

OFAH ZONE J DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



Special Points of Interest:

- *Study of K9 tapeworm by Jon Kotwa, University of Guelph*
- *OFAH Zone J Membership Meeting January 8, 2017*
- *2017 OFAH Membership Rates*

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**OFAH Zone J Executive & our families
would like to wish you & yours
a very Merry Christmas,
A festive Holiday season
& a Happy New Year!!**

Tight lines & straight sights in 2017!!

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OFAH Director At Large &
OFAH Zone J member
Jim Magee has been ill and we
want to send him healing
thoughts and Best Wishes!



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Online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard,
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Did you catch a big one!

Get your entry in!

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OFAH Conservation Lottery tickets
Still only \$3 per ticket





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Landowner Permission Form

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

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websitezonej@gmail.com**

www.shopofah.org



Mark Your Calendars

2017

January 8—OFAH Zone J membership meeting at the Dover Rod & Gun Club in Pain Court

April 1—OFAH Zone J AGM and Election at the Wellington Street Sportsmens Club in Dorchester

June 9—11—OFAH Zone J 28th Annual Youth Campout hosted by the German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club

August 20—OFAH Zone J Membership meeting at the Brant Rod & Gun Club, near Brantford

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 2018 Meetings on the following dates: January 7, April 7, August 19. Also seeking a Club to host the 30th and 31st Annual Youth Camps in 2018 & 2019.



OFAH ZONE J



OFAH Zone J Membership Meeting Attendance Prize
An Altan Hub pop up camo hunting blind

How do you get entered to win?

Attend one of the following OFAH Zone J Member meetings

April 2, 2016—August 21, 2016—January 8, 2017—April 1, 2017

The next draw will happen at the OFAH Zone J AGM on April 1, 2017 being held at the Wellington Street Sportsmens Club in Dorchester

Updates on Municipal Discharge By-Laws and Sunday Gun Hunting

City of Hamilton—Moving forward with the creation of a Working Group to review and draft a new revised Discharge of Firearms Bylaw. OFAH has accepted their invitation to be included in this group. Anticipate the first meeting to be in January.

City of Thorold—OFAH has met with the staff members and newly appointed Clerk. OFAH will speak before Council when the revised Bylaw is presented, likely early in the New Year.

Please inform OFAH any time you hear of your Municipality reviewing any Bylaw that may impact your hunting or fishing access such as Noise or Discharge Bylaws. brian_mcrae@ofah.org

CALL TO ALL MEMBERS

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone J is seeking nominations for the Annual OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award.

Deadline for Nominations is December 31, 2016

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.

Members of OFAH Zone J may nominate anyone, does not have to be an OFAH member, for this award. Nominees for the 2016 award may be submitted to the Zone J Secretary/Treasurer no later than December 31, 2016.

Please include a description of the work the nominee has done as well as photos, news articles, etc. The Zone membership will vote on the winner at the January 2017 Quarterly meeting at the Dover Rod & Gun Club, with the winner being announced at the Zone J Annual meeting in April 2017 at Wellington Street Sportsman Club.

We know there are many deserving volunteers who quietly devote their time, energy and money to conservation, hunting and angling within our Zone. Please help us recognize them by submitting a story about their dedication and passion.



Hosted by Dover Rod & Gun Club
doverrodandgunclub.com
Heron Line, Pain Court, ON
Sunday January 8 —Tentative Agenda

0830 hrs—coffee and snacks
 0900 hrs—meeting called to order
 0915 hrs—reports
 0930 hrs—OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award nominees
 1000 hrs—coffee break
 1015 hrs—**WORKSHOP** - Maya Basdeo - Building Relations with First Nations
 1145 hrs - more reports and discussion
 1200 hrs—lunch on site
 1245 hrs—reconvene to Club reports and points of Interest
 1300 hrs—Brian McRae, OFAH Club Liaison presents on Municipal By-Law issues
 1400 hrs—adjourn

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

: deer management in southern Ontario	: FMZ Council reports
: moose populations	: Wild Turkey regulation changes
: the health of white tail deer and wild turkey populations	
: Thames and Grand River fisheries	: land use and public access

Directions to the Dover Rod & Gun Club :

