

OFAH ZONE J MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



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Special Points of Interest:

- Plan to attend the OFAH Zone J AGM & Election April 6th
- OFAH Zone J 31st Annual Youth Camp

Congratulations to Wellington Street Sportsmens Club for hosting their 6th Annual Ice Fishing Family Day on February 18 as part of the Ontario Family Fishing Events

Over 250 people of all ages enjoyed ice fishing, building their own ice fishing rod, making a paracord bracelet, building a bass lure, decorating fish shaped cookies and learning about wildlife.

THANK YOU WSSC!!



www.ofah.org/zonej

Sunday March 10, 2019 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex
Admission \$5 with youth under 15 free





OFAH ZONE J EXECUTIVE 2018-2019 CONTACT INFO

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friends.

Mark Your Calendars**2019**

April 6—OFAH Zone J Annual General Meeting & Election, Brant Rod & Gun Club, Brantford

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

A huge Thank You to Clubs who have invited us to their Club.

Message from The Chair:

As I sit to write this message, winter is giving us another short blast of snow and cooler temperatures. Throughout much of our Zone, winter seems to have come in spurts with several days of rain and warmer than seasonal temperatures, leaving us with a very short and unstable ice fishing season.

The OFAH Zone J team continues to work on your behalf in many ways. Attending club meetings, dinners, fundraisers and local community events keep us engaged with our clubs and general members. We enjoy the diversity of questions we receive from our members. A few common questions we receive are regarding; the new license system, Rabies, Chronic Wasting Disease, Municipal Discharge, along with many others.

As we head into the Spring season, there are a couple of events that we are looking forward to.

The OFAH AGM & Fish and Wildlife Conference will take place March 14 - 16, 2019 at the Hilton Meadowvale in Mississauga. As you may have seen, the conference is focused on the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). We will see some of the most respected speakers provide the delegates with timely information on what we should expect and how to prepare in a time we find CWD in Ontario.

The OFAH Zone J Youth camp is gearing up for the 31st annual camp this June. Being held in partnership with the Wellington Street Sportsman Club in Dorchester, we will host 60 youth for a fun filled weekend of Archery, Lure making, .22 rifles, Pond fishing, paracord workshop and new this year, a workshop on modern day trapping in Ontario. Since the camps inception in 1988, we pride ourselves on providing this unique camp at no cost to the participants. Registration opens April 1st. Register early to avoid disappoint. Contact myself at brianmoore@live.ca for more information.

I personally encourage you to continue to play an active role within your club, Zone or independently. Have you thought about becoming more involved at a Zone level? Our AGM & Elections are just around the corner.

Respectfully,
Brian Moore

OFAH ZONE J



CONCESSION STAND



9th Annual Hamilton Bassmasters Spring Fishing Sale and Swap

Date: Saturday March 23 2019

Time: 9am to 2pm

Admission: Adult \$3.00

Kids (under 12) FREE!!!

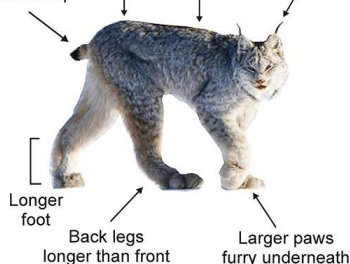
Parking: FREE!!!

Location: Ancaster Fair Grounds
630 Trinity Road, RR#1 Jerseyville, Ontario

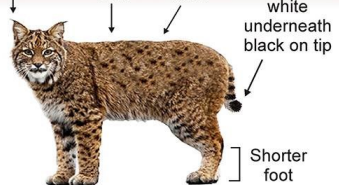
www.ancasteragriculturalsociety.ca
For Event Information and Table Reservations email: hamiltonbassmasters@gmail.com

Lynx or Bobcat?

Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*)

Shorter tail
no banding
black on tipArched
backMinimal
spottingLonger
ear tuftsLonger
footBack legs
longer than frontLarger paws
furry underneath

Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*)

Shorter
ear tuftsSpotted
coatStraight
backLonger tail,
with banding,
white
underneath
black on tipShorter
foot

Smaller paws

Back legs barely
longer than front

Hosted by:
Farmers
& Friends
Conservation
Club

Annual, Farmers & Friends BIG BUCK
DAY 2019

Saturday March 9th 10:00AM-4:00PM

Oil Springs Youth Centre

\$5 per person (under 16 free)

register by 1:30PM with presentations at
3:00PM

Categories for moose, deer sheds and
turkeys; taxidermy displays; outdoor
retailers; Turkey beards and spurs; new
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Club members: Harold 519-684-3113,
Jarrod 519-402-2917



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A Legal Defence Insurance Policy for firearm owners can include:

- Defence costs for any OFAH member who is charged with an offence relating to the use, storage, display, transportation, or handling of a firearm or crossbow.
- Defence costs of any OFAH member whose firearms licence is suspended, cancelled, or revoked.




To learn more, visit www.ofah.org/insurance

SOUTHWEST OUTDOORS CLUB

2019 BIG BUCK SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

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DOORS OPEN AT 10 AM
ADMISSION - \$5 • 12 & UNDER - FREE



- Over 50 Hunting & Fishing Vendors
- Award-Winning Taxidermy Displays
- Check out the Live Raptor Display
- More than \$2,500 in door prizes
- Kids Trout Fishing Pond & 3D Archery Shoot
- Beasley Brothers of Monster Whitetail Magazine

2019 CFMOTO CFORCE 500 SIDE-BY-SIDE RAFFLE @ 3:30 PM

BUCK RACKS • MOOSE RACKS • BEAR SKULLS • TURKEY BEARDS • SHEDS

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ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED BY 1 PM FOR SCORING

TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED IN ALL CATEGORIES AT 3:30 PM

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The results are in! All samples tested in Ontario came back negative for chronic wasting disease! Thanks again to the hunters who participated in both of our surveillance zones: eastern Ontario, where 307 samples were tested, and southwestern Ontario, where 457 samples were tested. Chronic wasting disease is a fatal brain disease affecting mostly white-tailed deer and elk. Test results can now be found online at www.ontario.ca/cwd

Interested in learning more about trapping?

25th Anniversary of the OFMF Rendezvous & AGM, hosted by the Huron-Perth Trappers Association, Zone 8A and the OFMF Southern Region.

For more event information, vendor applications, sponsorship opportunities, item donations and photography contest applications, please visit our website www.hpta1945.com.




2019 OFMF
RENDEZVOUS
 & Annual General Meeting
August 23-24, 2019






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Reporting invaders is a critical way the public can help fight against the spread of invasive species. These reports help discover new populations, identify gaps, or define the leading edge of the invasion. If you encounter an invasive species in the wild, take a photo and report it to the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or visit www.EDDMapS.org/Ontario



Have Your Marine Flares Expired?

If the MFG DATE is anytime before 2010 they have expired... But DON'T just throw them away!



Find Safety Equipment and Flare Disposal information at: www.cps-ecp.ca



OFAH ZONE J

OFAH Zone J Tag Bags

Sealable and large enough to hold your license paperwork for the upcoming License System changes.

Available at the OFAH Zone J membership meeting for the discount price of \$4 each.



The Bluewater Anglers hatchery is located beside the Point Edward Waterfront Park ... at the west end of Michigan Avenue, along the St. Clair River, north of the Bluewater Bridges.

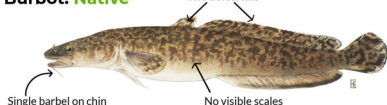
Northern Snakehead: **Invasive**



Bowfin: **Native**



Burbot: **Native**



2019 marks the 20th year of the Thames River Clean Up. **Congratulations to Todd Sleeper** on receiving the Community Conservation Award at the 2019 UTRCA Annual General Meeting for 20 years of dedication to improving the health of the Thames River.

Thank you Todd for organizing the Thames River Clean Up for 20 years!



Thank you to the Port Colborne Conservation Club who hosted the OFAH Zone J Membership meeting in January. So many new faces in the crowd!! Our Guest presentation by **Natalie Green and Corey Burant** regarding the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan was very informative and educational.

