



# OFAH club news

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

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## Message from OFAH

This month's club newsletter highlights the strength and diversity of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) community. Inside, you'll find recaps of recent events across the province—from youth hunts and wild game dinners to family ice fishing days and outreach at major shows.

All these things demonstrate the huge impact OFAH clubs have connecting people of all ages to the outdoors. The newsletter also includes updates on upcoming events, funding opportunities, club initiatives, and on advocacy work, along with valuable member benefits and resources designed to support club growth and engagement.

## Governance

OFAH Membership held its Annual General Meeting on March 25, 2026, where members helped shape the future of the organization by voting in the election for Directors-At-Large. We are pleased to announce that Thomas Benoit (Ottawa), Dylan Bourdeau (Orleans), Chris Davies (Lakefield), and Gerry Giesler (Powassan) have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2026-2028 term.

Serving two-year terms, these Directors-At-Large—both new and returning—will play an important role in guiding the OFAH's efforts in conservation, education, and the preservation of Ontario's outdoor heritage.

On March 31, a new OFAH Membership president and executive committee members were appointed. They include: Gerry Giesler, President  
Chris Davies, Vice President  
Stephen Huntley, Treasurer  
Rick Moore, Past President

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

### Hamilton Adventure Show

At the Hamilton Adventure Show on January 24-25, OFAH Zone J representatives connected with hundreds of outdoor enthusiasts, engaging conversations that highlighted conservation, outdoor heritage, and the many benefits of OFAH membership. Interactive elements like the fur display—especially the skunk—along with kids' colouring books, candy, and a

video loop of OFAH programs drew families into the booth and sparked meaningful discussions about wildlife management, trapping, and environmental stewardship. The team stayed busy throughout the show, often speaking with multiple visitors at once and leaving with many attendees with a stronger understanding of OFAH's work and a clear interest in getting involved.



### St Joseph Island Hunters & Anglers Annual Wild Game Dinner

On January 31st, the St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers brought the community together for their 30th annual Wild Game Dinner, sharing laughter, stories, and a feast of wild game from moose to muskox. The evening also celebrated the generosity of volunteers and local businesses who make this tradition possible year after year. With a focus on connecting people outdoors and creating memories for all ages. The club is now accepting new members. For more details, check out their website Home - [St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers Association](#).



## FUNDING & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Ontario EASE](#) (Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone) funds projects that improve accessibility and support active lifestyles for people with disabilities and older adults. The program offers up to \$60,000 in grants to fund small capital projects that focus on making outdoor spaces, buildings and housing more accessible for everyone. The deadline for applications is May 7, 2026.

[Bass Pro Shops and Cabelas Outdoor Fund](#) invests in programs and initiatives aimed at conserving wildlife and habitat, connecting new audiences to the outdoors, advocating for access and rights, supporting military and veterans.

## RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR CLUBS

### The Club Hub

The Community Engagement Program has created an exclusive library of resources for OFAH members and clubs called The Club Hub. This one stop location will continue to grow with new information, toolkits and other resources. To access the Club Hub, please go to [Community Engagement Program | OFAH Membership](#) scroll down to the Club Hub section and log in to your MyOFAH Membership Portal. Once you log in, you will see the resources.

### The OFAH Club Advantage

Did you know there is a place where you can find all the benefits of becoming an OFAH affiliated club? You can download the pdf “The OFAH Club Advantage - view the benefits of becoming an OFAH club” on the [CEP web page](#). You can print and share, link to the page, share on your club socials or send electronically as an attachment.

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT CONT'D

### Youth Pheasant Hunt at Twin Creek Shooting Preserve

On February 14, 2026, participants at the Lambton Youth Pheasant Hunt hosted by Twin Creek Shooting Preserve took their first steps toward becoming hunters and conservationists. The event highlighted the importance of mentorship and community support focused on introducing youth to responsible hunting and conservation. This opportunity is made possible through the dedication of volunteers and generous sponsors including Farmers and Friends Conservation Club, the Lambton Upland Game Bird Committee, Ontario Native Scape, Darryl Ayris, Local 663 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, McNaughton’s Newbury, and the OFAH-affiliated Twin Creek Shooting Preserve. For those looking to experience a great day of shooting, check out [Twin Creek Shooting Preserve](#).



### Canadian Malayali Anglers at the Toronto Sportsmen Show

OFAH club members representing the Canadian Malayali Anglers attended the Toronto Sportsmen Show, helping kids craft lures and introducing them to the fundamentals of archery. The club is proud to inspire and mentor the next generation, fostering a love for outdoor skills and conservation.



Need help promoting your club event? Reach out to your OFAH Community Engagement Coordinator Andrea Bauman at [andrea\\_bauman@ofah.org](mailto:andrea_bauman@ofah.org)

## Family Day Weekend Ice Fishing Events

Community ice fishing events during the Family Day weekend showcased the true strength of the OFAH club network—bringing families, volunteers, and first-time anglers together on the ice to share skills, stories, and the outdoors. Local clubs and partners created welcoming spaces where families participated in ice fishing, neighbours gathered around a bonfire, food was shared and traditions were passed on. These gatherings serve as an important reminder that when communities come together through local clubs, the outdoors community is stronger. Find an OFAH club near you or start one in your own community. [OFAH Clubs Within Zones](#).



