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News Letter - Spring 2023

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Adult Fish Transfer

Regarding the fishery and after much trying, the MNRF has said, that the adult transfers will never take place again. A big mistake to our way of thinking but they call the shots .

Worth the read: [Municipality Apologizes For Loss Of 10,000 Fish at Kincardine Hatchery | Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre](#)

Presidents Report

It's been quite some time since we last had contact and I hope everyone made it through the last two and half years of craziness. As most of you probably know by now, there will be an election this year so check out the posts on our website for all the details. All of the positions are up for election as Chris Doherty just recently took over as Derby chair from Brian Zettler, who has moved to the East coast. Not much to report regarding the Park and if there is, Dave Munro will update us on that.

Regarding the fishery and after much trying the MNRF has said that adult transfers will never take place again. A big mistake to our way of thinking but they call the shots. The Steelheaders are still involved in clipping of the yearly fish and egg taking for the next years stock. Some of you may or may not know that because of Covid we lost the 2020 taking of eggs so an entire years' class is lost. Those fish, if they had been raised would be coming back this year for the first time as three old fish, so fishing this fall may not be as good as it has been but remember that we have over-lapping years' classes so we will still have fish returning just not maybe in the numbers that we've had in other years. We are also involved with the transporting of the yearling fish so stocking will be coming up soon.

Our membership has stayed strong Madeline has the exact numbers if you're interested. The issues that we had with the Dam have mostly been taken care of and new boards have arrived so we can better handle low water conditions should they arise again like they did this fall. I'd like to thank Ben McGill from the MNRF for his help in locating boards this fall and for getting seven new ones, so

the Dam is back to being in good shape and for his extra hard work of cleaning out the trash rake at the back of the Dam. Trust me not an easy job. Also, as always, thank you to Grant McAlpine and his crew for their relentless work at the Dam. Any questions you may have regarding the club or the park, please feel free to contact myself or any one of the other directors; however anything Park related it's best to see Dave Munro.

Remember club Derby will be the weekend after opening day of Trout and fall Derby the weekend after Canadian Thanksgiving. For now, stay safe and healthy and hope to see you all on the river that we love and care for .

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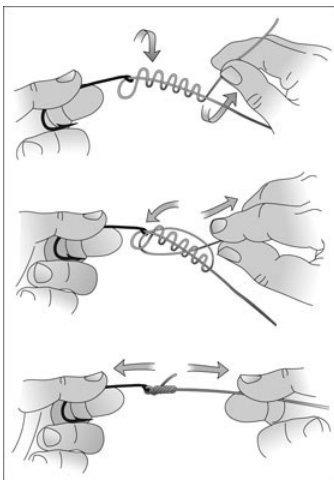


2019 Rod Jones Memorial Scholarship

Please note that at the time of publication for the Spring 2019 Newsletter we had yet to receive the information for award recipient for this year. The 2019 Award Recipient was Grace Wiley. Grace is a graduate of Fleming's Fish and Wildlife Technician program and currently enrolled in the Fish and Wildlife Technologist program. During her time at Fleming College, she has gained identification skills, knowledge of protocol for field work, wildlife monitoring, Near Shore Index Netting, and more. She worked for the Natural Heritage Information Centre as a Student Natural Heritage Information Technician during the summer of 2017. She worked as a Park Naturalist in Algonquin Provincial Park in the summer of 2018 conducting guided hikes, children's programs, and assisting with evening programs on a variety of topics involving Algonquin's flora and fauna. In October 2017 she completed a Tropical Field Herpetology course in Costa Rica. During the spring of 2018 she volunteered with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority as a research assistant, with a Species at Risk biologist.

Source: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/grace-wiley-b42087136/>

Also see an article Grace published: <https://ontarioturtle.ca/2019/07/natures-engineers-how-beavers/>



2020 Rod Jones Memorial Scholarship

The 2020 recipient of the Rod Jones Memorial Award is Samuel Catry. Sam asked that I send along the following note of gratitude:

"I would like to express my utmost gratitude for being honored with the Rod Jones Memorial

Award. I have gained endlessly valuable knowledge and skills from the Fish and Wildlife program at Fleming College that has helped prepare me for the workforce, and built on my love and interest of the natural world. The hands-on experience was extremely valuable, and is what drew me to the Fish and Wildlife program at Fleming College in the first place, as well as it's great reputation for developing skills and knowledge of the natural environment. I have gained a deeper understanding and appreciation for fisheries, as well as terrestrial ecosystems, preparing me well for the workforce.

My time at Fleming has helped me to achieve a position with NRSI as an aquatic field biologist, for which I had also gained the opportunity to work for through the co-op program. This experience was integral in helping me achieve this position, and is rewarding to be provided the opportunity to pursue work that helps conserve at risk species and ensure development may proceed without doing lasting damage to aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

It is a great feeling to have my hard work rewarded, and cannot thank the generous donors enough. I appreciate the award, and will continue to strive to make a difference. This award will help me get off on the right footing as a new graduate from Fleming College as I make my way into the environmental industry.

I apologize if this thank you seems rushed, I am currently in the field in northern Ontario conducting Sturgeon spawning surveys and thus have limited access.

Thank you again for the generous award, Sam Catry.

2021 Rod Jones Memorial Scholarship

The Rod Jones Memorial Award for Environmental Conservation 2021 went to Katelyn Vardy.

I'm pleased to share the words of thanks from the student recipient who was directly impacted through the award you support;

"It was quite the surprise to learn I had been chosen for the Rod Jones Memorial Award for Environmental Conservation. I began my journey in high school when I enrolled in an outdoor education program that changed my life. I discovered my passion and enthusiasm for being outdoors and making a positive impact whenever I can. I proceeded to Fleming college after graduation where I took the 3-year Fish and Wildlife program. I wasn't finished there; I took a transfer agreement to complete my Biology degree at Trent University with a specialization in Conservation Biology. I graduated during the pandemic in 2020 and my job prospects were negatively impacted, so I became a volunteer at the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery. I enjoyed my time here tending to the fish and when fall came around I returned to Fleming, this time I enrolled in the Aquaculture program. Being recognized for this award was much needed good news and the generous donation associated with it was enough to bring tears to my eyes. I am so grateful for this financial support, and it brings me comfort that us environmentalists look out for one another."

Thank you, Katelyn.

