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LHFC General Meeting

Please join us for our upcoming general meeting for March 12, which will take place at Underwood for 7:30pm.



Congratulations to Our Sister Club!

We would like to extend our congratulations to our sister club, Hepworth Anglers Club, with their successful Spring Creek restoration activity. Their efforts will directly benefit Spring Creek, Sauble River, Lake Huron (including Sauble Beach) in maintaining the cool water temperatures that flow downstream. Great work guys & gals!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2015...The club has a lot of issues this year. The world heated up by 1.5°C and we in Ontario thought it cooled down. Hopefully, all members do their part to keep global warming at bay (fishermen simply using four stroke engines saves 1/2 on fuel alone).

“Do no forget fin clipping. Lots of help makes the job easy.”

At the Executive meeting on January 15th, one topic was the fish fry in Kincardine. No one has stepped up. We have to book the park, the tent, and also get the liquor licence sooner than later (within next two months). If no one comes forward, the fish fry will be cancelled.

We have booked the MNR to speak at our General Meeting on March 12th at the Underwood Community Center. Come meet the new CFOs and bring some questions. Do not forget fin clipping. Lots of help makes the job easy. Kincardine Hatchery dates are in the hatchery report and the Port Elgin Hatchery dates are Friday February 20th and Saturday February 21st.

Salmon Hatchery Report

We had some trouble at the Port Elgin Hatchery with one of our power supply lines coming apart at the transformer, reducing power to a single phase. The well pump and air supply pumps would not turn. Lucky for us, our crews

promptly notified Gary, and Jim found the problem. Westario Power had everything back on by 11:00 pm that night. The water temp had dropped to 36 degrees but as luck was on our side the pumps did not burn out and Gary got the water temp back up. Thanks to everyone for a great effort. Fin clip dates for rainbows at Port Elgin will be February 20th and 21st starting at 9:00AM.

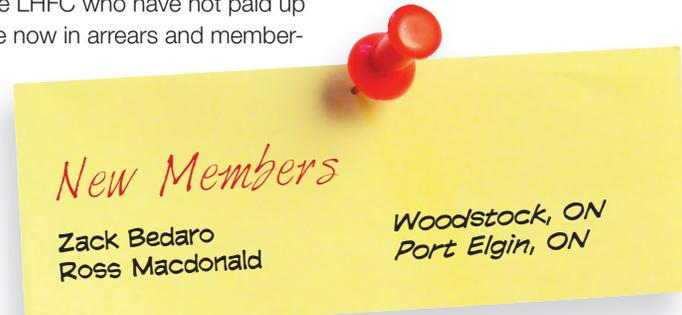
We have started Dave Myette on his way to being Hatchery Boss. I know everyone will help Dave in every aspect of hatchery business. Gary will still be involved and hopefully for a long time.

Yours in Conservation,
 Phil Hahn, LHFC President

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Attention all members of the LHFC who have not paid up your dues for 2015. You are now in arrears and memberships are due. Please look after this matter immediately. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks.
 Robert Moss



CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY FEBRUARY UPDATE

The derby committee and others continue to work hard at making the 2015 Derby another great success. We are again aiming to generate the funds necessary to assist the Club in operating the fish hatcheries along with their other initiatives. It is hoped that we can increase sponsorship and bring additional entrants, thus increasing revenues.

Members of the committee are continuing to seek sponsors for cash and prize board prizes. Both of these are of utmost importance to the success of the derby and to support the cash prizes and prize boards. We need 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.

The committee is taking steps to further promote the derby. Online ads on the Bluewater Visitors guide, local municipal, Chamber of Commerce, and Explore the Bruce websites are to promote the Derby. Also, Explore the Bruce will be handing out promotional information at the Toronto Sportsman Show.

Bayshore Broadcasting, through 98 the Beach, will again be promoting the Chantry Chinook Classic. They will be promoting the Derby in July on their radio stations. In addition to 98 the Beach (97.9 FM), promotions are to include: 104.9 the Beach, 560 CFOS AM, Country 93- (93.7 fm), 106.5, Sunshine 89, and 97.7 the Beach.

