Special Points of Interest:

- Plan to attend the OFAH Zone J AGM & Election April 6th
- OFAH Zone J 31st Annual Youth Camp

Congratulations to Wellington Street Sportsmens Club for hosting their 6th Annual Ice Fishing Family Day on February 18 as part of the Ontario Family Fishing Events. Over 250 people of all ages enjoyed ice fishing, building their own ice fishing rod, making a paracord bracelet, building a bass lure, decorating fish shaped cookies and learning about wildlife. THANK YOU WSSC!!
To have something added to the OFAH Zone J website, please send an email request to websitezonej@gmail.com

www.shopofah.org

Landowner Permission Form
Can be found at www.ofah.org
Look under "HUNTING"

Please share this Newsletter with your Club and your friends.
Message from The Chair:

As I sit to write this message, winter is giving us another short blast of snow and cooler temperatures. Throughout much of our Zone, winter seems to have come in spurts with several days of rain and warmer than seasonal temperatures, leaving us with a very short and unstable ice fishing season.

The OFAH Zone J team continues to work on your behalf in many ways. Attending club meetings, dinners, fundraisers and local community events keep us engaged with our clubs and general members. We enjoy the diversity of questions we receive from our members. A few common questions we receive are regarding; the new license system, Rabies, Chronic Wasting Disease, Municipal Discharge, along with many others.

As we head into the Spring season, there are a couple of events that we are looking forward to.

The OFAH AGM & Fish and Wildlife Conference will take place March 14 - 16, 2019 at the Hilton Meadowvale in Mississauga. As you may have seen, the conference is focused on the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). We will see some of the most respected speakers provide the delegates with timely information on what we should expect and how to prepare in a time we find CWD in Ontario.

The OFAH Zone J Youth camp is gearing up for the 31st annual camp this June. Being held in partnership with the Wellington Street Sportsman Club in Dorchester, we will host 60 youth for a fun filled weekend of Archery, Lure making, .22 rifles, Pond fishing, paracord workshop and new this year, a workshop on modern day trapping in Ontario. Since the camps inception in 1988, we pride ourselves on providing this unique camp at no cost to the participants. Registration opens April 1st. Register early to avoid disappoint. Contact myself at brianmoore@live.ca for more information.

I personally encourage you to continue to play an active role within your club, Zone or independently. Have you thought about becoming more involved at a Zone level? Our AGM & Elections are just around the corner.

Respectfully,
Brian Moore
OFAH ZONE J

9th Annual Hamilton Bassmasters Spring Fishing Sale and Swap

Date: Saturday March 23 2019
Time: 9am to 2pm
Admission: Adult $3.00
Kids (under 12) FREE!!!
Parking: FREE!!!
Location: Ancaster Fair Grounds
630 Trinity Road, RR#1 Jerseyville, Ontario
www.ancasteragriculturalociety.ca

New Gear

For Event Information and Table Reservations email: hamiltonbassmasters@gmail.com

Lynx or Bobcat?

Lynx (Lynx canadensis)
- Shorter tail
- Arched back
- Minimal spotting
- Longer ear tufts
- Longer foot
- Back legs longer than front
- Larger paws furry underneath

Bobcat (Lynx rufus)
- Shorter ear tufts
- Spotted coat
- Straight back
- Longer tail, with banding, white underneath black on tip
- Shorter foot
- Smaller paws
- Back legs barely longer than front

OFAH Announces Canada's Most Comprehensive Legal Defence Insurance Coverage

Do you know your firearm rights according to the Firearms Act, Criminal Code, and their regulations? As a member of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, you deserve to have the peace of mind to pursue your traditions while knowing that your rights as a hunter and angler are protected.

A Legal Defence Insurance Policy can protect you against debilitating legal costs and provide you with general legal advice on any personal issue.

A Legal Defence Insurance Policy for firearm owners can include:
- Defence costs for any OFAH member who is charged with an offence relating to the use, storage, display, transportation, or handling of a firearm or crossbow.
- Defence costs of any OFAH member whose firearms licence is suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

To learn more, visit www.ofah.org/insurance

Annual, Farmers & Friends BIG BUCK DAY 2019
Saturday March 9th   10:00AM-4:00PM
Oil Springs Youth Centre
$5 per person (under 16 free)
register by 1:30PM with presentations at 3:00PM
Categories for moose, deer sheds and turkeys; taxidermy displays; outdoor retailers; Turkey beards and spurs; new and used firearms dealer on site; food booth. For additional information, please contact Farmers & Friends Conservation Club members: Harold 519-684-3113, Jarrod 519-402-2917

Congratulations to Windsor Sportsmans OFAH Club on hosting a successful fundraising Chicken dinner!!
Interested in learning more about trapping?

25th Anniversary of the OFMF Rendezvous & AGM, hosted by the Huron-Perth Trappers Association, Zone 8A and the OFMF Southern Region. For more event information, vendor applications, sponsorship opportunities, item donations and photography contest applications, please visit our website www.hpta1945.com.

The results are in! All samples tested in Ontario came back negative for chronic wasting disease! Thanks again to the hunters who participated in both of our surveillance zones: eastern Ontario, where 307 samples were tested, and southwestern Ontario, where 457 samples were tested. Chronic wasting disease is a fatal brain disease affecting mostly white-tailed deer and elk. Test results can now be found online at www.ontario.ca/cwd

Reporting invaders is a critical way the public can help fight against the spread of invasive species. These reports help discover new populations, identify gaps, or define the leading edge of the invasion. If you encounter an invasive species in the wild, take a photo and report it to the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or visit www.EDDMapS.org/Ontario
Thank you to the Port Colborne Conservation Club who hosted the OFAH Zone J Membership meeting in January. So many new faces in the crowd!! Our Guest presentation by Natalie Green and Corey Burant regarding the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan was very informative and educational.

