Special Points of Interest:

- Report on the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting and Election
- Please attend the OFAH Zone J 25th Annual Youth Campout
- Cougar sightings in OFAH Zone J
- Wild Game Recipe Contest Winners

OFAH ZONE J VISITS THE WELLINGTON STREET SPORTSMEN’S CLUB

The OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting was hosted by the members of WSSC in Dorchester. We had an excellent, informative day. Ian Collin James presented Urban Angling—unplugged and did not fail in keeping the crowd entertained.

Brian Kerr discussed QDMA’s approach to deer herd management.

Brokerlink Insurance discussed some of what they can do for OFAH members. Brian McRae, Club Liaison from OFAH Peterborough discussed member benefits and Club insurance.

OFAH President Bill Blackwell discussed current firearms issues as well as the importance of OFAH to the provinces anglers and hunters.

Thank you WSSC for a fantastic Day!

OFAH ZONE J MAKES A DONATION

During the OFAH Wildlife Conference, OFAH Zone J Executive presented Dr. Scott Petrie with a cheque for $1,000.00 to assist Long Point Waterfowl with their Wood duck research project.

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To have something added to the OFAH Zone J website, please send an email request to websitezonej@gmail.com

Congratulations to the winners of the OFAH Zone J Recipe Contest
Stan and Theresa Gevaert of Cottam for their *Stove Top Rabbit*
Tyler Genereax for a *Honey Nut Coated Rainbow Trout*
The recipe featured at our Wild Game Cooking Class was *Moose Sloppy Joes* by Brian Moore
Thank you to all who entered!!
Recipes will be available on the OFAH Zone J website.

www.shopofah.org
Results of OFAH Zone J By Law Amendment vote

OFAH Zone J members voted in favour of accepting the recommended By Law Amendments. The recommended Amendments will now be presented to the OFAH Board of Directors at the September 2013 Board meeting. If the Board accepts the recommended Amendments, the Amendments will be in effect immediately.

Results of OFAH Zone J Executive Elections

The Election of the 2013—2014 OFAH Zone J Executive took place at the OFAH Zone J AGM held at the Wellington Street Sportsmen’s Club.

A huge Thank You to everyone who put their hat into the ring and ran for a position. It is very refreshing to see so many volunteers who are passionate about hunting, angling and conservation in Ontario and willing to give of their time to further their passion.

Congratulations to everyone! To those who did not secure an Executive position, please keep involved with the Zone as we never seem to have enough eyes and ears in our large Zone.

Mark Your Calendars

June 7—9 OFAH Zone J 25th Annual Youth Campout at the Wellington Street Sportsmen’s Club

September 15 OFAH Zone J Membership Meeting, Dunnville District Hunters and Anglers

January 12, 2014 OFAH Zone J Membership Meeting, Brant Rod & Gun Club

April 5—6, 2014 OFAH Zone J AGM and Election, London Area

June 13—15, 2014 OFAH Zone J 26th Annual Youth Campout, location TBA

Sept. 21, 2014 OFAH Zone J Membership Meeting, location TBA

Many Thanks to the OFAH Member Clubs who have stepped forward with their interest in hosting OFAH Zone J Meetings and Youth Campouts. We are in the final stages of confirming the locations for 2014 and 2015.

PLEASE REMEMBER

As of September 2013 this newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed unless a specific request is received.

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To receive electronically, send your email address.
A Celebration of Dave’s Life

Long Point Waterfowl invites you to join them for an afternoon of food, drinks, stories and fellowship, to remember Dave Ankney, who passed away on February 28, 2013. A celebration of Dave’s life will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at Long Point Waterfowl’s Research & Education Centre (REC) near Turkey Point, Ontario. We expect that many of Dave and Sandi’s colleagues and friends, from the Long Point region, and from other areas of Canada and the United States, will be in attendance. The celebration begins at noon, with speeches and stories about Dave starting at 2 pm. Directions to the REC, and updates about the event, will be posted on the Dave Ankney Tribute Page:

For more information, to confirm your attendance (primarily to plan food) and/or to reserve a bedroom or camping space, please contact:

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A Celebration of Dave’s Life
Visit the Tribute Page: http://longpointwaterfowl.org/tribute-to-dave-ankney for a look into the accomplished life of Dr. Ankney which includes Past President of the OFAH.

Cougar sightings in OFAH Zone J

Chair Jim Greenwood reminds Members free roaming cougars are protected by ON law from 'indiscriminate lethal removal'. The cougar (Puma concolor) is listed as endangered on the Species at Risk in Ontario List and as such receives protection under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA). Under this Act it is illegal to kill, harm, harass, capture or take a cougar.

Cougars are not listed as game wildlife or specially protected wildlife under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997. Therefore they are merely wildlife; all that would be required to hunt them is a small game license. However, since they are listed as endangered under the ESA, they cannot be hunted.

Of course, in the event that a cougar was posing an immediate threat to a person’s safety, any actions required to alleviate that threat would be allowed. Under the law, anyone killing a free roaming domestic cougar - an endangered species wild by nature - needs to prove due-diligence around self protection.