

FISH TALES

BLUEWATER ANGLERS NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER 2008

Hatchery Report

The spring stocking was completed April 18th. 121,000 Chinook salmon were released between Port Franks, Hickory Creek and Cow Creek. During the same period 19,000 Ganaraskas rainbow trout were released in the same areas and also in the river at Exmouth St. This has been a very good year for our hatchery operations. The fish were strong and healthy on release. There are currently 40,000 brown trout and 25,000 Ganaraskas rainbow trout in the hatchery. The browns will be released late this fall and the bows will go next spring.

The major maintenance work planned for this year has been completed. There is always more work to do to prepare for the arrival of the next batch of salmon eggs in October but we should have a fairly easy summer.

With the amount of work we have just completed it is a great feeling to see the support the hatchery receives from local vendors and industry of our area. Without their support we would not be able to accomplish the things we do. To list a few of the companies who made the pipeline relocation happen.

Dow Chemical - Engineering design and support,

Kel-Gor - fabrication assistance and materials,

Chemfab - support pipe and tool loans,

Trel - machine shop assistance,

Corix Water Products - pipe and fittings.

These and many other companies are of great assistance in keeping us going.

This summer we will be installing a new feeder control panel. This unit has been built by the Lambton College instrumentation department. They have supplied all of the labour and a large part of the required materials. We are also receiving financial support for the project from the Bluewater Sportfishing club in Port Huron.

Fish hard for the summer and think about joining us at the hatchery in the fall.

Jake

Check the Bluewater Anglers website at
www.bluewateranglers.com
for up-to-date details on club news and events.

BLUEWATER ANGLERS FAMILY FUN DERBY

JULY 5, 2008

SPONSORED BY SARNIA RV CENTRE

FISHING TIME: Saturday, July 5th from 8:00 - 11:00AM.
ENTRY FEE / TICKETS / INFORMATION: This is a FREE derby for families. No fishing license is required. All fishing is free on this free fishing weekend. Sign in at a booth set up by the Bluewater Anglers at Centennial Park near the "fishy" fountain by the parking lot just south of the end of London Road at Front Street. You must sign in here to receive your ticket for a hot dog at the weigh-in and a bucket to collect your gobies. A limited amount of fishing rods and bait will be available at the sign in booth.

ELIGIBILITY: You fish as a family. If your children have brought friends, they will be counted as part of your family for the derby. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

BOUNDARIES: You can fish between Ferry Dock Hill and the Government Docks.

WEIGH-IN: Bring your bucket of gobies to be weighed in (counted) at the Bluewater Anglers' hatchery under the Bluewater Bridge between 11:00AM and NOON.

Redeem your ticket for a hot dog.

PRIZES: Will be awarded for the most gobies caught and the largest fish caught. Place all gobies caught by your family in your bucket. Any fish over 8 inches can be measured by a BWA marshal. Marshals will be found around the fishing area and will be able to assist you as well as measure any fish over 8 inches. This will allow you to release the fish you do not want to keep to eat.

CANCELLATION: There is no rain date. The event will still occur if it is raining. If there is thunder and lightning, the event will be cancelled.

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD AND THE BLUEWATER ANGLERS WALLEYE DERBY

AUGUST 9, 2008

ELIGIBILITY: Any person is eligible to enter this event providing they have a valid fishing license and have purchased their entry ticket by 4:30P.M. on August 8, 2008. This is a BOAT and SHORE event.

(Walleye Derby; continued from page 1)

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per person. If fishing from a boat, all persons on board MUST have an entry ticket. Tickets are available from Sarnia RV and Bucks Baits.

START TIME: 8:00P.M. Friday August 8, 2008.

WEIGH-IN: Saturday, August 9, 2008 between 10:00A.M. – 11:00A.M. at the Bluewater Anglers' Hatchery in Point Edward Waterfront Park. You MUST be in line by 11:00A.M. to have your entries qualify.

BOUNDARIES: The Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby boundaries apply ... south to the south end of Fawn Island in the St. Clair River, east to the harbour at Grand Bend, and north to the trailer park north of Lexington.

