



ONTARIO **FEDERATION OF**
ANGLERS & HUNTERS
ZONE J



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OFAH Zone J is now on  !

Would you like the Zone J Newsletter emailed to you?

If so email teamofah@live.ca saying that you would like the newsletter emailed to you. You will have it faster then you would through the mail. Newsletters are published in March, May, August and December.

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2010 OFAH ZONE J ATTENDANCE PRIZE

Attend the OFAH Zone J meetings to qualify for your chance to win a
\$500 Gift Certificate to the sporting goods store/outfitter of your Choice

There are 3 ways to earn a ballot for the Draw:

- 1) Attend two (2) OFAH Zone J meetings in one calendar year. Meetings are held in January, April and September. (This has been the same way used to qualify for entry during the past 3 years)
- 2) Attend any OFAH Zone J meetings and bring a friend*. Both you and your friend* will receive one ballot each.
- 3) If the friend* you bring to the meeting is not a current OFAH member in good standing, have your friend join OFAH and you each earn an extra ballot. Contact OFAH Zone J Secretary with your friend new OFAH membership number to validate ballots.

* Friend is defined as an adult who has not attended an OFAH Zone J meeting during the past two years (2008 & 2009).

Have you signed the Petition yet?
Help stop the Long Gun Registry
Visit
www.scrapthelonggunregistry.com
And sign the petition today!!

Springbank Dam petition

I would like to “Thank” every one who is working so diligently on collecting signatures on these petitions. We have gathered hundreds of signatures. Please continue to pass these petitions around. Once you have exhausted your efforts, please mail the petitions to OFAH Zone J Secretary Kathy Moore. If you need more blank petitions, please let me know and I’ll mail some out to you ASAP

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.

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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 by-laws**
- **Nuisance wildlife and Livestock predation**
- **Hunter Trespassing**
- **Springbank Dam**
- **Invasive species**
- **Land Access**



**Southwest Outdoors Club Golf
Tournament: June 5**

Eighth Annual Mixed 9 Hole Best Ball Golf Day will be held at the Talbot Trail Golf Course (Wheatley) on Saturday, June 12th. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Course members: \$40. Non Course Members: \$60.

Dinner only tickets available for \$30.

Proceeds to promote outdoor youth activities.

Call Wayne Cowan @ 825-7108 or Don Wigle @ 825-3291 for tickets.

Ontario Hunter Education Program

Did you know that Hunter Education became mandatory for 50 years? Yes, it is!!! OHEP is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. OFAH Zone J Chair Tony Jackson had the pleasure of addressing the Annual OHEP Conference in London last month.

**Young Hunter Education Scholarship
Program (YHES)**

Ensuring that future generations enjoy the cultural heritage of hunting."

The goal of the Y.H.E.S. fund is to remove cost barriers for those youth who are interested in learning about hunting. The Y.H.E.S. fund will provide access to funding for individuals who meet the specified criteria to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the rich heritage of hunting.

Does this sound like something your club would be willing to invest in?

To make a donation to this fund, please contact www.ohep.net or call 705-748-5185.

If you know a youth who could benefit from this program, application forms and instructions can be found at www.ohep.net

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.

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Lowville Park on Bronte Creek

On Thursday May 6th OFAH Zone J Secretary Kathy Moore and 2nd Vice Brian Moore attended the release of Atlantic Salmon into Bronte Creek. Four Grade 5 classrooms in Hamilton hatched and raised these Salmon in their Classroom Hatcheries. Over 250 students came out to release each of the fish individually into Bronte Creek. A fun, educational day was had by everyone in attendance, even the media photographers who donned waders and got right into the action. The students learned about creek habitat, bugs and even built blue bird boxes, bird feeders and wood duck nesting boxes.

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

Dates are listed in the "Mark your 2010 Calendar"

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

OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting summary

Many thanks to our excellent hosts The Caledonia Hunters and Anglers Association with Rick and Cathy Atkinson and their crew of volunteers.