2022 Rod Jones Memorial Scholarship

On behalf of Fleming College and its students, I wanted to express my deepest appreciation for the generosity you have shown by supporting Fleming's Academic Awards Program. Recognizing that many students will need financial assistance in their academic journey and committing yourself to help, is what enables students to realize and achieve their educational goals.

I am delighted to share with you the 2022 The Rod Jones Memorial Award for Environmental Conservation student recipient.

Zack Henebry



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Hon. Bernadette Jordan, PC, MP
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
House of Commons
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Dear Ministers,

On behalf of the more than 300 members of the Ontario Steelheaders, I am writing to raise an issue of great importance to our economy and membership, and to request your intervention and help to resolve the matter.

Since the early 1980s, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's (GLFC) Canadian portfolio has been under the purview of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). This interface into government allows DFO to act as the fiduciary for the GLFC's Canadian government funding allocation from government. Prior to the 1980s, the GLFC had been supported by External Affairs Canada (now GAC) in a structure that mirrored Canada's handling of other international commissions - such as the International Joint Commission - and the GLFC's US governance structure where the portfolio is supported by the Department of State. For several reasons, having DFO function as the fiduciary has proven to be less effective than the GLFC's original Canadian support structure and, in the context, a change is clearly needed.

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As but one example of the functional impact of the above, despite having committed to a 31/69 per-cent Canada/US GLFC funding formula, Canada has embarrassingly failed to pay its share for the past 20-years. In real terms, this means that Canada is paying only part of the sea lamprey control budget in Canadian waters and is contributing nothing at all to the GLFC's science and fishery management mandate items. Fortunately, in the short term, the US has paid the balance of Canada's promised portion, but this binational charity comes at a price. Members of Congress have repeatedly underscored that this arrangement is both frustrating and unsustainable. It is reasonable to assume that our US partners will be re-evaluating this arrangement in the year ahead which only heightens the urgency of having Canada right this historical funding shortfall.

As I am sure you know, the Great Lakes are massive natural assets that contain almost 20% of the world's surface fresh water. They are the source of drinking water for millions of Canadians and they are a unique ecosystem that supports thousands of plants, fish, animals, and the second largest freshwater fishery on the planet. As a result, the Canadian economy reaps hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in direct economic activity; the annual economic value of the fishery alone is more than \$8 billion. Sea lamprey are a clear and present danger to the Great Lakes and the GLFC is the only body controlling their populations on a Basin-wide basis. Canada's ongoing failure to fully support the GLFC places all of this in jeopardy. In this context, it is shocking and deeply troubling that Canada has, for so long, shirked its responsibilities as a full Great Lakes partner.

Founded four decades ago, the Ontario Steelheaders, a not-for-profit organization, has worked to:

- Improve access and habitat for migratory rainbow trout;
- Provide young rainbow trout with suitable nursery habitat;
- Provide relevant and appropriate input to government, agencies, and other organizations consistent with our mandate; and
- Educate members and the public on relevant issues, conservation practises and proper angling techniques.

In this context, we are writing to ask that the Government of Canada come to the table as a fully and committed partner. Canada must undertake the steps necessary to reverse its long-standing practice of relegating the GLFC and the Great Lakes to the policy/priority back-burner. Canada must stand tall as an equal partner on the Great Lakes and provide appropriate support for the GLFC, including full funding and good governance support by naming GAC as the GLFC fiduciary moving forward.

Thank you in advance for your time. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Karl Redin, President
Ontario Steelheaders Inc.

CC: Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, President of the Queen's Privy Council
Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Alex Ruff, MP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Ben Lobb, MP, Huron-Bruce

Get Involved

Member or not, here are a few ways you can do your part to show support. Please consider any of the ways below to help the efforts of the Ontario Steelheaders. Visit our website for more information: <http://www.ontariosteelheaders.com>

Become a Member

We welcome you to join our growing membership. Help us make a significant impact on steelhead fisheries in Ontario, particularly the Saugeen River.

See back page for member applications.

Make a Donation

Give back to the Saugeen River you enjoyed as a child or actively fish today. Any donation amount is appreciated and proceeds go directly to the rehabilitation and hatchery processes.

Use Denny's Dam Park

Our affordable vehicle parking and overnight camping fees go to fund the park and its expenses. Additional proceeds from the park are passed on to the Ontario Steelheaders towards rehabilitation and fishery efforts. Visit our website for more information.

Report Poaching & Harvesting

We have all seen people poaching and harvesting fish and eggs. This behavior is not only illegal but disrespectful to the volunteers over the years who have worked so hard to make the Saugeen River the great fishery it is. Do your part and report any signs of poaching or harvesting of rainbow trout or salmon.

Submit Your Photos

Submit your photos to us and we will post them on the website and possibly use them in the newsletter.

Submit your photos using our website or email them to: photos@steelheaders.ca

Write an Article

If you are a member, and not able to make events to volunteer, consider writing a short article story once a year. The articles published in our news letter and website help us bring more awareness to our projects.

Sponsor an Event

Sponsor one of our events to promote your business. Egg collection, fish transfers, derbies and other events can all be sponsored to show your support for local conservation.

Contact: president@steelheaders.ca

Buy Steelheaders Gear

Members and non-members can purchase Ontario Steelheaders merchandise to show support. Watch for new and discounted merchandise, available at the park only.

Denny's Dam Rehabilitation A Triumphant Success



From left, Saugeen First Nation Chief Lester Anoquot, Commissioner James Mckane, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Chief Greg Nadjiwon. The ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of the Denny's Dam rehabilitation took place on June 7 in Southampton.

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On Friday, June 7 a ribbon cutting ceremony took place at Denny's Dam in Southampton to commemorate the successful rehabilitation project funded by the Canadian Government. The undertaking had been in the works for almost 20 years after a 2000 safety study revealed deficiencies in the dam. It took the collaboration and leadership of many different individuals to see this feat to fruition. Construction began in 2017 and reached completion in early November of 2018.

Members of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON), Chiefs of the Saugeen First Nation and Neyaashinigmiing, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation; Project Engineers, Kathleen Ryan from the SON Environment Office, members of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC), Ontario Steelheaders, the Lake Huron Fishing Club and many more involved in the project, congregated on the banks of the Saugeen River to celebrate this great achievement.

The original dam was built in 1870 by John Denny and purchased in the early 1900s by the Saugeen Electric Light & Power Company to produce power for Southampton and Port Elgin and was later taken over by Ontario Hydro.

Bob Lambe, Executive Secretary of the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission, described the devastating invasion of the sea lamprey into the Great Lakes during the 1940s and 1950s, which instigated the rebuilding of Denny's Dam by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) in 1970 to block the sea lamprey and halt the spawning process.

