



Rondeau Rod and Gun Club

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Coming Events

Friday -- July 19 -- Golf and Bar-B-Q. Being played at the Blenheim Community Golf Course. Call in for a T-Off time 4 days ahead of the 19th. Bar-B-Q steak at the Club following golf -- all for only \$12.00 (green fees extra) -- dinner at 7:00 p.m. Bring your golf scores -- prizes galore.

Wednesday -- July 31 -- Monthly meeting at the Club. (Note there are 5 Wednesdays in July -- so it's the last Wednesday of the month). Haven't heard to the contrary, so I assume there will be an Exec. Meeting at 7:00 p.m., prior to the regular meeting.

Sunday -- August 25th Kids Fishing Derby at the Club pond. Prizes for all entrants (up to the age of 15). Check with Bill Gardiner or Doug St. Pierre to see if you can help. It's always needed.

Wednesday -- August 28th -- Regular monthly meeting at the Club.

Saturday -- September 14th -- Steak and Cards. When you come out to the regular meeting on Aug. 28th, you can sign up at the Bar for this event.

Wednesday -- September 25th -- Regular monthly meeting at the Club.

Saturday -- October 26th -- Fishing Trophy Banquet -- Cornish Game Hen Dinner (hopefully cooked and served by the Gardiner Hunt Camp). They do a superb job on this meal.

Wednesday -- October 30th -- Regular monthly meeting. (Another month with 5 Wednesdays in it).

New Members -- We would like to welcome the following new members since the last bulletin. Darrin Szilay, Blenheim; Danny Bourdeau, Lasalle; Bruce Mifflin, Chatham; David Mifflin, Blenheim; Chuck Irwin, Blenheim; Chris Timmermans, Blenheim; and Brad Thompson, Shrewsbury. Ask your Membership Chairman for your Club crest and By-law book, if you haven't already received them. Meetings are held at the Club the last Wednesday of every month, except June and December.

Speaking of Membership Chairman, and Treasurer, Hugh Carrothers is finding both portfolios a little hard to handle, especially at dues paying time. Is there a member out there that would like to take the Membership job on and give Hugh a break from both offices? Please, speak up, and ask Hugh what would be involved. I know he would be happy to help you in any way.

This 'N That -- I see one of our Life Members, Ron Gough made the June 2002 issue of Ontario Out of Doors with his wild turkey entry for 2001. Congratulations Ron. I didn't know you could gobble, I thought you were just a -- no, I can't say it. I hope you had fun.

We have some new tables, lighter than the old ones. If they work out, we'll probably get some more. I've heard that if anyone is caught sitting on them the fine is \$100.00. Chairs were were made for sitting.

According to the O.F.H.A. insert the boating deadline is September 2002 for licensing operators of small boats. Am trying to get info on this situation, may have more on this later in bulletin.

L. E. S. & P. Hunt -- The 22nd Annual Fishing Competition is set to go on Saturday, June 29th till noon on July 14th. Prize structure is \$1,000.00 min. for each of the Salmon and Pickerel species. Prizes are based on 75% of net entries and 25% of net to trout stocking. Entry forms are available at Barney's Boats and Ed's Water Fun & Tackle, Erieau; The Summer Place Marina and Campground, Rondeau; and Little Joe's Baits, Shrewsbury. Single entry fee is \$20.00; Family \$40.00 for the two weeks of the tournament and a \$10.00 daily entry fee for Charter Boat participants, etc.

There is a change in the Food and Beverage tent business. The Gun Club will supply the tent and equipment, and the Rotary Club of Chatham will supply the manpower for cooking and serving.

The weigh station for your entries is at the trailer at Barney's Boats and Marina. The final prize presentations take place at the Slip Inn and Restaurant on Sunday, July 14th at 2:00 pm. Have fun -- **Good Luck!**

Legion Picnic -- July 14th -- This is a notice to all members that the Club is closed to all shooting activity **indoors or out**, on this day. The R.C. Legion, Br. 185 are having their annual picnic on the grounds of the Rondeau Rod & Gun Club. Most of their activities will be outside with the games etc. for the children.

Alex's -- Retirement -- Alex Roebuck, our Bar Steward for all these many years is retiring. The July 31st meeting night has been chosen to honour Alex and provide a light lunch after the meeting. (Hope your reading this, Neil, and making preparations.) It would be nice if we had a good representation from our membership present to honour Alex.

Loonie Bin -- Is up over \$300.00. The last winner was Mike McKillop. Oops, maybe I should not have mentioned your name, Mike. Shannon may not know about it. Anyway, when your at the Club, make sure you put your loonie in the pot, your name on the list, and just maybe you'll get lucky, like Mike.

Licence Free Fishing -- The Ontario Family Fishing Weekend (O.F.F.W.) licence free event again runs in conjunction with National Fishing Week, from July 6 to July 14th.

During O.F.F.W. there will be fishing festivals, clinics, derbies or educational activities around the Province. New anglers can enter a draw for a free, three year Conservation Fishing Licence.

During the weekend all anglers must abide by the conservation licence limits set out in the current Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary.

Call the O.F.F.W. information line 1-800-667-1940 or visit www.familyfishingweekend.com for further information.

September 2002 Deadline -- As part of the Federal Governments boating Operator Competency 10 year phase-in period, any person operating any powered recreational vessel less than 4 metres (including personal watercraft) must have proof they have taken and passed the boaters test.

Anyone operating a vessel 4 metres or 13.1' in length will need proof they have passed their test as of September 2002.

I have finally contacted Nick at AAA Boating Safety Standards in Samia, in regards to taking the course and test.

We have tentatively picked, Saturday, July 27 as course and test date. We need at least 10 applicants. The course will start at 9:00am, concluding at 12 noon and write the test after that. You have an hour to write the test, but most applicants are finished in 25 to 35 minutes. The fee for the course and test is \$50.00. Included in this is literature pertaining to safety that you may take with you.

If you want to challenge the test, without the course you can come to the Club at 12 noon and for a fee of \$30.00 just write the test.

I was thinking of just the members who have boats, but there must be some members children who would be interested in the course. There are courses for age 8-12, 13-15 and up to 19 who **must have** their licence now. Notify Doug Campbell @ 676-3512 if your interested in taking the course in July.