

# FISH TALES

## BLUEWATER ANGLERS NEWSLETTER

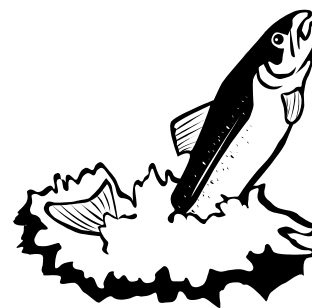
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FALL 2010

### CLUB ACTIVITY CALENDAR For September - December 2010

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| September 1  | Board of Directors Meeting |
| September 7  | General Membership Meeting |
| September 18 | Fall Big Fish Derby        |
| October 5    | Salmon Derby Committee Mtg |
| October 6    | Board of Directors Meeting |
| November 3   | Board of Directors Meeting |
| December 1   | Board of Directors Meeting |

Check the Bluewater Anglers website for current information on upcoming club events at [www.bluewateranglers.com/events.html](http://www.bluewateranglers.com/events.html).



### BLUEWATER ANGLERS FALL BIG FISH DERBY Saturday, September 18, 2010

Any person is eligible to enter provided they have an entry ticket and a valid fishing license for the waters they are fishing. The entry fee is \$10.00 per person. All entries must be purchased by 4:30 PM Friday Sept 17, 2010. Entry forms and derby information will be available at **The Outdoorsman, Bucks Baits**, and our September 7<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting.

This is a BOAT and SHORE event. If fishing from a boat, all people aboard must have an entry.

The Salmon Derby boundaries apply for this event (... in the St. Clair River south to the south end of Fawn Island, east to the harbour at Grand Bend, and north to the trailer park north of Lexington, Michigan). Boundaries for all streams and rivers entering into the St. Clair River or Lake Huron are upstream to the first bridge or roadway, whichever comes first.

This is a single fish derby. Derby contestants are allowed to enter only their SINGLE heaviest fish. Only Salmon, Rainbow Trout, and Brown Trout are eligible. Participants must bring their catch to the weigh-in station, located at the FISH HATCHERY, between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM, September 18th, 2010. **You must be in line by 3:00 PM for your entry to be eligible.**

Prizes will be presented immediately following the weigh-in. Cash prizes will be awarded for the 5 heaviest fish entered. The following will be the breakdown of cash prizes based on total entry fees:

|                 |     |                           |     |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 35% | 4 <sup>th</sup>           | 10% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 20% | 5 <sup>th</sup>           | 5%  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 15% | 15% for the fish hatchery |     |

Bring the family or a friend and participate in the last Bluewater Angler fishing event of the year.

\*\*\*\*\* **BACK AT OUR OLD LOCATION** \*\*\*\*\*

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 7, 2010  
Point Edward Arena & Community Centre  
210 Monk Street  
Doors open at 7:00 PM  
Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

#### **AGENDA**

Hatchery Update  
Salmon Derby Update  
Coming Club Events  
Fishing Report  
Swap Table

#### **Guest Speaker/Topic**

Darrin Negri  
**Get the net!! Fishing Adventures**  
[www.getthenet.webs.com](http://www.getthenet.webs.com)  
Fall Bass Fishing Techniques

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## FAMILY FUN FISHING DAY

Saturday, July 10, 2010

The third annual Family Fun Fishing Day (... Goby Derby) was another big hit. The weather was perfect, the Gobies cooperated, and there were hotdogs, pop and prizes for everyone. Twenty three families, including 53 kids and 43 adults, participated in this year's outing.



Thanks to **Lake St. Clair Pro Tackle** in Wallaceburg for supplying all the worms for the event, and prizes for all the kids. Also, a special thanks to the directors and members of the Bluewater Anglers who helped out in a variety of ways to make this event a great success.

The winners In the Goby division were ...

1st Riley Family - 147 gobies

2nd Lavoie Family - 121 gobies

3rd Blondin Family - 119 gobies



The winners in the single big fish division were ...

1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Johnson (left) - 9 inch rock bass

2<sup>nd</sup> Lucas DeSousa (centre) - 8 7/8 inch rock bass

3<sup>rd</sup> Shamus McCarthy (right) - 8 3/4 inch rock bass



### NEW BLUEWATER ANGLERS LIFETIME MEMBERS

Bob Daly, Henry Kock and Frank Turnbull have been made **Lifetime Members** by the Board of Directors in recognition of their contributions to the Bluewater Anglers.