"We've lost sight of how bad sea lamprey can be because we've had it under control for so many decades," said Lambe. It's estimated that without the dam, 30,000 lamprey would out-migrate into the Sauguen River and Lake Huron. A single sea lamprey can destroy 18 kilograms of fish in its parasitic phase.

Lambe described the immense impact of the invasion with 100 million pounds of fish lost the ripple effect washed out the fishing industry. Furthermore, the loss of the predator fish resulted in a drastic over population of prey fish which littered beaches and drove away cottagers.

Stressing the importance of the rehabilitation and the value of the leadership from Chiefs Nadjiwon and Anoquot, Lambe said, "A breach in the dam and we would quickly digress back."

Doran Ritchie, Resources Manager at the SON Environment Office, explained the difficulties early on in the process when the MNR refrained from consultation with SON. In 2015 a meeting between Ritchie and the GLFC created a turning point for the project which broke down the communication barriers between the groups.



Doran Ritchie from the SON Environment Office credited the project's success to the continued open dialogue between the SON and the GLFC at the ribbon cutting ceremony June 7 in Southampton.



Denny's Dam Rehabilitation

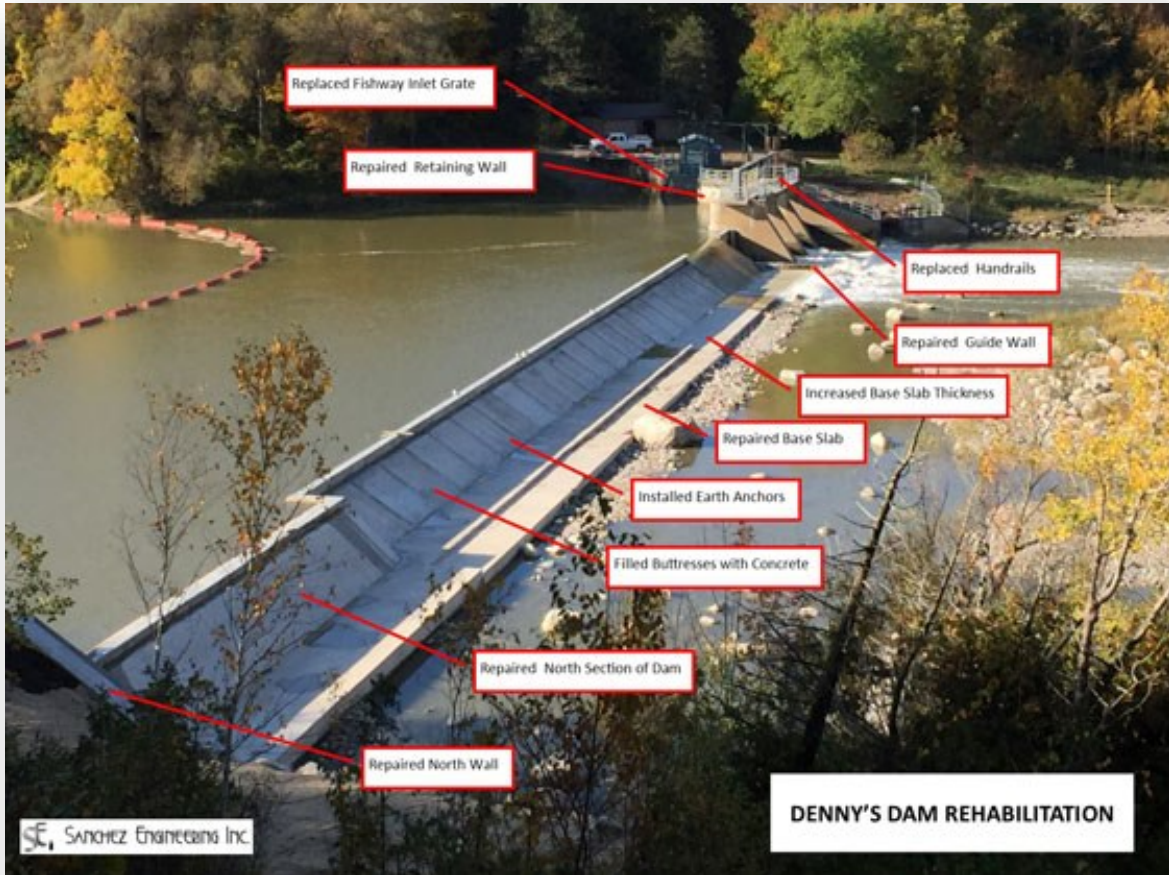
Chief Greg Nadjiwon of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation acknowledged the progress in communication and respect of his community. "For years we were locked out and that created animosity and mistrust," he said. "Results have improved immensely."

A Land Use and Occupational Study led by Kathleen Ryan was another pivotal aspect of the project. Comprehensive interviews with 15 members of the SON community conducted by Ryan and her team collected stories and memories of the Saugeen River over the lifetime of each individual. From the details of these interviews Ryan managed to map out 800 points of significance along the river. Ryan mentioned the Buzz Besadny Award she received from the GLFC for fostering Great Lake partnerships and graciously passed on the recognition to the community members who were interviewed and whose dedication and cooperation made it possible.

Saugeen Shores Mayor Luke Charbonneau and South Bruce Peninsula Mayor Janice Jackson were both present to honour the success of the project. "It's not an understatement to call this one of the real gems, one of the places we value the most," commented Charbonneau.

When speeches came to an end the group trickled downstream for the ribbon cutting ceremony and a project overview from Sanchez Engineering Inc.'s Lead Engineer Leonardo Sanchez.





Teamwork in Action

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Lake Huron Fishing Club

Worth the read: [Lake Huron Fishing Club invites you to drop a line in the lake | The Star](#)



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Invasive Mussels Clear the Water

By Kurt Williams February 27, 2020—Great Lakes Eco

Invasive mussels clear the water and coat the wrecks at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Lake Huron is now the clearest Great Lake, dethroning Superior from the top spot while shedding new light on shipwrecks in Thunder Bay.

Lake Huron wasn't always so clear.

In the past, untold numbers of microscopic plants and animals – phytoplankton and zooplankton – clouded the lake, especially in summer.

Now the numbers of these tiny life forms have plummeted, making the lake clearer, said Gary Fahnenstiel, a research scientist at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan.

