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Upcoming BBQs

Our upcoming BBQs are happening July 2nd at the Walmart Supercentre and July 16th at Rowland's Independent Grocer, both in Port Elgin from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Derby Sponsor/Media Day

Come join us and meet our sponsors and dignitaries on July 8th! Taking place at the Tiverton Community Centre, please contact Calvin Kay at ick@bmts.com to attend this free event!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again it has been a very busy month. The pond at the Port Elgin hatchery has been dredged. It will provide better water to the hatchery and also more room for the fish we stock for the children of Port Elgin and surrounding areas.

A very large thanks to Brian King, Dick Verrips, Gary Beiderman, and Tom Stewart and Son Contracting Limited for doing this large job.

ones coming out will be used in Port Elgin as fry rearing tanks. They are self cleaning

and we feel they will give us healthier and less mortality in the salmon hatchlings.

Our annual fish fry was held on June 11th and was a huge success with 135 people in attendance enjoy-

ing fresh pickeral with fries, salads, and desserts. Just one awesome dinner. Thanks to Steve and Larry for cooking and to Mike & Kathy Hahn for organizing this event.

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Newest Active Member Award: Tom Stewart.



New sign at salmon hatchery from the generous OPG grant.



Fish Fry awards ceremony.

The commitment to the Lockerbee Dam in Paisley has been fulfilled with trees planted and paramites stomped down to be sprayed when it grows. Thanks to Mike, Doug, and Marlene Hahn for hours spent in the very hot sun that day.

The two new tanks for Kincardine hatchery have been ordered. The small

Our awards for the year were handed out at the fish fry:

- Most active new member - *Tom Stewart*
- Conservationist of the year - *Matt Luckhart*
- Most Active member (Malcom Campbell award) - *Harold Cowan*

These awards are well deserved as these members have put many hours into the club.

On a sad note, we have lost a long time member, Peter Palubiski. I have known Peter for at least 30 years. He was a keen fisherman and all around sportsman. Our deepest sympathies to his wife and family. The club will miss him. God Bless.

Yours in Conservation,

Phil Hahn, LHFC President



Tree planting at the Lockerbee Dam, Paisley.



Dredging the pond at the Port Elgin Hatchery.

2016 CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY JULY UPDATE

The 33rd annual 98 the Beach, Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby will soon be upon us with a revised prize package for 2016. See our website, posters and/or our brochure for details. Opening day is July 23rd, which is less than a month away. As always at this time, the derby committee is busy putting the finishing touches on the events that occur before and during the derby.

The committee has again held a very successful BBQ at the Home Hardware Building Centre in Port Elgin on May 21st. Upcoming BBQs will be held 10 am to 4 pm July 2nd at the Walmart Supercentre in Port Elgin and July 16th at Rowland's Independent Grocer in Port Elgin. Thanks to those who volunteer to help and who support these events.

Our first official Derby event is Sponsor/Media day on July 8th. A number of sponsors and dignitaries have already indicated their participation. LHFC members are invited and are welcome to attend Media/Sponsor day at the Tiverton Community Centre at no cost. For those that wish to attend, it is requested that you confirm your attendance so that we can ensure sufficient food for the number of attendees. Please contact Calvin Kay at ick@bmts.com.

The derby opens on July 23rd, runs for 16 days, with a number of special event days including:

- Kids Day on Saturday August July 30th with prizes for all entrants and 5 prizes with bicycles to be won. Kids Day is at the weigh stations in Kincardine, Saugeen Shores, Pike Bay, and Wiarton and also at Sauble River Marina and Resort.
- Ladies Days on Sunday July 24th and Sunday July 31st.
- Senior's Days are on Wednesday July 27th and Wednesday August 3rd. Closing Ceremonies are Sunday August 7th at 1:30 pm, at the Tiverton Community Centre. Doors open at 12:00 pm with food and beverages available for a nominal fee.

The Kincardine, Saugeen Shores and Wiarton Weigh stations will be open from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm daily except August 7th when they open at 10:00 am and close promptly at 12:00 pm. The Pike Bay weigh station will be open from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm and from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm daily except August 7th when it opens at 10:00 am and closes promptly at 12:00 pm.

The weigh station scales have been reevaluated to ensure accuracy and upgraded with a printer to provide a printout with the time, date, and weight of fish weighed in.

Volunteers are required daily during the derby to assist at the weigh stations in Kincardine, Saugeen Shores, Wiarton, and Pike Bay. Should you be available to assist, email the weigh station coordinator Terry McCoy tmccoy0610@gmail.com. You can also contact the weigh station foreman direct as follows: Pike Bay, Jack Seatter at jackseatter@gmail.com; Saugeen Shores, Bob Hayter at bhayter@bmts.com; Wiarton, Bob Bell at thespiritrock@hotmail.com; and Kincardine, Darryl Burley at dburley@tnt.com.

It is all about volunteers to make it a success. When attending events or weighing your fish at the weigh stations, thank those volunteers for making the derby a continued success. Remember, weigh station attendants are volunteers and may require assistance, not



criticism. That assistance may be from you as an experienced angler.

Volunteers play a major role in many aspects of this event, not only committee members. People are also needed to assist for special events, such as Media Day and

Kid's Kay. The Kid's Day event has been a huge hit for our younger generation anglers.

We can never say too much about our sponsors. This may sound like a broken record; however, it is truly important that we, as LHFC members and as derby participants, support these companies and individuals by purchasing their products and/or services. A couple of our local businesses need to be recognized for their outstanding contribution including Lake Huron Rod and Gun, in Underwood; J & S Tackle, in Port Elgin. Visit the derby website, view the derby brochure, and view the sponsor boards at weigh stations and special events to appreciate those that assist us. Please support the companies that support us. Without that support, we won't be bringing you the Chantry Chinook Classic.