**Bob Daly** is a long time Bluewater Angler member, a member of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer of the Bluewater Anglers, and a member of the Salmon Derby Committee.

**Henry Kock** is a long time Bluewater Angler member, a long time hatchery operator and volunteer, and a member of the Salmon Derby Committee.

**Frank Turnbull** is a long time Bluewater Angler member, a member of the Board of Directors, the long time host and coordinator of the Kids Training Day event, and a member of the In-House events committee.

Congratulations Bob, Henry and Frank, and thanks for your dedication and efforts in support of the Bluewater Anglers.

## 2010 SALMON DERBY UPDATE

Here is a summary of the 2010 Salmon Derby financials.

### Revenues

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Ticket Sales         | \$24,200 (+9% vs. 2009) |
| Sponsors             | \$12,000                |
| Derby Tabloid (net)  | \$ 3,500                |
| Awards Night         | \$ <u>1,100</u>         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> | <b>\$40,800</b>         |

### Expenses

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Prizes                | \$17,100        |
| Advertising/Promotion | \$ 5,000        |
| Weigh Stations        | \$ 3,400        |
| Hats & Shirts (net)   | \$ 1,900        |
| Miscellaneous         | \$ <u>900</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$28,300</b> |

**Profit** **\$12,500**

As you can see, we had another successful Salmon Derby. All Salmon Derby profits go towards the operation of our hatchery. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Salmon Derby, the Salmon Derby Committee members and volunteers, and our many wonderful sponsors.



## 2011 SALMON DERBY

Planning for the 2011 Salmon Derby will begin in early October. The first meeting of the 2011 Salmon Derby Committee will be held at the Hatchery on **Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** We are always looking for new people to join the Salmon Derby Committee to bring forward new ideas. The Salmon Derby Committee meets once or twice a month for 1 – 1.5 hours. Come out to the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting if you are interested in helping with next spring's Salmon Derby.

The tentative dates for the 2011 Salmon Derby are **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.** Put these dates on your calendar.

## 2010 SALMON DERBY SPONSORS

Please remember the many fine Salmon Derby sponsors when you make your next purchase. Their generous support is what makes the Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby so successful. **Thank you sponsors!**

### Major Sponsors

## Thank You Derby Sponsors

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.

### Sponsors at Time of Printing:

|                                        |                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Assante Capital Management - Ted Vanos | Kern Water System Inc. LCBO      | Tony's Meat Market, Wyoming   |
| Bayview Chrysler Dodge Ltd.            | Lambeth Rod & Tackle             | Toronto Dominion Bank, Forest |
| Bosanquet Optimists                    | Lambton Ford                     | United Furniture              |
| CAA Auto Club & Travel Agency          | Lanxess                          | Widder Station                |
| Cameron Canada Inc.                    | Legendary Products               | Wilson Plumbing & Hardware    |
| Cameron Paint & Wallpaper              | Lyman Lures                      | X-Cel Wines Plus              |
| Canadian Tire, Forest                  | MacKenzie Oil Limited            | 3M                            |
| Carl Yates                             | T.J. McCarthy Ltd.               |                               |
| Country View Motel & Resort            | McCormick/Fish Crisp             |                               |
| Cutting Edge                           | Magermans and Raes               |                               |
| Davies Enterprises                     | Mettler Toledo                   |                               |
| Doodles                                | Micor Sports Limited             |                               |
| Drifter II Charters                    | North Shore Day Spa              |                               |
| Ducana Windows & Doors                 | Otools                           |                               |
| Dudman Fuel                            | Parmerit Inc.                    |                               |
| Ed's Baits, Wallaceburg                | Pinwood Trucking                 |                               |
| Foodland, Wyoming                      | Point Edward Casino              |                               |
| Forest Golf & Country Hotel            | Salus Marine Wear                |                               |
| Gander Mountain                        | Sandhill Golf Course, Pt. Franks |                               |
| Goodlife Fitness Club                  | Sarnia Propane                   |                               |
| Home Hardware, Wyoming                 | Saucier Plumbing                 |                               |
| Hug's Variety                          | Scotia Bank                      |                               |
| ICI Paints                             | Sim Propane Limited              |                               |
| Imperial Oil                           | Shelley Machine & Marine         |                               |
| Intertec Instrumentation               | ShurGard Group Inc.              |                               |
| Iron Works Gym                         | Dr. Frank Sproviero              |                               |
| Kel-Gor                                | Sylvain's Marine                 |                               |



### Salmon Derby Awards Presentation

• **May 19, 2010** •  
**NEW LOCATION**  
 The presentation of prizes will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 62, 286 Front Street N. Doors Open: 7:00pm Presentation: 7:30pm Additional door prizes will be awarded.

# VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD AND THE BLUEWATER ANGLERS WALLEYE DERBY

August 6 - 7, 2010

There was excellent participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Walleye Derby. One hundred and five tickets were sold (... the most ever; an increase of 38% vs. 2009). The weather and the fish cooperated. Twenty nine fish were weighed in (... a single entry derby). Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out.

The 2010 Walleye Derby winners were ...

|                     |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 1. Martin Blaisdell | 1.75 kg | (\$500) |
| 2. Joe Dunham       | 1.40 kg | (\$250) |
| 3. Kevin Somes      | 1.37 kg | (\$125) |
| 4. Dave Ryan        | 1.22 kg | (\$100) |
| 5. Chris Garwood    | 1.19 kg | (\$ 50) |

Kevin Somes was the Bluewater Angler member with the biggest fish. He won an additional \$100.



Martin Blaisdell  
Walleye Derby Winner

Dick Kirkland  
Mayor, Pt. Edward

We thank **The Village of Point Edward** for donating the \$500 prize for the largest walleye. Also, thanks to Steve at **The Outdoorsman** for providing the spinning reel and other draw prizes.

Paul DeVlugt would like to thank the successful anglers who donated fish to a worthy cause. It is very much appreciated.

## LOST & FOUND

Found at the Hatchery ...

- a black LOWEPRO digital camera case after Family Day,
- a blue REEBOX long sleeve sweatshirt in May.

If either of these items is yours, please pick it up at the hatchery any morning between 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

## HATCHERY REPORT

**WOW!** Another year of hatchery operation is just about completed ... and another year is getting ready to start.

Our experiments with growing larger fish appear to be working quite well. The 1,700 Salmon that we kept from the spring release have tripled in size since the spring. They are now about 17 grams compared to 5.5 grams for the Salmon we released in the spring. The 10,000 Ganaraskas Rainbow Trout that we held over the summer are now pushing 60 grams and doing very well. The Salmon and Rainbow Trout will be released this fall in late October or early November. We will try and time all the releases after the Cormorants leave the area.

We will also release about 35,000 Brown Trout this fall. They will be 20 to 25 grams by then. Thanks to the two new rearing tanks, this has been the most positive start for Brown Trout that we have seen.

This spring's hatch of 50,000 Ganaraskas Rainbow Trout looks very positive. They are just about ready to be moved into the larger tanks where they will be held for release next spring.

Planning is underway for the collection of Salmon eggs in early October. We are optimistic that we can increase the number of eggs collected compared to the past couple of years. We should have further details at the September 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

There is lots of work to do during August and September in preparation for the next season; including

- preparing all the Salmon egg collection equipment,
- inspecting, cleaning and disinfecting the incubators,
- pulling and cleaning the well pumps,
- cleaning all the tanks for the next batch of fish,
- fin-clipping the Brown Trout before release.

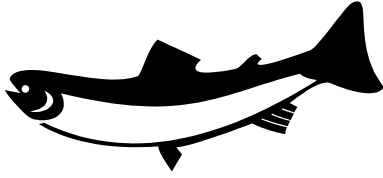
We could use a couple of volunteers to fill out the hatchery teams. A crew of 3 – 5 volunteers is assigned for each day of the week. Each crew comes in one morning a week for 1 – 1.5 hours to complete the routine checks and operations, to clean the tanks, and to refill the feeders.

Please contact Jake Van Rooyen (519-869-2371) if you would like to help with any of the jobs or be a hatchery operator. Come out and support your hatchery.

Jake

# 2009 - 2010 HATCHERY OPERATORS

The success of your hatchery is due to the dedicated efforts of our hatchery operators. We would like to recognize the people who have been operating the hatchery so successfully during the 2009 - 2010 season. Special thanks to the daily operating crews.