Our wonderful guest speakers included Bill Christmas of Trout Unlimited and from Canada Brokerlink Insurance representatives Jessica Young, Ryan Ziegler, and Tonya Glendinning. The highlight of the afternoon was OFAH President Rob Hares' insightful message to all in attendance.

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Don Fairbairn, Chair of the Middlesex Stewardship Council presented OFAH Zone J with a beautiful pheasant print in appreciation of our ongoing support of the Middlesex Youth Pheasant Hunt. Thank you Don.

We were able to add monies to our Youth Activities Fund thru donations received from the 50/50 draw and from holding a raffle for the awesome flat screen TV donated by Canada Brokerlink Insurance. Many Kudos to the Caledonia Canadian Tire who donated a huge tackle box full of everyone's favourite tackle!

Sunday started with a delicious breakfast at the Caledonia Hunters and Anglers Association. The field trip to the Hamilton Hunt Club was amazing! Located across the road from the Caledonia Hunters and Anglers Association, the HHC invited us to experience and learn about what they do. If you would like to glimpse into the wonderful and amazing life at HHC, visit www.hamiltonhunt.ca.

OFAH Zone J Youth Activity Fund is seeking financial assistance.

If your Club is interested in assisting the Youth in Southwestern Ontario, please consider a donation to this fund. The OFAH Zone J Youth Activity Fund is used to financially support hands-on educational experiences for youth within our Zone in angling, hunting and conservation work. Contact your Secretary/Treasurer for more information.

Enclosed with your Summer Newsletter is a Club Membership Officer Update Sheet. This information is used by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters head office in Peterborough. It is very important that your Club keeps the OFAH informed. Please make sure your Club OFAH Representative or Membership Rep has completed the form and has sent it to OFAH in Peterborough.

www.youthhunting.ca - This is your on-line tool kit for planning and executing a youth hunt. Helpful information, guidelines, suggestions and contacts are available at this website. More information on the fall youth pheasant hunts will be available in our September newsletter.

OFAH Mario Cortellucci Hunting and Fishing Heritage Centre – www.hfhc.ca

WOW! That's the word used most often to describe this state of the art education centre opened last month in Peterborough next door to the OFAH head Office (4601 Guthrie Drive). Some of your Zone J Executive were on hand to assist in the Grand Opening of this dream come true. If you get a chance to visit, please do so – it is a destination where conservation success stories of anglers and hunters are proudly told. See the Shimano aquarium teaming with Great Lakes native fish species. Hours of operation for the Inaugural Year are Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday noon to 4pm. For more info call 705-748-6324 ext.100.

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Mark Your 2010/2011 Calendars

Southwest Outdoors Club will be hosting their **Ontario Wild Turkey Scoring** and **ALL YOU CAN EAT YELLOW PERCH FRY** on **June 8 6pm** at the Wheatley Legion ,Wheatley ON. Bring your beards and spurs for scoring by a official F.R.O.W scorer. Also don't forget to bring a photo of the bird. Prizes for 2010 Ontario Season Turkeys. Typical and Non-Typical. All you can eat Yellow Perch is \$16.00

OFAH Zone J Annual Youth Campout – June 18 – 20, 2010

- Tavistock Rod & Gun Club – Registration is now closed because we have reached maximum capacity – THANK YOU!!

30th Annual Lake Erie Salmon & Pickerel Hunt June 26th - July 11th, 2010

Tournament sponsors are the Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers Association and Barney's Boats. Three categories of tickets are available:

- Individual tickets are \$25.00 per person valid for the entire derby.
- One day tickets are \$10.00 per person.
- Family tickets which are \$50.00 and valid for the entire derby.

Participants are restricted to angling only in the area from Bar Point in the West, to Port Glasgow in the North East and the International Border to the South. All rules are printed on the tickets

Anterless Deer Draw Application Deadline: Wednesday, June 30th.

