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### LHFC General Meeting

Please join us for our upcoming general meeting for July 9<sup>th</sup>, which will take place at Underwood for 7:30PM.



### LHFC Pig Roast

Our annual Club Pig Roast will take place on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. A-L bring salads and M-Z bring desserts. See you all there!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We now are heading into the cooler weather and this means the Club is busy again after a bit of a summer break. The Derby Committee never had the break. Media Day on July 10<sup>th</sup> was a huge success with a lot of our sponsors attending as was the Derby (July 25<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>) with a great wrap up on August 9<sup>th</sup> in Tiverton. The derby was up in entrants, which is good. The fishing for salmon was tough and it took fishermen large amounts of humility, however, fish started showing up off the Saugeen and persistence paid off. Thanks to all who bought tickets and all the Derby Committee members. The proceeds will raise more salmon and trout for future derbies.

Our Club Pig Roast is September 12<sup>th</sup>. The larger the turnout the better. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members and A-L = salads and M-Z = desserts.

Salmon eggs will be taken as weather permits and when the salmon run at the

Mill Dam in Owen Sound. Harold Cowan will be the main man so anyone wishing to help can contact him (519-797-1942) This has to be completed by October 12<sup>th</sup> because repairs to the dam are to start then.

The Rotary docks in Kincardine will be taken out September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Also, I am hoping to put unused docks in the town yard on Thursday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Please let Phil Hahn know if you are able to help. (519-368-5376, [hahn@bmts.com](mailto:hahn@bmts.com)). We need a couple of chain saws and skill saws on Thursday to take apart the broken docks. There will be wood to burn if anyone is interested. All start times will be 9:00 AM.

Our elections for the Executive will be held after the General Meeting in September. We will be looking for a Secretary to take the minutes as well as some more people to serve on the Executive.

Yours in Conservation,

Phil Hahn, LHFC President

## 2015 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Another Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby has come and gone with the awards day being held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Your Chantry Derby Committee wishes to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, and participants for another successful derby. There were a number of positive comments received from derby participants, which included the increased prizes and operation of the derby. As always, there are suggestions for improvement that will be considered for next year.

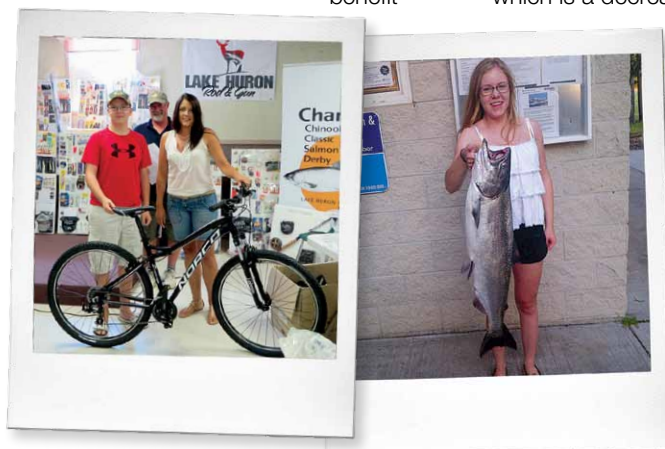
Congratulations to all of our winners, what a finish! Imagine you being the Salmon Derby leader and losing out by so little in the last days of the derby. Courtesy of and thanks to the winners we have a few excellent photos to share. We are always looking for photos for our

website and promotions. Should you have photos to share please send them to us.

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. This cash and product from them goes to putting together the cash prizes, Kid's day, special events, and sponsor boards awarded. 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.

The next time you go shopping at Cabala's, Bass Pro or Sail ask yourself and them if they support the Chantry Chinook Classic. We have asked numerous times for sponsorship and always get turned down, thank you very much.

The Lake Huron Fishing Club will again benefit



from the substantial financial contribution, as a result of the success of the 2015 derby. The money raised for the club goes toward our school education program, directly back into the health of the Lake Huron fisheries, fish re-stocking program, and improvement of the waterways for the fish habitat. This also includes through 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.

There were a few glitches in our computer database software during the derby. While creating an annoyance and some concern, there were no issues that affected outcomes of any winners or fish

weights. The committee has already identified issues and will ensure the database software is upgraded for 2016.

The participants in the derby were up by 143, from 2014. There were 115 more tickets sold overall, with an increase in all categories including singles, family, and charter tickets. There was a huge increase in the amount of tickets sold online in 2015, when compared from the previous year.

Weather and fishing conditions were not as favourable for the derby as in 2014, which is not a surprise for those of us out there on the water. There were a total of 1281 fish caught and weighed in 2015, which is a decrease of 438 from 2014.

