OFAH ZONE J FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Special Points of Interest:

- Plan to attend the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting April 1
- OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award
- History of Wellington Street Sportsmen's Club
- OFAH Zone J 29th Annual Youth Camp

DOVER ROD & GUN CLUB HOSTS OFAH ZONE J MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Once again, the weather decided to limit the attendance at our meeting but there were more than 30 members in attendance January 8 near Pain Court. THANK YOU to the Dover Rod & Gun Club for a fantastic meeting venue! Amazing Club history of serving wild game dinners—Thank you President Joe for sharing that info with us. To serve more than 75,000 delicious muskrats to your community in over 65 years is quite the feat!

Greg Balch was on hand to discuss his personal history and why the Community Wildlife Workshop was started and why it continues today.

Brian Fitzsimmons of Fitzsimmons Financial also shared his personal history with us while explaining how Fitzsimmons Financial assists OFAH members, OFAH and conservation in this Province.

Brian McRae, OFAH Member and Club Liaison discussed the behind the scenes efforts that go into working with Municipalities who are reviewing or developing Sunday Gun Hunting or Discharge By laws.

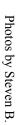
Maya Basdeo had her work cut out for her, travelling in bad weather all the way from an engagement in Toronto. She did make it and arrived in time to present Building Relations with First Nations.













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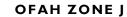
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LATE BREAKING NEWS!! K9 tapeworm Study UPDATE

Jon Kotwa has collected his targeted number of coyote from Essex County and London-Middlesex. A limited number of coyote carcasses are still required from other areas in southern Ontario tapewormstudy@gmail.com **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this important study!

www.ofah.org/zonej







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National Archery in the Schools Program

www.shopofah.org

To have something added to the OFAH Zone J website, please send an email request to websitezonej@gmail.com



<u>Landowner</u> <u>Permission</u> <u>Form</u>

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

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Thank You to all members who nominated fellow Conservationists for the prestigious OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award.

Our Nominees were: Aubrey Dinsmore Stan Gevaert Doris Myke

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 2017 meeting.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone J will present the 2017 OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award at the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting on April 1st.

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 guarterly 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 Zone chair is also a member 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

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE OFAH ZONE J EXECUTIVE

Contact OFAH Zone J Past Chair Tony Jackson for more information.



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OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting & Election

Hosted by Wellington Street Sportsmens Club 2290 Slo Pitch Road, Dorchester (Thames Centre) ON

Saturday April 1 — 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

1015 hrs—OFAH Zone J Supplementary By Law Review

1030 hrs-FREE FEATURED INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

ALL ABOUT KNIVES - Bring your knives and sharpening tools to learn how to sharpen and care for your knife; choose the right knife for the job; use you knife correctly; and more.... 1200 hrs-lunch on site

1245 hrs-reconvene: Club updates and reports; continue with Zone Annual reports

1315 hrs—OFAH presentation: Invasive species: Asian Carp

1400 hrs—coffee break

1415 hrs—Sarah Fraser, MNRF presentation: Rabies

1500 hrs—Election of OFAH Zone J Executive for 2016-2017

1530 hrs-adjourn

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

- : deer management in southern Ontario
- : Municipal discharge by laws

- : moose management

: fisheries management

: K9 tapeworm study

Directions to the Wellington Street Sportsmens Club:

From 401 exit #203—Elgin Road (County Road 73) go North on Elgin Road about 1/2 km Turn west on Slo Pitch Road

Nearby accommodations:

Days Inn, 1100 Wellington Road N., London (519) 681-1240 Motel 6, 810 Exeter Road, London (519) 680-0900 Courtyard London, 864 Exeter Road, London (519) 680-0077



www.wellingtonstreetsportsmensclub.com

43rd 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 3, 2017 MAIN DRAW will be held May 26, 2017 at 1:30pm All draws take place at OFAH head office in Peterborough, ON

5th Annual Brant Eco Conference

Saturday February 25 9am to 3:30pm Brant Rod & Gun Club 54 Henderson Road, Brantford Email: bgceecoconference@gmail.com

2017 OFAH MEMBERSHIP RATES

1 year Adult 1 year Family 1 year Youth 2 year Adult 2 year Family	\$54.70 \$67.20 \$41.50 \$109.40 \$134.40	1 year CLUB Adult 1 year CLUB Family 1 year CLUB Youth *the above rates are for members of Cl OFAH Affiliated	\$41.20 \$51.20 \$36.70 ubs who are 100%
3 year Adult	\$164.10	Life Membership	\$1,000.00
3 year Family	\$201.60	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

It has been very exciting to see so many fresh new faces at our OFAH Zone J Membership meetings! Thanks to all of members who make the effort to attend. We always offer exciting, information and hope that you share it with your friends. The upcoming Knife Workshop at out OFAH Zone J AGM on April 1st is very interesting and I am excited to learn proper care techniques for my many hunting, fishing and trapping blades.

