



GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN FISH & GAME CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Wishing you all a safe and happy Spring Season, now that it seems Spring may finally be arriving. So far for the 2018 year, we have 144 members, keep up the great work!

We had a successful fishing derby again this year, although not in the eyes of anyone wishing to fish. We truly are sorry that we had to cancel the ice fishing portion of the derby but it was not worth the risk of someone getting injured or worse.

In 2019, we will be holding the Derby two weeks earlier on Family Day Weekend. Mother Nature seems to have changed her mind over the last few years and every year seems to be a little riskier.

It is impossible to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers enough!...Those who help us make our fishing derby a success every year, we wish we could do more. Thank you all for your support! We did have a very good turnout at the hall again this year, much to our surprise.

Please be advised the **OFAH ZONE E** General Meeting will be taking place locally again this coming Sunday, March 25th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Matawatchan Hall.

We encourage everyone to attend this meeting as we feel privileged that the OFAH holds meetings so close to home for us.

You don't have to be a member of our club or the OFAH to attend and a light lunch will be served (donations only).

There will be a guest speaker attending, Jim Kelly who is a member of the Lake Simcoe Muskellunge Restoration Project by Muskies Canada. We're looking forward to learning more from Jim and the staff from the OFAH!

Our **Hunter Safety and Firearms Course** is a go for the weekend of May 4th, 5th and 6th. Unfortunately we have maxed out for Juniors taking

the course that we are able to pay for but there are still a few more spots available for those of you who wish to take the course at your expense. As we mentioned previously, the Restricted Firearms Course is also available on this same weekend however, there must be a minimum of 4 people wishing to take it or it will not be a go.

We wish to thank the OFAH for their assistance by way of a donation to help us pay for young hunters to get their licences.

For more information or to register for this course, please contact Karen Holleran at 333-2294.

Note: Firearms owners who have allowed their firearms license to expire have six months left to re-apply without having to take the course. This is the remaining time on the moratorium. For more information call 1-800-731-4000.

The Club is holding a Birdhouse Building Day (just like in the really old days) on Saturday June 9th. This will take place at 10:00 am at the home of Pat & Cliff Holleran, 264 Hutson Lake Rd. (just like in the really old days).

We Welcome young and old, members and non-members to come and build a bird or bat house or a wood duck house at no cost!

Hot dogs will be served for lunch and all materials will be included.

Please feel free to bring a friend and we strongly encourage any children to come and spend some quality time with your parents!

The club is looking for an enclosed trailer, around 16' long to store material and supplies in. If anyone knows of one for sale at a reasonable price, please feel free to let us know. Sandy and Brian are getting bombarded with our stuff and we'd like to help them out!



Has anyone figured out what is going on with the water? Sometimes we'd like to be a fly on the wall with OPG! The spawn and bait fish will never survive this water level!



Speaking of spawn, our Walleye Watch is quickly approaching! Any students who are looking for Community Hours are more than welcome, as is anyone who would just like to come out for the experience! Please call Brian to get put on the list ASAP as there is paperwork to fill out with the MNRF for this project.

Our **Kid's Fishing Derby** will be held this year at Aird's Lake again. The date is Saturday, July 7th. Please mark this date on your calendar as we'd like to see a great turnout this year. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

The **Annual Pork Roast** for 2018 will be held on Saturday, August 4th at Pat & Cliff Holleran's, as per usual. We'll keep you posted with more info in the next newsletter as well.

PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last Newsletter you receive until you update your 2018 Membership if you haven't already done so. Thanks again for your support!

For anyone who fishes Hungry Lake or Grimsthorpe Lake, trout season is now open all year round. Hungry Lake is located in Frontenac County and Grimsthorpe Lake straddles the border between Tweed, Hastings County and Addington Highlands.

We encourage you to join OFAH through the club at a reduced rate. The savings you get by purchasing through the club will more than cover your fish and game membership.

The cost of memberships through the club is:
 Adult Membership \$41.45 from \$52.55
 Family Membership \$51.45 from \$64.55
 Youth Membership \$36.70
 To join the OFAH, contact Sandy Sutcliffe at 613-333-9564

Check us out and feel free to share on our Facebook page at "Griffith & Matawatchan Fish & Game Club" for local upcoming events and articles!

By purchasing Nevada Tickets at the Griffith General Store, you are also helping our club. Thanks again Duayne and Linda for you support!

Your next Newsletter will be published in June!

Please keep in mind that if e-mail is not available to you, we ask that you pay \$10 for your membership instead of \$5. We send four newsletters annually and this more than covers the cost of your membership if we have to mail them.

Board members can be reached at the following address:
fishandgameclub@gmail.com or Griffith & Matawatchan Fish & Game Club, 5445 Centennial Lake Rd., Griffith, K0J 2R0.

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