



OFAH club news

The latest fishing, hunting, and conservation updates for member clubs

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Message from OFAH

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the OFAH Club Newsletter! This newsletter is your direct link to club news, resources, insights and opportunities available through the new Community Engagement Program (CEP), designed specifically to help your OFAH club grow, sustain activities, and increase engagement. We invite you to share your club's successes, conservation projects, and feedback to help us tailor support and inspire others across the province. Staying connected helps build a stronger, more vibrant outdoors community across Ontario, amplifying our collective voice and ensuring a bright future for the next generations.

Note: please be advised that the club portal is still in development. Please continue to renew as you have in the past and we will be providing an update very soon.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Community Rallies to Support OFAH Club Hatchery After Roof Collapse

When disaster struck the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association hatchery in Owen Sound this past February, the outdoors community stepped up without hesitation. A heavy snowfall caused the roof of one of the hatchery buildings to collapse, threatening thousands of fish held within.

Thanks to the quick action of dedicated volunteers, 60,000 rainbow trout fingerlings were saved and safely relocated. This April, they were released into the Sydenham River at Harrison Park – an inspiring symbol of resilience and teamwork.

Support didn't stop there. A GoFundMe and live auction campaign launched by local fishing charter captain Glen Worsley quickly surpassed its \$5,000 goal, raising nearly \$13,310 to help the hatchery rebuild. It's a powerful reminder of the strength and solidarity of the outdoors community. We also received \$7500 from the spring Lures N Lines Fishing Derby run by a local tackle shop in Wiarton, owner Kevin Harders.



The OFAH is proud to stand with the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association as they recover and continue protecting and enhancing Ontario's fisheries.

CLUB SURVEY

Does your club interact with your zone? Click [here](#) or scan the QR code with your phone to answer!



SURVEY RESULTS

Club Survey Question Results (from last month) Report on the previous survey question

- April 2025, the club survey was sent to approximately 1400 OFAH club Directors and Officers and received 78 responses
- While 52 clubs indicated they are accepting new members, many also noted they could use assistance in attracting and retaining new members
- Clubs identified Funding, Training, Marketing, and Event Planning as key resources that would help them be more successful
- Specific training or resources that clubs felt were lacking included Network connections (other clubs, individual members, instructors, etc.), Leadership training, and Technology training (such as for the OFAH club portal)

The Community Engagement Program will use the feedback from this survey to prioritize efforts that will help support clubs going forward.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

This year, the 107 Club proudly marks its 75th anniversary—a milestone that honors generations of camaraderie, conservation, and a shared passion for hunting and fishing in Northern Ontario. Since its founding in 1949, the club has thrived in a cherished wilderness setting, fostering deep bonds among members and a strong commitment to sustainable outdoor practices. As longstanding members of the OFAH, we are proud to support the Federation's mission and contribute to the preservation of Ontario's natural heritage.



Want to be featured in the OFAH Club Spotlight? Tell us about your club event or story by clicking on [this link](#), or scanning the QR code to the right!



POLICY & ADVOCACY UPDATES

Engaging Anglers In the Fight Against Plastic Pollution

Complete and share this important survey for a chance to win a gift card while helping to protect our waters from plastic pollution. [Click here \(or use your phone to scan the QR code\) to participate](#)



NFHC

Did you know that the OFAH is part of the National Fishing and Hunting Collaborative, a coalition of twelve organizations representing anglers and hunters across Canada? [Read about the five priority areas the NFHC advocated for in the recent federal election.](#)

1. Promotion of Outdoor Heritage and Conservation
2. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
3. Public Access to, and Management of Protected Areas
4. Aquatic Invasive Species
5. Firearms Policy



FUNDING & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grants Awarded Through the Community Projects Fund in 2025

