

SG&F News

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Upcoming Events

June 15th

General Membership Meeting
Club Property
7:00 pm

June 18th

Kid's Fishing Day

July 6th

Executive Meeting

July 16th

Moose Shoot
See the website for full details

July 20th

General Meeting

The Winds of Change

2005 has been a year of changes for Sudbury Game and Fish. After a great many years of successful partnership, we are no longer invited to use the New Sudbury Shopping Mall as a base for our club's largest fund raising event, the Annual Fish Pond held each year during Spring Break.

While other options are being investigated nothing, yet, has come up that will be a fitting replacement for this event.

Various topics have been discussed to ensure the continuation of our club as a vibrant and active organization that truly contributes to our local community and environment. We have discussed other places and times for the fish pond, membership drives, and raising our membership fees among other items.

Recently, a money saving option has been placed up for discussion, that of using our already created and actively used website to a much greater degree.

The easiest method, and most saving in terms of time and money, that rushed readily to mind was cutting back on the printed, and expensive, mail outs of the newsletter as opposed to the publishing, and greater use, of the newsletter on our website.

That action alone would save some \$3000.00 per year in expenses, and free up over 100-140 man hours each year! Time and money that could be spent in supporting the club in many other profitable and useful ways.

One suggestion made to the executive is that of collecting email addresses of club members and others in the community who would like to read our monthly newsletter. The members of that list would be sent a notice each month when the newsletter was published and given the address where it could be viewed online. For free!

Send us your email addresses!

John Honse has pointed out that only 20% of club members have submitted their email addresses to us, and some of those are now outdated. Now, the population of Canada is estimated to be around 32,800,000 these days, and at latest count 32,050,00 of us had regular access to the internet. That's over 96% of our population. Chances are... there are a large number of email addresses left to collect from club members!

Please send your current email addresses today to ms@simaltech.com to be included in our mailing list for next month's newsletter.

It saves money, it saves time, it saves trees. What's not to like?

-Mona Sims

Invitation to Club Members Junction Creek Clean-up and tree planting

Saturday, June 18th

Noon to 2 p.m., followed by free pizza across from Loeb on Brady Street

Anyone who is interested to participate is invited.

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May General Meeting Speaker

The guest speaker at the May general meeting was Dr. George Morgan from the Biology Dept. at Laurentian U. He gave a presentation on walleye habitats in Ontario and in particular the Sudbury area. George has surveyed over 500 lakes in Ontario.

The best lake to fish for walleye?

Lovering Lake, which has low oxygen levels in July at depth, resulting in big fish close to surface. Additionally, Ramsay Lake is being monitored for an infestation of Rock Bass expected within the next 5 years.

SUDBURY GAME AND FISH PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2005

- 1) Esko called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, with 11 members present.
- 2) Esko thanked everyone who turned out for the property clean-up work party on Saturday May 28.
- 3) Harry Valbacka noted the dock is in very poor shape and is a safety issue. John Honse will be going out to the property and will have a look to determine what needs to be done. John will touch base with Henry Frodl about repairs.
- 4) Esko requested that anyone spending money on behalf of the club should contact either Esko or Dick Stewart to OK the expense.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report** – Dick reported that the club's finances are in good shape, and we

can look after high priority items such as dock repair, etc.

- 6) **Big and Small Game** – Mike reported on a bear "hunt" in Newmarket (!) that took 10 hours to find and tranquilize a bear. The Cormorant issue continues on the front burner, interested members can check out the latest on the OFAH website.
- 7) **Membership Committee** – Mike previously handed out the new draft membership forms for new and renewing members. Those with comments and suggestions should get in touch with Mike. Dick Stewart suggested that new members are to be sponsored by a "recommending member". This line can easily be added to the new membership form. This would make the sponsoring member responsible for the new member. The new membership form is good, but needs some final wordsmithing and formatting.

There will be two types of membership; conservation and volunteer. Conservation membership will be for those who only want to use the property/facilities, and will cost \$50 dollars more.

- Keys to the property will be replaced every year.
- Mike proposed for a late fee for renewing members who renew after March 31 in any given year. The membership committee will consider this and the proposed deadline.
- OFAH membership is now mandatory for insurance purposes.
- The committee also proposed that due to the workload on behalf of the club, the people elected to the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary positions, not be required to pay the club membership fee. They will still have to pay for their OFAH membership.
- Any final suggestions should be submitted by September 1, 2005. Final adoption of new membership rules and fees will be in October, 2005 with implementation effective January 1, 2006.