[Lanark and District Fish & Game and Conservation Club](#) - Family Day on the Ice (Paterson Lake)



Harbour Harvest - 9th Annual Charity Ice Fishing Derby (Nepean Sailing Club, Ottawa River)



Osgoode Township Fish, Game and Conservation Club - Family Day Ice Fishing Event (WA Taylor Conservation Area, Rideau River)



St Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers held 45th annual Ernest Eddy Memorial Kids Ice Fishing Derby at the Twin Lakes on St Joes Island



West Carleton Fishing Game Club - Annual Ice Fishing Derby (Constance Bay, Ottawa River)



Westport Area Outdoor Association & Westport Lions Club - Kids Ice Fishing Day (Sand Lake)

## UPCOMING OFAH & CLUB EVENTS

### Ontario Women Anglers [Events | Ontariowomenanglers](#)

Intro to Channel Catfishing April 25-26, Tilbury  
Intro to Steelhead Fishing May 2-3, Newcastle  
Pike/Crappie Fishing Weekend May 21-24, Parry Sound  
Guided Pike Fishing and Shore Lunch June 12-13, Collins Lake

### Canadian Sportswomen Society + Halton Sportsmen Association

[Co-Ed Intro to Turkey Hunting | CSS](#)

Co Ed Intro to Turkey Hunting April 18, Milton

### Halton Sportsmen Association (12) [Mill Pond Free Children's Fishing Derby | Facebook](#)

Mill Pond Free Children's Fishing Derby April 25, Milton

### Brant Rod and Gun Club

Wild Game Dinner April 11, [Brant County Wild Gamer Dinner 2026 | Brant Rod & Gun Club](#)

Trout Opening Breakfast April 25, Brant County [BRGC Calendar](#)

### Bluewater Anglers [Kids Training Day Registration Required](#)

Kids Training Day May 30, Point Edward

### Algoma Fish & Game Club [Take A Vet Fishing Day | Algoma Fish and Game Club](#)

Take a Veteran Fishing Day June 6, Sault Ste Marie

### German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club (Hubertushaus) (1) [Facebook](#)

Annual Spring Dance April 11, Manheim

### Gosfield North Sportsmen Association [WGD - Gosfield North Sportsmen Association](#)

Wild Game Dinner April 18, Woodslee

### Long Point Bay Anglers Association (12) [Facebook](#)

2026 Long Point Bay Spring Pike Tournament May 9, Port Rowan

### St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers Association [Home - St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers Association](#)

Annual Outdoors and Gun Show May 3, Echo Bay

### Nosbonsing Anglers and Hunters [NOSBONSING ANGLERS AND HUNTERS - Home](#)

June Pike Tournament June 7, Nosbonsing Lake, North Bay

### Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) Central Ontario Chapter (9) [Facebook](#) Annual General Meeting April 11, Tiny Marsh Conservation Area

### Southwest Outdoors Club (2) [Facebook](#) Big Buck Sportsmen's Show May 2, Tilbury

### Georgian Bay Hunters & Anglers & RGS (9) [Facebook](#) Gun and Outdoor Sportsman Show, May 9, Midland

### Sudbury Game and Fish Protective Association (9) [Facebook](#) 3D Archery May 23, Jun 27, July 25, Aug 22, Sudbury

### Sudbury Game and Fish Protective Association (17) [Facebook](#) Women's Weekend, August 15-16, Sudbury

### OFah Under the Lock Fishing Derby, [OFah Under the Lock Fishing Derby](#) | Apr 25-May 3, Peterborough Lift Locks

### Zone G Membership meeting and Metro East Anglers Hatchery tour May 2, 9am 13232 Hwy 48 Stouffville Email Rob Hare for details [rhareofah@gmail.com](mailto:rhareofah@gmail.com)

## Call for Club Input

Do you have any suggestions for future club newsletters? Or perhaps you would like to share a great resource or challenge that your club is facing? Email the Community Engagement Coordinator, Andrea Bauman [andrea\\_bauman@ofah.org](mailto:andrea_bauman@ofah.org) with the details.

## POLICY & ADVOCACY UPDATES

OFAH comments on proposal to amend the Canadian Migratory Birds Regulations:

[OFAH Comments on Proposals to Amend the Canadian Migratory Birds Regulations | OFAH Membership](#)

OFAH voices opposition to Alto High Speed Rail:

[OFAH Voices Opposition to Alto Highspeed Rail | OFAH Membership](#)

[Town of Mono firearms discharge bylaw abandoned](#)

[Red Swamp Crayfish now confirmed in Ontario](#)

[EDDMapS](#)

The 2026 ON budget - what the OFAH recommends

[OFAH Makes Key Recommendations for the 2026 Ontario Budget | OFAH Membership](#)

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