SCORING: Single fish weigh-in.

AWARDS/PRIZES: Payout for the top ten single weight.

FIRST	\$500.00	SIXTH	\$50.00
SECOND	\$250.00	SEVENTH	\$50.00
THIRD	\$200.00	EIGHTH	\$50.00
FOURTH	\$150.00	NINTH	\$50.00
FIFTH	\$100.00	TENTH	\$50.00

Winners will be announced immediately after completion of the weigh-in. All prize winners must show valid fishing license to claim prize.

DRAW PRIZE: There will be a draw from all tickets purchased for a minimum of 5 prizes thanks to our major sponsor - **Sarnia RV**.

***** You must be present at the draw to collect a prize.**

LIABILITY: This association will not be liable to or for loss of property or for injury to the person of any contestant or spectator. Contestants compete in this derby at their own risk and agree to hold this Association and members harmless from any liability, claims and cost of any nature whatsoever.

All monies raised support the Bluewater Anglers.

WINTER ICE FISHING DERBY

A very successful Ice Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, February 16, 2008. There was lots of ice for a change, the weather was sunny and warm, and the fish were quite cooperative. Ninety entrants registered for the derby. It was nice to see so many families and children participating in this winter event.

The first place rainbow trout (2.13 kg) was caught by Scott Dezort. The first place Perch (0.4 kg) was caught by Robert McLaughlan. The second place Perch (0.35 kg) was caught by James French. No pike were entered. The member with the largest fish was Scott Dezort.

Six \$50 gift certificates were given away as draw prizes thanks to our major sponsor - **Sarnia RV**.

Special thanks to London Road **Home Hardware** for donating the lumber for the weigh-in tent, and Exmouth St. **Tim Hortons** for donating the hot chocolate.

SHORELINE CLEAN UP

The club held a successful cleanup of the St. Clair River shoreline between downtown Sarnia and the Water Treatment Plant in Point Edward on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Approximately 50 volunteers participated in the clean up, and then enjoyed hotdogs and pop at the hatchery. Thanks to the Point Edward scouts, the students from St. Christopher's school, and the Geo Caching group that joined to help club volunteers.

SPRING CLUB DERBY

Between 40 and 50 people turned out for the club's Spring Club Derby held on Saturday, April 26, 2008.

The winners of the 3 largest trout caught were
1st place - Cheryl Spruyte (3.33kg rainbow trout),
2nd place - Brad Kuglin (3.07kg brown trout),
3rd place - Steve Laverdure (2.95kg rainbow trout).

The winners of the 3 largest trout caught were
1st place - Kevin Somes (2.29kg),
2nd place - Chad Burke (2.19kg),
3rd place - Graham Burnet (1.23kg).

Cheryl Spruyte entered the biggest fish by a club member.

Spring Club Derby Winners



Left to right: Brad Kuglin, Kevin Somes, Graham Burnet, Chad Burke, Steve Laverdure, Cheryl Spruyte

2008 SALMON DERBY RESULTS

The 2008 Bluewater Anglers' Salmon Derby was a resounding success. Fishing was the best it has been in several years with 1775 fish entered (61% more than 2007). Good numbers of healthy salmon were caught, particularly in the Kettle Point - Port Franks area. Derby entries (762 singles; 53 families) were up approx. 10% compared to 2007.

2008 SALMON DERBY WINNERS



Left to right: Steve Laverdure (#1 Trout – Shore), Pam Core (Ladies Day Big Fish), Kevin Hutchings (#1 Walleye), Warren Oke (#1 Lake Trout), Randall Gordon (Kid's Big Fish), Mike Dillabough (#1 Trout – Boat), Brian Somes (#1 Salmon), Dick Kirkland (Pt. Edward Mayor), Colin Brown (Salmon Derby Chairman).
Missing: Walt McIlroy (Seniors Day Big Fish).

\$5000 For Largest Salmon



Brian Somes receives the \$5000 cheque (donated by The Village of Pt. Edward) from Mayor Dick Kirkland for the largest salmon entered.