Fahnenstiel and his colleagues made this startling discovery using sophisticated satellite imaging of the upper Great Lakes between 1998 and 2012.

The spread of invasive quagga mussels, which filter plankton, and cuts to phosphorous that feeds them, contributed to a dramatic increase in clarity, he said.

That change in the second largest Great Lake has impacted the underwater experience for visitors to Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The sanctuary comprises 4,300 square miles of Lake Huron off the coast of Alpena, Michigan. Nearly 100 shipwrecks have been identified, but there may be as many as 200 in its waters, said Stephanie Gandulla, the sanctuary's maritime archeologist.

The wrecks and clear water make Thunder Bay popular with scuba divers from around the world, Gandulla said.

Steve Kroll has.

The 69-year-old retired math teacher from Alpena has been scuba diving Lake Huron for 54 years. He remembers what it was like to dive the wrecks before the mussels, when underwater visibility was often poor.

"When I first started diving shipwrecks we had what we called braille dives," Kroll said.

"A good day of diving was when you could see 5 to 7 feet. Now if you have 5 to 7 feet of visibility there are probably some people thinking we shouldn't be diving,"

Dive conditions now couldn't be more different, he said.

When diving on 110-foot deep wrecks in Thunder Bay, the visibility is so good that "it's like all the water came out of the lake," he said. Visibility at those depths is only limited by the amount of light reaching the lake bottom, not by the clarity of the water.

While the mussels contribute to increased visibility, divers encounter wrecks covered in them, making it difficult to appreciate their intricate details, he said.

Kroll refers to such wrecks as “chia pets” because of their resemblance to the popular figurines sporting sprouted spikes.

In the old days, he and his dive partners could admire the wood and sculpture and shape of the vessel, he said. They saw details of the ship’s construction and knew whether it was pinned or spiked.

Those details now are mostly lost under a coating of mussels.

For Gandulla, the mussels make cataloguing details about newly discovered wrecks difficult.

Her team uses photogrammetry, a technique that relies on obtaining detailed photographs of the wrecks, to identify them. The mussel layer obscures important details necessary to do the work accurately, she said.

How can something so seemingly simple as mussels play a role in clearing a lake the size of Lake Huron?

While we don’t know how many quagga mussels there are in Lake Huron, we do know something about their capacity to filter water.

Ashley Elgin, who has studied quagga mussels for years at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Muskegon, Michigan, is astounded by the filtering capabilities of these humble animals no longer than the width of your thumb.

“If I was to give you a conservative estimate, one mussel can filter one liter of water per day,” said Elgin, a benthic ecologist. There are some reports of individual quagga mussels filtering up to 7 liters of water per day.

Knowing their capability, if you know the volume of Lake Huron and how quickly they cleared the lake, you can do a back-of-the-envelope calculation to figure out the population of mussels.

It’s a large number, she said.

The coating of mussels doesn’t appear to have damaged the wrecks yet, said Gandulla. The biggest risk to the wrecks may be from the weight of the mussels.

The mussels produce byssal threads, fine hair-like structures, along with a sticky glue-like substance, to firmly attach to the vessels, Elgin said. If divers pull mussels off they may pull wood off with them.

Clear water is the new normal for Thunder Bay and northern Lake Huron. People are used to it and for those making a living around the sanctuary, the clear waters are used to lure people to visit.

It’s a selling point to potential visitors, Gandulla said.

Kroll is happy with the dive conditions and knows what would happen if Thunder Bay went back to the way it used to be.

“Now I think if we went back, we’d lose a lot of divers. I don’t think we’ll ever go back. We’ve done what we’ve done,” Kroll said.

Great Lakes Daily News

<https://www.glc.org/dailynews/20200211-ontario-flow>

By [Glenn Coin | gcoin@syracuse.com](#)

Water is flowing out of Lake Ontario at record pace. So is the water flowing in

Syracuse, N.Y. -- The international board that regulates Lake Ontario levels keeps letting water out at a record pace. But it just keeps coming back in.

The volume of water released from January 2017 to December 29 was the highest of any 36-month period on record, the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Board said this month.

“However, total inflows were also the highest on record,” the board [said](#) in a news release.

Lake Ontario shorelines residents [suffered record flooding in 2017](#), only to be hit with even worse flooding last year. New York state and residents say the board hasn’t done enough to lower levels, giving priority to shipping when it should have been more worried about residents. [The state has filed a lawsuit](#), and a citizens group is preparing one.

The board releases water from the lake into the river via the Moses-Saunders Power Dam at Massena. Water outflows have reached record levels in the past year, but so has rainfall and the level of the Great Lakes. Most of Lake Ontario’s water comes over Niagara Falls from Lake Erie; that flow, too, has set records in the past year.

The board initially caught a break with mild winter, which has delayed formation of ice on the St. Lawrence River. When ice is forming, the board must reduce water outflows. The board let more water out than any other January on record.

The warm winter had a downside, though, as heavy precipitation fell in mid-January largely as rain that immediately flowed into the lake. In a typical, colder January, that rain would have been snow instead, which would have melted later.

The lake rose about 6 inches during January, and is now receding slightly. The board predicts the lake will remain average through at least July.

Memorial Plaques

A Memorial Plaque was affixed to the main rafter centered in the Rod Jones Pavilion and then officially dedicated in 2015. The inscriptions are to remember people who have been a part of our park family in one way or another.

You may place a small memorial plaque of a family member, friend or acquaintance that you wish to add to the main plaque rafter. The park management together with the board of directors ask the standard for the mini plaques be no larger than 3 inches by 5 inches. The plaque is to be a black background with white lettering (lamicoid).

To proceed with this process, you can email: news@steelheaders.ca. We can then advise where to purchase.

Members Lost

Gary Sherman (Shermy)—2021



Gary “Shermy” loved fishing, it was his passion. He would be up and on the river at sun up. If there was something he loved more than fishing, it was sharing his passion with others. It brought him great joy to teach someone how to fish, young or old. He would often set a fish and allow someone else to reel it in. Seeing the excitement in their eyes as they reeled in their first fish made his day. As he got older he may have spent less time with a pole in his hand, but he would still be found down by the river watching other fishermen. The river was his favourite place. The Steelheaders gave him the opportunity to meet others with a love of fishing, and made many lifelong friendships. Thank you all for being a second family to him.

Sheila Sherman and family

Doug Swan (Swanny) —2022



I've attached a picture that my sisters Cathy and Debbie and myself like and it fits perfectly for who my dad really was.