There were 510 salmon weighed in, a decrease of 373 from 2014, with the amount equal to 2013. The number of trout was down by 50 with a decrease in the number of rainbow trout. It is interesting to note that 459 fish were weighed in at Kincardine, 411 at Saugeen Shores, 177 at Pike Bay and 234 at Wiarton. For full details at look on our

website [www.chantrychinook.com](http://www.chantrychinook.com)

The 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 wrap-up meeting was held to evaluate the 2015 derby. Suggestions for positive derby improvements are always welcome, so please send your comments directly to us. Following our next meeting, a report will be presented to the LHFC executive.

There are a number of people required to volunteer and serve on

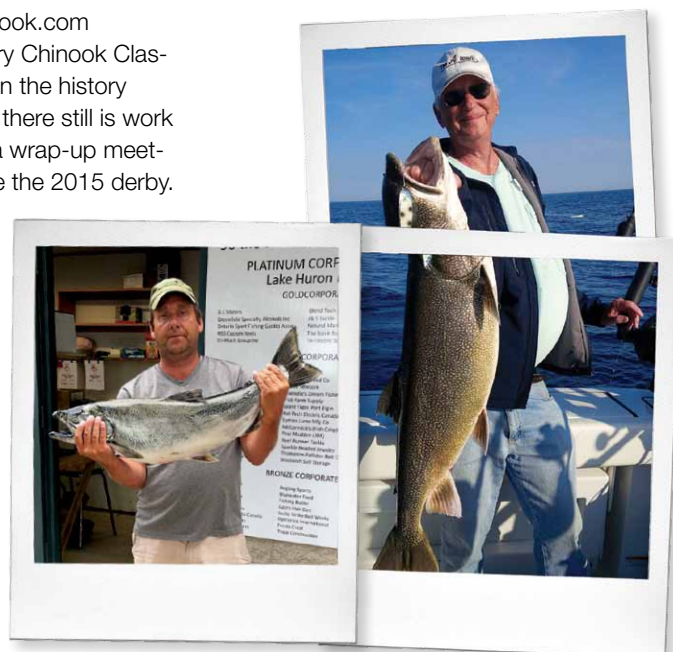


the committee to fill important roles. How do you put this nicely? New members for the committee are extremely vital, it is essential more LHFC members come on board and volunteer. There has been too big of a work load for a few people, which are burning us out.

Our first organizing meeting for 2016, is to be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00PM at the Port Elgin Salmon Hatchery. 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, not in the back room somewhere. Should you be interested in volunteering and cannot attend this meeting, send us an email at [info@chantrychinook.com](mailto:info@chantrychinook.com)

Dates for the 2016, 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby is July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark these dates on your calendar.

**Bert Kuntz**



## HEPWORTH ANGLERS CONTINUE RESTORATION ACTIVITIES ON SPRING CREEK

Students in the photo were employed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNRF) "Summer Experience Program". (L-R) Laura Armstrong, Noah Linklater, Associate Professor James Hamilton, Theron Solomon, Lauren Chisholm, Justin Viljakainen Bruce Power provided a grant to purchase the measuring and monitoring equipment required to assess the restoration projects. Dr. James Hamilton, assistant professor at Wilfrid Laurier and his wife Katherine co-ordinated the equipment installation, etc., with assistance from the MNRF student group (photo) and Hepworth Angler Club members. These activities included installing the new equipment, maintaining existing monitoring stations, downloading data from monitoring stations, performing water flow measurements, taking/ recording dissolved oxygen measurements, taking channel gradient sightings and setting up a weather station. In addition, these folks assisted John Schwindt, aquatic biologist with the Upper Thames Conservation Authority, conducting bio mass studies on Spring Creek. The resulting data will also be used to manage the migratory (rainbow and brown trout, chinook and coho salmon) fishery, including restoring a resident fishery.



Best regards,  
Bill Nafziger

## MOST ACTIVE MEMBER

This award was handed out at our Fish Club's Annual Fish Fry.



Brian Lang received this award for the Most Active Member. Brian is the Derby Chairman, Hatchery Foreman, and donates many hours to the Club. Congrats to Brian and a very well deserved award!

Phil Hahn

## TROUT HATCHERY UPDATE

Our rainbows and browns are all doing well, thanks due to all of the dedicated volunteers who have cared for them all summer long. We will soon be splitting up the tanks to give the fish more room. As usual I am putting out a request for additional volunteers. We will have the normal exodus of snowbirds this winter. It would be nice to have some trained volunteers to replace them. I would also appreciate having individuals take over a few of the many responsibilities at the hatchery. I would love to have a handyperson take the position of maintenance foreman to look after getting repairs and modifications completed. We could use someone who would be responsible for managing the many volunteers, making sure work crews are staffed and scheduling special workparties. It would also be great to have someone take over the responsibility of organizing the many tours of visitors to the Trout Hatchery that we have each year. I would welcome working with any Club member who would like to try one of these positions.

Al Wilkins

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## New Members

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Alan Kesselring

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## 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 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