Bonus Draw Winner



Ken Gould (left) won the Sony 46" TV and Home Theatre package (donated by The Brick; presented by Colin Brown) drawn from all fish entered.

Congratulations to all the 2008 Salmon Derby winners and thank you to all participants in this year's event.

Salmon Category (Top 10 Salmon by weight)

- 1 15.82 Brian Somes, Sarnia (#256)
- 2 14.58 John Billings, Port Franks (#776)
- 3 14.38 Rocho Peitta, Sarnia (#1393)
- 4 14.18 Barry Clarke, Forest (#924)
- 5 13.94 Don Atkin, Forest (#720)
- 6 13.16 John Januskiewicz, Camlachie (#743)
- 7 13.00 Randy Core, Petrolia (#253)
- 8 12.86 Wayne Geerts, Sarnia (#2065)
- 9 12.72 Mathew Grech, Port Franks (#1252)
- 10 12.64 John Kingdon, Forest (#1260)

Trout - Boat (Top 5 Rainbow or Brown Trout by weight)

- 1 11.28 RB Mike Dillabough, Corunna (#2105)
- 2 10.42 RB Owen Weiss, Sarnia (#536)
- 3 10.42 RB Bradley Geerts, Sarnia (#659)
- 4 8.98 RB Jayson Mathieson, London (#152)
- 5 8.68 RB Scott Dezort, Sarnia (#0044)

Trout - Shore (Top 5 Rainbow or Brown Trout by weight)

- 1 10.42 BT Steve Laverdure, Sarnia (#561)
- 2 10.38 RB Randy Fulkerson, Sarnia (#2008)
- 3 9.20 RB John Perz, Sarnia (#698)
- 4 8.92 RB Adam Ibbatson, Hamilton (#0726)
- 5 8.86 RB Jason Mosienko, Sarnia (#0068)

Lake Trout (Top 5 Lake Trout by weight)

- 1 13.44 Warren Oke, Sarnia (#714)
- 2 11.60 Del Thomson (#0035)
- 3 11.34 John Hardick, Sarnia (#2181)
- 4 10.20 Rick Vriesinga, Plympton (#0008)
- 5 9.80 Bryan Burgess (#0965)

Walleye (Top 5 Walleye by weight)

- 1 8.86 Kevin Hutchings, Brights Grove (#728)
- 2 8.36 Kevin Smith, Fort Gratiot, Michigan (#753)
- 3 8.34 Jeff DeKort, Sarnia (#631)
- 4 7.58 Mark Harding, Sarnia (#2101)
- 5 7.42 Scott Dezort, Sarnia (#0044)

Ladies Day Largest Fish (By weight)

- May 3 11.92# Salmon Pam Core, Petrolia (#941)

Seniors Day Largest Fish (By weight)

- May 7 10.60# Salmon Walt McIlroy, Sarnia (#341)

Kids Largest Fish (By weight)

- 10.70# Salmon Randall Gordon, Corunna (#2104)

Daily Big Fish Winners (includes Sarnia & Port Franks)

- May 2 14.38# Salmon Rocho Peitta, Sarnia (#1393)
- May 3 14.58# Salmon John Billings, Port Franks (#776)
- May 4 14.18# Salmon Barry Clarke, Forest ((#924)
- May 5 13.16# Salmon John Januszkiewicz, Camlachie
- May 6 13.44# Warren Oke, Sarnia (#714)
Lake Trout
- May 7 12.00# Salmon Chris Garwood, Sarnia (#932)
- May 8 12.02# Salmon Mike Gillis, Brights Grove (#311)
- May 9 12.56# Salmon Dave Boon, Sarnia (#340)
- May 10 15.82# Salmon Brian Somes, Sarnia (#256)
- May 11 11.10# Salmon John Januszkiewicz, Camlachie