From EAST of Chatham: Hwy 401 take Exit #90 – Communication Road/Highway 40
 : turn NORTH onto Communication Road/Highway 40
 : continue north onto Prince Albert Road/ County Road 30
 : turn left onto Eberts Line/Chatham Kent County Road 35
 : turn right onto Bear Line/Chatham Kent County Road 43
 : turn left onto Heron Line
 : the Club is on your left-watch for OFAH Road side signs

From WEST of Chatham: area take Hwy 401 to Exit #63 – Queens Line/Hwy 2 Tilbury
 : turn left (east) onto Queens Line/Chatham Kent County Road 2
 : turn left onto Merlin Line/Chatham Kent County Road 7
 : turn right onto Riverview Drive/Chatham Kent County Road 36
 : turn left onto Jacob Road
 : turn right onto Pain Court Line/Chatham Kent County Road 35
 : turn left onto Winter Line Road/Chatham Kent County Road 34
 : turn right onto Heron Line – the Club is on your right – watch for OFAH signs

Nearby accommodations:

Travelodge – (519) 436 1200 – 555 Bloomfield Road, Chatham
 Super 8 – (519) 354 3366 – 25 Michener Road, Chatham

**OFAH ZONE J**

OFAH Zone J is once again asking our members to assist in research being conducted at the University of Guelph by a MSc Candidate.

Jon Kotwa is studying K9 Tapeworm in our coyote and fox populations.

Please see the information sheet on Page 6 for details on how you can get involved.

A maximum of 130 coyote carcasses will be accepted

A maximum of 130 fox carcasses will be accepted

Donations are expected to come from many sources: hunters, trappers, hunters hunting with dogs, farmers, landowners, road kill

YES—road kill coyote or fox are accepted

YES—you are encouraged to keep the pelt

Anyone picking up road kill must follow the reporting process that can be found at

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/keep-dead-wild-animal>.

UPDATE DECEMBER 2016

All the samples from the first collection season have been tested and the parasite has been detected in coyote and fox carcasses from across the region. In order to minimize the risk of infection, we suggest the use of gloves when handling any coyote and fox carcass followed by thorough and proper hand washing.

OFAH Coyote and Fox Collection Depots

Target areas of Collection are: Huron, Perth, Middlesex, Oxford, Norfolk, Elgin, Lambton, Chatham-Kent and Essex counties. Carcasses from other areas are also Welcomed and will be collected.

Tavistock /Stratford/Perth County: Lead Contact Tony Jackson 519.274.1697 to coordinate with donor

Norfolk/Middlesex/Oxford/Elgin counties: Lead Contact Dave Snook 519.644.0168 Mapleton Taxidermy, 11664 Belmont Rd, Belmont to coordinate with donor

Sarnia /Lambton area : Lead Contact Brian Moore, Warwick, 519.919.1520 to coordinate with donor

Please direct inquiries to the appropriate Project Lead Contact, Jon Kotwa, the University of Guelph (226.820.2200) or OFAH Zone J Project Contact Pud Hunter (226.688.7231).

Donors: please provide with your submission your name & phone number, your small game or trapper licence number, date & location harvested (cross roads or GPS coordinates).



Please see next page for more information

K9 Tapeworm Study

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this study is to determine how common the k9 tapeworm is in coyotes and foxes across southern Ontario, and what factors increase the likelihood of infection in coyotes and foxes.

Echinococcus multilocularis, the k9 tapeworm, lives in the intestines of coyotes and foxes. When mature, the tapeworm sheds eggs into the environment in fox and coyote droppings; those eggs are immediately infective for rodents. If a person swallows these eggs (for example by eating with contaminated hands, or by eating contaminated food), a disease called alveolar echinococcosis (AE) can develop. This disease causes tumour-like growths in the liver. It takes 5-15 years for the infection to produce signs and symptoms in people, and if left untreated, AE can be fatal. Like people and rodents, dogs can also be infected with the eggs and develop AE. Southern Ontario was considered free of this parasite until 2012. However, in recent years, AE infections have been found in several animals in the province.

How are we collecting data?

We plan to collect coyotes and foxes carcasses during the normal hunting/trapping seasons in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. Samples for this study will be collected from inside the animal, so the carcass can either be skinned or unskinned. If you are willing to donate fox or coyote carcasses that you don't need, please contact Jonathon Kotwa at the email address or phone number given below. We are asking that with each carcass, you provide your name and contact information, and indicate where the animal was killed (cross roads or GPS coordinates).

