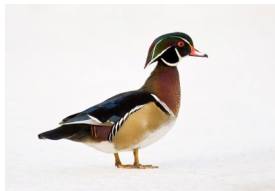


OFAH ZONE J JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Special Points of Interest:

- Plan to attend the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting August 13
- OFAH Zone J Remembers
- Cedar Wood Duck box and cedar blue bird house kits available
- OFAH Zone J 29th Annual Youth Camp



Wood duck box kits and blue bird house
kits for sale at OFAH Zone J AGM
See page 4 for details



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OFAH ZONE J 29TH ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP AT THE GERMAN CANADIAN HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB



The 29th Annual OFAH Zone J Youth Camp was an amazing success! We just cannot express enough gratitude to The German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club, their wonderful members and volunteers and to all of our sponsors and supporters. Without the volunteers and donations, we could not keep this a free camp each and every year. This year we had about 70 youth along with their mentors/parents.

Club President Dave Mendler and his family provided many needed hands and kept everything organized and running smooth. Ray Stagat and his team managed the pellet gun range. Corey Kaune and his team educated the youth all about wood ducks and assisted in building 12 wood duck nesting boxes that will all be installed in the Manneheim area. Andrew McKay and his team managed the archery range. Joe Tetreault and his team managed the pond fishing. Deryck Thompson and his team from Tri County Bassmasters taught the youth about fishing and making lures to attract big fish. MNRF Joel Pegg and his team showed the kids pelts, antlers, traps and provided amazing information on fish and wildlife conservation. Greg Balch rounded out Friday with his Community Wildlife Workshop - always the most exciting event of opening day. Felix Barbetti for being our official photographer. Joanne and Tom for managing the crafts and coloring table. Theresa Marie for managing the social media posts. Lyndon Fish Hatchery opened early Sunday morning so the youth could take a tour and see how a hatchery operates.

To all of the sponsors - THANK YOU. GRCA; Pillers Meats; Shearers Foods; Federated Insurance; Heffner Toyota; Mendler Electric; Gas Logics; Tracey Ramsey, MP Essex; Sutherland Insurance; Sobey's Bridgeport Road Waterloo; Bellzys Catering and Jane Bell; OFAH; Invading Species; Asian Carp; Ontario Family Fishing Events; Tackleshare; and the falconry folks who had the kids talking all Saturday night about your amazing birds.



Photos by Felix B.



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*Just a note—we had to say good-bye and good luck to Maya Basdeo. She moved out of Zone J.
Thank you for all that you and Roxy have done and continue to do!*



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Mark Your Calendars

2017

August 13—OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting and Executive Election hosted by Brant Rod & Gun Club, near Brantford. **Workshop** on **Range Inspections/Risk Management** by OPP Sergeant Peter Niedermaier, Supervisor Shooting Clubs & Ranges Chief Firearms Office.

2018

January 7—OFAH Zone J Membership meeting hosted by Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers, Blenheim
 April 7—OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting & Election, London area
 June 15-17—OFAH Zone J 30th Annual Youth Camp—Wellington Street Sportsmans Club, Dorchester
 August 19—OFAH Zone J membership meeting hosted by Royal City Fishing Club, Guelph

2019

January 6—OFAH Zone J Membership meeting hosted by Port Colborne & District Conservation Club, Pt.Colborne
 April 6—OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting & Election, London area
 June 14-16—OFAH Zone J 31st Annual Youth Camp—Wellington Street Sportsmans Club, Dorchester
 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.

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 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.



EXCLUSIVE TO OFAH ZONE J MEMBERS

In partnership with Fitzsimons Financial Group Inc., OFAH Zone J is proud to offer you affordable cedar wood duck box kits and blue bird house kits.

These quality manufactured kits will be available at our OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting being held at the Brant Rod & Gun Club on Sunday August 13

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Limit of two wood duck box and two blue bird kits per person.

Orders and payment (cash only) will be taken at 8:30am.

Box kits will be available for pick up at 1:30pm.

**Many Thanks to Fitzsimons Financial Group Inc.
for cofounding this amazing conservation project!**



**THIS NOTICE IS ADDRESSED TO ALL
OFAH ZONE J MEMBERS**

At the OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting being held August 13, 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 Duties Of The Secretary/Treasurer 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 August 13, 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 September 2017 Board meeting in Mississauga. 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.



MNRF Proposed changes to the Licensing System

Ontario is developing a new hunting and fishing licensing system as part of the ministry's ongoing commitment to enhance service delivery (www.ebr.gov.on.ca ER #013-0487).

The new licensing system is anticipated to be implemented in late 2018 or early 2019.

