

OFAH Zone J February 2012 Newsletter



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**OFAH Chair
Tony Jackson
presents
Greg Balch with a
donation from
OFAH Zone J
to assist Greg in
continuing his
wildlife
education
program**

**OFAH Zone J Annual Executive
Election SUNDAY April 1 at 3PM**



**OFAH Zone J 2nd Vice Brian Moore presents
CrimeStoppers with a donation at the OFAH
Zone J Membership Meeting in London on
January 8, 2012**

**You MUST show a Valid OFAH
Zone J Membership Card
to be eligible to VOTE.**



Members at our January meeting
were treated to an informative and
interesting presentation on
Walleye by Felix Barbetti.

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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.

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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 2012 have been taken and we are actively seeking meeting locations for 2013.

The Winner of the 2011 OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award will be announced Sunday April 1 at the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting

This award is to recognize an individual's outstanding effort towards outdoors education, stewardship, conservation, and/or the promotion of angling or hunting in Southwestern Ontario as selected by the OFAH Zone J membership.

OFAH ZONE J
Annual Meeting and Elections

Country Style Saturday Night Mix n' Mingle

The OFAH Zone J Executive Team are Mixin' It Up!
Join us at 5:00 pm Saturday March 31, 2012 for a fun social evening.
Food, Games & Prizes and some Good Ol' Fashion fun!!
Super 8 Hotel 1170 Wellington Road, London, ON N6E 1M3 CA (downstairs)
Please bring your own beverages.

OFAH Zone J Annual General Membership Meeting and Election
SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2012
Tentative Agenda

8:30 hrs	Coffee and donuts
9:00 hrs	Meeting called to order Chair's Report - Business Arising from Chair's Report Minutes of January 2012 Meeting Financial Reports—Business Arising from Secretary/Treasurer Reports
10:00 hrs	coffee break
10:15 hrs	Guest Speaker—Dave Reid—ALUS 1 st Vice Report:
11:00 hrs	coffee break
11:15 hrs	Presentation of the OFAH Zone J 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award 2 nd Vice Report Alternate Director Report
12:00 hrs	adjourn for Lunch
13:00 hrs	OFAH Zone J Bylaw review and vote Committee Reports - Big Game, Environment, Firearms, Fisheries, Land Access, Outreach, Small Game and Sporting Dogs, Waterfowl & Wetlands, etc.
14:00 hrs	Coffee break Old Business New business
15:00 hrs	Election— <u>YOU MUST PRODUCE YOUR VALID OFAH ZONE J MEMBERSHIP CARD TO VOTE</u>
16:00 hrs	Adjourn

We will once again hold our meeting at the **Super 8 Motel** at 1170 Wellington Road in London. (519) 681 1551. Please call for reservations and make sure you mention you are with the OFAH.

PLEASE NOTE:

Saturday March 31st we are hosting a Social Evening instead of a field trip.
All OFAH members are welcome to join us for an evening of food, games, prizes and fun!!!
ALL BUSINESS IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY APRIL 1ST



Is coming back to Orangeville, Ontario!! Visit OFAH at the Orangeville Fairgrounds August 3 thru 6th, 2012

OFAH 38th Annual Conservation Lottery

OFAH member Clubs can order their tickets 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.

Jim Greenwood
1st Vice chair
OFAH Zone J

I just got home from speaking to Bert Cronkright's Hunter Ed. class this morning in Waterford. I've been helping Bert with the enforcement section of the course for several years, and after retiring from a Conservation Officer, Bert still asks me to attend. It is always a pleasure to do this for him, and I really appreciate the chance to speak with new hunters. It has been my hope and still remains today that these students take an active role in hunting. I make sure to remind them that nothing brings you closer to respecting and appreciating our natural resources than being out there, whether you pull a trigger or not.

This winter has been anything but. Little snowfall on the land and little or no ice on our lakes really put a crimp in plans for winter hunting and ice fishing enthusiasts. The coyote and fox hunters however are still taking opportunities when they can and have been rewarded with the harvest of healthy animals. Little or no mange is being observed.

Coyote numbers are still good in my area of Norfolk County, but early fall plowing in Elgin County may have impacted numbers there as anecdotal evidence suggests coyote populations have either been reduced or moved to other locations. The deer populations also were impacted, with hunters reporting fewer deer seen.

On the flip side, reports of bald eagle sightings are clearly showing remarkable increases. Two of our members that attended the January OFAH Zone J meeting in London reported seeing upwards of 30 eagles near Delaware, west of London after the meeting. Long Point also saw several with a local resident photographing 14 in one tree this winter.

Our OFAH Zone J executive will have a different appearance after the April 1st meeting and elections. Tony Jackson was recently acclaimed as director at large, and will step away from the Zone Chairs position in March. As 1st vice chair I will sit in the chairs position in an acting role until Zone elections are held April 1st.

This is a great opportunity for other members in our Zone to think about running for the executive. All positions are open, and with over 23,000 members in this Zone, I am hoping to see some interested folks submit their names for election.

Please contact the Nominations Committee for more information.

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Mark Your 2012 Calendars

OFAH Zone J Annual Membership Meeting & Election—March 31 & April 1— Super 8 Motel,
1170 Wellington, London (519) 681 1551—**See Agenda for details**

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

OFAH 84th Annual General Meeting and Wildlife Conference

March 15 thru 18, 2012 *Details and registration at www.ofah.org*

The Delta Meadowvale Resort and Conference Centre in Mississauga is once again the host of the OFAH Annual Conference. Every hunter, angler and conservationist should attend this event at least once in their lifetime. This event is coordinated with the Toronto Sportsman Show. All attendees receive a free pass into the Sportsman Show along with free Shuttle bus service on Saturday between the Conference Centre and the Sportsman Show.

OFAH Zone J had been asked by some members to review the locations for our OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting in early April each year. At our September General Membership meeting we polled our members and it was decided that our Annual General Meeting should be held in a “central” Zone location instead of moving it around the Zone. So starting with our March 31, 2012 Annual Meeting, we will be holding our Annual Meeting in the London area every year.

It has also been tradition that the January General Membership meeting has been held in the London area. This meeting will now move around the Zone. We have implemented this change immediately.

SPRING WILD TURKEY SEMINARS

Registration has began!!!

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registration information or call**

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