As we approach spring, the opportunities to get outdoors in warmer weather are that much closer! It has been a mild winter with few ice fishing opportunities. It's time for warmer, sunny days in the turkey blind or in the creeks. Please take the time to mentor someone this spring. You never know what the results may be!

Family Day Fishing weekend is soon upon us. Please visit ontariofamilyfishing.com to find an event near you! If your club would like to host an event, the contact info is available at that website as well.

As I sit to write this report, I am in the midst of preparations to attend the 89th OFAH AGM and Wildlife Conference being held March 17 & 18 in Mississauga. This is always a spectacular weekend overflowing with information, friendships and camaraderie. Catching up with old friends and meeting new ones is always heartwarming.

Our OFAH Zone J Annual Youth Camp planning committee has held it's first meeting for 2017 and we have many interesting workshops for the kids! The German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club has been an amazing host club and we Thank them for all that they do for our Youth! Watch ofah.org/zonej for details on how to register. This free camp is focused on youth ages 8 to 17 years old and will be June 9 –11. Registration opens April 1st.

I hope to see you at the OFAH Zone J AGM on April 1st in Dorchester. Our OFAH Zone J Executive Election is held at 3pm on that day. Have you considered volunteering as a part of the Executive? If you would like to, please contact OFAH Zone J Nomination Chair Tony Jackson. You need to be an OFAH members in good standing for a full 12 months prior to April 1st to qualify. Volunteering as a part of the OFAH Zone J Executive has been amazing! You meet and work with inspiring like minded conservationists, anglers, hunters, trappers and recreational shooters. You have the opportunity to visit many clubs and events while representing Zone J but the biggest benefit is how much you learn! Some days you feel like sponge because there is so much information being shared.

Stay tuned for information on a one day Outdoors Skills Day being hosted by OFAH Zone J this October. Details will be released in our OFAH Zone J April Newsletter!

Thank you for your support and commitment to preserving our heritage for future generations!

Yours In Conservation, Brian Moore



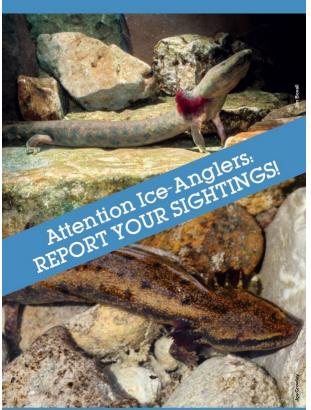


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Does the "fish" you just caught have legs? If so, it may be a mudpuppy - Ontario's largest salamander.

Report your sightings to the Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas by taking a photo and sending it to atlas@ontarionature.org. Even better, download the atlas app at ontarionature.org/app to quickly and easily report all your species sightings.



Mark Your Calendars

<u>2017</u>

April 1—OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting & Election, Wellington Street Sportsmens Club, Dorchester. <u>Workshop</u> on <u>All About Knives</u>

June 9—11—OFAH Zone J 29th Annual Youth Campout hosted by the German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club

August 20—OFAH Zone J membership meeting hosted by Brant Rod & Gun Club, near Brantford. <u>Workshop</u> on <u>Range Inspections/Risk Management</u> by OPP Sergeant Peter Niedermaier, Supervisor Shooting Clubs & Ranges Chief Firearms Office.

<u>2018</u>

January 7—OFAH Zone J Membership meeting hosted by Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers, Blenheim

April 7—OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting & Election, London area

August 19—OFAH Zone J membership meeting hosted by Royal City Fishing Club, Guelph

<u>2019</u>

January 6—OFAH Zone J Membership meeting hosted by Port Colborne and District Conservation Club, Pt. Colborne

April 6—OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting & Election

August 18—OFAH Zone J membership meeting hosted by Southwest Outdoors Club, Wheatley

We are seeking a Club in Middlesex, Oxford or Elgin county to host our OFAH Zone J AGM on April 6, 2019.

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



2017 Youth Hunting & Conservation Course

The Delta Waterfowl Foundation and Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters are pleased to announce the offering of two Youth Hunting & Conservation Courses in summer 2017. The 2017 Youth Hunting & Conservation Course is a 6 day event with fun and action

filed learning activities. Conservation Course is a 6 agreent with nin and action filled learning activities. Certified instructors will teach and coach students by sharing their knowledge and experience so that students can successfully obtain their Firearms Safety and Hunter Education certification and much, much more.