What will my contact information be used for?

The contact information you provide to us will be used **only** to communicate with you about the results of the study, and not for any other reason. Your contact information will **not** be shared with any other organization for **any** purpose without your express written consent for us to do so, and will be destroyed when the study is over.

Can I get this disease? What can I do to lower my chances?

We are unsure if this k9 tapeworm is in Ontario, but yes, because you are touching the carcass you have a chance of being exposed to the parasite.

Preventative measures:

**Wear gloves
while handling
carcasses**



**Wash hands with warm
soapy water for at least 20
seconds after handling the
carcass**

Both of these methods will help lower your risk of infection.

Why is this study important?

The results from this will help us better understand the risks of infection for people and dogs in Southern Ontario.

How will I get the results of this study?

Using the contact information you provide, a summary of our findings will be sent to you in the late spring/early summer of both 2016 and 2017.

**Interested? Do you have
Questions? Contact us!**



Contact information:

Jonathon Kotwa (MSc Candidate, University of Guelph)

Phone: (226)-820-2200

Email: tapewormstudy@gmail.com



Can you help?

OFAH supports educating our Political leaders thru experience. We assist in providing wild game dinners each year at both Queens Park and Parliament Hill. We also provide a wild game buffet at our OFAH Annual Conference. Our continued success with these events relies on donations of wild game from our members. If you have game that you would like to donate, please contact your Zone J Executive.

OFAH 89th AGM & Wildlife Conference will be held March 17 & 18, 2017! Hilton Mississauga/ Meadowvale is the place to be for a fantastic weekend of workshops, seminars, friendship and fun!

www.ofah.org/conference

OFAH Provincial Conservation Award Nominations

Deadline is January 27, 2017

For award details, please visit

<http://www.ofah.org/conference/>



2017 OFAH MEMBERSHIP RATES

1 year Adult \$54.70

1 year Family \$67.20

1 year Youth \$41.50

2 year Adult \$109.40

2 year Family \$134.40

3 year Adult \$160.75

3 year Family \$197.75

1 year CLUB Adult \$41.20

1 year CLUB Family \$51.20

1 year CLUB Youth \$36.70

*the above rates are for members of Clubs who are 100%

OFAH Affiliated

Life Membership \$1,000

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**all above include a \$26.00 Annual

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OFAH Membership could be the perfect Gift for the conservationist on your list!



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your Club and your friends.

Did You Know....2017 LICENSE FREE **ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING DATES**

ontariofamilyfishing.com

is where you can find events in your area.

2017 Dates:

Family Day Weekend February 18—20

Ontario Fishing Week is July 1—9





Message from the Chair.... Brian Moore

As the days grow shorter and a New Year approaches, I wonder...Where did 2016 go? It seems like only last week I was excited to sight in my turkey gun for the Spring hunt.

The issues of: land access; invasive species; municipal Bylaws; protecting native species; expanding hunting & fishing opportunities; big game populations; government funding cuts; safety; wildlife/human conflicts; anti's; communication; social media; wildlife health; etc. continue to be challenging. Your Federation works very hard on your behalf to address these issues and many more. Our small army of volunteers and head office staff are always available and ready to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Our OFAH AGM and Wildlife Conference is just 3 months away. If you want to hear the most recent, news breaking announcements on current issues, you should seriously consider attending. I have been attending for many years and always walk away from Conference with renewed energy & passion for conservation.

Fast approaching as well is the OFAH Zone J AGM on April 1st. Please consider running for a position on the OFAH Zone J Executive. It is an amazing experience and is a true education on hunting, fishing and conservation. If you are interested, please talk to one of the current Executive who will be able to answer any questions you have.

Finding time to hunt, fish, trap and volunteer becomes more challenging each year. Raising a young family while pursuing my heritage activities is a balancing act most of us face. Involving my family in as many aspects of my activities as possible is how I do it. Following are a couple of recent photos.

Peyton, Landyn, Emily and I would like to wish you & your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Happy New Year!



Moore Family activities: left: Peyton (2 yrs) and Landyn (4 yrs) enjoying venison stew supper curbside awaiting the CN Holiday Train to arrive in London. Centre: My beautiful wife Emily and I target shooting. Right: Landyn helping me tan a beaver hide