I've talked with my sisters and they both agree with me that one of my dad's passions and still was up until his Alzheimer got bad was the love of fishing.

He loved talking about the salmon ladder, and he loved being there during the salmon run. He would always give us updates on how the salmon were doing.

Owen Sound was the place to be and so many memories at Denny's dam.

I would like to thank the Steelheaders for making a huge impact on my dad.

I know he will truly be missed by many.

Sandra Swan and family

Members Lost continued

William Johnston (Bill) —2023



Bill has been a familiar face for many years at the park. He had a life long passion for fishing. Although not so much in the past few years—you could always find him in a shady spot when the weather was at juuuuuuust the right temperature. An avid cribbage player, you could find him in his trailer; playing for a dime a game. Raised in Paisley, Ontario, he knew all the good fishing holes in the area. Bill was a passionate Ontario Steelheader for many years and helped when he could, as the master operator of the wood splitter. He will be missed by his Denny's Dam Family, walking around with his plastic bag of cold beer to share amongst friends.

He was also my father.

Sandra Moir, and family

Carry on fishing

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[I have the old version of the Outdoors Card, can I still use it?](#)

If your Outdoors Card is still valid, you can use it until it expires.

Learn more at www.Ontario.ca/fishing.

Visit www.huntandfishontario.com to make a purchase.

About the LHFC

The Lake Huron Fishing Club (LHFC) was founded in 1983 as a not-for-profit organization in the Province of Ontario. The mission statement for the Club is 'Dedicated to ensuring future generations will have quality fishing opportunities'. This includes education, promotion, protection, collaboration and enhancement of our aquatic activities and resources.

The LHFC has members from all across Ontario. The majority of the Club's almost five hundred members come from within the boundaries of Bruce, Grey and Huron counties. The Lake Huron Fishing Club has developed productive partnerships with all the Municipalities within this area. More recently, the LHFC has partnered with Bruce Power, which carries the same core values as our Club. That is to enhance and help Mother Nature as much as possible to help preserve our precious resources. Bruce Powers commitment to financially supporting our initiatives has propelled the LHFC into our Conservation Projects on a grand scale.

For instance, our School Hatchery Program has blossomed from 3 schools in 2012, to 37 schools in 2019. Fish ladders have been constructed at Walkerton as well as Maple Hill in the last 3 years. None of this would have been possible without the financial support of Bruce Power. Without a doubt they are great Stewards of our Community.

The Lake Huron Fishing Club undertakes and supervises a wide variety of Conservation related projects with other local organizations and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Thousands of hours of volunteer work are completed each year by our Club members. Our members are involved with erosion control, reforestation, stream improvements and fish restocking. The Club operates two fish hatcheries, one in Kincardine which produces Brown and Rainbow Trout, and the other in Saugeen Shores which raises Chinook Salmon.

The fish raised are released along the Lake Huron shore line, and its many tributaries.

The Club relies on donations and work of volunteers for funding. For 35 years, the Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby, a 16 day event, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Lake Huron Fishing Club to help fund a variety of community projects including the fish hatcheries.

Underlying our interest in sport fishing is an understanding that we must contribute to the upkeep of our natural resources for the enjoyment of all, and the preservation of the Ontario outdoors for future generations. The Club endeavors to protect the fishing rights of all citizens and assisting Government Agencies on assessment, enforcement, and various new enhancement programs involving the Lake Huron and area fishery.

Visit our Club and Derby websites for further information on the Lake Huron Fishing Club, the Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby, and how we are all dedicated to ensuring future generations will have quality fishing opportunities along the Lake Huron Shoreline.

Asian Carp

Source: Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program - <http://www.invadingspecies.com/asian-carps/>

What is Ontario Doing

To prevent these unwanted invaders from coming into the province, Ontario has regulated four species of Asian carp (Silver Carp, Bighead Carp, Grass Carp, Black Carp) as prohibited under the Invasive Species Act. For more information on the Invasive Species Act and regulations visit www.ontario.ca/invasionON

Background

Asian Carps were brought from Asia to North America in the 1960s and 70s. Since then they have migrated north through U.S. waterways towards the Great Lakes. Preventing Asian carps from spreading into the Great Lakes is the best way to prevent harm to Ontario's native fish species.

Asian carps (Silver Carp, Bighead Carp, Grass Carp, Black Carp)

- Are successful invaders that have replaced native species in areas of the Mississippi River and its tributaries.
- Make up more than 50 percent of the fish by weight in some parts of the Illinois River.
- Consume up to 40 percent of their body weight each day, this leaves little food for native fish to eat.
- Can grow more than 25 centimeters in their first year.
- Typically weigh two to four kilograms, but can weigh up to 40 kilograms and reach more than a meter in length
- Reproduce rapidly.

Impact of Asian carps

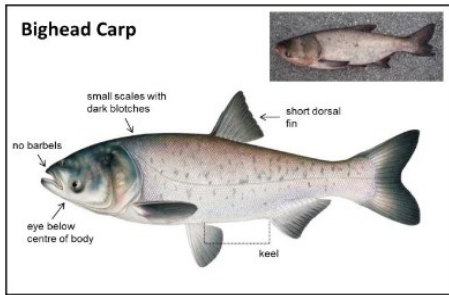
Asian carps prefer cool to moderate water temperatures, like those found near the shores of the Great lakes. If Asian carps become established in Ontario waters, they could potentially eat the food supply that our native fish depend on and crowd them out of their habitat. The decline of native fish species could damage sport and commercial fishing in Ontario, which brings millions of dollars a year into the province's economy. The term "Asian carps" includes four species: Bighead, Silver, Grass and Black Carp. Bighead and Silver Carp are the species that have spread the most aggressively and can be considered one of the greatest threats to the Great Lakes. Silver Carp are a hazard for boaters. The vibration of boat propellers can make Silver Carp jump up to three meters out of the water. Boaters and water-skiers in areas of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers have been seriously injured by jumping fish.