The Derby committee has no control over any of the boat launch sites shown on our maps. Therefore, it is the responsibility of derby participants to ensure accessibility and launch conditions for your boat.

NOTE: To derby ticket holders launching their boats in Port Elgin harbour. You must purchase and display a ramp/parking pass. Free passes sponsored by the Town of Saugeen Shores are available for Derby participants for use during the derby: At the Saugeen Shores harbour office; weigh station; J&S Tackle in Port Elgin; and Lake Huron Rod and Gun in Underwood. There is a \$10.50 plus tax fee to launch your boat at Lions Head with a limited amount of parking. Weekly or two week passes also available. Additional parking is available at the nearby Beach Motel. Launch fees also apply for those wishing to fish in Colpoys Bay out of Wiarton.

There is free boat launching at the Kincardine harbour. Any angler wishing to reserve dock space in Kincardine marina during the derby contact kincardinemarina@bmts.com or Port Elgin marina at harbour@saugeenshores.ca. Boat slips can also be rented directly from LHFC behind the Kincardine hatchery by emailing Kyle Watson at lhfclocks@hotmail.com.

Derby tickets are available online via PayPal. Tickets are also available at ticket outlets and at selected ticket outlets and weigh stations during the derby. View the derby brochure and the website for details and locations.

Bayshore Broadcasting, our title sponsor, will also be announcing derby updates each day during the derby at 98 the Beach radio station @ 97.9 FM, Country 93.7, and 104.9 the Beach.

For up to the minute derby leaders, the leader board is updated on our website in real time at www.chantrychinook.com.

The 2016 Chantry Chinook Classic Derby hats will be available at all special events and at the weigh stations during the derby at a cost of \$15.00. Derby Hats also available from Harold Cowan at haroldstoy@sympatico.ca.

It has been said a number of times by fellow local fisherman that some of us on the water during the Derby talk too much and give out

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too much information. I have also heard a number of times of fisherman from out of the area asking and trying to get information but only get attitude. Do we really expect those participants to come back another year????? Catching that big one means you are in the right place at the right time with the right lure and colour at the right depth and temperature at the right speed. We all have our own ideas of how and where we fish. With that having been said, surely, we can be somewhat helpful and share some general information. Should we expect this derby to continue we need to show some good will and Bruce County hospitality?

Derby participants are encouraged to practice boating safety. The weather and water conditions can change very quickly on Lake Huron



and Georgian Bay. Make sure you have all your safety equipment on board and working, before you leave the harbour. The marine unit of the OPP and the Ministry of Natural Resources have been and will be patrolling this area of Lake Huron. They are checking for boat safety and also fishing licenses.

For latest information on sponsors and other information on the derby, you are encouraged to visit our website at www.chantrychinook.com.

*Good luck in the derby
Have fun and play safe,
See you on the water.*

Bert Kuntz

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Group photo of Mr. Elliott with Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Kingston's Grade 1 students from Hanover Heights Community School

Fun fish release trip for Hanover Heights Foxes

Anna Smith
Grade 1 teacher

It was mid-November when the salmon-coloured eggs arrived in Room 1 at Hanover Heights Community School. Richard Elliott is the co-ordinator and consummate volunteer who helps make it all happen. The week before, he set up the 50-gallon tank in the classroom, along with a filter, bubbler and "chiller" that ensures the water is a perfect 10 degrees Celsius. (Dish fluctuation in that temperature would be fatal, so it was fortunate that the fish survived the power outage in April.) The Grade 1 students in Anna Smith's and Fernie Kingston's classes were amazed to see the tiny perfect spheres that would soon hatch, first into alevins that mostly flopped around on the bottom of the tank, and continue to grow into large salmon fry. At the time of their release, they were about 12cm in length and ready to survive in the waters of the Pennington River and Lake Huron.

This In-Class School Salmon Hatchery Program provides children with an



Students released the fish on a field trip to the Lake Huron Fishing Club hatcheries.



The 50-gallon tank was set up in Room 1 at Hanover Heights and the students were able to watch the eggs hatch and the fish grow.

unforgettable experience of seeing the life cycle of the chinook salmon from eggs to their release in the wild. It began 6 years ago at Teeswater's Hillcrest Central School in Tanegs Schüssler's kindergarten classroom and has continued to expand each year to almost 30 schools

presently. Richard Elliott is a member of a Lake Huron Fishing Club, which provides the eggs and food for the salmon. Purchasing and maintaining the expensive equipment required is made possible through the donations of generous sponsors like Bruce Power.

This field trip to Kincardine was a perfect end to the story of the class' salmon eggs, although it will be another 3 years before the released fish return to spawn. The children and parent volunteers were introduced to the incredible work that the Lake Huron

Fish Club does with its 2 hatcheries in Port Egan and Kincardine. It was a real privilege to go inside the building and learn about the invasive species that threaten the fish in our Great Lakes and what is being done about it. Everyone was also excited to learn about

the many kinds of fish that live in the lake and how to tell the difference between trout and salmon. The gigantic tanks full of egg trays and little fish were remarkable and it is no wonder the Ministry of Natural Resources says this is one of the best facilities of its kind.

LHFC SCHOOL HATCHERY PROGRAM

Our very own, Richard Elliot Jr.'s LHFC School Hatchery Program has been very successful and was recently recognized in the June 2nd edition of The Hanover Post. Head on over to: <http://lhfcschoolhatcheries.blogspot.ca/> for the latest news and updates! Nicely done!

New Members

Pete Gilles
Robert Pfaff

London, ON
Guelph, ON

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 :

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