The proposed changes include:

- ◆ Outdoors card modernization—eliminate the different versions of the Outdoors Card to create a single card for all users.
- ◆ Licensing modernization—simplify licensing by reducing ...the number of components that make up a licence.
- ◆ Game Seal modernization—adopt use of “tags” that clients may print themselves if they so choose, and eliminate the need to physically attach tags to harvested wildlife in many circumstances.
- ◆ Hunter Reporting Modernization—all clients holding a licence to which a tag applies would report on their hunting activity.
- ◆ Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program Modernization—eliminate the Hunter Apprentice Safety Card and allow youths 12 years or older to obtain an Outdoors Card, and to apply for hunting tags at the age of 15 years.
- ◆ Hunter Accreditation Streamlining- maintain hunter accreditation in the licensing system, and recognize hunter accreditation from other jurisdictions that meet Ontario standards.
- ◆ Hunter Licence Enhancements: o Hunting Dog Licensing: eliminate the various dog licences, and require each dog to have just one licence for all hunts for which a dog may be used. No dog licence required to recover wounded game.
- ◆ Licensing Requirements to Hunt on a Game Bird Hunting Preserve: hunters would only need to hold an Outdoors Card and be licensed to use a firearms—no Small Game licence, no non-resident game bird hunting preserve licence.
- ◆ Fishing Licensing Enhancements: o Deemed Residency for Acquiring a Recreational Fishing Licence—RCMP and military deemed to be Ontario residents after 1 month, as is currently the case for hunting licences.
- ◆ Non-Canadian Youth Fishing at Organized Camps—simplify licensing for non-Canadian youth attending an organized fishing camp. Currently, the hunting and fishing licensing regime does not allow for certain features such as additional online services, communications and delivery of license products through digital channels and much more.
- ◆ The proposed regulatory and policy changes will allow the ministry to more effectively deliver services to clients, as well as reduce the administrative costs of these services.

For more info check out the OFAH youtube videos on the 2018 Licensing Automation Proposal
Visit the OFAH Zone J website and make sure to post your comments on the EBR posting.

Tuesday July 18th from 7pm to 9pm there is an MNRF public information session being held at the Brant Rod & Gun Club,
54 Henderson Road, Brantford.
Please try to attend.



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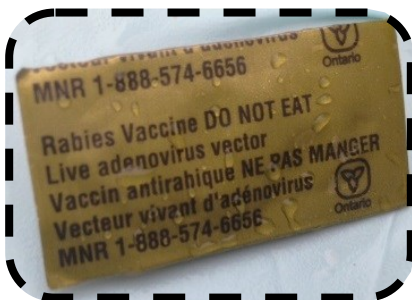
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The "tri clubs" Port Colborne & District Conservation Club with Dunnville District Hunters & Anglers and Fort Erie Conservation Club released 400 young walleye into the Welland River. The continuous effort of the club volunteers working along side the MNRF have accomplished amazing results in the Welland River. **Thank You!**



Please remember that the MNRF is still dropping these rabies vaccine packs from the air and distributing them by hand in many areas of southern Ontario and OFAH Zone J. Do not disturb them unless you find one that is in an area frequented by children. If you do, please carefully remove it or move it to another area. Protect Your Pet!! Get you pets the rabies vaccine from their Vet. It is 100% effective!!

This spring and summer has been difficult for many of our OFAH Family members

We have lost so many people, all of whom have devoted so much of their time to hunting, fishing and conservation.

Until we meet again around the campfire, you are remembered...



Jim Magee, Drumbo, OFAH Director at Large, Chair of the Agricultural Committee and Zone J member passed away June 24, 2017



Rob Culp, Dunnville, winner of the OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award for 2013 passed away July 3, 2017



Dick Bornais, Sarnia, past President of Bluewater Anglers passed away May 28, 2017

OFAH Zone J Annual General Membership Meeting
Brant Rod & Gun Club

Tentative Agenda

August 13, 2017

9:00 hrs	Meeting called to order	Brian Moore, Chair
	Conservation Pledge	
	Moment of Silence	
	My Canada Video	
	Welcome/opening remarks	Brian Moore, Chair
	Welcome/opening remarks	Doris Myke, President Brant Rod & Gun Club
	Self Introductions	
	Chair's Report:	Brian Moore
	Business Arising from Chair's Report	
	Minutes of April 2017 Meeting	Kathy Moore
	Financial Reports:	Kathy Moore
	Annual Financial comparison	Kathy Moore
	Auditors Report	Kathy Moore
	Business Arising from Secretary/Treasurer Reports	
9:30 hrs	Al Murray, Resources Management Supervisor, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Guelph District Office, update on Project #08	
	1 st Vice Report:	Pud Hunter
	2 nd Vice Report	Felix Barbetti
10:00 hrs	Coffee break	
10:15 hrs	By Law Review and Vote	
10:30 hrs	Interactive Workshop – Peter Niedermaier, Sergeant, Supervisor of Shooting Clubs and Ranges, Chief Firearms Office,	
12:00 hrs	adjourn for Lunch	
12:45 hrs	Club reports and activities	
13:00 hrs	reconvene for Committee Reports – Big Game, Environment, Firearms, Fisheries, Land Access, Outreach, Small Game and Sporting Dogs, Waterfowl & Wetlands, etc.	
13:15	MNRF Conservation Officer to discuss their role in protecting our natural resources	
	Old Business: 50/50 draw, door prizes	
	New Business	
15:00 hrs	OFAH Zone J Executive Election	

Brant Rod & Gun Club is at
54 Henderson Road, Brant – off Bishopsgate Road
north of Colborne Street West, near Burford
Doors open at 8:30am

***PLEASE DO NOT FOLLOW YOUR GPS INTO A RESIDENTIAL AREA OF
BRANTFORD. THE CLUB IS ON HENDERSON ROAD NOT AVE.. IT IS NEAR
BURFORD, JUST DOWN THE ROAD FROM TRIGGERS AND BOWS.***

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From Hwy 24 south (Simcoe area) head north towards Brantford. Turn left on Colborne St W. Turn right at Bishopsgate Road. Turn right on Henderson Rd.

Accommodations

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Days Inn—460 Fairview Dr, Brantford, (519) 759 2700