- The new membership proposals will be put on the web, and members can voice their opinion by mail or in person at the General Meeting. Dick will work up a short rationale for the increase in membership fees.

8) Kid's Fishing Day (June 17-18) – Mike sent out 21 letters to various companies for support. He has received 6 responses:

- 1) Hawaian Tropic Inc.: Sun tan lotion, folding chair, pop up tent.
- 2) Gibbs/Nortac Ind. Inc.: Lures
- 3) Lucky Strike Bait Works Ltd.: Hats, fishing towels, lures
- 4) Kolder Canada: Soft plastic baits
- 5) Winter Wonders Ltd.: Wonder rods
- 6) J.M. Schneiders Inc. :Hamburgers and Hot dogs

Plus Mike Mallory and Family: Tackle boxes

Requests for support for Kid's Fishing Day in 2006 will be sent out this November. Brian Ramakko will be helping to organize industry contacts etc. for 2006. Neil O'Hara has donated some items, and Dick Stewart will donate a batch of Crimestoppers lures. Schneiders meats will provide the meat for the BBQs. Esko suggested putting the sponsor's name on a plaque to recognize their support. An advertisement has appeared in the Sudbury Star, will try to get one into Northern Life.

- 8) Adopt-a-road** - Harry will try to schedule the next adopt-a-road work party for a weekday in September. This must not conflict with the potential Fish Pond in Hanmer in early September.
- 9) Archery** – Andy Bourgeois noted that posters will be going out to various tournaments advertising our Moose Shoot on July 16. Up to 50 archers are expected. Improvements have been made to the targets and the archery course. Esko will be spending ~ \$1000 on new targets. We will need another work party to go out to the property to tidy up the archery range the weekend before the Moose Shoot.
- 10) Website – Newsletter** – General discussion about the newsletter regarding the expense of mailing out the newsletter versus downloading from the website. We can still mail hardcopies to those who do not have internet access.

Henry Frodl suggested that hardcopies be made available at the General Meetings. John Honse noted that only ~ 20% of the membership have indicated their email addresses. Many addresses are out of date. General agreement that as of January 1, 2006, the newsletter will be available; (1) on the website, (2) emailed to members with email addresses, and (3) hardcopies will be available at the General Meetings only. This will considerably reduce the production/ mailing expenses incurred by the club.

- 11) Crest & Clothing** – Mike has golf shirts on order – they will be ready next week.
- 12) Forestry** – Murray reported that 1,500 trees were planted in Fielding Memorial Park. There was a good turnout of club members and kids + parents from John's Get Outdoors group.
- 13) Hatchery** – Dick reported that the walleye hatchery is not doing well. The location was changed, and the water has high levels of Iron and Chlorine plus other metals.
- 14) Fish Pond** – There is no venue yet for March 2006. Harry Valbacka volunteered to survey the businesses at the New Sudbury shopping center prior to SGAF's next meeting with the NSC management to assess the vendor's views on our fish pond.

A fish pond in September in Hanmer is yet to be determined. We are ready to go, but the rest (tent, security, etc) is up to management. The fish pond will coincide with Valley East Days (2nd week of September), and would be open for the Saturday and Sunday. Dick Stewart will contact Rolly Frappier to see if he would be interested in co-chairing the organization.

- 15) Buildings & Property** – Henry Frodl thanked the approximately 12 volunteers who came out for the property clean-up day. Henry suggested a working budget of ~ \$200 to cover small expenses (nails, paint, etc) without having to have every minor expense OK'd by the executive. Esko suggested a budget of \$500 be allotted for general maintenance, with major expenses to be OK'd by the executive. Unanimous agreement. A&J Hardware is the preferred place to purchase items – but please give name and position

chair so Dick can know what the purchase was for (ie archery, clubhouse).

