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Grand River Fisheries Management Planning Implementation Committee celebrating Jack Imhof's retirement

# OFAH Zone J 2011 Spring Newsletter

OFAH Head Office in Peterborough continues its search for photos of wildlife crop damage for an Ontario Crop & Livestock Wildlife Damage Assessment Manual. If you have photos that could be used, please contact OFAH Zone J Secretary.

## Would you like the Zone J Newsletter emailed to you?

*If so send your email address to teamofah@live.ca saying that you would like the newsletter emailed to you*

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## OFAH Zone J 2011 Meeting Prize

This year we have decided to switch things up a bit and change the way the prize is awarded. Each meeting 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 a Zone J meeting in 2011

**OFAH ZONE J IS NOW ON**



## Reporting a Violation is VERY Important

If you see or suspect someone of abusing a natural resource, please call **1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time to report a violation or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**.

Be sure to include information on the exact location of the violation, date and time of the violation, and a description of the individuals and vehicles involved. Timely and accurate information will assist conservation officers in apprehending violators and **protect your natural resources**. The OFAH encourages you to report anything suspicious to the MNR Tips line. The information you have may just be the important piece needed to **stop the abuse**. Our MNR Conservation Officers cannot be everywhere all of the time.

Please help them protect our natural resources

## Are you hosting an event that you would like to have OFAH attend?

Please send an invitation to Secretary Kathy Moore and we will work with you to meet your needs.

Many municipalities in South-western Ontario are facing By-law issues that are affecting hunting and recreational shooting. If you hear of anything occurring in your municipality regarding noise or discharge By Laws, please contact OFAH Zone J Tony Jackson as soon as possible. The faster we begin to work with your municipality the better.

*Congratulations to the OFAH Zone J Membership Meeting Attendance Prize winner Darcy Illman (8 years old) He won \$100 in OFAH Merchandise at the January meeting hosted by the Tavistock and District Rod & Gun Club!*

Many **THANKS** to **the Tavistock and District Rod & Gun Club** for hosting the OFAH Zone J Quarterly meeting in January. We had a fantastic meeting with excellent guest speakers. Many thanks to our speakers Chris Maher and Dr. Scott Petrie. We received a tremendous amount of positive feedback on these presentations.

We hope everyone got out and enjoyed the Winter Family Fishing Week in February! Thanks to the many Clubs, groups and volunteers who worked at introducing so many folks in Ontario to the joys of fishing! The next Ontario Family Fishing Week is July 2 thru 10. Visit [www.familyfishingweekend.com](http://www.familyfishingweekend.com) for more info on events happening in your neighbourhood.

## OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets for the 2011 Conservation lottery draw

NOW AVAILABLE!

Please contact Cathy MacKay at OFAH head office in Peterborough to order your Club's tickets.

Cathy can be reached via email at [cathy\\_mackay@ofah.org](mailto:cathy_mackay@ofah.org) or by calling her at 705-748-OFAH



**Comments on hunting in Norfolk County  
By Jim Greenwood**

When I speak to hunter education students, I remind them how blessed we are to live in Norfolk County. Much of the landscape is forested, and with cold water streams and a large farming base, we have the habitat to support an abundance and diversity of wildlife.

Hunting is a life style choice, accepted and practiced by many. It's not just about the harvest, although wild game is a healthy alternative to products we purchase, but more importantly it brings people closer to nature.

A few years ago while out for a spring wild turkey hunt I positioned myself along the edge of a field a few feet above an old railway line.

Looking to my right I saw a fox running across the field and then head down the railway line towards me. I could see it had a rabbit in its mouth as it approached closer. Dressed in camouflauge, I sat still and watched as the fox stopped below me. It dropped the dead rabbit, and using its front paws dug a hole, dropped the rabbit in it and then carefully covered the hole with leaves and sticks.

When it had completed its task, and to my amazement, the fox scampered up to where I was sitting and sat down beside me. It was close enough I could have put my arm around it. I think it knew that I was there, but didn't seem to be concerned. After a few short minutes it rambled off.

I thought after that if I hadn't been hunting I would never had witnessed this. I didn't harvest a turkey that morning. What I did get was to witness something very special that will be part of my hunting memories that I can share with others.