Anyone who finds or catches a fish in Canadian waters suspected of being an Asian carp is encouraged to report it immediately at 1-800-563-7711 or

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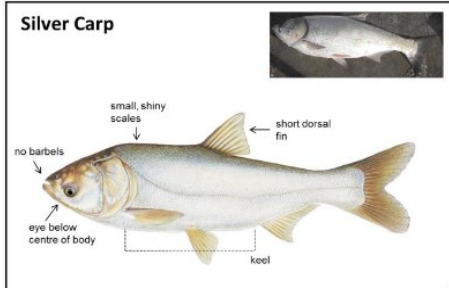


How to Identify Asian carps



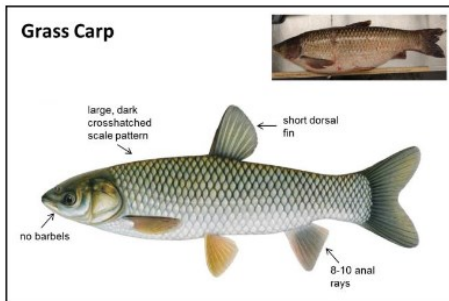
Bighead Carp

- Typically two to four kilograms; up to 40 kilograms and more than a meter in length
- Very large head and toothless mouth
- Adult fish are dark grey with dark mottling
- Eyes sit below the mouth



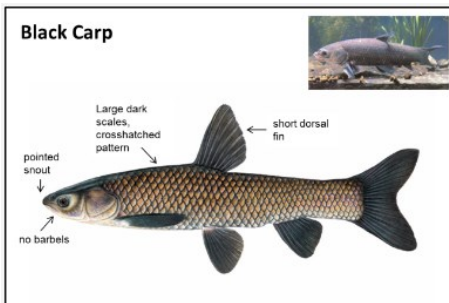
Silver Carp

- Smaller than Bighead Carp.
- Light silver in colour with a white belly
- Eyes sit below the mouth



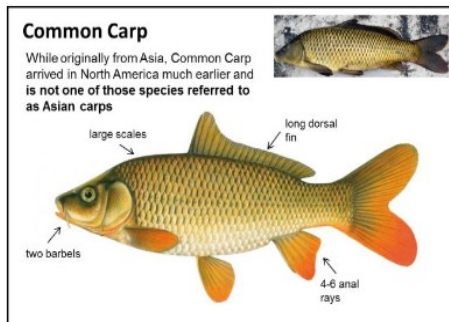
Grass Carp

- Scales that appear crosshatched.
- Eyes sit even with the mouth



Black Carp

- Closely Resembles the Grass Carp
- Weighs up to 36 kilograms (80 lbs and exceed 1.5 metres (5 feet) in length
- Large scales with dark edges appear crosshatched
- Eyes sit even with the mouth



Common Carp

Be sure not to confuse Asian carps with Common Carp, Common Carp are originally from Asia but were introduced to Canadian waters over 100 years ago and are commonly mistaken for Asian Carps. This diagram shows the key identification features to look for,

News and Media Report

New Website: www.ontariosteelheaders.com

I had hoped to have this newsletter to you by April 2020; but as more years have passed, we have seen an unprecedented change in our social structure due to Covid-19.

Denny's Dam park was closed periodically to all visitors, campers and anglers. The closures were initiated by the provincial and federal public health guidelines. This was not decided by the Ontario Steelheaders. BOD meetings had been postponed for social distancing since March 2020.

January 2023, the BOD met for the first time since the start of the pandemic.

We continued to keep you posted during this time through our website and Facebook page.

It is my hope that once this newsletter reaches you, we have returned to some sort of social normalcy—what ever that may be.

I am not an elected member; to the board of directors, I volunteered my time and resources to the Ontario Steelheaders in 2017 to create the newsletter and help with Facebook and website postings. Thank you to everyone who have made contributions to the postings and newsletter content. I will not seek election in the 2023 vote this spring. Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Sandra Moir,
News and Media Director



<http://facebook.com/>



AUTHORS WANTED

We have been relentless in our search for writers, columnists, photographers and editors. If you would like to cover a story, submit an article or get involved with the editing, commentary or publishing of this newsletter, please contact us at the address on the front cover, or e-mail us at news@ontariosteelheaders.ca. The future success of this newsletter depends on the input from its members. Please consider contributing.

Derby Dates

Spring Derby to be held April 29th 2023

Fall Derby to be held October 14th, 2023

Ontario Steelheaders are hosting the annual spring and fall steelhead trout derby at the Denny's Dam Park located on the Saugeen River. Please join us for a great day of fishing, social event for members, families and friends who love to catch steelhead trout. Prizes are awarded for largest steelhead rainbow trout, important information updates and a cozy campfire afterwards. It will be a fun day spent fishing with family and friends.

Derby Details

Cost: \$10 per adult (juniors are free)

Derby Start Time: 7AM

Derby End Time: 4 PM (subject to change)

** Registration and weigh ins will be at Chris Doherty' trailer. Presentation of trophies & raffle prizes will take place after dinner.

Prizes are awarded for :

- Heaviest Steelhead Trout (1st, 2nd and 3rd places)
- Juniors (under age 16)
- Live Trout Release (Derby director verifies length, girth and weight)

After the Derby

A huge BBQ is served at the Rod Jones Pavilion for derby entrants. Overnight camping and day use at Denny's Dam Park is available for participants and their families. Membership applications are also accepted at the ceremonies. Consider supporting the Ontario Steelheaders by grabbing some merchandise like t-shirts, hats, jackets and more. They make great gifts for family, friends and even yourself. Here is what you can expect after the derby comes to a close at 4PM .

- Awards
- Club Updates
- Guest Speakers
- Draw Prizes
- Winner Ceremony
- Prize Awards To Top Placing Entrants
- Campfire and Overnight Camping
- More Information

The logo for Foodland, featuring the word "FOODLAND" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving it a 3D appearance.

41 Turner St., Southampton. ON N0H 2L0
519-797-2552

If you need more information, check the Denny's Dam Park page for directions, map; camping and parking information. Contact Chris Doherty should you care to donate prizes or need more detailed information.

The Ins & Outs of Ontario's Rules and Regs

Fishing and hunting regulations have been updated. Each year, we publish a Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for anglers and a Hunting Regulations Summary for hunters. These user-friendly guides summarize and explain the rules and regulations.

What's different?

We've redesigned the 2023 versions. The new format presents the hunting rules more consistently. We've also made the guide easier to read, with larger print and fewer abbreviations, in keeping with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

What's the same?

As always, on page 3 of the 2023 Regulations Summary has instructions on how to use it. Changes and additions are flagged in **bold red** font throughout.

Get a copy

Pick up the 2023 Hunting Regulations Summary or 2023 Fishing Regulations Summary at a participating ServiceOntario location or licence issuer.

You can also read or download the latest version online:

[Hunting Regulations Summary](https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-hunting-regulations-summary) <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-hunting-regulations-summary>

[Fishing Regulations Summary](https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary) <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary>

License-free Family Fishing

Dates that Canadian residents can fish in Ontario without a license, and information about Family Fishing Week and Weekend.

