

## Rondeau Rod and Gun Club

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Jim McFeggan, President

## **Coming Events**

Wednesday - May 26<sup>th</sup> -- Monthly meeting begins at 8:30 with President Jim McFeggan in the Chair.

Friday – June 18<sup>th</sup> – Annual Dinner Meeting and games. This is a chance to bring a friend out to see the place and maybe join the Club. Bar-B-Q steak for dinner with all the trimmings. Bob Myers is looking after the dinner and Tom Gawley is looking after the games. No fee set at this time. It's usually around \$12.00 per.

Friday -- July 16<sup>th</sup> -- Tentative date for the Club's annual golf and dinner. Details will be posted on the board when they become available.

Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> -- R.C.Legion Br 185 annual picnic, will be held on the grounds. **Please**, no shooting that day, inside or out.

<u>Saturday</u> -- August 14<sup>th</sup> - Pig Roast Dinner Celebrating the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Too early for details. Check the board on the way into the Club for details.

Hunter Education and Training Session Member, Wayne Passmore will be conducting a "One Stop" combined Canadian Firearms Safety Course and Hunter Education Program on the second weekend in June at Kent Cloverleaf Conservation Club. It will go from 7-10 pm Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a course for anyone age 12 and over interested in obtaining an Ontario Hunting license and/or Firearms License (PAL)

Costs: Combined "One Stop" Course = \$60.00 CFSC Exam = \$30.00, HEP Exam \$30.00 (total = \$120.00). Suggested reading prior to attending the course: Canadian Firearms Safety Course Manual, available at gun stores \$15.00; Hunter Education Manual, available at gun stores and MNR - \$15.00; Ontario Hunting Regulations available at gun store and MNR - EREE. Contact Wayne at 519-674-1213

**Elections** -- Held a month late, due to bad weather and poor attendance the last Wednesday in February. The election board has a few vacancies, but hopefully volunteers will come forward when they are needed.

President	Jim McFeggan
Past President	Michael Kastoff
Vice President	Danny Bourdeau
Secretary	Jeremy Cook
	Gordon Renwick

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Membership		
Publicity		Doug Campbell
Entertainment		
Kitchen		
Canteen		Jim Gardiner
Sports		
Conservation	&	Fishing
Range Officer		Brent St. Pierre
Youth		
Blue Rock		Marcel Menard

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

This 'N That -- Greg Snobelen missed out on \$75.00 for not being present at the February meeting. Murray Crawford missed out on \$80.00 for not being present at the March meeting and Ron Watson missed out on \$85.00 for not being at the April meeting. Hey - it sometimes pays to be at the regular monthly meetings.

Automatic trap has been adjusted for the slower shooters and checked over at Lowerys and is now in service. Shootings have been moved to Saturday afternoons or at least I hear shooting going on from where I live.

Danny Bourdeau reported that they ( the hand gunners) had 15 participants for the Essex-Kent PPC on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April — no winners announced.

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Lake Erie and Salmon Fishing Contest is a go for this year. The Chatham-Kent YMCA, under the administration of Kelly Marshall is the sponsoring body. The dates for the Tournament run from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Kelly hopes to have it organized much like the Gun Club operated it. Daily prizes for the largest fish will be awarded and the grand prize of \$3,000.00 for each of the largest salmon and pickerel entries. Food tent etc. will be set up at Barneys. Kelly says she is in need of a frig, cube van, deep fryer and freezer. So if you can help out in supplying any of these items, I imagine it will only be for the duration of the tournament, call Kelly Marshall at 352-0950 ext. 107.

Speaking of fishing tournaments the Club has resurrected the "Fishing Competition", starting May 1 through to Labour Day. As far as I know there is only one weigh station at "Little Joes" Massender in Shrewsbury on Brock St. (boat ramp street)

The Spring Fish Dinner (usta be stag) was held May 1<sup>st</sup> and approximately 230 meals were served. Neil Wilkinson and his finely tuned assistants served up over 200 lbs. Of fish . Great meal, Neil! Don Kozlof sold tickets , and Barry Lidlow did yeoman duty in greeting and numbering the dinner tickets Thanks to all the helpers, kitchen, bar people, ticket sellers and runners for making this event a success.

It is hard to understand how a cemetery can raise its burial costs and blame it on the higher cost of living.

Don't forget, if you move, please let the bulletin editor know your new address so you won't miss the next exciting copy of the Rondeau Rod & Gun Club bulletin.