Daily Draw Winners - Sarnia Weigh Station

- May 2 Ian Crosssett, Sarnia (#255)
- May 3 Mark Harding, Sarnia (#2101)
- May 4 Dave Spalding, Mount Bridges (#1139)
- May 5 Jim Martin, Sarnia (#257)
- May 6 Duncan Mitchell, Strathroy (#2012)
- May 7 Chris Foley, Sarnia (#407)
- May 8 Ken Eveleigh, Sarnia (#648)
- May 9 Dave McGregor, Sarnia (#738)
- May 10 Art Speed, Sarnia (#990)
- May 11 Frank Turnbull, Sarnia (#0043)

Daily Draw Winners - Port Franks Weigh Station

- May 2 Al Billings, Sarnia (#750)
- May 3 Don Atkin, Forest (#720)
- May 4 Corey McKinnon, Wyoming (#445)
- May 5 Steve Mathers, Grand Bend (#1432)
- May 6 Mel Gow, Grand Bend (#0056)
- May 7 Cory McKinnon, Wyoming (#445)
- May 8 Craig Beauhrier, Sarnia (#643)
- May 9 Jim Horsburgh, Point Edward (#0093)
- May 10 Norm Stewart, Sarnia (#1258)
- May 11 Walter Good (#1141)

Number of Fish Entered During the 2008 Derby

Day	Sarnia	Port Franks	Daily Total
May 2	71	115	186
May 3	74	130	204
May 4	77	94	171
May 5	86	187	273
May 6	68	151	219
May 7	67	83	150
May 8	39	40	79
May 9	62	117	179
May 10	69	168	237
May 11	29	48	77
Derby Total	642	1133	1775

	Year	Sarnia (#)	Port Franks (#)	Total Fish (#)	Total Wgt (lbs)	Ave. Wgt (lbs)
Salmon	2008	274	956	1230	6850	5.57
	2007	142	239	381	1910	5.01
Rainbow Trout	2008	110	80	190	983	5.18
	2007	38	74	112	512	4.58
Brown Trout	2008	7	2	9	49	5.48
	2007	10	2	12	65	5.40
Walleye	2008	114	4	118	464	3.93
	2007	156	7	163	479	2.94
Lake Trout	2008	137	91	228	1432	6.28
	2007	167	265	432	2847	6.59
Derby Totals	2008	642	1133	1775	9779	5.51
	2007	513	587	1100	5814	5.29

THANK YOU TO OUR DERBY SPONSORS

A special thank you to the many sponsors who supported the Bluewater Anglers' 2008 Salmon Derby. Your generous support is what makes the Salmon Derby so successful. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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The Bluewater Anglers would like to pay special thanks to all our sponsors, many of whom have been with us since 1980 when we first took over the derby. They, like all of you, realize that every dollar raised by the Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby goes right back into the fish hatchery account to cover operating expenses.


So take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with our many derby sponsors. This event would not be possible without their much-appreciated support.

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Salmon Derby Awards Presentation

The presentation of prizes will take place at the Point Edward Optimist Hall
 Point Edward, May 21, 2008
 Doors Open: 7:00pm
 Presentation: 7:30pm
 Over \$2000 in additional door prizes will be awarded.

We welcome **Angling Sport (London) Inc.** as a new Salmon Derby major sponsor in 2008. They donated too late to be included in the Salmon Derby brochure.



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Special thanks to **The Village of Point Edward** and **Team Industrial Services Inc.**, our two corporate sponsors, who each donated \$5000 to the 2008 Salmon Derby.

PRE-TIED LEAD CORE SEGMENTS

There is no doubt that one of the more efficient ways to catch fish is with lead core line. For those of you not familiar with lead core, it's basically Dacron line with lead running through the centre of it. The outer Dacron sleeve is colour coded every 10 yards and a full core spool is 10 colours or 100 yards. It comes in 18, 27, 36,

and 45 pound test, with 18# and 27# test being the most popular on the Great Lakes. All weights have the same size of lead insert, but have heavier and thicker Dacron outer coatings. Key advantages to using the lighter 18# and 27# weights are you can spool more of it on a reel, and with its smaller diameter it sinks better and has the least amount of drag.