*OFAH Zone J has a new website!!  
[www.ofah.org/zonej](http://www.ofah.org/zonej)*

**Attention hunters, anglers & outdoor enthusiasts!**

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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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**OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award**

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

OFAH Zone J members have voted and the Winner of this Award will be announced at the

OFAH Zone J Annual Meeting April 2, 2011



Long Point Waterfowl initiated its scaup research program in 1999 in response to declining continental scaup populations and the fact that little was known about the staging or wintering ecology of Lesser or Greater Scaup using the lower Great Lakes region. The continental scaup population began declining in the mid-1980s and one of the hypotheses for the decline was that birds were acquiring elevated contaminant burdens on staging and/or wintering areas. Early studies by LPW documented that scaup using the lower Great Lakes consistently ate zebra mussels and acquired elevated levels of selenium. LPW implanted 45 Lesser and Greater Scaup to study movement patterns and to determine how much time females had to depurate selenium prior to egg-laying. Calculations based on these movements (and our field and captive studies) indicate that selenium likely is not a major factor affecting scaup survival or reproduction. Long Point Waterfowl's scaup satellite telemetry project remains active and will provide novel information about migration pathways and habitat use of birds that use the lower Great Lakes during migration. Please follow the link below for a recent article on Long Point Waterfowl's satellite tracking of scaup: [http://www.argos-system.org/html/publications/forum\\_en.html](http://www.argos-system.org/html/publications/forum_en.html)

OFAH Zone J has supported this valuable research program thru financial donations to assist in satellite telemetry for two scaup named OFAH Zone J and OFAH Yolanda.



## **Teamwork OFAH**

By Tony Jackson, Chair OFAH Zone J

There is no better way to start 2011 off than to recognize the need for a team approach towards dealing with our Fish and Wildlife conservation issues. We try to provide information to members at each 1/4ly membership meeting and through the magazine to keep members informed and engaged. Regular Zone activities keep the local Zone executive going weekly to various venues dealing with both local and regional issues as well. Be it big game, small game, fisheries, invasive species, land access, municipal by-law issues, etc...there are a lot of things going on and only a team of concerned individuals such as yourselves informing the representatives from both the Zone and Head office will we get results. It is possible for a lot of little things to sneak under the radar of the Fish and Wildlife community and we need to be vigilant and be engaged.

Recent activities we've been engaged in such as the draft discharge bylaw of Brant, Conservation Halton Fisheries Management plan, Misener's Dam, Springbank Dam, coyote issues, whitetail deer decline, wildlife damage, EBR postings such as the Woodland Caribou Habitat Protection EBR #011-2303 (the potential impact it might have on many southern Ontario Moose hunters) EBR 011-2677 Agriculture Wildlife Conflict Strategy, Industrial Wind turbines, bait fisheries, Luther Marsh and other GRCA hunting areas, UTRCA hunting areas, Invasive species are just a few items that we work on for and with the outdoors community. We cannot do it all alone and having you as an individual or your club as part of the team is an important factor in our success moving forward.

The toolkit for hosting your own youth mentored hunt is now being rolled out provincially with a host of partners being part of the official launch. It is a fact we as members of the outdoors community need to recognize that whatever other organizations you belong to be it Delta, Ducks Unlimited, NWTF, QDMA, regardless, we need to be a team if we are going to accomplish a positive impact on developing the next generation of outdoors persons. As leading conservation organizations we should not be competing between ourselves but competing together to recruit these people away from other non-hunting/fishing/conservation activities. This is our future!

## **OFAH Zone J Annual Youth Campout**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

**This is a FREE event for youth ages 8 to 17 yrs.**

This year's host is the Tavistock and District Rod and Gun Club

**June 17 to 19th**

For more information contact:

Brian Moore 519-919-1520 or

Dave Featherstone 519-271-6077

Pre registration is required

Registration Opens April 1st

### **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 have been taken but we do have the following dates in 2012 available: Sunday January 8; Saturday March 31 and Sunday April 1; Sunday September 16.

**OFAH Zone J Annual General meeting and Elections will be held April 2 & 3, 2011 at Ridgeview Park in Cottam, Ontario.** The Gosfield North Sportsman Association is hosting this meeting. If you like what the Federation does and are interested in volunteering some of your time with the OFAH, please consider running for a position on the OFAH Zone J Executive. The positions available include: Chair; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; Secretary/Treasurer and Alternate Director. Contact Felix Barbetti, Nominations Committee Chair for more information on these positions.

**Visit [www.shopofah.org](http://www.shopofah.org) to purchase your OFAH and Angler and Hunter Television merchandise.**

Congratulations to all recently Elected Executive and Directors to our numerous OFAH member Clubs. It takes passion and dedication to lead your Club and we would like to "Thank" each of you for your continued focus on conservation, angling and hunting.

### **Community Wildlife Management Workshops**

Have you caught one of Greg Balch's workshops? If you have, I'm certain you were impressed with his extensive display of Ontario wildlife mounts as well as his knowledgeable presentation. If you have not experienced one of these presentations, please consider hosting one. Greg has a way of explaining the food web and how everything in nature affects our native species that makes it fun and easy to understand. To contact Greg for more information and availability please email him at [gregbalch@rogers.com](mailto:gregbalch@rogers.com).