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| Youth Pheasant Hunt Huron Perth | Youth Pheasant Hunt Huron Perth |
| Long Point Waterfowlers' Association | Female Fowlers' Hunt 2025 |
| Friends of Hullett | Make Hunting Accessible Again: Completing Accessible Hunting Blind Repairs at Hullett Marsh |
| Bancroft District Fish & Game Association | Youth Hunter Mentorship Program |
| Afropolitan Canada | The Roots & Rivers: Connecting BIPOC Communities to Conservation |
| Eastern Ontario Youth Hunt Collaborative | Eastern Ontario Youth Hunt Collaborative |
| Brant Rod & Gun Club | Kids fishing derby |
| The Bluewater Anglers | Bluewater Anglers Kids Training Day |
| Little Current & District Fish & Game Club | Grade 4 Education Days |
| Algoma Fish and Game Club | Sea Can Storage Unit |
| Tavistock & District Rod & Gun Club | Family Nights |
| Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association | BPSA Archery program |
| Osgoode Township Fish, Game and Conservation Club | Annual Kids Fishing Derby |
| Rotary Club of Ingersoll | Ingersoll Rotary Lawrence Beckett Kids Fishing Day |

Grants Awarded Through the Community Conservation Fund in 2025

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| Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association | Blue Jay Creek Site B29 Restoration |
| Ontario Streams | Community Stream Habitat Rehabilitation Project 2025 |
| Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council | Stabilization of Depot Creek |
| South Simcoe Streams Network (A Program under Nottawasaga Community Economic Development Corporation aka Nottawasaga Futures) | 2025 South Simcoe Streams Network - Upper Nottawasaga River Realignment Project |
| Kawartha Conservation | Lake Scugog Fish Spawning Shoals Restoration Project. |
| Watersheds Canada | Restoring Critical Lake Trout and Walleye Spawning Habitat in Eastern and Central Ontario |
| The Orillia Fish And Game Conservation Club | George Langman Wildlife Sanctuary Rehabilitation Project |
| Friends of Hullett | Muster to the Marsh: Collaborative Invasive Species Control at Hullett Marsh |
| Port Colborne and District Conservation Club | Youth Archery Experience Program |
| Lower Thames Conservation Authority | Chatham Kent Lambton Childrens Water Festival |

UPCOMING OFAH & CLUB EVENTS

Events hosted by OFAH and affiliated clubs, such as banquets, clean-ups, conservation projects, and training sessions.



National Hunting Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day

- September 20, 2025

Ontario resident license-free fishing opportunities

- June 14-15, 2025 - Father's Day Weekend
- June 28 - July 6, 2025 - Ontario Family Fishing Week

Ontario Women Anglers (OWA)

- June 6-8, 2025 - Deer Creek Kayak/Canoe Event (Langton)
- July 5, 2025 - Intro to Fishing for Women (Peterborough)
- July 11-13, 2025 - Waterford Ponds Camping (Waterford)
- September 18-21, 2025 Fall Fishing Weekend
- October 4, 2025 Introduction to Muskie Fishing (Buckhorn)

Bluewater Anglers

- May 31, 2025, Bluewater Anglers annual Kids Training Day (Point Edward)
- July 05, 2025, Bluewater Anglers Family Fun Fishing Derby (Point Edward)
- July 25-26, 2025, Bluewater Anglers Walleye Derby, boat and shore event

Italian Canadian Handicapable Association ICHA

- June 07, 2025, Windsor's Italian Canadian Handicapable Assoc. Children's fishing tournament.

Brant Rod & Gun Club

- June 13, 14, 15, 2025 OFAH Youth Camp

Ruffed Grouse Society Central Ontario

- June 21, 2025 Dog Training Day
email rgscentralontario@gmail.com to register

Rondeau Bay Waterfowler's Association RBWA

- August 16, 2025 Fundraising Banquet (Blenheim)
- October 4, 2025 Morning Youth Hunt and BBQ ages 12-16

St Catharines Game and Fish Association

- July 1-August 30, 2025 Children's Fishing Derby

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- Oct 10-18, 2025, Oktoberfest.

