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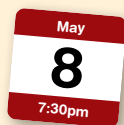
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LHFC General Meeting

Please join us for our upcoming general meeting. Dave Hackney, from the OPP Marine Unit, will be our guest speaker, which will take place at Underwood for 7:30pm.



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Meeting

A Lake Huron Community Fish Hatchery Managers Meeting will be hosted by the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association on April 12th. This will be an opportunity to network with the other clubs that run fish hatcheries and to give feedback to the MNR and OFAH on how the Community Fish Hatchery Program can be improved.

Adopt a Road Spring Cleanup

Our annual spring Adopt a Road cleanup will take place around the end of April. Volunteers are needed and welcome. The contact person for the Kincardine (TBD) area is Al Wilkins fisheye@bmts.com and for the Port Elgin (May 31st) is Mike Hahn mhahn@tri-mach.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

While I'm writing this message it's still below freezing and there is new snow on the ground. Not much like spring! By the time you are reading this, the day time high should be above freezing, but with the amount of ice on the lakes we may have a slow warm up. But, it will come and we'll be back on the water soon! Is your boat ready? At the launch ramp would be a little late to be thinking about it. You should be checking now to

ensure all safety equipment is ready and in place and that everything is in good working order so you can relax and enjoy a long, safe boating and fishing season.

At our last General Meeting on March 13, Craig Todd of the Owen Sound MNR office was our guest speaker. If you were unable to attend, that is unfortunate. You missed an excellent presentation by Craig on how the MNR is handling operations in spite of deep funding cut backs, through restructuring and developing partnerships with local conservation groups, such as the LHFC. He also pointed out how there has even been a benefit to groups interested in conservation. In turn, some have been brought together and are now working together and sharing information on mutual projects. Before the MNR Partnership Program, some of these groups did not know of the other's existence or the

similar projects they were involved in.

Please keep in mind that as the weather warms, our projects begin the annual cycle of needing to be organized and done. A number of these annual projects continue to be done by a core of dedicated volunteers. Please keep in mind

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that these people are getting older and need a break or at least some new, younger help! Some of these projects may need to be delayed due to the

late spring conditions, but when dates can be confirmed, notices will be sent out asking for volunteers. Please consider coming out to help, even if you can only come for a couple hours, it would still be appreciated. Some of these projects would include repairing and putting in the Rotary Docks, our annual spring "Adopt a Road" cleanup, and we are looking at areas that would benefit from some stream rehabilitation and restoration of fish habitat and tree planting.

Our next General Meeting will be Thursday May 8, 2014 in the hall at Underwood at 7:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Dave Hackney from the OPP Marine Unit. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully,

Brian Garnet, LHFC President

CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC DERBY COMMITTEE

APRIL 2014 UPDATE

This update is very brief although there is a lot of work going on behind the scene. The next derby committee meeting is scheduled for April 22nd, 7: 00 pm at the Port Elgin Hatchery. At this meeting a number of items will be finalized.

We are continuing to seek sponsors for cash and prize board prizes. There are a number of new sponsors for 2014, see updates on our website banner. Remember when purchasing your fishing and boating products and service needs, give our sponsors your business, if possible. They are the folks that make the prizes what they are and without them, there would be no Derby. More on some of our sponsors next month.

New committee member Bob Bell, from Wiarton is working hard to make the expanded boundary in Georgian Bay a success. He is canvassing new sponsorship; help for the weigh station and for Kid's day.

The Chantry Chinook promotional brochure is in the final stages of development, delayed a few weeks to include as many of our new sponsors as possible. It is anticipated that final editing will take place, and going to print in early April, ready for distribution by the end of the month.

The derby tickets have been printed and are available to purchase. They are still only \$30.00 per individual or \$60.00 per family. For those who wish to purchase their tickets early, visit the

website for details. Tickets are available online by following the procedures outlined. You may also purchase by downloading, filling in the registration form, and mailing it to our post office box number.

The LHFC is conducting another boat draw, with Jim Beange currently finalizing the details. Tigwell Marine and Cycle in Alvanley once again sponsored this fabulous package. This includes a 16 foot Princecraft boat with a four stroke 20hp Mercury electric start outboard motor, a Load Rite bunk trailer and accessories. This prize package list price, including tax, is valued at over \$10,000.00. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

There is still an immediate need of a volunteer sponsorship canvasser for the Kincardine area. For anyone able to assist the Derby and the LHFC, there is a successful practice and support system already in place. There is a previous list of sponsors, sponsorship promotional packages, and business cards developed for easy usage.