- 16) **OFAH Ticket sales** – Dick noted that there were no winners from our block of tickets, for the 2nd year in a row. A thank you to Bert Legault from Crimestoppers for his culinary skills at the Crimestoppers BBQ on May 28. Thanks also to SGAF for donating an OFAH membership package at the silent auction.
- 17) Esko suggested that “thank you” prints to go out to Rick Brisbois at Country Style Donuts and Toppazini at Beef and Bird for their support.
- 18) **Get Outdoors** – John Honse reported that 5 kids are signed up for the Get Outdoors Leadership Camp.
- 19) **Roads** – Ralph Toivonen noted that the roads are not too bad, but will need to be fixed up before the Moose Shoot. The culverts in particular need to be reset. Ralph is waiting for more rain in order to use the tractor. Money to be spent on the road will be determined at a later date, in consultation with the other landowners.
- 20) **New Business** – Mike and Cathy Cull will give a talk on their plans and brochure at the next General meeting. The fence at the Rocky Mountain Ranch will be moved to the property as soon as Mike Mallory has enough manpower volunteered (8 men, 5 hours).
- 21) The meeting ended at 9:25 pm

Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

Canadian residents! Fish licence-free during the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend, July 8-10, 2005. For those three days only (12:01 a.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday), Canadian residents can enjoy the fun of fishing in Ontario without a licence during the annual *Ontario Family Fishing Weekend*.

All other regulations, fees and limits will apply.

You must abide by the conservation licence limits set out in the current Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available from fishing licence issuers, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, or online at <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/>

MNR/pubs/pubmenu.html. Your limit on walleye and trout, for example, may be two instead of five or six. Some fish, such as pumpkinseed, have no limit. And, of course, there is no limit to the number of fish you can release.

A related event near Sudbury...

Windy Lake will be holding a fishing expedition for children and their parents within the park.

Organization(s): Ontario Parks

Location: Windy Lake Provincial Park

Event: OFFW Activities

Timing: July 10, 2005. Various times.

Description: Introduction to fishing for youth.

Our Pledge

“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, it’s air, waters, forests and wildlife.”

With that in mind...

Spring Conservation - Quick Tips

For many Ontarians, Spring is a time to enjoy daylight in the morning and evening. We’re excited to say goodbye to winter and welcome the chance to get back outside. It is also a time for the dreaded annual cleaning -- getting our yards in shape for planting and relaxation, bringing the sweet scent of spring and a new shining sparkle back to our homes, and deciding what appliances to retire.

As you embark on your Spring Cleaning, remember to think about conservation. Here are some helpful tips that will help you conserve, save money and preserve our province for future generations.

Quick every day tips

Let the sun light up your life. Turn your lights on later in the evening.

Don't forget to clean your light bulbs (while the power is off). Dust build up can reduce the light intensity by 25%.

Why use the dryer? Let the sun and winds dry

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your clothes.

Turn off your television and computer. Go outside for air and exercise.

Your appliances need a tune-up too; clean all filters and coils.

Now that your fireplace is not in use ensure that the flue damper is closed.

Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Longer grass will reduce the loss of water to evaporation.

Eliminate weeds. They compete with grass and other plants for water, and you won't need chemical pesticides either.

Call your local municipality to see if free compost is available.

Minimize your use of pesticides and fertilizers. The fewer chemicals entering the ground, the better!

Avoid waste by using reusable cloths and rags instead of paper towels to clean.

Instead of using chemicals and paper towels to wash your windows, try 125 ml vinegar (1/2 cup) and 1L water (4 cups) and a squeegee.

Compost your leaves and brush. Burning them will increase carbon dioxide emissions.

Walk, ride your bike or take public transit. Give your car, the environment and your wallet a rest.

Buy a push lawn mower. Its good exercise and reduces carbon dioxide emissions.

Don't blow your leaves - rake them instead. Your ears and your neighbours will thank you, and you will reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Use potpourri instead of aerosol based sprays.

Avoid cleaners containing phosphates. When they get into rivers and lakes they cause algae blooms, robbing the water of oxygen and ultimately killing aquatic life.

Use a broom rather than a water hose to clean walkways, driveways and sidewalks.

Collect and use your rainwater for your lawn and plants. It's free and better for your plants.

Water your lawn and plants in the morning. You will actually use less water, since evaporation will occur at a slower rate than if you watered in the hot sun.

Looking for a drink of cold water? Keep a jug in the fridge, rather than letting your tap run.

- Supplied by the MNR

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 by SGAF Ace Photojournalist Emilie Honse

Tree Planting 2005 and Junction Creek Brook Trout Release



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