



Rondeau Rod and Gun Club

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Michael Kastoff, President

Coming Events

Saturday -- March 22 -- Steak and Cards

Please sign up on the board at the Bar. Dinner is \$12.00 plus \$2.00 for cards - prizes etc.

Wednesday -- March 26 -- Regular monthly meeting at 8:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Saturday -- April 12 -- Fish and Cards

Again, please sign up on the board at the Bar. Dinner is \$14.00 for, I assume, a perch supper plus \$2.00 for cards.

Saturday -- April 26 -- Fish Stag Dinner at 6:30 but the ticket price is up. \$18.00 for each ticket and there are only 250 tickets. Barry Lidlow has the tickets for sale now. I think there will be tickets at the bar if you just want to pick one or two. Pay when you pick up.

Wednesday -- April 30 -- Regular monthly meeting at 8:30

The Executive have not picked all the dates for this year's events. There may be something going on in May, come to the Club and check the coming events board at the Bar. I did prevail upon the Pres. to pick a date in June for the "June Dinner Meeting" and he opted for Friday -- June 20. This is one of those two meetings a year that are not held on the last Wednesday of the month.

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

Smart Serve -- Jim Gardiner, the Bar Chairman, recently held a seminar on the Smart Serve Ontario, a training program for responsible beverage servers. Taking the course were Brian Owen, Hugh Carrothers, Cheryl Gardiner, Cathy McIroy, Jim Gardiner and Bill Jamieson. There will be another course held later for other persons interested in becoming a certified beverage server. I know Brian Patterson expressed an interest. So please let Jim Gardiner know if interested in taking the one day video and Q & A program. I assume that all that took the course, passed. Our liquor licence depends on a graduate of this program to be behind the Bar.

By-Laws -- A notable change in our By-laws, involves Article 7 Sec 6 Sub Sec 6(b) Membership. In that a member, to become a life member, must have 25 consecutive membership years, (instead of 10 years, previously). This change is the result of too many Life Members and not enough dues paying Members. Something, the founders of this Club never envisioned when setting up the By-laws, nearly 50 years ago.

Bar News -- Cheryl Gardiner, temporary Bar Steward, tells me bar hours on Saturday are from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm and not as 2 to 6 as reported in the last bulletin. You might see a strange face behind the bar occasionally, Kent Brown, is going to fill in, once in a while.

Euchre tournament going on today, March 8, at the Club with about 25 tables going at it. Speaking of euchre, the Wednesday night league plays until April 16th.

Executive for 2003

The following is a list of your Executive and Committee Chairmen for 2003.

PresidentMichael Kastoff
Past President.....Jim VanDyk
Vice President.....Jim McFeggan
Secretary.....Jeremy Cook
Treasurer.....Hugh Carrothers
Sgt-At-Arms.....Gordon Renwick

Membership.....Brian Pelkey
Publicity.....Douglas Campbell
Entertainment.....Barry Lidlow
Kitchen.....Neil Wilkinson
Canteen.....Jim Gardiner
Sports.....Julius Van Biesbrouck
Conservation & Fishing.....
Range Officer.....Brent St. Pierre
Youth.....Don Kozlof
Blue Rock.....Bill Jamieson
L.E.S. & P. Hunt.....

Dues

I know Hugh covered this dues setup extensively in the December 15th letter but I know there are life members out there that want to remain active in the Club that have not paid their \$8.50 CSSA fee. So hopefully it is a misunderstanding or they didn't read the letter. The regular dues are \$62.00 which includes GST and CSSA fees. The pistol permit members total is 93.50 which includes GST and CSSA fees. The Life Member pays no Club dues, just the CSSA fee of \$8.50 or if you're a pistol permit holder, \$40.00.

Life Members who choose not to pay the CSSA fee shall be re-classified as non-active. Their name will be removed from the voting list, however they will continue to receive a bulletin.

If you are a member of OFAH, you must pay your annual fee when you pay your dues in Nov - Dec of each year. Should you not pay your OFAH fees at this time, regardless of when your membership expires, you are on your own to send it in to OFAH . So says the Treasurer.

Youth Meetings

Don Kozlof, Youth Chairman, reports that he has about 30 kids coming out on Monday nights, boys and girls. John McIlroy is Don's able assistant, but Don says that he lost a couple of helpers and could really use some extra help. They don't have to be "every Mon. night" help, but if you have expertise in some aspect of out-of-doors activity it would certainly be welcome. A chance to demonstrate good fishing and hunting management to our hunters and fishermen of tomorrow.

I'm thinking of Bill Tye, retired C.O. and Wayne Passmore, hunter training expert, that between them have all kinds of experience and tales to be told, to pass on to our youth. The Youth meetings are every Mon. night from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, and like I say, Don could really use the help.

You can reach Don at 676-3536 and leave a message, if he is not there, to an amusing telephone answering machine.

That's all folks! See ya next bulletin. If you have any news worth printing please pass it along.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.



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Wednesday – September 24th – Monthly meeting. This bulletin may not reach many of you before the above date, but it's the last Wed. of September – therefore, be at the Club, well, the Bar is open shortly after 6:30 and the meeting is at 8:30 pm.

Nothing on the calendar in **October** except the **monthly meeting on Oct. 29th**.