Four times a year, [Canadian residents can fish in Ontario](#) without buying a fishing license, during:

- Family Fishing Weekend in February (February 18– 20, 2023)
- Mother's Day Weekend in May (May 13-14, 2023)
- Father's Day Weekend in June (June 17-18, 2023)
- Family Fishing Week in July (July 1-9, 2023)

Follow fishing rules

License-free periods remind us of the value of Ontario's recreational fishery, and the importance of keeping it healthy for future generations.

[Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary](https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary) <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary>

Denny's Dam Park Report

Well folks,

With camping just around the corner. Another season is about to begin. Just a reminder, fees for the park are as follows:

\$10 for camping per night and \$2 for day use parking and don't forget you can purchase a park pass for \$25 for the year, and that eliminates you paying to park and cutting your camping time in half, oh I almost forgot camping is free for our derbies. Well that's about it, we only offer bathroom facilities and a whole lot of friendly faces.

Cheers

Dave Monro
Park Manager
226 218 6889



You can find a map and more info about the park on our website:

<https://www.ontariosteelheaders.com//dennys-dam-park/#.ZCSHHnYpCUK>

Thank you to Todd Durocher, Pointer Creek Farms for supplying his equipment and time , moving gravel and rocks!

Engraved stone upon the entrance to the park.

A fitting memorial to a great guy...about 50 years ago a few of us sat around a table in Bronte complaining about the Great Lakes Fisheries. The meeting was the start of the Ontario Steelheaders and Salmon Fishermen. Rod Jones stayed the course from start to the finish. Don't forget him. There's still a hell of a lot of work to be done. Maple Hill is the problem. Ontario Steelheaders Barry Spencer, Randy Scott.



Welcome to Angler Outfitters

The Angler's Choice For Outdoor Products and Resources



Fund Raising Report

A big thank you to all that have supported the Ontario Steelheaders Fundraising efforts.

We have been able to meet our obligation to the Sir Sanford Fleming College Rodney Jones Memorial Bursary each year.

To all the fisherman/fisherwoman who have stepped up and made donations to our Spring and Fall derby tables and raffles a we thank you. To all the others who support our fundraisers by purchasing tickets just because they believe in our efforts a thank you.

I would like to highlight Mr. Shearer and Mr. Stuart from Kingpin Reels. Thank you gentlemen for your continued support of our organization.

Also, Kodey Buchanan and his Steeldreams team for their generous donations and their continued support of the Ontario Steelheaders.

Sandra Moir also donated to our raffle table, and we appreciate her thoughtful generosity.

Finally, my sincere appreciation goes out to Darlene Munro who never fails to assist in our raffles and ticket sales.

John Green,
Director of Fundraising

2022 Fall Derby Results:

Held October 15th, 2022

1st Place: Owen Lee 6.3 lbs
2nd place: Dave Munro 5.23 lbs
3rd place: Tom Judge 4.42 lbs

Live Release: Jake Drmay 25"



2022 Spring Derby Results:

Held April 30th 2022

1st place: T. Knechtel 7.37 lbs
2nd place: Larry Mc Conley 6.87 lbs
3rd place: Kirk Shelley 6.64 lbs
Live release: Bunzzie 27"

Junior winner: Under 16 E. Lowe 6.25lbs



Derby Report

2020—Hi all!! Hope everyone wintered well. Its that time of year again. Time to dust off the rods and change lines .Hopefully some of you guys and girls are taking advantage of our warm winter this year. The Saugeen has been producing some awesome action this season. May 2nd is the date for our annual spring derby.

Hope to see you all there. We are also looking for salad and dessert donations as well as any donations to our raffle table. See you all there..

Ps....If anyone would like to donate any prizes for the spring derby you can get a hold of me at bigbadbow@hotmail.com or see me at the park in April ...Thanks again

Brian Zettler, Former Director

2023 —Hope everyone feared through the winter. Well spring is upon us; time for the spring derby. The derby will be held on April 29th this year. We are also looking for salad and dessert donations.

PS if you have anything you'd like to donate to the raffle table for prizes, you can get hold of me at doherty27@gmail.com or at the park went it is open.

Chris Doherty,
Derby Director

Special Shout Outs



1st Rainbow



Bench Built and donated by Jack Gillis.

Dedicated in Memory of Shermey, Gary Sherman

Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby 2023



July 22 to August 6 2023

Phone: 519-353-8818 Fax: 519-832-4121

Email: info@chantrychinook.com

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PAYPAL

A small handling fee applies For PayPal Tickets.

Family entries are defined as parents or grandparents or guardians and dependent children 17 years of age and under. (2 Generations Only)

<https://www.chantrychinook.com/>

Worth the read: [Chantry fishing 'was fantastic,' chair says at close of derby | Owen Sound Sun Times](#)



Maple Balsamic Rainbow Trout

INGREDIENTS

1.5 lb rainbow trout fillets (2 large or 3-4 smaller)
salt and pepper
2 green onions, finely chopped
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley for garnish
(optional)

MAPLE BALSAMIC SAUCE/GLAZE

1 1/2 tbsp good balsamic vinegar
1 1/2 tbsp maple syrup
1 1/2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
1/2 tsp sriracha or more (optional)
2 tsp olive oil
1 tsp cornstarch (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400F.

MAKE SAUCE/GLAZE: Whisk together all ingredients in a small glass measuring cup or bowl. (If using cornstarch to thicken the glaze, microwave sauce for 45-60 seconds to thicken.)

PREPARE TROUT: Line a pan, large enough to fit the trout, with tin foil and spray it with oil. Generously sprinkle trout with salt and pepper. Sprinkle chopped green onions over fish. Drizzle on HALF the sauce/glaze, reserving the rest for serving.

ROAST TROUT: Roast trout for 8-11 minutes depending on the thickness of the fish. Remove from oven and cut into portions. Slip a spatula between the bottom of the fish and the skin if you want to slip off the skin. Plate the fish with any side dishes you choose. Drizzle on the remaining sauce and garnish with chopped parsley if desired.

Procrastifishing

*The art of
going fishing
when you
should be
doing
something else*



Treasurers Report

Ontario Steelheaders are a NOT for profit organization. However, we must make certain expenditures throughout the year.

