

OFAH ZONE J MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER



Special Points of Interest:

- *Please attend the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting April 2nd*
- *OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award*
- *History of Twin Creek Sportsman Club*
- *OFAH Zone J 28th Annual Youth Camp*

HALTON SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION HOSTS OFAH ZONE J MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This was the first time OFAH Zone J held a membership meeting in Milton in many, many years. Halton Sportsmen's Association proved to be excellent hosts and we hope to get back to this friendly club soon. Many thanks to the volunteers who fed us well for the day!

We had three presentations, all were very informative as well as an engaging discussion on rabies in Ontario.

Our first speaker was Chelsea McIsaac, Watershed Restoration Technician with Conservation Halton discussed the Kelso Quarry Lake Fish Habitat Enhancement project.

Second up was Matt Burley, OFAH Atlantic Salmon Habitat Technologist. Matt discussed the successes of the Bring Back the Salmon program.

Our final speaker was Rob Cole, OFAH Land Use Policy and Habitat Specialist. Rob discussed his role with integrated land management in Ontario.

Lucky OFAH Member K. Dale Holland won the 50/50 draw.

Upcoming OFAH club events include:

Halton Sportsmen's Association Ham Shoot on Good Friday

Belwood Lake Lions Pike Derby May 28 & 29

Gosfield North Sportsman's Association Annual Wild Game Dinner April 9th

Unfortunately the weather started to turn bad early in the afternoon so we wrapped up quickly to allow travellers to head for home before the roads really iced up.

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www.ofah.org
Look under "HUNTING"



OFAH Zone J is now on youtube!
Visit us there to watch our video blogs (vlogs) on items of interest in
OFAH Zone J!

Just go to www.youtube.ca and search OFAH Zone J

**Thank You to all members who nominated fellow
Conservationists for this prestigious award.**

**Nominees were:
Dr. Scott Petrie
Deryck Thompson
Stan Gevaert**

**This award is to recognize an individual's outstanding effort towards Stewardship,
Conservation, and/or the promotion of angling or hunting in Southwestern Ontario
as selected by the OFAH Zone J membership at the January 2016 meeting.**

**The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone J will present the
2015 OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award
at the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting on April 2nd.**



**Congratulations
on an
Expanded
Bear hunt
for 2016**

Mark Your Calendars

2016

April 2—OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting
& Election, Twin Creek Sportsman Club, near Alvinston

June 10—12—OFAH Zone J 28th Annual Youth Campout
hosted by the German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club

August 21—OFAH Zone J membership meeting, hosted
by St. Catharines Game and Fish Association, near Port
Dalhousie

Many Thanks to the OFAH Member Clubs who have
stepped forward with their interest in hosting OFAH Zone J
Meetings and Youth Campouts.

We are seeking Clubs to host our 2017 Meetings on the
following dates: January 8, April 1, August 20

**Congratulations to the OFAH
Provincial Directors at Large,
elected by you, our members:**

Coleman Boomhour

Dan Elliott

Jack Osadzuk

Tony Jackson

Dr. Joe Wilson

Thank you for voting!



OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting & Election

Hosted by Twin Creek Sportsman Club
1279 Dobbyn Line, Inwood, ON

Saturday April 2 —Tentative Agenda



0830 hrs—coffee and snacks
 0900 hrs—meeting called to order
 0915 hrs—reports and discussion
 0930 hrs—Presentation of the OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award
 1000 hrs—Dr. Scott Petrie: CEO, Delta Waterfowl—Great Lakes Initiative
 1015 hrs—more reports and discussion
 1130 hrs—Jonathon Kotwa, MSc Student: K9 tapeworm Study—University of Guelph
 1200 hrs—lunch on site
 1245 hrs—reconvene to finish reports
 1315 hrs—Ken Cornelisse, MNR—Partnership Specialist—update on Grand River Fisheries Plan Implementation Committee
 1400 hrs—Election of OFAH Zone J Executive for 2016-2017

1430 to 1600 hrs—FREE FEATURED INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP
Sporting Dogs—Everything you ever wanted to know but were afraid to ask.

A few of the topics that will be covered during the meeting:

: deer management in southern Ontario	: FMZ Council reports
: moose tag allocation	: Springbank Dam
: the health of white tail deer and wild turkey populations	

Directions to the Twin Creek Sportsmens' Association:

from 402: exit Nauvoo Rd South
 Right turn on Bentpath Line (West)
 Right turn on Inwood Rd (North)
 Right turn on Dobbyn Rd (East)
 Destination on Left 1.5 km

From 401 (London); Exit on Graham Rd (head West)
 Left on Consession Dr.
 Right on Haggerty (at Newbury)
 Haggerty becomes Bentpath
 Right on Inwood Rd
 Right on Dobbyn Rd
 Destination on Left 1.5 km

From 401 (Windsor); Exit on Victoria Rd (Head West)
 Right on Jane St (Thamesville)
 Left on Lambton Line
 Right on Shetland Rd
 Left on Bentpath Line
 Right on Inwood Rd
 Right on Dobbyn Rd
 Destination on Left 1.5 km

Nearby accommodations:

Strathroy Motor Inn,
 28540 Centre Road, Strathroy N7G 3H6
 (519) 245-4480

42nd Annual OFAH Conservation Lottery



The FUN continues!