Brant Rod and Gun Club

- **June 13-15, 2025** - Free Youth Camp Out (ages 8-17)

Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers

- **August 16, 2025** - Fundraising Dinner

RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR CLUBS

Useful toolkits, templates, or guidance on club administration, volunteer engagement, fundraising, or event planning.

High School Virtual Volunteer Hours

- The OFAH is now offering Ontario high school students the opportunity to earn volunteer hours through online, self-paced modules focused on invasive species, biodiversity, and community clean-ups. [Click here to learn more](#)

Volunteer Water Steward Program

- An initiative by the Invading Species Awareness Program to empower water enthusiasts with the tools and resources on how they can prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Volunteers are trained to engage and inform water enthusiasts using resources. [Click here to learn more](#)



MEMBER BENEFITS & DISCOUNTS



OFAH has teamed up with Avenir Energy Ltd. to bring OFAH members exclusive savings on propane – because heating your home, cottage, or hunting camp shouldn't burn through your budget. [Visit the web page for details.](#)



3M noise reduction hearing products are now available in the OFAH ProShop - [OFAH ProShop](#)



[Marks](#) VIP event is happening June 8 - 21. 25% off all regular priced items

Are you up to speed on CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS?

Industry-Leading Insurance

Coverage \$5M – Paid by OFAH, covering a broad range of activities + Director & Officer insurance, shooting range and new commercial insurance ensuring your club's activities are protected and secure.

Run your club your way – No OFAH involvement in the internal structure of your club.

Advocacy & Policy Support –

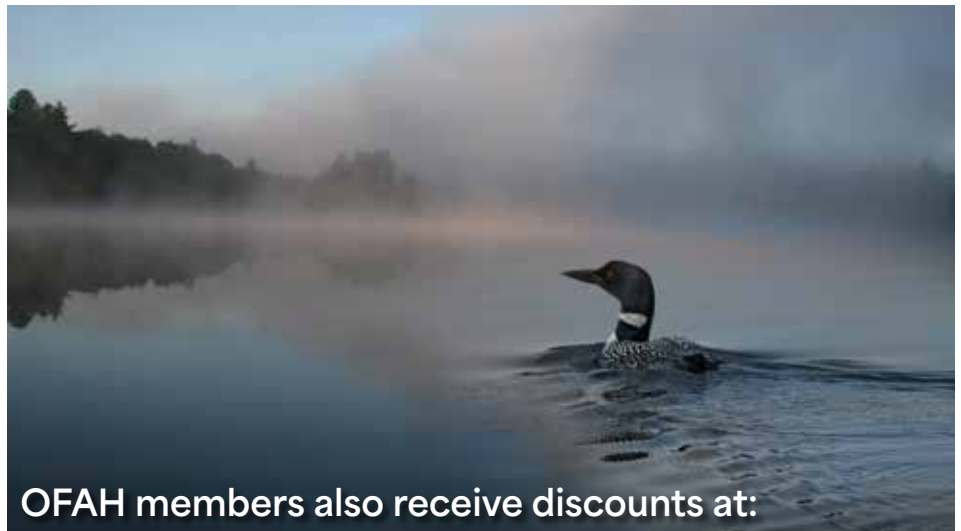
Access to experts to help clubs tackle resource management issues.

Networking & Collaboration –

Connect with other clubs to share best practices & grow together.

