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OFAH Zone J August 2011 Newsletter



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From left to right: Rob Hare, past OFAH President; Douglas Jackson, Tony Jackson, OFAH Zone J Chair; Marianne Jackson, Wayne Forgrave, past Chair OFAH Zone H. Photo courtesy of Wayne Forgrave

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Wild TV brings HuntFest to Ontario for the first time!!

O.F.A.H. is there for our Members!!

OFAH Zones G, H and J with assistance from Head Office staff set up shop at HuntFest 2011 held at the Orangeville Fairgrounds July 22—24.

Many thanks to Champion Moose caller Ken Capling and his wife Josie who drew attention to the OFAH booth thru his moose calling exhibition and demonstrations.

Being the first year for HuntFest in Ontario, we were pleased to meet so many of our dedicated OFAH members who spent their money purchasing OFAH shirts and hats as well as renewing their memberships while asking questions from our knowledgeable, experienced OFAH volunteers who manned the booth all 3 days.

**OFAH ZONE J
IS NOW ON**



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*OFAH Zone J
2011 Meeting
Prize*

LAST CHANCE!!

We will be giving away a \$100 gift card to be used at the OFAH

Merchandise Store. To win this prize all you have to do is attend the OFAH Zone J September meeting at Long Point Waterfowl Research and Education Centre



OFAH Zone J 1st Vice Jim Greenwood traveled to OFAH Head Office in Peterborough on May 27th to present retiring OFAH Zone J Life Member Bruno Vanden Berghe with a sculpture recognizing his and his wife Yolande's many years of dedicated volunteerism with the Federation. Assisting with the presentation is OFAH Executive Director Mike Reader.

Photo Courtesy of Lezlie Goodwin

Ministry of Natural Resources Guelph District Management Biologist Art Timmerman is asking OFAH members for their assistance.

The MNR clipped hundreds of brown trout and rainbow trout in Whiteman's Creek last August as part of a mark-recapture population study. All or part of the adipose fin was removed (the adipose fin is the small fleshy fin just in front of the tail fin). A side benefit of the mark-recapture study is that it may provide us with information on the possible movement of fish between Whiteman's Creek and the Grand River. If you fish the lower Grand River between Penman's Dam in Paris and Lake Erie, please have a look at the adipose fin of any brown trout or rainbow trout you catch and note if the fin is missing or appears to be misshapen. Please report any missing or misshapen fins by email to art.timmerman@ontario.ca

Visit www.shopofah.org to purchase your OFAH and Angler and Hunter Television merchandise.



You could be a candidate for the Ontario Out of Doors Ultimate Hunting package from Rocky Canada Outdoor Gear. Just tell them why you deserve the ultimate in new hunting apparel and footwear in Rocky Outdoor Gear in 50 words or less and include a photo and you will be entered into the contest. 4 winners will be picked and outfitted head to toe for this fall hunting season. The winners experiences will be featured in the April 2012 Ontario Out of Doors. Limit one entry per person. Contest closes September 12, 2011.

For complete contest rules and to enter online visit www.ontariooutofdoors.com/rocky

OFAH Conservation Nevada (rip open) Tickets

Please remember that OFAH has these tickets available and are always looking for new locations. If you know of a location that may be interested in making a profit while selling these tickets, please contact OFAH Zone J Secretary. Funds raised thru the sale of the Nevada tickets are used for conservation projects.

OFAH Zone J continues to work at educating and cooperating with municipal and regional governments on various important issues such as:

**Sunday gun Hunting
Firearms discharge and Noise by-laws
Nuisance wildlife and Livestock predation
Hunter Trespassing
Springbank Dam/Misner Dam
Invasive species
Land Access**

OFAH Zone J has a new website!!
www.ofah.org/zonej



www.ahradio.ca

Have you listened to the **NEW ANGLER AND HUNTER RADIO?**

Angler and Hunter Radio is available on-line

Listen any time that you have time!!

Host Tom Otto discusses topics from exploring an extraordinary outdoor situation, to interviewing a high-ranking official on a current issue of interest that affects Ontario hunters, anglers, outdoor enthusiasts, and listeners. The OFAH feels that the show is a perfect forum to discuss current political issues, as well as extremist groups such as PETA. The main purpose of the show is to keep Ontario outdoor enthusiasts up to date on current issues and reforms.