Anyone interested in this role and wishing to join or assist the committee in any way, call the Derby Hot Line at 519-353-8818, contact us by email info@chantrychinook.com or come to a meeting. Your assistance would be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

For up to date information and derby details, visit our Web site at www.chantrychinook.com

Bert Kuntz

TROUT HATCHERY UPDATE

Well - we are just waiting for real spring to get here. Our tanks are full of rainbow trout that have been sorted and fin clipped. They have their bags packed and are just waiting for river temperatures to rise to 10°C so they can go to their new homes. We have another nice batch of rainbow trout to release this Spring. Anyone who would like to help with the release can contact myself and I will let them know when it is happening. It is usually the last week of April that we release our rainbows, but things may be delayed this year.

Our brown trout are also doing very well. We will have to move them out of the fry tanks before the middle of April to make room for a new batch of rainbow trout eggs. Paperwork (electronic) has been completed to apply for this year's hatchery licenses. This year we had to submit our applications for egg collection of rainbow eggs, fish stocking of rainbows and brown trout, and a new fish culture license for the Kincardine Trout Hatchery, all in one package. As expected with government forms, it was difficult to fit square pegs

in round holes. Hopefully, the application process will become more streamlined and eventually we will have permanent licenses for our two hatcheries. There is a Lake Huron Community Fish Hatchery Managers Meeting being hosted by the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association on April 12th. This will be an opportunity to network with the other Clubs that run fish hatcheries and to give feedback to the MNR and OFAH on how the Community Fish Hatchery Program can be improved.

We have some openings on nightly trout hatchery crews that need to be filled. We also are in need of someone to take over Ray Walser's responsibilities for sedimentation pond cleaning. There are several maintenance activities that should also be performed at the trout hatchery. Training will be given for any of these jobs. If you or someone you know would like to help out please contact myself.

Al Wilkins

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SALMON HATCHERY REPORT

The salmon are growing nicely. The fish were moved from the small tanks to the large rearing tanks in early March. A count was conducted during the move and we are a little above the numbers we had last year.

The rainbows are also progressing well. It's hard to believe that we would normally be releasing our fish in about three weeks time. If we are lucky, the snow and ice may be gone by that time, but I don't think our access points to the rivers will be usable yet. The fish may be very large when they are released this year.

Garry Biederman

EMPLOYEES & UNIONS SUPPORT BRUCE POWER'S LONG-TERM FUTURE

Good afternoon,

I wanted to share with you a number of announcements this week, which demonstrate a strong commitment on the part of employees and unions on the Bruce Power site to the company's future and turning the policy in Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan into action.

- On Monday, the company announced that its innovative employee-ownership program has reached an all-time high with 87 per cent of its 4,100 employees investing their own money into the company.
- Here is a link to the news release issued by Bruce Power: <http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/bruce-power-employees-invest-in-companys-future-1889404.htm>.
- Yesterday, the Society of Energy Professionals announced their decision to increase the unions ownership stake in the company, reaffirming its commitment to Canada's largest public-private partnership as a key source of Ontario's electricity supply.
- Here is a link to the news release issued by The Society: <http://www.newswire.ca/en/story/1325327/society-of-energy-professionals-increase-ownership-in-bruce-power>

- Here is a link to the news release issued by Bruce Power: <http://www.brucepower.com/8923/news/bruce-power-welcomes-the-society-of-energy-professionals-increased-ownership-in-company/>
 - This afternoon, the Power Workers' Union (PWU) announced it is increasing its ownership share in Bruce Power, signaling a continued commitment to the site.
 - Here is a link to the news release issued by The PWU: <http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/1803003>
 - Here is a link to the news release issued by Bruce Power: <http://www.brucepower.com/8932/news/power-workers-union-increases-ownership-in-bruce-power/>
- Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,
James Scongack

It has been a long winter indeed and I thought I could lighten the mood a bit by sharing this image to the rest of you. Wishing you all a fun and successful time on the waters when spring arrives...whenever that might be!



New Members

Treves Lucas & Family

Gowarstown, ON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting Dates:

~~January 16, 2014~~

~~February 20, 2014~~

~~March 13, 2014~~

April 17, 2014

May 15, 2014

June 19, 2014

July 17, 2014

August 21, 2014

September 18, 2014

General Meetings:

~~January 9, 2014: Bill Blackwell President of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters~~

~~March 13, 2014: Craig Todd of the MNF will be present~~

May 8, 2014: Dave Hackney, from the OPP Marine Unit, will be present

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