

SG&F News

May 2005 Issue



Upcoming Events

May 14th

Tim Horton's Day
Road clean up
Long Lake play-
ground
9:00-11:00 am
Pizza at Fielding Park
afterwards

May 18th

7 PM Wednesday
General Membership
Meeting
Beef & Bird on Lorne
Street
7:00pm
Guest Speaker:
George Morgan

May 28th

Property clean up day
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Lunch will be
provided

June 1st

Executive Meeting
Countryside
7:00 pm

June 15th

General Membership
Meeting
Club Property
7:00 pm

June 18th

Kid's Fishing Day
See insert for more
details

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2005 Awards Night Gala



Above: John Honse, SG&F Sportsman of the Year

The 2005 Awards Night Gala was held at the Caruso Club and was well attended this year. President Esko Kalviainen presented awards for a wide range of activities that included sport related accomplishments and club volunteering achievements.

Some members of long time and outstanding contributions to SF&F were thanked for their untiring efforts.

Bert Legault put in the most hours at the Fish Pond this year.

Murray Jewitt made the most trips and traveled the most miles to help at the Fish Pond.

Dick Stewart was called the most versatile member, filling any task needed as it arises.

Harry Valbacka looked after the Fish Pond and ticket sales, two labour intensive jobs which he does with consummate ease.

Ralph Toivonen continues to keep our property accessible by taking care of the

road year after year.

Henry Frodl continues to show his dedication to SG&F by overseeing the care and maintenance of the club property.

Roger Goudreau sold many tickets this year, and many other years.

The Cadets were on hand to accept our thanks for the hours they put in to help with this years Fish Pond. They were presented with wildlife prints in appreciation.

Our intrepid sportsman were awarded for the biggest and best of everything. Small mouth bass, walleye, bear, and others were claimed and acknowledged with beautiful framed and signed wildlife prints. Not to be overlooked by the larger members of our club, four year old Dillon Jewitt walked away with his award for catching the club's largest lake trout of the year! Below you see him explaining to us just how big it really was.



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Membership Committee Makes Recommendations

After a series of meetings the Membership Committee has come up with a list of recommendations. Some issues they have had to deal with include the lack of volunteers for club events, property security and the gate locks, and membership costs and club expenses.

Some of their suggestions are as follows:

Lack of Volunteers

During the last executive meeting it was pointed out by a club member that many other clubs must charge yearly membership fees in excess of \$250.00 to cover the cost of hiring grounds keepers and help at events. Our club membership fees have traditionally been much lower because we depend upon volunteers to take care of such things.

The Membership Committee has suggested that club members who join primarily to use the club property and who are not interested in supporting the club might be charged an additional property use fee.

Membership Fees and Basic Club Expenses

The Committee has determined that membership fees must increase. Current fees do not cover such basic and unavoidable expenses as taxes, insurance, OFAH fees, and property maintenance. The club is not self sustaining without additional fund raising activities.

Monies from the Fish Pond fund raiser have been used to cover the club expenses that are not covered by memberships, as well as for the club's activities throughout the year. With the recent loss of venue for the Fish Pond it's been suggested that SGAF may be facing some hard financial times ahead unless changes are made.

Key replacement on property gate

Some past members who have not renewed their memberships may be using the club property and that is a liability issue the club must address.

A change of lock or key each year has been suggested as a way of rectifying the problem. Each member would be issued a new key at the start of the year when he/she renews their membership.

Late fees

The Committee discussed the possibility of having current members who renew their memberships after March 1st be subjected to a late fee.

Ontario Federation memberships

The Committee determined that all members must have an OFAH membership because of insurance coverage. This expense would be added on to current SGAF memberships fees and charged automatically. New members joining who already have an OFAH membership would be given a discount.

Executive memberships

The Committee suggested that the club President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer have the SGAF component of their membership fees paid by the club in acknowledgment of the many hours of work each month these positions demand.

These recommendations will be discussed briefly at the next General Membership meeting.