OFAH Conservation Lottery tickets are available!!

Many fantastic sponsors allow us to continue to offer a wide range of unbelievable prizes while we raise much needed funds for Conservation work!

Individual OFAH members will receive a book of tickets in the mail during the month of December. You may order more by calling 705-748-OFAH.

OFAH Member Clubs can get your ticket order by sending an email to cathy_mackay@ofah.org or call 705-748-OFAH.

OFAH Member Clubs receive a rebate of \$9.00 for every book of tickets sold!

EARLY BIRD Draw for \$5,000.00 will be March 4, 2016

MAIN DRAW will be held May 27, 2016 at 1:30pm

All draws take place at OFAH head office in Peterborough, ON



2016 OFAH MEMBERSHIP RATES

1 year Adult	\$53.70	1 year CLUB Adult	\$39.10
1 year Family	\$65.80	1 year CLUB Family	\$50.20
1 year Youth	\$40.60	1 year CLUB Youth	\$35.90
*the above rates are for members of Clubs who are 100% OFAH Affiliated			
2 year Adult	\$107.40		
2 year Family	\$131.60		
3 year Adult	\$156.75	Life Membership	\$1,000.00
3 year Family	\$192.10	Spousal Life Membership	\$1,500.00

**all above include a \$26.00 Annual subscription to Ontario Out of Doors magazine. Any membership is available without the Ontario Out of Doors magazine. Just deduct \$26.00 per year.



Message from the Chair

As the clock ticks and the days become longer, Spring is in the air!

Our warmer than normal temperatures and lighter than normal snowfall was a nice relief to some, but the impact it has had on our fish and wildlife is yet to be seen. Ice fishing was very limited. Having mosquitos buzzing around in December was a rare and disturbing sight.

The most pressing issue this year so far has been the Springbank dam in London. With support of OFAH Zone J and many other conservation partners that want to see the dam decommissioned, Thames River Anglers Association is fighting the battle hard and making us proud. Your OFAH Zone J Executive have been involved in meetings, on going emails, telephone calls all helping to educate the City of London on the science of keeping the river flowing. Fingers crossed that science will prevail over the recreational wants of a few.

Raccoon rabies is another issue that has been garnering some press this winter. Numerous cases in the Hamilton area and a couple in Niagara have reinforced the importance of having your pets vaccinated for rabies.

Starting in April, our OFAH Zone J meetings will incorporate a 2 hour workshop that should interest our members. We will invite experts to come in and work with our members to learn a skill or expand their knowledge and understanding of a conservation/hunting/fishing activity. At the April 2 OFAH Zone J AGM, Twin Creek Kennels will present on Sporting Dogs—Everything you ever wanted to know but were afraid to ask!

At the August OFAH Zone J membership meeting in Port Dalhousie, Larry Mellors and Becky Knifton will teach you all about Fishing Small Creeks and Streams. What gear to use; how to think like a trout; what time of day to fish; etc. If there is something you would like to learn about at a workshop in 2017, please email secretaryzonej@gmail.com and let Kathy know.

I can always tell when it's time to start sighting in my shotgun for turkey season—the OFAH Annual General Meeting and Wildlife Conference is March 18 & 19 in Mississauga. It's the time of year when we all dust ourselves off from a long winter. Haircut, shave, send the suit to the cleaners, iron the shirt and tie, polish the shoes—all part of our Spring routine for those who sit on the Executive of OFAH Zone J. We are proud to be part of such an amazing organization and particularly proud to serve you—our valued member.

Thank you for voting for us—Thank you for allowing us to do what we love to do.

Yours In Conservation,

Brian P. Moore



OFAH ZONE J



SOUTHWEST OUTDOORS CLUB
BIG BUCK
SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Saturday April 16th
 at the Tilbury Arena

DOORS OPEN AT 10 AM
 More than 60 Outdoors Vendors & Clubs on Site
ADMISSION ONLY \$5 - KIDS UNDER 12 GET IN FREE!

