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Special Points of Interest:

• Plan to attend the OFAH Zone J Membership meeting August 18
• OFAH Zone J 31st Annual Youth Camp is FULL
• Eat Safe Fish from the Niagara River

Royal City Fishing Club making donation to Zone J Youth Camp

Royal City Fishing Club sold the second highest number of Conservation Lottery tickets in Zone J and the third highest in Ontario for 2018. Royal City Fishing Club rep Randy MacPherson is receiving awards from OFAH Zone J Chair Brian Moore and OFAH President Rob Hare. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Photos courtesy of Steven B.

Brant Rod & Gun Club Vice President Earl Jaques accepting Thank you plaque from OFAH Zone J Chair Brian Moore

Brant Rod & Gun Club Vice President Earl Jaques presenting Greg Balch with a donation

Kathy Moore being presented with an OFAH Life Membership by OFAH Zone J Past Chair Tony Jackson. Kathy joined OFAH Zone J Executive in 2005 and was recognized for her thousands of volunteer hours.

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

Please share this Newsletter with your Club and your friends.
Mark Your Calendars

2019
June 14-16—OFAH Zone J 31st Annual Youth Camp—Wellington Street Sportsmans Club, Dorchester
August 18—OFAH Zone J membership meeting hosted by Southwest Outdoors Club, Wheatley

2020
January 12—OFAH Zone J membership meeting hosted by Dunnville District Hunters and Anglers Association
April 4—OFAH Zone J Annual General meeting hosted by Twin Creeks Shooting Preserve, Inwood

A huge Thank You to Clubs who have invited us to their Club.

Know the 3 Cs: Choose, Clean, Cook!

Follow this advice to help you make decisions about eating the fish you catch

Choose S.A.F.E.
• Smaller fish
• Avoid larger fish, organs, skin
• Follow the advice in the Guide to Eating Ontario Fish
• Eat leaner species (walleye, perch, and panfish)

Clean & Trim
Remove fillet, cut away skin and fat, and discard organs.

Cook
Cook fish on a grill or a broiler pan (oven) so that fat drips away. If you deep-fry fish, do not reuse the oil.

Tilbury District High School Archery Team competed in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) Championships in Southampton on April 9th.

What makes this team special is the fact that OFAH member Southwest Outdoors Club sponsors this amazing team!!

For info on how your Club can sponsor a NASP Team contact Tim Watts at (705)-748-OFAH
Thank you to the Brant Rod & Gun Club who hosted the OFAH Zone J Membership meeting in April. Special Thanks to John Waller for setting up the room and the Kitchen volunteers who fed us well Doris Myke, Mary Ann Smith and Vicki DeRouville.

We had members attend from every corner of our Zone and for that, THANK YOU! It is exciting to hear the great comments about our meetings.

We work hard to get you relevant, important information.

We hope to see all of you at the OFAH Zone J Meeting in Wheatley on August 18th.
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/Fur demo
Target Range
Fishing
Archery
Evening

Sun
Camp
Various
Gates close

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, 2021

Registration OPENS April 1st
To register scan the above QR code OR
email Brian at brianmoore@live.ca
OR call Brian at (519) 919-1520

I give my pledge as a Canadian. To save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country. It's soils and minerals, its air, waters, forests and wildlife.
**NEWS RELEASE**

Ontario Announces New Big Game Management Advisory Committee

The “BG MAC” of committees leading the Moose Management Review

April 17, 2019 2:00 P.M.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Ontario government is working for the people by listening to concerns from hunters on how the province manages its moose population to ensure sustainability and hunting opportunities for future generations.

Last fall, the government announced a review of moose management in Ontario. Today John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, announced the Big Game Management Advisory Committee (BGMAC), tasked with advising on improvements to how the province manages moose and other big game including deer, elk and black bear.

"We have heard concerns from hunters that the current approach, specifically the moose tag draw system, is not working for hunters or ensuring sustainability," said Yakabuski. "We're acting on those concerns and delivering on our promise to make life easier for Ontario's hunters, while ensuring sustainable populations and continued hunting opportunities."

The committee consists of members with diverse knowledge and experience in moose management and quota review, moose hunting, tourist outfitter operations, and previous experience on wildlife advisory committees. The initial task of the committee will be to develop recommendations on moose management, with a focus on how quotas are developed, and how tags are allocated to hunters through the draw.

The Committee will be hosting six listening sessions open to the public throughout May:

- St. Thomas - May 21, 2019
- Peterborough - May 22, 2019
- North Bay - May 23, 2019
- Sault Ste. Marie - May 28, 2019
- Thunder Bay - May 29, 2019
- Dryden - May 30, 2019

Interested hunters, members of the public and organizations are invited to attend one of these sessions to share their perspectives to develop a path forward. More details on the location of these listening sessions will be posted at [Ontario.ca/moose](http://Ontario.ca/moose).

"Over the next two years, our goal is to make moose hunting fairer, more accessible and simpler for hunters. Work is already underway to make immediate improvements to online resources so that we can better communicate with hunters," said Minister Yakabuski. "As the review unfolds, we will continue to listen and engage hunters and stakeholders to help us improve how tag quotas are developed and distributed."

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Thank you P&T Hunt Club!

P&T Hunt Club was located in WMU 47 with members from across Ontario. When they recently decided it was time to retire the Hunt Club, the members dispersed their funds and donated money to OFAH Zone J.

P&T Hunt Club members from Zone J lived in Kleinburg, Dresden and Sarnia. They made it clear they wanted the monies to go to the OFAH, and go to Youth Hunter Education. OFAH Zone J Executive are hatching plans...

OFAH Zone J will soon be making an exciting announcement for Youth looking to get into hunting.
Turkey hunters collect blood samples in the name of science. Successful turkey hunters can participate in research testing for West Nile Virus in Ontario. Contact Dr. Amanda MacDonald at amacdo21@uoguelph.ca to receive a test kit before you go hunting (kit = envelope and dip stick) to collect a blood sample from your harvested turkey.

DYK that OFAH Zones contributed funding for this important research? Make sure you check out your April edition of Ontario OUT of DOORS Magazine for the full story.

Photo taken at Wellington Street Sportsmans Club by Steven B. OFAH Zone J Chair Brian Moore donating a turkey carcass to Dr. Amanda MacDonald, U of Guelph Department of Pathobiology

eat safe fish
Get to know which fish from the Niagara River are safe to eat.

DO YOU FISH THE NIAGARA RIVER?
If so, we want to hear from you!

Fill out our survey to tell us about the fish you catch and eat from the Niagara River.

You’ll receive a thank you gift!

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