a great cycle. We raise them, we release them, you catch them and we raise some more!

The fish caught this year were all consistently healthy, as you can see if you check out the weigh station daily results and stats

on the "Leaderboard" at www.chantrychinook.com.

The first few days, of our Sister Club Sydenham Sportsmen Association's Salmon Spectacular, are showing the same healthy fish being caught in Georgian Bay. Tight Lines Folks! It's been a hard summer on our club.

Earlier in the summer we got word that long time member Graydon Johnson passed away followed shortly afterwards by our own Executive Secretary Jim "Drummer" Drummond's passing.

Since the derby, we've also learned that our Pike Bay weigh station assistant, Jackie Seatter and long time Port Elgin hatchery helper Jack Ingram, departed as well. Our thoughts go out to these fine peoples' family and friends. RIP

Our club is involved with a huge endeavor in the town of Walkerton. The partial removal of the Truax Dam on the Saugeen River at Walkerton got underway on Monday, August 12th. Overall, the project

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is going well. It's expected to take until the end of September to complete. You can follow the project on Walkerton's website at: www.brockton.ca/en/do-business/truax-dam.aspx

When you have a chance, drop down and check out this old river. It's quite amazing but now, with the half of the dam gone and the river returned to it's normal course, people have been wonder-



ing if FMZ 16 regs for the Truax Dam are affected. A Facebook post by LHFC member and Steel Dreams Fishing Club & Tournaments organizer, Kodey Buchanan, got me on the phone to the Owen Sound MNR office. They took a few days to think it over and the following is the email I received on Friday, August 23rd, 2019 that shows how they will approach Truax now. Read for yourself.

Hi Kelly – I have had a chat with Conservation Officer Zadworny for his enforcement perspective – also chatted with our supervisor Tracy and fish and wildlife staff Ben.

The overall consensus is:

1. page 13 under general fishing regulations no longer applies as there is no obstruction, fishway or leap

2. page 119 will stand as it is – there will continue to be a extended season as usual starting at the remnants of the dam

Tracy has contacted the policy folks in Peterborough and it is too late to change the regs for 2020 so they will read the same as they do for 2019.

We may request changes to the extended season starting line – could be the “remnants of the dam”, could be the highway bridge or some other obvious visual marker along the river in that area that will show up in the wording for 2021.

Hope that helps

Sincerely,

Craig Todd

Partnership Specialist

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry

Midhurst District/ Owen Sound Field Office

Some important dates for us all to remember and to attend! Club Pig Roast is Saturday Sept. 7th and a date change for Docks-Out Kincardine - Sept. 28th and 29th. Contact Bill Wyatt at: rfs_jr69@hotmail.com for details.

**Yours in Conservation,
Kelly Mullen - LHFC President**

2019 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Another Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby has come and gone with the awards day being held on August 11th at the Whitney Crawford Community Centre in Tiverton. Thanks to Calvin Kay and all those kitchen helpers and the other volunteers that made another Awards Day successful.

Congratulations to all of our many winners, be it cash prizes, prize boards special event days, daily or hidden weight prizes. We are always looking for photos for our website and promotions, should you have photos to share please send them to us.

Caitlin Widdes, was the overall Salmon winner with a 28.96 pound Chinook for the \$15,000 prize. Ernest Ackert was the overall Trout winner with a 28.29 pound Lake Trout for the \$7,500.00 prize.



Your Chantry Derby Committee wishes to thank all the sponsors, volunteers and participants for another successful derby.

Our sponsors and ticket outlets play a vital role in the success of this derby. The derby was a great success largely due

to the money and product raised from sponsors. The product from them goes to putting together the, Kid's Day event prizes, special events and sponsor boards awarded. We can never forget our local sponsors from Kincardine to Lions Head.

We would be amiss if we didn't mention two of our local sponsors, namely Lake Huron Rod and Gun who donate all the rods & reels awarded as prizes and J&S Tackle who donate all the fishing kits for Kid's Day at all five locations. Support these sponsors where ever possible, the continued loyal support of our sponsors is the biggest part of the success of the Chantry, without them the derby would not be viable.

For those Derby participants fishing in Georgian Bay this year, we had a new weigh station in Wiarton at Lures N Lines Tackle shop, which was a huge change for the better along with their sponsorship of product and gift certificates.

The operation of our weigh stations presented a number of challenges in 2019. A huge thanks you to all those volunteers without mentioning names, who worked tirelessly during the Derby to make it all happen. Those include the weigh station foreman and weigh station attendants, many of whom do not participate in the Derby or even partake in the sport of fishing.