Having various rods and reels pre-spooled with various segments of lead core can create quite a storage problem not to mention the cost involved with spooling umpteen rods and reels. In the past I had 4 rods and reels pre-spooled with 2, 3, 5, and all 10 colours spliced to achieve the various depths required. The general rule is that for every colour of lead core you will gain an extra 5 feet in depth. For the most part, running two lead core set-ups is all the average angler can handle.

I now have only two rods and reels set-up to handle all my pre-tied segmented lead core combinations from 2 to all 10 colours. Each reel is spooled with 150 yards of 12# mono for backing. I have two sets of lead core segments in 2, 3, 5 and all 10 colours that are all pre-tied and ready to tie onto my backing.

To do this I'll take the lead core, peel back about 4 inches of the Dacron sleeve and remove the lead, insert the leader using 30 feet of 10 to 20 pound test mono or fluorocarbon leader material. A Willis Knot works best for this. Simply remove 4 inches of lead wire and tie a loose overhand knot in the Dacron sleeve. Slide the leader into the sleeve and ease the knot down so the mono is inside. Pull the knot tight, it's that simple. On the other end of the lead core I once again peel back about 4 inches of Dacron sleeve, remove the lead and attach a small ball bearing swivel using a clinch knot. Make sure the ball bearing swivel is small enough to pass through both the rod guides and the line guide on your reel. Now simply connect the mono backing to the swivel on the end of the lead core with an improved clinch knot and you're ready to go.

Pre-tied lead core segments are easy to store by simply using old line or lead core spools or better still purchasing the larger 6" diameter leader spools for handling the various segments. For example if fishing conditions require you to change from a 3 colour segment to a 5 colour segment simply remove the existing 3 colour segment and attach the 5 colour segment. Lead core is a must for the serious salmon angler. It's an easy setup that simply produces a lot of fish.

Pete Bothwell

ONTARIO CFWIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Bluewater Anglers have received a 25 Year Achievement Award from the Aylmer District of the Ministry of Natural Resources. The plaque reads ...
"Ontario CFWIP Achievement Award to Ontario Fish and Wildlife Partner Bluewater Anglers in recognition of your outstanding contribution to the Community Fisheries and Wildlife Improvement Program administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources Aylmer District 2007. Thank you for 25 years".

The plaque is on display in the hatchery meeting room.

The Bluewater Anglers have participated in the CFWIP program since the club started the pilot hatchery in 1982.

WFN & TBBA PRO BASS TOURNAMENTS

Two professional bass tournaments will be held in Sarnia during the summer of 2008. The WFN tournament will be held on July 25 – 27, 2008. The TBBA tournament will be held on September 13 – 14, 2008. Both events will be held at the Sarnia Bay Marina. The Bluewater Anglers have been asked to assist in moving the anglers and their boats from the Sarnia Bay boat ramp to the weigh-in located in the Sarnia Bay Marina parking lot. The Bluewater Anglers will also coordinate a Kid's Fishing Tournament in Sarnia Bay during the TBBA tournament in September. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these events, please contact Randy Fulkerson (519-313-5628 or randy_fulkerson@yahoo.ca).

BLUEWATER ANGLERS AND OFAH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Complete the form below to become a Bluewater Anglers member or to renew your membership. More information about membership benefits can be found at www.bluewateranglers.com/membership.html.

Also, did you know that you can join the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) at a discount rate through the Bluewater Anglers. Complete the bottom portion of the form below.

Contact Terry Latham (519-542-8845 or thlatham@sympatico.ca) for more information on either membership.

BLUEWATER ANGLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP:

NEW RENEWAL JUNIOR \$10.00 SINGLE \$20.00 FAMILY \$30.00

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Memberships – while you have the cheque book out, let's make one out for \$30.75 for single and \$41.75 for family, payable to THE FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS. To make the task a little easier, the following form will be in all newsletters, this is great way to save and get involved in an organization that is fighting for the rights of Anglers and Hunters like you and I.

Please complete this form and mail it with your separate cheque or money order to:
BLUEWATER ANGLERS, c/o Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 174, Sarnia, Ontario N7T 7H9

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