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### Annual Christmas Dinner

Please join us for this year's Annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Underwood Community Centre. Cocktails at 5:00 P.M., dinner served at 6:30 P.M. Please mark on your calendars. A-L bring a salad, M-Z bring a dessert.

### In Memory of Gord Ryan

Gord Ryan, who worked at the Kincardine hatchery, passed away on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The LHFC would like to extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Marilyn, and his family.

### Membership Renewals

It's time to start thinking about your membership renewal. Members who receive their newsletter through the mail should check the Mailing Label on their envelope. If your membership renewal date is highlighted then your membership is due Jan 1, 2017. Members who receive their newsletter electronically will get an email in the next few days, if your membership is due. If you don't receive an email your membership is good.

Don't forget you can renew your membership on the internet. Just visit our website [www.lakehuronfishingclub.com](http://www.lakehuronfishingclub.com) or here is a direct PayPal Link <http://64.177.125.54/LHFC/purchase.htm>.

Bob

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the General Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> we had discussions as to how we can reach younger people. Two new younger members, Dan and his wife Rachel Hasson, along with another new member Jim McMyler said social media is the only way to reach them. So they will be setting up a facebook page under the guidance of Dick Verrips.

At the October 20<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting the budgets for both hatcheries were approved so it seemed all things would be on track for 2017. But the train got derailed. Al Wilkins, the trout hatchery manager in Kincardine, has resigned as of April 10, 2017. With no one working in the hatchery to step up to take his place, we are looking for someone to replace Al (preferably from Kincardine).

The hatchery takes hours of time because it runs 24/7 year round. We have a couple pieces of the puzzle in place...Kirk Lund from the Steelheaders has agreed to do the paper work as far as paying bills, getting the licences for the stocking permits and also apply for any grants available. Rachel Hasson has said she is willing to schedule the work crews. These are two large parts of the job, but we still need a maintenance handyman and someone to oversee the hatchery and also write a small report for the News Letter.

I would like to take this time to Thank Al and his wife Joanne for 26 years of service and sacrifice they have dedicated to the Lake Huron Fishing Club. Every

fisherman or fisherlady who has caught rainbow trout or brown trout owes Al and Joanne a debt of gratitude. At one time Al was not only President, but ran all functions (pig roast, fish fry, etc) plus he ran the hatchery and did all meetings with outside interests.

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It truly is a great loss but the Club has to move forward so I hope social media give us what we need to fill the void. If not, the Lake Huron Fish Club will no longer exist and sport fishing will be gone.

Our Christmas dinner is Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>

at the Underwood Community Center. Mark your calendar. Meet and greet (cocktails) at 5:00 P.M. and dinner at 6:30 P.M. A-L please bring dessert and M-Z bring a salad. There will be lots of draws including several Glass Turkeys as well as frozen turkeys. Hope to see you all there.

From my Family to the Lake Huron Club Families, I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Conservation,

Phil Hahn  
LHFC President

## 2017 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY DECEMBER UPDATE

The committee is busy preparing for the 2017 Derby; with a little new information to report at this time.

In analyzing the 2016 Derby, the committee again prepared pie charts for demographics and location of the entrants. See the attachments to look at the pie charts for details. You may draw your own conclusions on the outcome.

Many thanks to Eugene Lo for putting together the pie charts, giving good visual of the statistics.

The figures shown only include those who were registered on Derby tickets. It does not include the youth who participated in Kid's Day, estimated to be over 300 with no ticket required.

The Derby rules have been edited and updated to provide some clarification of Ladies' and Senior's Days and to provide information on awarding prizes. See details on the website and also to be included in the brochure.

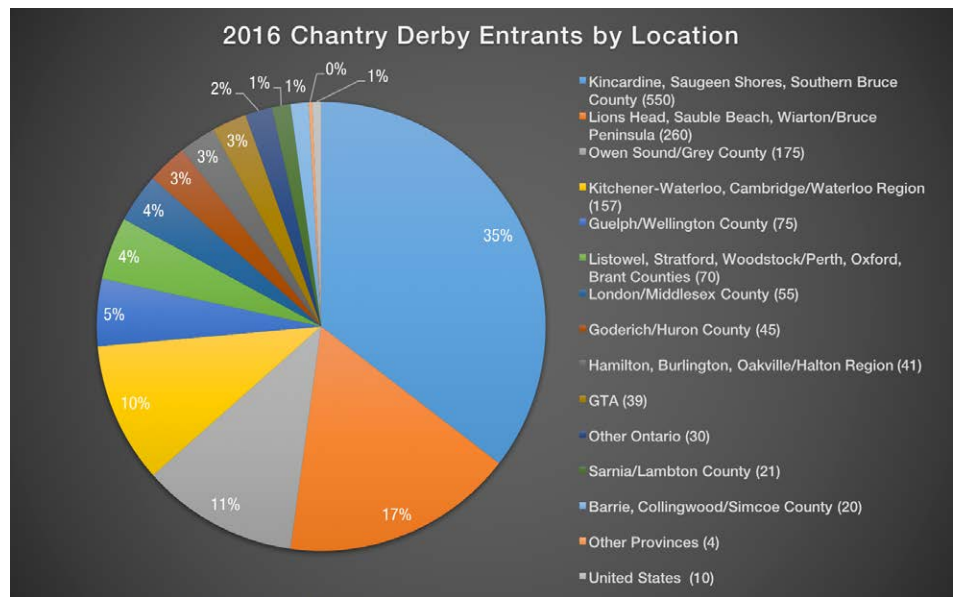
There are again some changes to the prize structure for 2017. The Derby winning Largest Salmon and Trout are not eligible for the first week largest Salmon and Trout prize.

