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.

OFAH Chair Tony Jackson congratulates the Caledonia Hunters and Anglers Association on celebrating their 60th Anniversary!

Congratulations Douglas Jackson on this fine buck!
Wishing you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season and all the Best for 2012!

From Your OFAH Zone J Family

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**OFAH Zone J 2012 Meeting Prize**

We will announce the NEW OFAH Zone J Meeting Attendance Prize at the January General Membership Meeting in London. Be there to hear all about it!!

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**Congratulations to Tony Jackson on his nomination and acclamation as Ontario Federation of Angler and Hunter Provincial Director at Large!!**

Tony will take on this position March 15, 2012 at the OFAH Annual General Meeting and Wildlife Conference. As for his position as OFAH Zone J Chair, Tony will become Past Chair of OFAH Zone J and 1st Vice Jim Greenwood will fill the position of Chair until the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting and Election being held March 31, 2012.

At that time, our Annual Election will be held to fill ALL OFAH Zone J Executive positions.

In accepting the position of Provincial Director at Large, Tony will represent the OFAH and our over 100,000 members and subscribers on issues throughout the Province of Ontario.
Visit www.shopofah.org to purchase your OFAH and Angler and Hunter Television merchandise.

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 Outstanding Achievement Award
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. Members of OFAH Zone J may nominate anyone, does not have to be an OFAH member, for this award.
Nominees for the 2011 award may be submitted to the Zone J Secretary/Treasurer no later than December 31, 2011. Please include a description of the work the nominee has done as well as photos, news articles, etc. This can be as simple as sending an email listing this person’s accomplishments. The Zone membership will vote on the winner at the January 2012 meeting in London with the winner being announced at the Zone J Annual meeting on March 31, 2012. Please remember to submit your nominations for the 2011 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.

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.

www.ofah.org/zonej
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.

Congratulations to all OFAH members and Clubs who hosted Youth Hunt Days this Fall!
Thank you to all volunteers who took a youth hunting. Passing on your knowledge and passion for Hunting helps to keep our Heritage activities alive and well!!

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.

Mark Your 2012 Calendars

OFAH Zone J Quarterly Membership meeting - January 8—Super 8 Motel, 1100 Wellington Road, London (519) 681 1551 Coffee at 8:30am with Meeting starting at 9am

OFAH Zone J Annual Membership Meeting & Election—March 31 & April 1—Location will be in London—to be announced in March 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’m looking out my window and seeing a dusting of snow on the trees and across the fields. Fall is fading and the inevitable colder weather will soon be here.

It’s been by all accounts a great fall for me. Opportunity for moose hunting in northwestern Ontario in Sept. broke a dry spell of missing the last 3 years, and although no moose harvested, plenty of grouse, spectacular pickerel fishing, great company and just being there reminded me of what I had missed.

Deer hunting went by way to quick, with a nice buck who responded to my rattling the first day of our controlled deer hunt.

Still opportunities for field shooting ducks and geese, and if the low temperatures stay away for a little longer, maybe some more time in the marshes of Long Point.

I had a unique opportunity last weekend. I was invited to spend a day with Martin Geleynse, President of the Ontario Hawking Club, along with a few other club members. Observing these falconers and their birds hunting ducks and rabbits put a different twist on what I have experienced hunting to be. Considerable time and effort is required not only to look after these birds, but how they manage them while hunting is pretty extraordinary. Certainly if you know someone who is a member, introduce yourself and ask for an opportunity to watch and learn. Check out their website, www.onariohawkingclub.org Fascinating!

Our executive is still busy with issues across the zone. Sunday gun hunting discussions with municipalities have been spoken to with positive results, resulting in increased opportunities for hunters.

Firearm discharge bylaws are being challenged to ensure legal use will be permitted and in some areas maintained.

We are still involved with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, working toward establishing hunting opportunities on lands they have acquired.

Other proposals we are involved with include the use of dogs to recover lost big game animals, the night hunting of predators, and the lengthening of the fall wild turkey season.

In the meantime, we are also looking for clubs to host our meetings. Members have voiced their desire to have our annual/election meeting in a more central location to allow for reduced travel. We have agreed to do this. Talk to your club executive, and have them contact us. We will come to your meetings and discuss this opportunity to show off your club!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a great New Year getting out and appreciating what our resources have to offer.

Jim

Do you have a person on your Christmas List that has everything? I bet they don’t have an Atlantic Salmon named after them! Visit www.bringbackthesalmon.ca and buy them an Atlantic Salmon
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

www.shopofah.org

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

Many Thanks to Tony Jackson and Greg Farrant for their diligence and hard work on the continued pressures from our local Councils at reviewing Noise and Discharge By-laws as well as Sunday Gun Hunting.

Congratulations to Greg Farrant for his excellent presentation to the Committee for Public Safety on Bill C-19 (to Abolish the Long Gun Registry). As we continue to hold our breath and educate the general population, it once again looks like victory is within our reach. This Bill now goes to Senate then for 3rd Reading. If all goes well, we should see this Bill passed just in time for the OFAH Annual General Meeting and Wildlife Conference in mid-March 2012.

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 begins in early January.

Visit www.ofah.org for locations, times and registration information or call

(705) 748 OFAH ext.260
Is coming back to Orangeville, Ontario!!
Visit OFAH at the Orangeville Fairgrounds
August 3 thru 6th, 2012

Why I Love Moose Hunting
By Tony Jackson

Just have to share why I love moose hunting. Not hard to understand really, took Douglas this year for his first real trip into the wilderness.
We watched the sun wake as the animals do in their living room...where anyone, any race, religion, age, gender is welcome to share.....magical!
Why more people don't come here, I don't understand! In some selfish way, I'm glad not everyone does.
The smell of the black spruce, jack pine, and swamp. The sound of the robin, Canadian jack, and raven.
The chattering of the scolding red squirrel, and the sound of unknown creatures moving around our mountain side perch or down in the swamp on a fallen black spruce chair.
Anticipation, excitement, the peaceful seclusion of wilderness......all senses are alive, sharp.
We left it as we found it but at least for me, I took more home than 1000 men could carry.
If this doesn't stir something deep inside your soul, nothing will.
I'll be back.

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