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Upcoming LHFC General Meeting

Please join us for our upcoming general meeting for February 11th, which will take place at Underwood for 5:00PM.



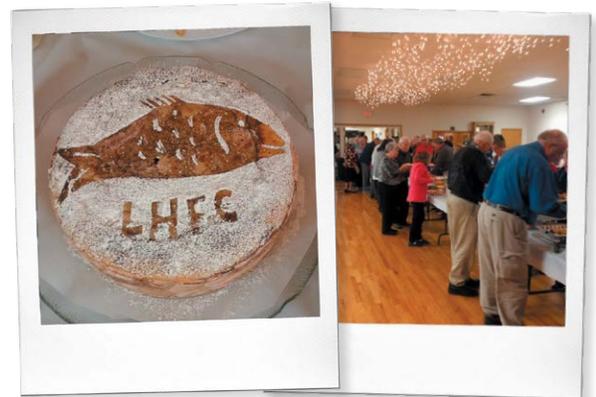
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Club Executive and myself I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

The Christmas dinner held on December 10th in Underwood was a great get-together. Wayne Passmore had lots of frozen and glass turkeys as well as lures for prize draws. I am not sure why more members did not attend the dinner as the weather was great and as always the food was delicious. This

is free and a great way to socialize with your fellow members...there is no pressure put on anyone at these functions to volunteer so next time please do come out and enjoy the fellowship.

We received a \$1500 grant to upgrade some lights in the salmon hatchery from Westario Power. We will save \$140.00 a year at no cost to the club. We also spent money to make a lift for the well head at the hatchery due to the Government's new



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rules to measure well head water four times a year. That cost was just over \$2100.

With the warm weather fishermen are out on the water every fishable day. The Saugeen is producing rainbows in great numbers. I hope fishermen are supporting the MNR creel survey?????

Yours in Conservation,
Phil Hahn, LHFC President

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Happy New Year to all. I know Christmas was a busy time of the year and the last thing on your mind was renewing your membership. Well its now 2016 and your membership could be past due. Members who receive their newsletter through the mail should check the Mailing Label on the their envelope and if your membership renewal date is highlighted then your membership is due. Members who receive their newsletter via email will receive

an email if your membership is due in the next few days. 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/ or here is a direct Paypal Link <http://64.177.125.54/LHFC/purchase.htm>

To all those who have already renewed we thank you for your continued support.

Bob

2016 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY JANUARY UPDATE

Derby Chairman Brian Lang made a formal presentation of the \$25,000 cheque for the 2015 contribution from the Derby to the Lake Huron Fishing at the Christmas dinner.

The derby committee and others continue to work hard at making the 2016 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. Bluewater Visitors guide, online ads, Bluewater Anglers tabloid, Chamber of Commerce and Explore the Bruce websites are to promote the Derby.

Bayshore Broadcasting, through 98 the Beach, will again be promoting the Chantry Chinook Classic. They will be promoting



Brian Lang (left) presenting award to LHF President, Phil Hahn (right)

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 have been delivered and 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, mail it in. Tickets purchased and received online or by application by July 15th will be mailed to you. Tickets are available now from committee members and other ticket outlets in a few months.

There are a couple of changes to ticket outlets including Watson Tackle in Owen Sound selling tickets during the derby and Fletchers Sports in Shallow Lake no longer selling derby tickets.

The promotional Chantry Chinook Derby brochure will again be developed and printed. Following the excellent work he did last year, Eugene Lo has again generously offered to create the 2016 brochure for us. 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-May.

The committee will again be hosting fundraising barbeques in Port Elgin at the Home Hardware Building Centre on May 21st, Walmart Super Store on July 2nd and Rowlands Independent on July 16th. The times are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Derby committee will hold their next meeting at the Port Elgin hatchery on January 12th at 7 p.m. 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.

Stay tuned to the Derby website at www.chantrychinook.com for up to date news, coming from your 2016 Derby Committee.

Bert Kuntz

TROUT HATCHERY UPDATE

We received our brown trout eggs on December 10th this year. This is almost a month earlier than last year so we should be back to our normal average release weights for our fish come next October. As I write this (Christmas eve), the hatch of brown trout eggs is about 90% complete. We have an aquarium set up in the hatchery right now with about 500 chinook salmon fry. These are the fish from some of the school hatcheries that are having a "sleep over" at the Trout Hatchery for the Christmas holidays. The rainbow trout are doing well. Around the end of January we will be starting the hand sorting and then finclipping of the rainbows. You will never get more "hands on" work with fish than this. If you would be willing to help for a couple of hours please contact me and I will let you

know when we are working. We could still use some more help for Wednesday and Friday night hatcheries crews to replace some departing snowbirds. Let me know if you are interested in learning what is involved. If you have some out of town company or family visiting for the holidays why not bring them down to the Trout Hatchery for a tour and show off what your Club is doing. Give me a call and I'll set it up for you.

Al Wilkins

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting Dates:

January 21, 2016
March 17, 2016
May 9, 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 :

Christmas Party – December 8, 2016
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

Special Projects:

Docks in – April 29, 30, 2016
Docks out – September 23, 24, 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