OFAH 38th Annual Conservation Lottery

OFAH member Clubs can order their tickets late in September by calling Cathy MacKay (705) 748 OFAH ext.221 or by email cathy_mackay@ofah.org

Remember, this is an excellent opportunity for our Clubs to earn \$6 per book of sold tickets to use for their continued Conservation work. Draw dates for 2012 will be announced in September.

Mark Your 2011 Calendars

OFAH Zone J Quarterly Membership Meeting – Sunday September 18: 9am to 3pm

Hosted by the Long Point Fish and Game Club—being held at the Long Point Waterfowl Research and Education Centre **See Agenda and directions**

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock Ontario - September 13, 14, and 15

Visit the OFAH merchandise booth – buy yourself an OFAH T-shirt, a Hat and renew your membership Visit www.outdoorfarmshow.com - for more information

2012

OFAH Zone J Quarterly Membership meeting - January 8—Super 8 Motel, Wellington Road, London Map and reservation information will be in December Newsletter

OFAH Zone J Annual Membership Meeting & Election—March 31 & April 1—Courtright Fire Hall, Courtright Map and accommodation information will be in December Newsletter

OFAH Zone J Annual Youth Campout – June 8, 9 & 10 Wellington Street Sportsman Club, Dorchester Registration info will be in March Newsletter

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock Ontario - September 11, 12, and 13

OFAH Zone J Quarterly Membership meeting - September 16—Greenwood Rod & Gun Club, St Agatha

Report from Jim Greenwood, OFAH Zone J 1st Vice

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, and taking advantage of time with family and friends. Whether you're an angler, shooter, boater, photographer, or trail hiker, there is so much to see and enjoy in our Zone. While you're out there, stop by a local farm for produce. Hard to beat fresh compared to what's been sitting on the shelf of a grocery store.

I attended a wild turkey luau recently where the turkeys were cooked in a pit, covered in hot rocks and sand. Very unique, and very tasty. A friend asked me how retirement was going, and I reflected on the past few months,

Back in April I attended a meeting with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to discuss hunting access to the properties they have acquired. I'm pleased to report that they have agreed to hunting access on properties where hunting has traditionally taken place. They are developing a protocol for public hunting in a safe, efficient, and effective manner that does not compromise the natural values and biodiversity of the properties.

There would be exceptions where agreements are in place, ie; condition of acquisition or safety concerns.

In early May I attended a meeting with the Rondeau Bay Waterfowler Assoc. to discuss issues in the operation of their waterfowl unit.

Also in May I met with representatives of the Ontario Hawking Club, and discussed the proposal for a change in regulations to allow the taking of specified species from the wild.

On May 16th I attended a meeting with the Port Colborne and District Conservation Club, a very active club involved with a number of events including the raising and release of walleye in the Grand River.

On May 27th, I was at our head office in Peterborough for a very special occasion. I, along with executive director Mike Reader, presented Bruno and Yolanda Vanden Berghe with a plaque and gifts from the Zone J executive for outstanding contributions to OFAH. Bruno has been a long standing member of our executive and together with his wife has attended numerous events selling memberships and merchandise.

In June local issues, (Norfolk County) surfaced, and were brought to our attention by OFAH past President Dave Ankney. Serious sediment contamination into Lake Erie, observable from satellite pictures, had been allowed to continue from a private property west of Port Dover. Although previously reported to our local Conservation Authority, huge amounts of surface runoff continued. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans are presently dealing with this.

An escape of Sika deer from a private property west of Long Point took place. Although the owner took immediate action to attempt to contain the escape, and contacted MNR as required, at least 10 deer are still unaccounted for.

June 25th, was the bass opener in Southern Ontario, and also the 34th Long Point Bay bass derby hosted by the Long Point Area Fish and Game Club. A great day of fishing with prizes awarded for the top 10 smallmouth and largemouth bass caught. A live release boat was on site and returned the majority of fish to the waters of Long point Bay.

On July 12th, I had an opportunity to have lunch with a good friend. Sherry Pineo, Area Supervisor Aylmer MNR, and I discussed a number of issues, some that I have mentioned in this newsletter. Sherry is open to discussing issues with anyone. Getting this opportunity to spend a couple of hours with her was appreciated given her busy schedule.