(In these cases the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed entry will win). Special Weight prize closest to 9.34 lbs is now divided with the Salmon and Trout. Salmon is a \$250.00 gift certificate from Lake Huron Rod and Gun. Trout is a gift certificate from J & S Tackle. Largest Salmon during the last three days has been dropped. Hidden Weight Prize improved to a \$75.00 gift Certificate at Lake Huron Rod and Gun or J & S Tackle

The Derby has contributed \$15,000.00 to the Lake Huron Fishing Club from the proceeds of the 2016 Derby. These monies will assist the club to continue to contribute to the health of our fisheries and ensure a healthy future for the next generation of anglers.

The formal cheque presentation will take place at the Club Christmas gathering in December.

The committee will again be hosting charity BBQs in 2017. The first will be at the Port



Elgin Home Hardware and Building Centre on May 20<sup>th</sup>, with the second at Your Independent Grocer in Port Elgin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking at more sites and dates.

Sponsorship packages are now being prepared and readied to be mailed to potential sponsors. Should you wish to sponsor or know someone who may, contact us, we will send you a sponsor package. There are already a number of LHFC members who provide sponsorship for the derby, which is greatly appreciated. The 2017 Derby Committee respectfully requests your support for this year's event.

A great idea for a Christmas stocking stuffer. The Derby tickets are being printed and will be available at J & S Tackle Port Elgin, Lake Huron Rod and Gun Underwood,

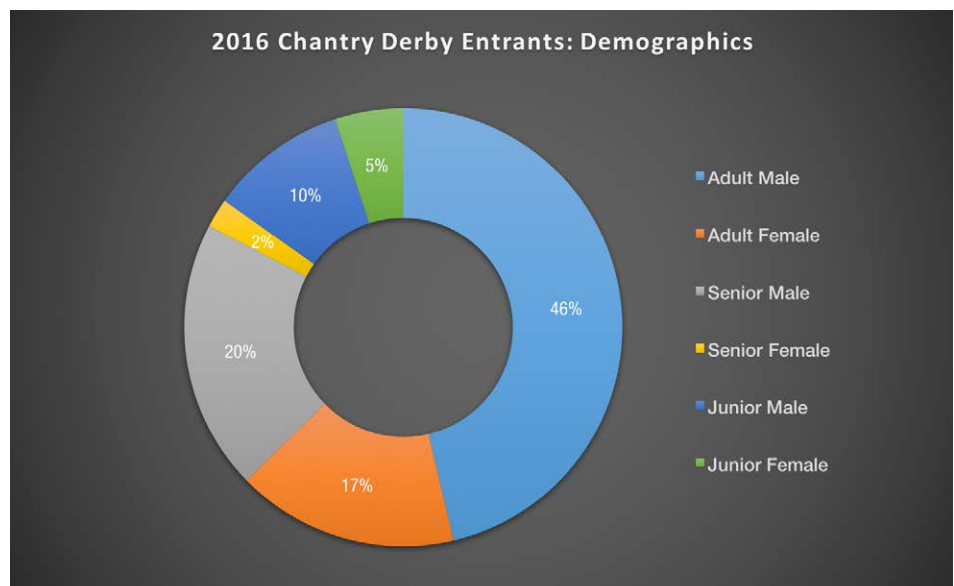
and on our website via PayPal. Tickets should also be available at the LHFC Christmas dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Underwood.

The Derby committee will hold their next meeting at the Port Elgin hatchery on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.. Should you wish to help the Derby committee in any way, please plan on attending.

Rick, as always, continues to work hard and has all the new information for 2017 posted on the Chantry website. Stay tuned to the Derby website at [www.chantrychinook.com](http://www.chantrychinook.com) for up-to-date news, coming from your 2017 Derby Committee.

Wishing you and your's a very safe and happy festive season.

**Bert Kuntz**



## TROUT HATCHERY UPDATE

Our brown trout have all been released for this year. A total of 57,517 fish with a total weight of 1,756 kilograms were released in 18 stocking trips. I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped net fish and drove trucks and trailers all over Bruce and Grey Counties to put fish into the water. A large job, like fish stocking, is pretty easy when many people participate.