Club Growth and Support –

NEW! [Community Engagement Program](#) exclusively for clubs



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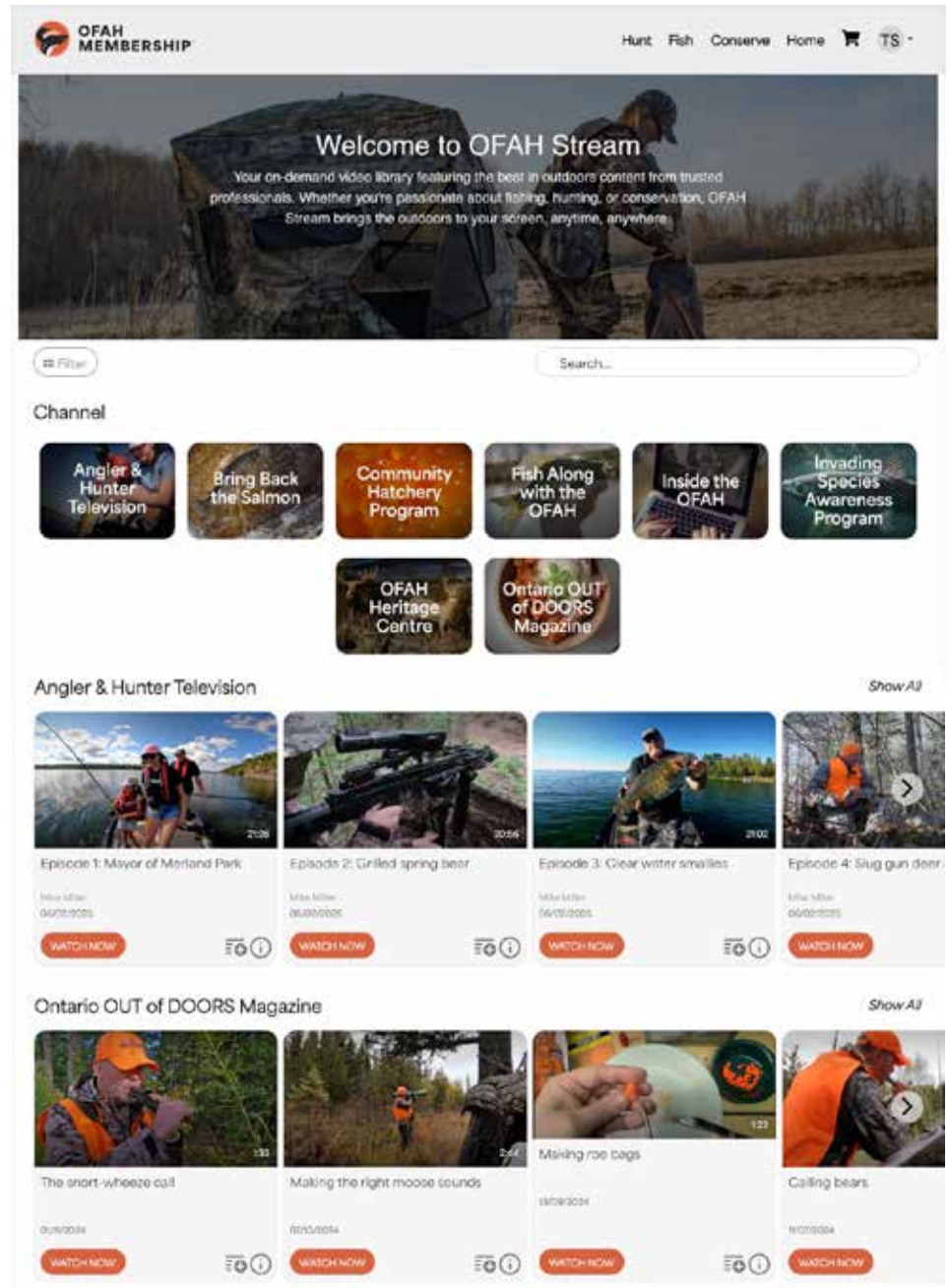
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OFAH STREAM

Did you know that as an OFAH Member you have access to [OFAH Stream](#)? It is an on-demand video library featuring the best in outdoors content from trusted professionals. Simply log in to your member account and enjoy hours of fishing hunting and outdoor video!



CALL FOR CLUB INPUT

Do you have suggestions for future club newsletters? Or perhaps you would like to share a great resource or challenge that your club is facing? Use [this link](#) or scan the QR code below with your phone to provide your input.