For Boys and Girls, Ages 12-16

Course 1 – July 10th to 15th | Course 2 – August 21st to 26th

The course will be taught at: Delta Waterfowl's Hunting Heritage & Conservation Center 546 Turkey Point Road, Turkey Point, Ontario NOE 1P0

Only \$600 Includes: food, accommodations, certification, many gifts, shells and all other expenses

Contact Joel Brice: jbrice@deltawaterfowl.org The online application process will be available on March 31st at noon at deltawaterfowl.org/YHCC







Wellington Street Sportsmen's Club



George Winder - Original Founder - 1929

Purpose of the club was Jack Rabbit drives - 20 members & friends participated. Meeting place was Hill and Wellington Street above a store. Hence the origination of Wellington Street Sportsmen's club George had one brother Harry, who was also a member. George and Mrs. Winder, in the past have entertained members at Christmas parties, playing the piano and carol singing. Last function George and Mrs. Winder attended was our Christmas party at the Ivanhoe in 1971. George was 90 years old and was the oldest living member.

visit www.wellingtonstreetsportsmensclub.com for more information and upcoming events such as: Family Ice Fishing Event: February 20 Monthly Trap Shoots: March 11, April 15 Wild Game Dinner: April 22 Family Fishing Day: June 25

The Wellington Street Sportsmen's Club is proud to be a 100% OFAH affiliated Club

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A successful hunting trip was enjoyed by the members of the Wellington Sportsmen's Club Saturday when they bagged 25 rabbits and two foxes in drives north of the city. Above are shown some of those taking part. Front, left to right, John Reichold, Douglas Mourant, Fred Eggett, Tom Cheloner, Billy Boyd and Jack Boyd, and George Cake. Standing, rear, left to. Arnold Kemp, Tom Mourant, Wayne Stewart, Art Edwards, Fred Smith, Bill Mitchel and S. R. Edwards.

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This chart was developed by the OMNR Black Bear Technical Team in 2005 based on an original idea by George Kolen

napping Turtle column was added by the Ontario Multi-Species Turtle Recovery Team in 2008. Hease note that up to 1400 eggs need to be laid by a snapping turtle before one offspring reaches maturity. This may not occur until year 50

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and = young of the year

Sexually immature

sexually mature

Snapping Turtles

Shared with us by a world renowned turtle expert: the slow reproduction of Snapping Turtles compared with other game species. You can see that by year 17, bears have produced 25 offspring, Moose 681 offspring, White-tailed deer 912 offspring, but Snapping Turtles have only produced their first clutch of eggs.

It may take the Snapping Turtle many decades of laying eggs for one of those eggs to hatch, survive to maturity, and have the resulting adult lay its first clutch of eggs.



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

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

Sunday March 12th 8am - 4pm Leisureplex, Garrison Rd. Fort Erie, Ontario

www.niagaraoutdoorshow.com

Visit the OFAH Zone J booth for your chance to win a FREE OFAH membership!

THIS NOTICE IS ADDRESSED TO ALL OFAH ZONE J MEMBERS

At the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting being held April 1, 2017, the OFAH Zone J By-Laws need to be updated with a couple of minor changes. The OFAH Zone J Executive has approved the following changes. Now, the OFAH Zone J membership has the opportunity to review these changes and vote on them.

The following pages are the current By Laws. The Sections highlighted in yellow are being changed. Words that need to be removed are highlighted in Pink. The words being added are highlighted in Green.

The proposed changes are described as follows:

Page 3: SECRETARY/TREASURER'S HONORARIUM:

The Secretary/Treasurer's honorarium shall be \$3,000 per annum with an option of an additional performance recognition of up to \$2,000. Any deviation must be ratified by the Zone membership at the Zone Annual Meeting. The honorarium shall be paid on a quarterly basis with the Performance Recognition, once ratified, to be paid at or after the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting. The Performance Recognition will be based on the completion of the <u>Duties Of The Secretary/Treasurer</u> in an efficient, accurate and timely manner as well as obtaining a positive Auditor Report.

Page 4: DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER:

The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1) Recording of the Minutes of all Zone meetings;
- 2) Receipt and disbursement of all Zone funds and the maintenance of the Zone's accounts;
- 3) Recording and writing of all Zone correspondence as designated by the Chair;
- 4) Writing Development, organizing and distribution of Zone bulletins;
- 5) Notification to Zone members of Zone meetings as to time and location; and
- 6) Other duties as may be directed by the Chair.
- 7) May include social media and or electronic information sharing using platforms accepted as relevant such as twitter, facebook, emails, etc.

Page 6: POWER TO CALL AN EXECUTIVE MEETING:

A special meeting of the Zone Executive may be called at any time upon written request of three Zone Officers stating the purpose of such meeting, and notice of any special Executive Meeting shall be mailed communicated to each Zone Executive Member not less than ten (10) days prior to the time of such meeting.

Please review these By Laws prior to April 1, 2017. The members in attendance at the Zone J Annual Meeting will be presented with this information. It will be discussed and voted on by the members. If the members vote in favour of these changes, the Board of Directors of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will be presented with the changes at the May 2017 Board meeting in Peterborough. If the Board approves acceptance of the changes, they will become effective immediately.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about this process or the Bylaw changes being proposed, please contact By Law Review Committee Chair Tony Jackson or OFAH Zone J Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Moore.