Saturday – November 8th – Cornish Game Hen Dinner, prepared and served by the "Gardiner Hunt Camp". This dinner held each year, usually in conjunction with the Fishing Trophy presentations. Jim tells me that there will be live entertainment following dinner. Tickets are available from the Bar, Jim Gardiner or Biesy. Price is \$12.50 per and dinner served shortly after 6:30 pm. There are a limited number of tickets available, so get yours early and avoid the disappointment of ending up ticketless. I don't know where I get these words!

Saturday – November ? – Fish Stag. Don't have a firm date on this one, so you'll have to keep checking at the Bar for a date and price confirmation.

Saturday – December ? – Members Christmas Party. Same again – no definite date set at printing time. Keep checking at the Bar on Wed. nights or Saturday afternoons for confirmation on these dates and times. The Bar needs your business and while the weather co-operates smokers may smoke in a licensed area.

This 'N That

Blue Rock – Under the calming hands of Bill Jamieson, winds down, probably Oct. 1st. Bill will be away for most of October, showing the other boys how to shoot moose! However, if some of the regulars want to keep things going, trap shooting that is, they are welcome to it. Just collect the fees and either keep 'till Bill gets back or give it to Cheryl, at the Bar.

Bulletin Addresses – If you are not getting the bulletin, it's because I haven't been sending them out. No News. And the other reason is that you have moved in the last year and neglected to tell the bull. Ed. Or leave word at the Bar of your new address. Also, if you have a P.O. box, please let me know what the number is. It makes things easier for the P.O. employees who distribute the mail, and I don't get the bitching for not putting P.O.Box # on the envelopes. It keeps me busy changing Pete Vanderpols address – let see, is it R.R. #3 or R.R. #4 – oh maybe next time it will be R.R. #2.

New Bartender – Next time you go to the Club you might find the bright young face of Tara McKillop behind the Bar. Tara is the daughter of member Mike McKillop and has successfully passed the "Smart Serve" course and will fill in for Cheryl when needed.

Frank Thompson a member of the Club for many years has passed away at his sons home in Florida. We will miss Frank, but I'm sure Bill Gardiner will miss a fishing buddy.

L.E.S. & P. Hunt -- Did not have a fishing tournament this year, in the June – July time-frame. It has become a lot of work for a very few people and they finally said **“NO”**. The original name was the Point Aux Pins Salmon Club and when they ran into a bit of trouble over fish purportedly caught in Lake Erie and the subsequent legal trial &c, the original people sold the assets to the L.E.S. & P.Hunt in 1990. The members of the Rondeau Rod & Gun Club operated the fishing tournament ever since 1990, until this year. It's unlikely the Club will make a come back, but in the meantime, what funds remain in the bank account will be used to stock rainbow trout in Lake Erie. The Club have released approximately 10,000 fingerlings each year of operation.

Hunter Education and Training Session

Member, Wayne Passmore has sent this memo to me to pass on to the membership. The course starts Friday, Sept. 26, 7 – 10 pm, Sat. Sept. 27, 8am to 5pm and Sun. Sept. 28, 8am to 5pm at the Rondeau Rod & Gun Club, 10260 Campbell Line, Blenheim. Everyone that wants their first Ontario Hunting License must complete this course. Minimum age to write the test = 12 years. Cost : \$40.00 for the course + \$30.00 for the hunting test + \$30.00 for PAL test = \$100.00. Suggested reading material ahead of time, hope you're a fast reader, is the Hunter Ed Manual + the Canadian Firearms Manual. These books are available at Wortners in Chatham, Santarosa's in Rodney, or G & K in Wallaceburg.

You must pre-register and space is limited. Wayne can be reached at : days 436-5356 or at home 674-1213.

When his 38-caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a holdup in Long Beach Cal., would be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire Jim McFeggan; he peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time, it worked! As Jim has said time and time again, **never** look down the barrel to see why it's not working.

Range News -- Jim announces the schedule for the Bullseye Essex and Kent Pistol League;

Oct	1/03	Rondeau Rod & Gun Club
Oct	15/03	Amherstburg Pistol Club
Nov	10/03	Windsor Action
Dec	2/03	Kent Cloverleaf Cons. Club
Jan	7/04	Kingsville Shooting Sports
Feb	4/04	Rondeau Rod & Gun Club
Mar	10/04	Amherstburg Pistol Club
Apr	5/04	Windsor Action Club
May	4/04	Kent Cloverleaf Cons. Club

Essex and Kent P. P. C. League

Sept	29/03	Kent Cloverleaf Cons. Club
Oct	21/03	Kingsville Shooting Sports
Nov	20/03	Rondeau Rod & Gun Club
Dec	15/03	Windsor Police
Jan	14/04	Windsor Action Club
Feb	9/04	Kent Cloverleaf Cons. Club
Mar	16/04	Kingsville
Apr	14/04	Rondeau Rod & Gun Club
May	10/04	Windsor Police

“Black Powder Shooting” -- the first Saurday of every month -- 12 noon to 3pm

The pistol shooters have been busy over the summer fixing and repairing the pistol range. A big **“thankyou”** goes out to all the workers.

“Eds” Note: The paint job on the outside of the range looks good Jim. It helps the patio area look good.

The above schedule may be cut out and retained for those interested in knowing where the hell we should be shooting this week?

All for now. Don't forget those P.O. Boxes and any address changes!

Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.