Derby Entry Tickets 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 and mail it in. Tickets purchased online or by application, by July 15th, will be mailed to you. In the near future, tickets will be available from committee members and other ticket outlets. A new ticket outlet has come on board. A new store, Donkers Outdoors and Sports in Goderich will be selling Derby tickets in the near future.

The promotional Chantry Chinook Derby brochure will again be developed and printed. It will contain all the necessary information as in the past. It is anticipated that final editing will take place, printed, and ready for distribution in April.

The committee will again be hosting fundraising barbeques at the Wal-mart Super Store in Port Elgin. The dates are May 16th and June 27th from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

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.

The Derby committee will hold their next meeting at the Port Elgin hatchery on February 24th at 7:00pm.

Stay tuned to the Derby website at www.chantrychinook.com for up to date news, coming from your 2015 Derby Committee.

Bert Kuntz

2014 SPRING CREEK RESTORATION ACTIVITY UPDATE

The Hepworth Anglers Club continued Spring Creek restoration activities in 2014, with the total amount of stone placed in Spring Creek now surpassing 1,000 tonnes. Washed sub-angular river rock, round cobble stone, varying sized larger stone identical to the stone in Spring Creek and boulders were used to enhance/create 700 metres of spawning beds, to create riffle pools and to stabilize 300 metres of bank. Naturally reproducing chinook and coho salmon, as well as lake run brown trout, have already used the new spawning beds during the fall of 2014.

Habitat improvements included embedding cedar logs/trees into the creek bank, channel narrowing using sod blocks, planting cedar trees along the riparian shore and sowing grass seed on disturbed areas.

Migratory fish passage was enhanced by performing concrete repairs on and replacing all of the boards in the fish ladder. Boards were also replaced in the bottom draw dam, including improvements to the mechanism used to remove/replace boards, which will result in better management of a cool water temperature plume flowing downstream, benefitting Spring Creek, the Sauble River, and Lake Huron including Sauble Beach.

Dr. James Hamilton, of Wilfrid Laurier University, continued his monitoring activities/research on Spring Creek during 2014 and also gave two PowerPoint presentations on the Hepworth Karst Drainage System/Spring Creek to the: 1.) the Sauble and Area Men's Club and 2.) the South Bruce Peninsula Council. The Hepworth Anglers Club remains committed to raising public awareness of the minimally known Hepworth Karst Drainage System, which is the largest known karst drainage system in Southwestern Ontario and of which Spring Creek is a component.

2014 Spring Creek Restoration activities were made possible with a Recreational Fisheries Conservation Program Grant from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and a Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund Grant from the Ontario Ministry of Environment.

Additional restoration efforts are scheduled to continue in 2015.

Best regards,

Bill Nafziger

Chair, Stream Improvement, Hepworth Anglers Club

TROUT HATCHERY REPORT

A small trout hatchery update for you. Brown trout eggs were received on January 6th and hatch has completed. We have had a high percentage of success this year with few losses of the brown trout so far. The sorting of rainbows is nearing completion, next sorting day will be this Saturday, January 31st. Then fin clipping will begin with the main days being February 7th, 11th 14th and 15th. February 8th is set for help from the Ontario Steelheaders, so there will be a lot of people there already.

Matt Luckhart

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting Dates:

~~January 15, 2015~~
February 19, 2015
March 19, 2015
April 16, 2015
May 21, 2015
June 18, 2015
July 16, 2015
August 20, 2015
September 17, 2015
October 15, 2015
November 19, 2015
December 17, 2015

General Meetings:

~~January 8, 2015~~
March 12, 2015
May 14, 2015
July 9, 2015
September 10, 2015
November 12, 2015

Special Events :

~~Christmas Party – December 11, 2014~~
Adopt a Highway – April 25, 2015
Spring Fish Fry – June 13, 2015
Derby Media Day and Sponsor Appreciation – July 10, 2015
Derby – July 25 - August 9, 2015
Derby fish Fry – August 8, 2015 ???????
Derby Awards – August 9, 2015
Pig Roast – September 12, 2015

Special Projects:

Docks in – Last weekend of April 2015
Docks out – September 25, 26, 2015
Chinook egg collection – last week of September 2015
Rainbow egg collection – TBA
Chinook release – TBA
Rainbow release – TBA
Brown trout release – TBA
Road cleanup – TBA
Baie Dore Docks – TBA
2015 Conservation projects – TBA