The same email address can be used to make a donation to Greg's continuing efforts.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone J  
Executive wish each and every one of you a safe, bountiful  
hunting and fishing season.  
Please mentor an apprentice.  
It's a rewarding experience!

## Mark Your 2011 Calendars

OFAH 83rd Annual General Meeting and Wildlife Conference – March 17 – 19

Delta Meadowvale, Mississauga

Visit [www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org) for more information

OFAH Conservation Lottery 2<sup>nd</sup> Early Bird draw – April 15th

OFAH Conservation Lottery Main Draw – May 27

OFAH Zone J Annual Youth Campout – June 17 – 19

Tavistock Rod & Gun Club – see enclosed flyer

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

Hosted by the Long Point Fish and Game Club—details and map in next Newsletter

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](http://www.outdoorfarmshow.com) - for more information

**[www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org)**

# Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone J Youth Camp Out



June 17, 18 & 19, 2011

Tavistock Rod & Gun Club  
336994 33rd Line, RR3, Embro  
GPS: 43 degrees, 15' 19" north  
80 degrees, 59' 12" west



Youths 8 to 17 years are welcome!  
Must be accompanied by a parent or leader

Saturday Lunch is provided FREE,  
all other meals are the responsibility of participant

This is a  
**FREE Event**

## Friday June 17

Gate opens at 2 pm  
7pm Greg Balch with  
Wildlife Education presentation  
followed by an evening Social and  
Campfire

## Saturday June 18

The following groups form at 8:45 am:  
Pellet Rifle Shooting  
Archery  
Lure Making, Fishing Tips  
Canoeing for beginners  
Bird house building  
Free lunch of Hamburgers, hot dogs & pop  
courtesy of Zone J  
Activities end at 4 pm  
Evening Campfire



## Sunday June 19

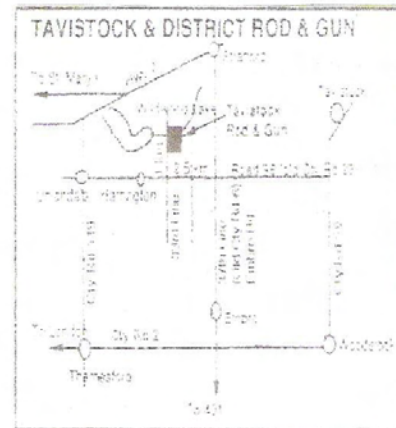
9:00 am - Hiking  
and Orienteering

## Preregistration is required

**REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 19!**

Camping is Optional

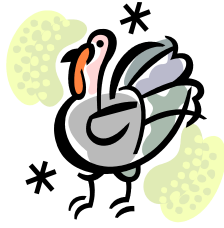
Each Group is supervised  
by Knowledgeable Adults



### **TAVISTOCK ROD AND GUN CLUB**

From Hwy 401 take exit #222 - Oxford Road 6  
North on Oxford Road 6 (37th Line)  
Continue thru Embro and the Hamlet of Brooksdale  
Left (west) on Road 96 (#28) one block north of  
Brooksdale (towards Harrington)  
Continue 2 blocks then turn right (north) on 33rd Line  
336994 33rd Line is about 3/4 mile north of Road 96

To Preregister contact:  
Brian Moore (519) 919 1520  
brianmoore@live.ca  
Dave Featherstone (519) 271 6077  
feathers143@rogers.com



### Spring Wild Turkey Seminars

It's time to register for a spring course.

Register on-line at [www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org)  
or call OFAH at 705-748-OFAH ext.240

### Bluewater Anglers Events

March 19 & 20 – hatchery Open House, Point Edward, Ontario

April 16 – shoreline clean-up

April 29 to May 8 – Salmon Derby

For more info visit [www.bluewateranglers.com](http://www.bluewateranglers.com)

### Southwest Outdoors Club

JACK MINER CALLING CLASSIC & SPORTSMAN SHOW- April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Calling Competition:* Caller entry fee: Adults: \$40 Youth: \$20 (youth requirement is 16 & under). Registration starting at 8:30 a.m. Competition starts at 9:30 a.m.

Free admission to spectators. For more info: [www.everythingoutdoors.ca](http://www.everythingoutdoors.ca)

Email: [everythingoutdoors.ca@gmail.com](mailto:everythingoutdoors.ca@gmail.com)

Scott & Danielle Russel 519-733-9867

### QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION & RACK STACKER SEMINAR

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011 @ THE WHEATLEY LEGION**

The date of our QDMA/Rack Stacker Seminar published in the recent Ontario Out of Doors magazine (Hotline page 16) is incorrect. **The date has recently been changed to April 17 instead of April 16 but was too late to be changed before publication of the magazine.**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**ADMISSION: FREE**

**LUNCH: WHEATLEY'S FAMOUS "ALL YOU CAN EAT" YELLOW PERCH- COST - \$16.00**

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