Lastly I wanted to touch on Huntfest, which was held last weekend in Orangeville. In conjunction with our neighbouring OFAH Zones, a display with membership packages and merchandise was offered to those attending. This was the first attempt for Huntfest in Ontario, and despite some first year issues, I'm sure you will see this again in coming years. Thanks to our chair Tony Jackson, who along with his wife and son did an outstanding job ensuring that every one who walked by got an earful of what the OFAH can do for you. The results of memberships bought up by folks are a strong showing of support for the OFAH.

Time now to clean up and repaint decoys. Early goose season starts Sept. 8th!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CLUBS TO HOST OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS...

If you are interested in holding a meeting of 25 – 30 OFAH members, please call Secretary Kathy Moore. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your Club and it's accomplishments. We enjoy moving around our Zone, visiting Clubs and making ourselves available to all of our members. All dates for 2011 and 2012 have been taken and we are actively seeking meeting locations for 2013.

OFAH Zone J Membership Meeting

September 18, 2011

TENTATIVE AGENDA

08:30 - Coffee
09:00 - Meeting called to order, Conservation Pledge, Moment of Silence, My Canada video
Welcome by Chair Tony Jackson
Welcome by Long Point Fish and Game Club
Self Introductions
Reports: Chair report – Tony Jackson
Secretary/Treasurer Report – Kathy Moore
10:00 - Coffee break
10:15 - resume Reports: 1st Vice Report – Jim Greenwood
2nd Vice Report – Brian Moore
Alternate Director Report –Cassandra Holtby
Past Chair Report – Felix Barbetti
Past Chair Report – Alfred Marinelli
11:15 - Coffee break
11:30 - Tom McDougall, MNR Port Dover area – to speak about Lake Trout stocking in Lake Erie
12:00 - Lunch
13:00 - Club and Events reports from Members
13:30—Paul Malcolmson, manager of Normandale Fish Culture Station to speak about renovations and new programs
14:00- Coffee Break
14:10 - resume Reports: Committee Reports: Agriculture; Big Game; Environment; Firearms; Fisheries; Land Use; Small Game and Sporting Dogs; Wetlands and Waterfowl
Old Business, New Business, Raffle draws
15:00 - Adjourn

Directions and Accommodations

This meeting is being held at the Long Point Waterfowl Research and Education Centre at 546 Turkey Point Road about 1 km south of Highway 24 near Turkey Point, ON.

Accommodations are available on site at the newly renovated bunkhouse for \$30 per person. To reserve accommodations please contact Katelyn Weaver at 519-428-2866 or by email rec@longpointwaterfowl.org



OFAH Zone J donates to the OFAH Mario Cortellucci Hunting and Fishing Heritage Centre.

OFAH Zone J 2nd Vice Chair Brian Moore presents a cheque to Sue MacCallum, OFAH Chief Financial Officer. To recognize the continued strength and fight of Executive Director Mike Reader's battle with prostate cancer, OFAH Zone J made a donation in Mike's name to the HFHC in June.

Middlesex Stewardship Council's Annual Youth Hunting Day

Sunday November 6th at Cold Creek Farm

For more information and to register please contact Cale Selby, MNR

By email at cale.selby@ontario.ca

Essex Youth Pheasant Hunt

Saturday September 17th at New Breed Farm

For more information and to register please contact Len Hunter by calling 519-839-4006

**Congratulations to all OFAH members and
Clubs who hosted fishing derbies
this summer!!**

**Thank you to all volunteers who took a
youth fishing. Passing on your knowledge
and passion for angling helps to keep our
Heritage activities alive and well!!!**

A big OFAH Welcome to Mike Miller,
new host of Angler and Hunter TV!!!
Mike is busy filming for the 2012
broadcast season.

We wish Cam Bronson continued success
with his new opportunities!!



Ontario Crop Damage and Wildlife Predation Manual is now available on-line at www.ofah.org under Hunting Resources. Hard copies will be available at the OFAH Zone J September Membership Meeting.

Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Program on DVD

For more information and to order your DVD visit www.ofah.org Hunting Resources; email randy_jennings@ofah.org or call him at (705) 748-OFAH ext.260



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Remember to check out the OFAH Membership Campaigns by visiting www.ofah.org and click on Membership. EVERYONE is eligible to purchase an OFAH membership package with their new membership OR a renewal. These packages are packed full of excellent, brand name products as well as an OFAH membership at discounted prices.

These packages make terrific Christmas gifts!!!!

If you are already an OFAH member thru your Club, you can still purchase a membership package—it just adds an additional year onto your membership!!

For more info email membership@ofah.org