SCORING BY F.R.O.W.
 Buck Racks • Moose Racks • Bear Skulls • Turkey Beards • Sheds
ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED BY 1 PM FOR SCORING
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- Kids 3D Archery Shoot
- Kids Stocked Trout Pond
- Over \$2,500 in Door Prizes
- Raffles & 50/50 Draw
- Cash Bar & Food Avail.
- Hunting Gear & Clothes
- Stock Your Tackle Box
- So Much to See & Do

Southwest Outdoors Club

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OFAH 88th AGM & Wildlife Conference
 will be held
 March 18 & 19, 2016!
 Hilton Mississauga/
 Meadowvale is the
 place to be for a
 fantastic weekend of
 workshops, seminars,
 friendship and fun!
[www.ofah.org/
 conference](http://www.ofah.org/conference)

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



Twin Creek Sportsman Club

OFAH ZONE J



Twin Creek Shooting Preserve was started in 1988 to provide pheasant hunting. A sporting clay course was set up with help from other clubs in Ontario Sporting Clay Association.

We have open shooting on Friday and Sunday mornings. We host a Youth Day sponsored by Lambton Upland Game Bird, Ontario NativeScape, Farmers and Friends each March. Young hunters shoot clay targets black powder bow as well as hunt pheasants with a guide and dog. A memorial Shoot with fish fry in June each year. We can accommodate special groups who wish to hunt or shoot.

For more information contact President Joanne Powers (519) 695-3021.



OFAH Zone J Membership Meeting Attendance Prize

If you attended any of the following meetings, your name is in the DRAW for a beautiful smoker courtesy of OFAH.

April 2015—August 2015—January 2016—April 2016

You still have a chance to enter!! Attend the April 2 OFAH Zone J AGM!

Draw will take place during the meeting on April 2

Groundhogs In Ontario

Reproduction: Usually 4-5 naked, eyes closed young are born in May.

The young develop quickly and will be on their own within 3 months.

Diet: clover, dandelions, grasses, fruit and vegetables.

Species Information:

They are often found burrowing in grassy areas, or in berms or banks along other roads. Also know as a woodchuck, the groundhog's coat can be a range of brownish colours and there are even populations of entirely black-furred groundhogs which often surprises people. Perhaps this is why they have been mistaken for a muskrat, beaver, porcupine and even an otter!

The woodchuck is a rodent. This means its front teeth, both the top and bottom, never stop growing. This great digger excavates a den in the ground to call home. The home is very effective at keeping the animal safe and when it senses danger it will run to the safety of its den. (from Ontario Wildlife Rescue.ca)





**German-Canadian Hunting
& Fishing Club
"Hubertushaus"**
1605 Bleams Road, Mannheim, ON
(directions on reverse)



is proud to host the
**28th Annual OFAH Zone J
Youth Camp Out**

June 10, 11 & 12, 2016

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

Tent camping is optional but highly
recommended. NO VEHICLES,
RV's or TRAILERS allowed
in camping area.



This is a FREE weekend!
PreRegistration
is Required



Tentative Agenda

Friday June 10th

Gates open at 2pm
Registration opens at 4pm
6:30pm Opening Ceremonies
7:00 pm Wildlife Display &
Presentation with Greg Balch
8:30 pm Campfire Social

Saturday June 11th

7—8am Breakfast
8:30 am Welcome meeting
Followed by groups such as:
Fish lure making
Wood Building Project
Pellet Gun Target Range
Archery
Off Road Vehicles
3pm Bogenschutzen. Demonstration—
this is the oldest cultural sporting event
of Oktoberfest
Evening Campfire Social

Sunday June 12th

Campground pack-up and clean-up
Fish Hatchery Tour (optional)
Gates close at NOON

Please do not bring
firewood—firewood
is provided

Free Time fishing in Club pond! BARBLESS hooks ONLY!
Bring your own bait, rod & reel Catch and release ONLY!
Rainbow trout—bass—pike



**Alcohol is prohibited
on Club grounds**



BREAKFAST on Saturday provided
FREE courtesy of GCHFC
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
email Dave at mendlers@rogers.com
OR call Dave at (519) 742-9573



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Directions



From Woodstock and west:

401 exit #250—Drumbo Road (Oxford Road 29)
East to the village of Drumbo—at the stop sign in Drumbo turn left and continue
North on Oxford Road 3
In the village of Washington, turn right at the stop sign
Continue east on Oxford Road 8
Left (north) on Blenheim Road (County Road 43)
At the dead end turn right and continue east on Oxford Waterloo Road (Cty Rd 44)
Turn left (north) on Queen Street (County Road 12)
Right on Bleams Road (County Road 14)
The club is on the right about 850 metres down the road

From Kitchener and east:

401 exit to highway 8 north
Follow to Highway 7/8 west = Conestoga Parkway
West on Conestoga Parkway towards Stratford
Exit at Trussler Road (County Road 70)
South on Trussler Road
Right on Bleams Road (County Road 14)
The club is on the left



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