Tree Planting 2005

SG&F planted trees at Fielding Park this year with the help of the Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers of First Waters and McFarlane. The morning was warm and overcast, in short, perfect for the task at hand. John Honse was on hand with his group of young helpers and in total over 45

people participated in planting at two separate areas of the park. Lunch was served at a local school afterwards for all participants. More images of the morning can be found at www.northernontario.org in the Environmental section of the site.



Rabies

With the arrival of warm weather and our increased activities outside chance encounters with wild animals or unknown pets increases too.

In 2004, the Sudbury & District Health Unit investigated 213 animal bites or suspect rabid animal contacts. Human contact occurred in 22 of the cases and resulted in nine people being vaccinated with post-exposure prophylaxis treatment. Rabies is a virus that is fatal if you are infected and not treated.

If you are bitten by a wild animal you should wash the area thoroughly and seek medical attention.

Ontario Biodiversity Strategy

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is leading the development of a biodiversity strategy for Ontario. The intent of the strategy is to conserve Ontario's biodiversity and provide for the sustainable use of the province's biological resources. The draft strategy was developed through a broad, cooperative process, including contributions from industry, environmental, government and other organizations, as well as members of the public.

Comments are welcome on the draft Ontario Biodiversity Strategy to ensure the final strategy will meet the needs and expectations of Ontarians. You can comment for 30 days beginning April 25, 2005.

You can read the Biodiversity draft online at <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/biodiversity/>

Comment Deadline May 25, 2005 @ 5:00

NOTICE

The club Newsletter is in transition. New typist and writers, new files, and new printers are all involved. We'll have the kinks and new process worked out next month.

Executive Meeting, May 4th

Minutes of Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm
2. Club president Esko Kalviainen announced that our next General Meeting will have guest speaker George Morgan discussing walleye fisheries.
3. Esko also let us know that some targets on the archery range are usable, but work is needed to get everything in order. He's looking for volunteers to help with that before the Moose Shoot.
4. Dates for upcoming events were settled:
 - a. May 7th, tree planting
 - b. May 14th, Tim Horton's day road clean up
 - c. May 28th, property clean up and road work day
5. Dick, Ralph, Murray, and Glen were thanked for repairing the range fencing and getting the range reopened.
6. The possibility of having a second Fish Pond this year in conjunction with Valley East Days was discussed. Several options are possible and discussions with event organizers and the mall manager continue.
6. Dick and Ralph were formed into an informal committee to discuss Fish Pond/Valley East Days options with the Trailsmen club. They will also look into other options connected with using a pool for the event.
7. The 200 Wolf Squadron is interested in using the club property near the first week of June.
8. A reminder to all club members, lottery tickets must be returned soon!
9. All committee heads were reminded to get all volunteers to sign in at events. There will be a draw later in the year and each sign in at events or meetings will entitle you to one ballot.
10. Dick will order 200 rod and reel sets from OFAH. There will be a draw at each meeting for one!

Minutes of Executive Meeting, May 4th continued...

11. Mike and Mark are looking after the Kids Fishing Derby on June 18th.

12. Dick Stewart placed a motion on the floor for SG&F to sponsor OFAH package memberships for the Ontario Crimestoppers Conference. The motion was carried.

13. Ralph reported that the roads are drying up and he will be grading soon. He suggested writing a letter to all club property neighbors letting them know we will no longer spearhead maintenance for nearby roads and asking if they are interested in forming a committee to do so.

14. This brought up the fact that one property neighbor has just opened a resort. This owner may be making a presentation at an upcoming meeting. If you have questions make sure to attend. There is an open house at the new resort, Uncle Jack's Log Cabins (Parker House) on May 14th between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Their website is www.unclejackslogcabins.com

15. Mike Mallory gave us the Membership Committee's report. Details on page 2.

16. Note to all Committee heads: You must get expenses approved before they are needed. Contact Esko for more information.