Thank you to Kathy and her crew for making us feel comfortable and welcomed!!

OFAH ZONE J



Wellington Street
Sportsmans Club
2290 Slo pitch Rd,
Thames Centre, ON



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

is proud to host the
**31st Annual OFAH Zone J
Youth Camp Out**

June 14, 15 & 16, 2019

Camping is optional but highly
recommended.



This is a FREE weekend!
PreRegistration
is Required



Tentative Agenda

Friday June 14th

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

Saturday June 15th

8:30 am Welcome meeting
Followed by groups such as:
Fish lure making
Paracord bracelet
Trapping/fur demo
Target Range
Fishing
Archery
Evening Campfire Social

Sunday June 16th

Campground pack-up and clean-up
Various activities
Gates close at NOON

**Limited number of spaces available
Register early
Don't miss your chance to join us**



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 Brian at brianmoore@live.ca
OR call Brian at (519) 919-1520



I give my pledge as a Canadian. To save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country. It's soils and minerals, its air, waters, forests and wildlife



OFAH CELEBRATES our
91st AGM & Wildlife Conference
March 14, 15 & 16, 2019

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale is the place to be for a fantastic weekend of workshops, seminars, friendship and fun!

www.ofah.org/conference

Common Buckthorn

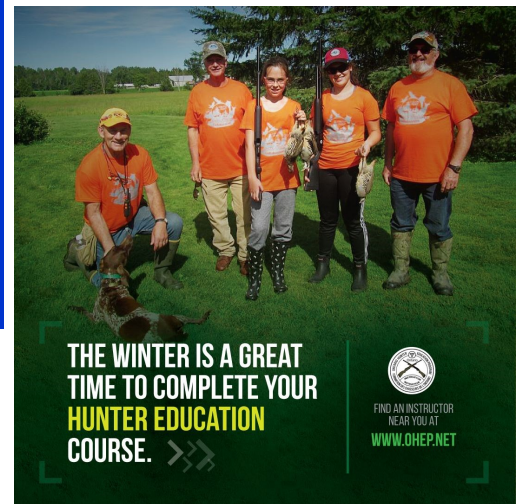


Photo: Rob Routledge, Sault College, Bugwood.org



Think you have seen an invasive species? Report it!

Call the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711
or visit www.eddmaps.org/ontario



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

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

Tentative Agenda

April 6, 2019

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	Brant Rod & Gun Club
	Self Introductions	
	Chair's Report:	Brian Moore
	Business Arising from Chair's Report	
	Minutes of January 2019 Meeting	Kathy Moore
	Financial Reports:	
	Annual Financial comparison	
	Auditors Report	
	Business Arising from Secretary/Treasurer Reports	
9:30 hrs	<u>Amanda M. MacDonald</u> , Ph.D.; University of Guelph: West Nile virus study in wild turkey and ruffed grouse	
10:00 hrs	Coffee break	
10:15 hrs	Presentation of the <u>OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award</u> for 2018	
10:30 hrs	<u>Patricia Ronald</u> , Ducks Unlimited Canada: Importance of nesting boxes and maintenance.	
11:00 hrs	Brian McRae – OFAH Club and Member Services Liaison	
	1 st Vice Report:	Felix Barbetti
	2 nd Vice Report	Joe Tetreault
	Alt. Dir. Report	Mirko Manojlovic
12:00 hrs	adjourn for Lunch	
12:45 hrs	Club reports and activities	
13:00 hrs	<u>Rob Gurney</u> , Aylmer District Trappers Council – What it takes to be a trapper.	
13:30 hrs	OFAH Zone J Executive Election	
	Committee Reports – Big Game, Environment, Firearms, Fisheries, Land Access, Outreach, Small Game and Sporting Dogs, Waterfowl & Wetlands, etc.	
	Old Business, New Business, Raffle, 50/50 draw, door prizes	

Please bring your current OFAH Membership card
to be eligible to vote.

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.**

From Hwy 403 exit at Rest Acres Road (Hwy 24 South) and go south. Turn right at Colborne St W. Turn right at Bishopsgate Road. Turn right on Henderson Rd

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