Wednesday Hatchery Crew

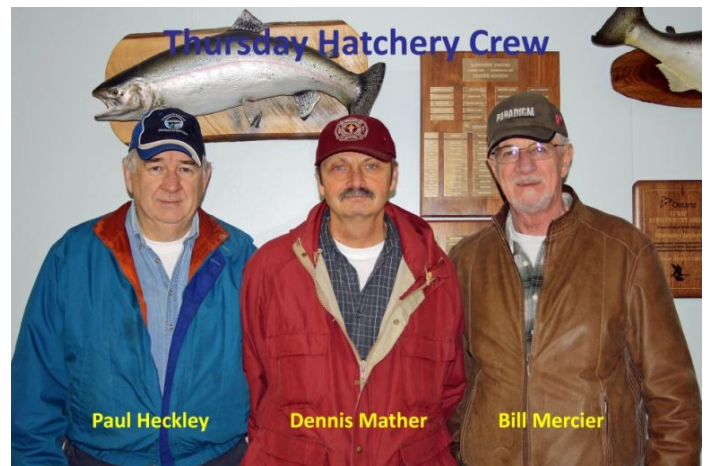
Pete Bothwell

Dave Hicks



Sunday Hatchery Crew

Back: Helder Dias    Doug Gatecliff    Ron Arnold  
 Front: Wayne Giberson    Sippie Scholtens    Mark Barnett

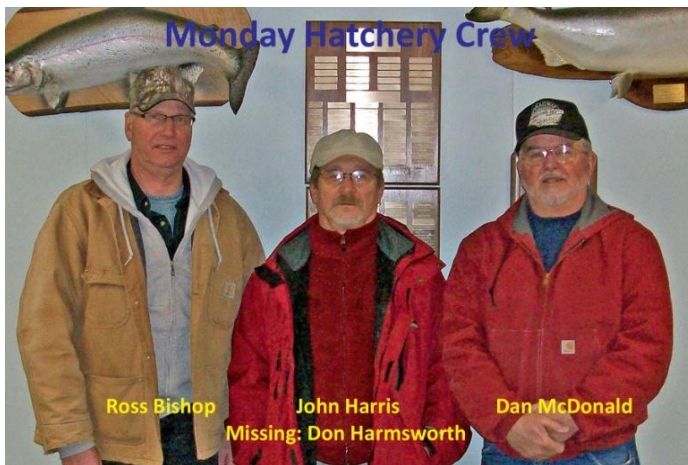


Thursday Hatchery Crew

Paul Heckley

Dennis Mather

Bill Mercier



Monday Hatchery Crew

Ross Bishop    John Harris    Dan McDonald  
 Missing: Don Harmsworth



Friday Hatchery Crew

Maurice Cameron    Al Desort    Alan Boam    Lou Dallaire    Sam Whiting



Tuesday Hatchery Crew

Bill Mercier    Paul DeVlugt    Jake Van Rooyen    Roger Hay    Henry Kock  
 Missing: Gerry Lanteigne



Saturday Hatchery Crew

Sheldon McKessock    Rob McKessock    Henry Kock  
 Missing: Wayne Giberson

## DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE ANGLERS?

This picture was taken the first week of June 2010 when Don Cox (centre) and myself went to visit our friend Clyde Wicks (left) in Nanaimo, B.C. Some of you older Anglers may recognize Clyde from his days at the Sarnia Observer. As a matter of fact, Clyde organized the first Salmon Derby in Sarnia in 1977. The Bluewater Anglers began hosting the Salmon Derby in 1980. To date, our spring Salmon Derby is the longest running derby in the Province of Ontario.

Pete Bothwell



## BLUEWATER ANGLERS AND OFAH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Complete the forms below to become a Bluewater Anglers or OFAH member or to renew your current membership. More information about BWA membership benefits can be found at [www.bluewateranglers.com/membership.html](http://www.bluewateranglers.com/membership.html). Contact Ralph Eves (519-383-0873 or [raljo\\_eves@sympatico.ca](mailto:raljo_eves@sympatico.ca)) for more information on either membership.

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### BLUEWATER ANGLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP: New  Renewal  Junior (\$10.00)  Single (\$20.00)  Family (\$30.00)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

OFAH Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheque payable to **BLUEWATER ANGLERS** and send the completed form to **Bluewater Anglers, c/o Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 174, Sarnia Ontario N7T 7H9.**

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Also, did you know that you can join the **Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH)** at a discount rate through the Bluewater Anglers? Apply for an OFAH membership or renew your membership using the form below.

### ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS & HUNTERS (OFAH) APPLICATION

OFAH MEMBERSHIP: Adult (\$32.50)  Family (\$43.50)  Youth, under 21 (\$29.50)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

OFAH Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ (if a current member)

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make a separate cheque payable to **ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS** and send the completed form to **Bluewater Anglers, c/o Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 174, Sarnia Ontario N7T 7H9.**