Ontario Family Fishing Week and National Fishing Week: Fish license-free during the week of July 3-11

Southwest Outdoors Club Big Boyz Fishing Tournament- July 24, 25 and July 31, August 1. Tickets: \$25. Youth 17 and under \$10. \$5000 in cash prizes and trophies for top ten rainbow and top ten walleye. \$100 daily prizes. \$100 for largest sheepshead and salmon. All prizes to be awarded at the Wheatley Arena on Aug. 1st . Bar, food, and door prizes available.

Wheatley's Famous Yellow Perch & Broasted Chicken Dinner at the Wheatley Arena on Saturday, July 31st. more info on Tournament and Fishing updates:<http://swoc.ca/forums/viewforum.php?f=7>

The village of Point Edward and the Bluewater Anglers Walleye Derby (Sarnia area) is Friday and Saturday August 6 & 7. For more info visit www.bluewateranglers.com - events.

Gosfield North Sportsmen Association is holding it's 10th Annual Pickerel Fish Fry on Saturday August 14th, 5pm at the Ridgeview Park in Cottam, Ontario. Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained by contacting Ken Roadhouse at 519-839-4117 or roadie@gosfieldtel.com

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OFAH WOW Weekend - September 10 to 12th

visit www.ofah.org/wow for more info

OFAH Zone J Quarterly Membership Meeting – Sunday September 19, 2010 – location to be announced in the August Newsletter.

OFAH Zone J Quarterly Membership Meeting – Sunday January 9, 2011 – location to be announced in the August Newsletter.

OFAH Zone J Annual Membership Meeting – Saturday and Sunday April 2 & 3, 2011 – location to be announced in the August Newsletter.

Why do anglers wear camo?, It's not like the fish can see them

WINNERS IN OUR ZONE

Congratulations to the following OFAH Zone J Executive for their appointments to the following OFAH Committees:

Tony Jackson – Chair of the Small Game Committee

Brian Moore – member of the Land Use/Access/Trails Committee

Jim Greenwood – member of the Wetlands and Waterfowl Committee

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Annual OFAH Conservation Lottery. The winner lists are posted online at www.ofah.org. This year we had 4 of the top 8 prizes come to lucky winners in OFAH Zone J!! Congrats to Ken Petrie of Listowell for winning the 2010 Dodge Caravan!!

Our heartfelt Thanks goes out to Len and Vera McPhail. Len has faithfully donated his time and expertise on our Zone J Executive for a number of years but has had to step down due to circumstances outside of his control. We look forward to having both Len and Vera back in the fold as soon as circumstance allow.

Many Thanks to Alfred Marinelli for the years of dedication he has given to our Federation. Although Alf is semi-retiring he is keeping involved in a couple of very important Committees on behalf of your Federation such as the GRCA Hunter Liaison Committee and the Lake Erie Fisheries Management Committee.

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Congratulations to the winner of the 2009 OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award – Mr. Arnold Collard of the Gosfield North Sportsman Association.

Mr. Collard was presented with his award at the 20th Annual Gosfield North Sportsman Associations (GNSA) Wild Game Dinner in front of his many friends and family members. It was unfortunate that the OFAH Zone J Executive could not attend the Wild Game dinner as we were holding the OFAH Zone J Annual General meeting and Elections in Caledonia. To assist with the presentation of this prestigious award the OFAH Zone J Executive digitally recorded our presentation and sent it to GNSA along with the Award. On the evening of the Wild Game dinner, the DVD of the Zone Executive was broadcast at the dinner and a live presentation by the GNSA Executive was carried out. Mr. Collard was genuinely surprised and awestruck at receiving recognition for his tremendous amount of hard work, passion and dedication to pheasants.



Please remember to submit your nominations for the 2010 OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award. We know there are many deserving volunteers who quietly devote their time, energy and money to conservation, hunting and angling within our Zone. Please help us recognize them by submitting a story about their dedication and passion.

This Newsletter is designed by OFAH member Emily Levidis of Sarnia and approved for publication by the OFAH Zone J Executive

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