The Lake Huron Fishing Club will again benefit from a financial contribution, as a result of the success of the 2019 derby. As the sale of Derby tickets more than covers the cash prizes awarded, money raised through sponsorship goes to the club going

toward our school education program, directly back into the health of the Lake Huron fisheries, fish restocking program and improvement of the waterways for the fish habitat. This also includes the operation of two fish hatcheries, in Kincardine and Port Elgin. Our club continues to successfully release Rainbow trout into the Saugeen River, Brown trout, and Chinook salmon into Lake Huron and tributaries.

Weather and fishing conditions were more favourable for the derby in 2019, with the exception of the last four days when we did lose a number of days on the water. The participants in the derby were 1626, up about 30 from 2018. There were 1258 tickets sold overall, with the number of tickets sold online increasing again by over 25% from 2018.

One only needs to look at the leader board to note that fish caught and weighed in were larger than previous years. There were a total of 1172 fish caught and weighed in 2019 which is an decrease of 450 from 2018 with the biggest decrease in Lake Trout caught. The largest Salmon was 5.96 pounds heavier than in 2018, How long has it been since the largest salmon was heavier then the largest trout. For full details look on our website: www.chantrychinook.com.

It is interesting to note that the Chantry Chinook website received 21,000 visits

during the Derby with over 1500 per day. The 36th annual Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby is now in the history books for most. Although there still is work to do for the committee, a final wrap-up meeting will be held September 10th to evaluate the 2019 Derby. Following future meetings a report will be presented to the LHFC executive.

There are a number of people required to volunteer and serve on the committee to fill important roles. Please don't sit back, come forward and assist with new ideas for the committee which is extremely vital. There is too big of a work load for a few people.

Our first organizing meeting for the 2019 Derby, is to be held in October at the Port Elgin Salmon Hatchery. Suggestions for positive derby improvements are always welcome; please send your comments directly to us. If you feel you have something to offer and contribute please attend the meeting. This is where the decisions are made for the upcoming Derby. Should you be interested in volunteering and cannot attend this meeting, send us an email at: info@chantrychinook.com.

Tentative Dates for the 2020, 37th annual Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby is July 25th to August 9th. Mark these dates on your calendar.

Bert Kuntz

SAUGEEN RIVER CLEAN UP

Michael & Kathy Hahn, along with Luke Bester, spent some time to clean up the garbage that have sat in the river.

Many thanks to them to make the Saugeen cleaner today than what it was yesterday!



LHFC CHANTRY DERBY PICS

Some of the action during our Chantry Derby!



Activity on Kid's Day at the Saugeen Shores Weigh Station. We had over 170 kids fishing between the 5 weigh stations on Kid's Day. Great fun!



Kid's Day was held at the Pike Bay, Wiarton, Saugeen Shores, Kincardine weigh stations and at a special weigh in set up at Sauble River that day. Every kid earned a prize, a hotdog and a drink.



Dave Uren manning the Pike Bay Weigh Station, logs in someone's beautiful salmon. It was a breezy day but people were dropping around to register their morning catch.



Derby Committee member Ross Conley with a lovely 16.94lb Chinook salmon he weighed in for 22nd spot on the leaderboard.



Kevin Harders and JJ worked every open slot at the Wiarton Weigh Station located at Kevin's shop Lures 'N Lines during the derby.



Word is that JJ handled every fish that was weighed in for the derby at Wiarton. Thanks Bud!

New Members

Dan Pepin

Port Elgin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting Dates:

~~May 16, 2019~~
October 17, 2019

General Meetings:

~~April 11, 2019~~
September 12, 2019

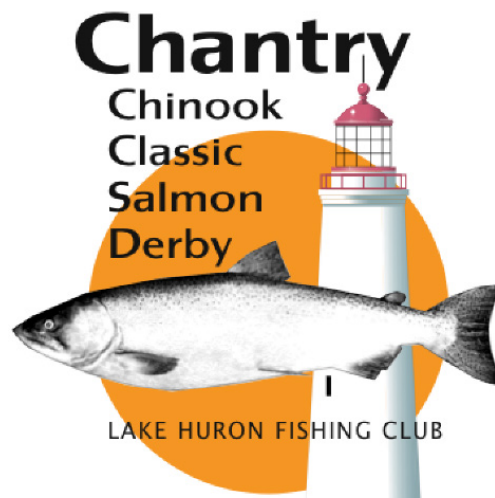
Special Events :

~~Adopt A Highway - TBA~~
~~Derby BBQ at Home Hardware - May 18, 2019~~
~~Spring Fish Fry - June 8, 2019~~
~~LHFC 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 28 & 29, 2019
Chinook & Rainbow egg collection - TBA
Chinook, Rainbow, Brown release - TBA
Baie Dor Docks - TBA
2019 Conservation Projects - TBA

**THE 37TH ANNUAL DERBY WILL BE
HELD FROM JULY 25 TO AUGUST 9**



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