A big thank you goes out to Don Merritt for cleaning and disinfecting all of our tanks when they were emptied of fish. This is a big, unpleasant job that is necessary two times each year. All of our rainbows have been transferred to the clean, larger tanks now and should be really starting to pick up their growth. This morning we moved 12,400 rainbows to the Port Elgin Chinook Hatchery to spend the winter. The big job now is to get our new finishing tanks inside the hatchery and installed. We have had good help with the excavations and piping reconfigurations required for the new tanks. We have a separate team of people trying to figure out how to get the tanks, which weigh 900 lbs each, into the hatchery and into position over the excavations.

Our target is to have the tanks ready for service by the end of the year. As usual, we have some snowbirds heading south and also a few people on the disabled list. If any member



Steve Carvell putting browns into the kid's fish pond.



Tony Leonard releasing fish.

would like to help out on a hatchery crew for the winter months please contact me.

**Al Wilkins**

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## LHFC SCHOOL HATCHERY PROGRAM UPDATE

On November 18, the 6 o'clock CTV London News found out a bit more about the LHFC School Salmon Hatchery program at Brookside P.S. Scott Miller showed up and interviewed myself, teacher Larry Grail, and three students about the program.

The LHFC School Salmon Hatchery Program, in partnership with Bruce Power, is benefitting more than just our local schools. We have formed a partnership between LHFC and the following five clubs: Bluewater Anglers and their four schools in Sarnia;

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association and their two new schools; one of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association members will be helping with the Wiarton School joining SSA & LHFC; United Fish & Game Clubs of Manitoulin and their one school; Canadian Bass Anglers Federation with one of the members from Waterloo/Wellington/Mississauga clubs helping out with a Guelph school; and Forest City Bassmasters helping out with one school in London and one school in Komoka.

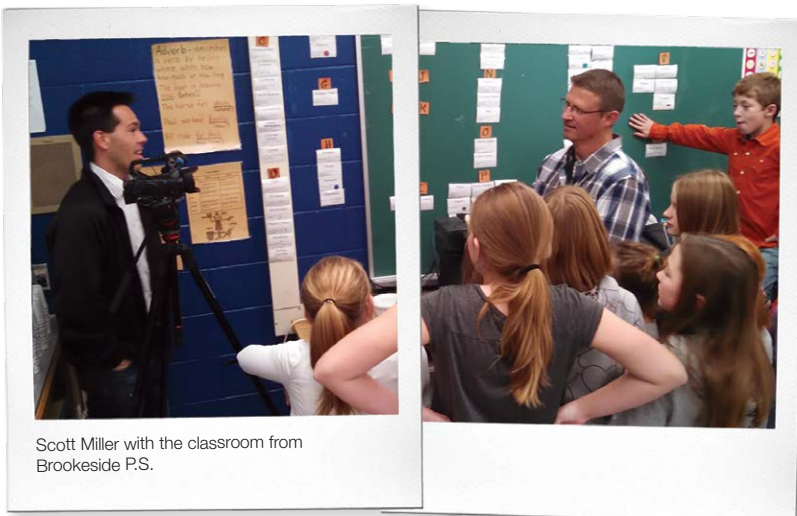
This is great to see and as a result there will be 34 schools or so involved with the program. That should add up to over 1,000 students directly involved with raising the salmon in their classrooms or libraries, from Sarnia to Milton to Manitoulin Island. We would like to send a huge "Thank You" to Bruce Power for making this a reality!

**Thanks!**

**Richard**

**LHFC School Hatchery Program Co-ordinator**

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Scott Miller with the classroom from Brookside P.S.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Executive Meeting Dates:

~~January 21, 2016~~

~~March 17, 2016~~

~~May 19, 2016~~

~~July 21, 2016~~

~~October 20, 2016~~

### General Meetings:

~~February 11, 2016~~

~~April 14, 2016~~

~~June 9, 2016~~

~~September 8, 2016~~

~~November 10, 2016~~

### Special Events :

~~Adopt a Highway – April 23, 2016~~

~~Spring Fish Fry – June 11, 2016~~

~~Derby Media Day and Sponsor Appreciation – July 8, 2016~~

~~Derby – July 23 – August 7, 2016~~

~~Derby Awards – August 7, 2016~~

~~Pig Roast – September 10, 2016~~

Christmas Party – December 8, 2016

### Special Projects:

~~Docks in – April 29, 30, 2016~~

~~Docks out – September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016~~

Chinook egg collection – TBA

Rainbow egg collection – TBA

Chinook release – TBA

Rainbow release – TBA

Brown trout release – TBA

Road cleanup – TBA

Baie Dore Docks – TBA

2016 Conservation projects – TBA