



Sudbury Game and Fish

**Protective Association
Inc.**

**Newsletter, Winter
2006**

Happy New Year! And what a great year this will be for the Sudbury Game and Fish Club. I've made my new-years resolution and you all should make the same one... **Get involved!** (You'll save on next year's membership if you do too!) There will be many new and exciting things going on from a change in venue for the Fish Pond to new equipment on the grounds and the possibility of a novel idea for the gun range. We also have a new hobby for those cold winter days. To keep up to date on issues affecting your club, come out to the general membership meetings held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at the Beef and Bird on Lorne St.

Things have also taken a decisive turn with the Whitefish First Nation and their request to proceed with the acquisition of 7,000 acres of lands south of Long Lake to the south east of the existing reservation. This process will take a couple of years to roll out. The Club will be keeping a close eye on and maintain an active involvement in the process. Keith Lacey writer for the Northern Life has started to cover this

story and published an article recently. We have included it in this letter.

The new year has also brought with it the Federal election. After 12 years of Liberal rule a new party has emerged. Ontario remains a Liberal stronghold so don't count on the proposal to ban handguns being dead! The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will be staying on top of this one. They need our support to ensure that our right to recreational shooting in all forms from hunting to Olympic competition are upheld.

News Briefs

The March Break fishpond is no longer at the New Sudbury Shopping Centre. The event has been moved to the Southridge Mall at the Four Corners in the south end. Fishing starts on Thursday, March 9th.

Dick Stewart was elected to the Board of Directors for Crimestoppers this fall. You have probably seen the billboards with our crest on the highway; now keep an eye out for the OFAH logo on the Crimestoppers vehicles around town.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 16-21 OFAH Conference and Spring Fishing show in Toronto
March 9 Fishpond opens at Southridge Mall
March 11 Kids Ice fishing derby Ramsey Lake
March 25 Trailsmen Rod and Gun Club dinner
March 31st-April 2nd Sudbury Sportsmen's show at the Garson Arena and Community Centre

Fly Tying



There are few things as satisfying as landing a fierce brown trout on a fly that you tied yourself.

“Ya, right!” your thinking, me tie flies? You bet, with a few basic tools and materials you can do the simple like add a few feathers to a spinner and make your own buck tail jigs not to mention creating delicate dry flies or deer hair nymphs.

Once you have learned the basics, it really is quite a simple and certainly rewarding hobby. Club member Pete Leduc is an avid fly fisherman in the summer and spends his winters tying flies. Pete offers any club member to contact him, as he is willing to share his knowledge and teach anyone interested. To keep your flies in pristine condition store your flies in a hand crafted wood case that is available from Pete at special members’ rates.

For all the Red Green Fans out there, here is a fly found on Fly Angler Canada’s website (<http://flyangler.ca>) from a fly swap held for Steve Smith’s (AKA Red Green) retirement.



RGS: Bill's Backswimmer Swap Fly / Wet - Generic

Greg Scratchley -Tyer
Greg Scratchley - Creator

Recipe:

Hook: Caddus pupa size 10-14

Shellback: Brown duct tape

Body: Grey duct tape

Legs: Green stretch floss

Head: Red thread

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Whitefish Land Claim

Follow the link to The Northern Life to read Keith Lacey’s report on the Whitefish Nation’s official application to expand its reserve: (<http://www.northernlife.ca/localnewsarticle.asp?view=100990>)

Friday, December 09, 2005 17:59 MNR could sell prime Crown land
BY KEITH LACEY
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The Ministry of Natural Resources is officially reviewing an application by the Whitefish Lake First Nation to expand its reserve by 2,800 hectares (7,000 acres).

The application asks the MNR to consider selling the large tract of Crown land south of the west end of Long Lake to the southeast boundary of existing reserve land in Whitefish.

It would be the largest land acquisition of Crown land in the Greater Sudbury area in two decades.

Stephen DeVos, Sudbury area supervisor in the field services division, said the ministry's local office handles hundreds of land acquisition requests every year, but admits this application is "unusual because of its size and scope."

The Sudbury Fish and Game Protective Association and other outdoor-based recreation groups, have spoken out against the proposed sale of such a large tract of Crown land.

While the government has given the go-ahead to study the land acquisition application, any deal to sell the land is at least two years away and won't be considered until a thorough and comprehensive process is completed to the satisfaction of the MNR, said DeVos.

DeVos made it clear the land will not be considered for sale unless the Whitefish First Nation completes all environmental, social and economic impacts as part of a comprehensive review process demanded by the MNR.

Only when all government requirements are met, and all stakeholders have had their chance to speak and have had their concerns addressed, would the government consider approving the sale, said DeVos.

"This is by no means a done deal," he said. "We're just in the very preliminary stages...and there's a long way to go before any kind of final proposal would be considered."

DeVos also stated no landowners would have their property expropriated as part of any deal.

"At this point, all we're doing is reviewing the application," said DeVos. "There has to be a thorough and extensive review process to determine what, if any, land or other resource values would be disposed of."

"I would say the review process will take a minimum of two years and that's being optimistic. We're in the very initial stages and any kind of real time frame has yet to be determined."

Theresa Migwans, Chief of the Whitefish Lake First Nation, was out of town Friday and could not be reached for comment.

A spokesperson in the band office said Migwans is the only person authorized to comment on the land acquisition proposal.

Last November, Esko Kalviainen, president of the Sudbury Fish and Game Protective Association, told Northern Life, "this is war" and his organization and other supporters would do everything in their power to block the sale.

Hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts have used much of the land in question for decades, and these groups fear access to huge tracts of fertile hunting and fishing grounds would be blocked if the sale is approved, he said.

Kalviainen also could not be reached for comment Friday.

Migwans acknowledged last year the band received \$14 million 15 years ago to replace 7,000 acres ceded to the Town of Naughton many decades ago.

Migwans told Northern Life the band wants to replace the land it gave up.

Some of the land involved surrounds numerous lakes and rivers, including Reef Lake, Twin Lake, and portions of Bevin Lake, Luke Lake and Eden Lake.

Although the defined area named in the draft application does affect some private property owners, "there's not a lot of development in most of the area," said DeVos.

The Sudbury Trail Plan does have a popular trail in the area, but concerns from groups like them and the Sudbury Fish and Game Protective Association will be heard as part of the application process, said DeVos.

Because the application process has just begun, and there's so much more work to be done before any kind of final proposal is presented to the ministry for final approval, no price tag has been considered for the potential land sale, said DeVos.

"It would be far too premature to put any kind of price on this," he said.

The application process will include a comprehensive analysis of all land and water resources.

"The value of the land will be determined at the end of the process," he said. "Ministry policy is simply to get fair value for the resources we dispose of."

DeVos said initial opposition has been fierce by certain organizations and individuals, but many don't understand the process and strict requirements that must be met to ensure environmental and conservation concerns before any deal would be considered.

"The stewardship of all the land involved will remain under the control of the ministry during the entire process," he said. "There will be ample opportunity for the public and concerned stakeholders to identify their concerns and provide input."

Two or three years down the road, if the Whitefish First Nation has not satisfied all environmental, social

and economic concerns, the ministry maintains the right to keep the land and refuse the sale, he said.