Thank you to Kathy and her crew for making us feel comfortable and welcomed!!
WELLINGTON STREET SPORTSMEN’S CLUB

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Wellington Street
Sportsmans Club
2290 Slo pitch Rd,
Thames Centre, ON

is proud to host the
31st Annual OFAH Zone J
Youth Camp Out

June 14, 15 & 16, 2019

Youths aged 8 to 17 years Welcome!
Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

Camping is optional but highly recommended.

Tentative Agenda

Friday June 14th
Gates open at 2pm
Registration opens at 4pm
6:30pm Opening Ceremonies
7:00 pm Community Wildlife workshop with Greg Batch
8:30 pm Campfire Social

Saturday June 15th
8:30 am Welcome meeting
Followed by groups such as:
Fish lure making
Paracord bracelet
Trapping/Ur demo
Target Range
Fishing
Archery
Evening Campfire Social

Sunday June 16th
Campground pack-up and clean-up
Various activities
Gates close at NOON

This is a FREE weekend!

PreRegistration is required
Limited number of spaces available
Register early
Don’t miss your chance to join us

LUNCH on Saturday provided
FREE courtesy of OFAH Zone J
All other meals are the responsibility of the participant

Registration OPENS April 1st

To register scan the above QR code OR
e-mail Brian at brianmoore@live.ca
OR call Brian at (519) 919-1520

I give my pledge as a Canadian. To serve and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of our country. It's soils and minerals, its air, waters, forests and wildlife
OFAH CELEBRATES our 91st AGM & Wildlife Conference
March 14, 15 & 16, 2019
Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale is the place to be for a fantastic weekend of workshops, seminars, friendship and fun!
www.ofah.org/conference

Common Buckthorn

Think you have seen an invasive species? Report it!
Call the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or visit www.eddmaps.org/ontario

It's Election Time for OFAH Zone J Executive

As OFAH Zone J Executives we invite members in good standing (at least one full year) to step up to the plate and bat for our South Western Ontario hunting and fishing interests. Your contributions to making our Zone what it could and should be regarding increased opportunities and standing up for our collective interests will be appreciated.

To stand for one of the Zone’s 5 annually elected executive positions, after determining your personal time and travel availability you simply need to declare your intent to stand by advising us (Tony Jackson or Felix Barbetti -- nominating committee) by e-mail or phone or by advising any of our current executive.

Time & Travel Commitments
There are 3 quarterly general meetings at which delegated reports and updates are presented to our membership at large. Between these get togethers are teleconferences scheduled as required. Other discussions and commitments should also be expected commensurate with your dedication and interests to our core directions. In appreciation Executive and their spouses are also invited to our OFAH annual conference and wildlife dinner. Travel and costs incurred while conducting Zone business are reimbursed.

It's essential to the health and progress of our Zone J to refresh the team and network by encouraging new energetic and dedicated members to stand for election for Chair, 1st vice, Secretary/Treasurer, (these positions are also full OFAH Board participants with additional commitments), 2nd Vice Chair (alternate to the OFAH BOD) meaning they step up if/when one of the afore-mentioned 3 can't complete their obligations) and Alternate.
After the elections a new year commences with the newly elected team announced. The chair then assigns or confirms the areas of interest that each member is expected to be attentive to and or report on. The Zone J and OFAH policies are also discussed early in each year.

Our past 2 chairs are also members of the current executive for Zone continuity and their proven expertise.

So please join us and continue to make your Zone a great place to hunt and fish
OFAH Zone J Annual General Membership Meeting
Brant Rod & Gun Club

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Please bring your current OFAH Membership card to be eligible to vote.

Brant Rod & Gun Club is at
54 Henderson Road, Brant – off Bishopsgate Road
north of Colborne Street West, near Burford
Doors open at 8:30am

**PLEASE DO NOT FOLLOW YOUR GPS INTO A RESIDENTIAL AREA OF BRANTFORD. THE CLUB IS ON HENDERSON ROAD NOT AVENUE. IT IS NEAR BURFORD, JUST DOWN THE ROAD FROM TRIGGERS AND BOWS.**

From Hwy 403 exit at Rest Acres Road (Hwy 24 South) and go south. Turn right at Colborne St W. Turn right at Bishopsgate Road. Turn right on Henderson Rd

From Hwy 24 south (Simcoe area) head north towards Brantford. Turn left on Colborne St W. Turn right at Bishopsgate Road. Turn right on Henderson Rd.
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As an OFAH Zone J member, you could save on your insurance with BrokerLink. Speak to a BrokerLink broker to learn about the benefits available to you. Call or visit us in person at one of our Ontario locations below:

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519.818.5339

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519.759.2110

Brantford (Clarence St.)
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Burlington
905.336.5001

Chatham
519.352.1126

Delhi
519.582.1611

Dundas
905.628.2221

Elmira
519.669.1661

Guelph (Woodlawn Rd. W.)
519.836.6100

Guelph (Victoria Rd. N.)
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519.576.5242

LaSalle
519.966.6112

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