17. Meeting ended

Letter to club:

Fisheries Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sudbury Game and Fish for allowing me to attend this years Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters conference held in Toronto.

This was definitely an eye opening experience and non the less overwhelming as well as very informative. Attending such events is always very motivational, sort of gives you a kick in the "behind" to get involved with local club events.

I would strongly suggest to attend a conference if given the opportunity.

One of the events held at the conference was a presentation on Strategies for Raising Walleye which was hosted by the O.F.A.H Fisheries Unit. Topics such as, walleye rearing, egg collection, pond construction, fungus prevention etc... were discussed as well as Genetic Diversity which is a very important topic to be able to sustain a healthy population of walleye in any given body of water. Knowing what is involved with such projects gives me a new found respect for individuals who take it upon themselves to help the fishery and to keep our lakes stocked with the elusive walleye. Such local clubs in this region is the United Walleye Clubs hatchery run by Rolly Frappier who has put a lot of time and effort into the fishery .

I look forward to visiting the hatchery as well as assisting Rolly in any way possible.

If you're interested in some reading material on guidelines for stocking fish, see me at the next general meeting.

Shawn Bisailon

Letter sent to local newspapers

The Sudbury Game & Fish Protective Association extends a sincere thank you to all who participated in our recent Fish Pond held at the New Sudbury Centre during the past March Break.

Many families, even for a third generation, have enjoyed themselves trying to catch a rainbow trout, some successfully, for the past 28 years.

The funds raised from this annual event assists our club to fulfill its mandate towards conservation in Greater Sudbury .Some of these include; planting trees for the Nickel District Conservation Authority, stocking walleye with the United Walleye Clubs, assisting the MNR in rehabilitating area lake with lake trout brood stock, offering two bursaries to the Biology Department at Laurentian University, and running a Get Outdoors Youth Program for area scouts & students.

Unfortunately we will no longer be able to operate our traditional Fish Pond for the March Break in 2006. We have been informed by the management of the New Sudbury Centre that our Fish Pond does not comply with the image that Redcliff Management Inc. will be promoting in their redevelopment plans.

We will be reorganizing our efforts so that we can continue to fulfill our mandate of conservation in the area Greater Sudbury. Hopefully, you the public, will continue to support us in the future.

Esko Kalviainen and Dick Stewart

Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Colouring Draw

This is a draw, not a competition.

Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Colouring Draw Instructions:

1. Colour the colouring page enclosed
2. Colour the drawing any way you would like
3. Send your completed masterpiece to:
O.F.A.H. / F.F.W.
Colouring Draw
P.O. Box 2800 Peterborough, ON K9J 8L5
Deadline Date: July 20, 2005.

Incomplete sheets will be considered invalid and ineligible for the draw. The Ontario Family Fun Fishing Weekend is a license-free, three-day fishing weekend (July 8, 9, 10, 2005). This special annual event is provided to encourage family involvement in the outdoors and conservation efforts including our lakes and rivers for generations to continue this healthy outdoor pastime for years to come. So come

out and **Catch the Fun!**

Entrants into the draw will be eligible to win lure kits, products from Lucky Strike or great rod and reel combinations from Shimano.

This year's draw is for children only.

Ontario Family Fishing Weekend COLOURING DRAW



**CATCH
the FUN
with
BOB the
BOBBER!**

**July
8, 9, 10,
2005**

Annual Membership Rates

Please Circle the desired membership type and forward the following information and check made out to "Sudbury Game & Fish Protective Association"



to our club address:

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SGAF Single Membership -----
\$50.00
With Spouse -----
\$60.00
Single With O.F.A.H. Membership -----
\$80.00

Name(s):

Street Address:

City and Postal Code:

Phone Number (s):

Email Address:

Some Photos of Interest



Jessica and her rainbow



Neil O'hara says...
 19 pounder with 9 inch beard and
 3/4 inch spurs..... I got this guy at 8
 am on the first day that I was
 hunting. I was surrounded by
 about 7 birds and I shot the big-
 gest one.

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