Funds are dispersed to the following:

Annual Rod Jones Scholarship to Sir Sanford Fleming College
Park Insurance
Park Lease to SVCA
Grounds Maintenance
Garbage Removal
Porta-Potty Rentals
News Letter - Printing and Postage
Contribution of funds to the Lake Huron Fishing club for fish food

How do we earn this money:

Through Park fees/trailer spots for the season.
Random camping and parking fees
The Ontario Steelheaders Spring and Fall Derbies
Sales of Merchandise, ie. hats, tee shirts, hoodies
Donations from:
 Other fishing clubs ie, SteelDreams
 From Individuals
 Membership Fees

And let's not forget John Green and his fund-raising efforts.

During COVID, Annual Park fees were relaxed; we ask that these fees be up to date and submitted to the park manager no later than June 1st 2023

Regards,

Bob Pfaff
Treasurer
treasurer@ontariosteelheaders.com

Thank you to the **48** volunteers who took the time to help clip 45,000 smolts at the Kincardine Hatchery Saturday February 1st 2021.

Another 16,000 clipped March 7th 2021 at the Port Elgin Hatchery



Ontario Rainbow Trout



2021 Fin Clipping

Merchandise Report

Hello everyone.

I hope you are all as anxious as I am to get back outdoors & on the rivers and lakes. A fresh spring season is upon us.

And with a fresh season come fresh ideas for new OS merchandise. I always encourage and appreciate suggestions for new apparel & other things. We hope what's on the table this spring will not disappoint. Come check it out. Won't last long.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Tight Lines...

Carlo Baldassarra
Merchandise Director
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Merchandise





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Website Admin / Technologist
 OPEN -- webmaster@ontariosteelheaders.com



Thank you Steel Dreams

We are into our 5th year of operation!

Our members and sponsors are aware of where our donations have gone but here is the last 4 years of steel-dreams.....

- Lake Huron Fishing Club \$52,145.00
- Ontario Steelheaders \$3000.00
- Outdoors Adventures \$3725.00
- Owen Sound Salvation Army \$8100.00
- Hepworth Anglers \$2000.00
- Grey Bruce Hospice/Chapman House \$2300.00
- Biotactic Inc \$1000.00
- Big Brothers and Sisters \$230.00
- Saugeen First Nation's food bank \$1830.00
- Sick Kids Children' Hospital \$1200.00
- A fallen member family fundraiser \$2050.00
- Nottawasaga fish off donation \$100.00
- The sound charity shootout \$200.00
- Participation lodge client Xmas dinner \$500.00
- Owen Sound animal shelter \$1500.00
- O share Owen Sound \$1000.00

\$80,880.00 donated to our fishery and communities.

Our goal is to hit \$100,000.00 donated by the end of the year!!

In our members group we are already over \$1000 raised in 2023 with a fundraiser currently going!!

If you want to be involved become a 2023 member today ! \$20 per year and email money transfer to steeldreams78@gmail.com

If you want to be a sponsor steeldreams is a registered not for profit club. Any sponsors are welcomed into the private group for free.

We have great support from current sponsors but always looking to have new people, companies or businesses come aboard to help out!

All the sign up for the fall main event and fundraisers are ONLY in the members group.

We are also members and partners with these clubs who could always use support and volunteers....

Ontario Steelheaders

Outdoors Adventures

Lake Huron Fishing club

Here's to a great 2023 !!

Click the links and follow the clubs and events!

[steeldreams fishing club and tournaments | Facebook](#)

Kodey

Some events this year ...

- Trade War Shootout
- Nottawasaga Friendly Fish-Off
- Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby
- Sauble River Marina November tournament
- Kids fishing day (outdoors Adventures)



Thank you Steel Dreams Cont'd...

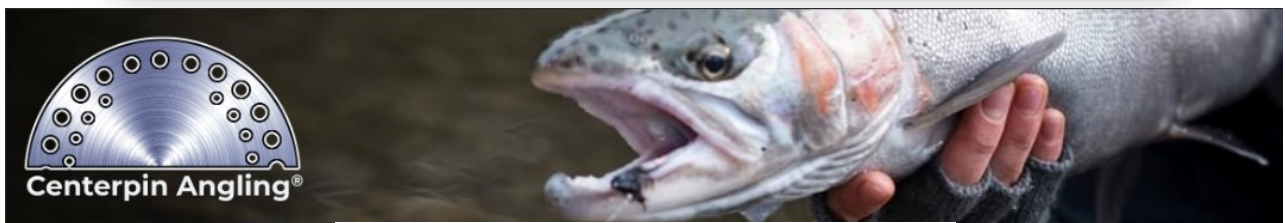
Sunday March 19th, 2023 Steeldreams and OS came together and donated \$1,000 to Denny's Dam for upkeep and maintenance at Denny's Park.

Pictured are:

Adam McDonald Steeldreams, Grant McAlpine OS/LHFC, Tom Hamilton LHFC Executive, Kelly Mullen Outdoors Adventures and Karl Reddin Ontario Steelheaders.

Thanks

Kodey Buchanan, Steel Dreams.



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Oct 12th 2022

Re Project Belonging

To the Ontario Steelheaders,

It is with extreme gratitude that the CHSS Project Belonging team sends this letter to your organization. The significant donation we received this week from the Ontario Steelheaders bolsters a program that supports not only the students within CHSS but their families as well and helps students become more resilient in a supportive environment.

Project Belonging will use these funds to purchase CHSS Hoodies for Gr.9 students who can not purchase them on their own. These hoodies create a sense of belonging for our students and give them a sense of pride as well as providing warmth by wearing the Hoodie for those who may not have them otherwise.

The Project Belonging initiative is helping to change the culture of our school to one that is based on kindness and support.

Again - We absolutely appreciate the support your organization has provided us and our students.

With gratitude.

CHSS Project Belonging Team and

Margery Holmes

CHSS

Student Success Lead Teacher

Central Huron Secondary School



Helping Hands



Anthony and Austin

Chayce Turner 2022 tab contribution to the Canadian Legion

"Try to recycle as much as possible and one of them is collecting tabs, through out the season at the park we collect tabs for "Helping Hands."

Helping Hands is an organization which collects the tabs through schools and brought to the Canadian Legion for wheelchairs for the unfortunate. We want to thank everyone for participating in this great program."



Weekend of November 9th 2019, Ron & Ken, cooking their annual corn beef and cabbage. Funds Raised through a 50/50 draw are donated to the Canadian Legion.

Sparky's 2021 Golf Tournament



Sparky's 2022 Golf Participants



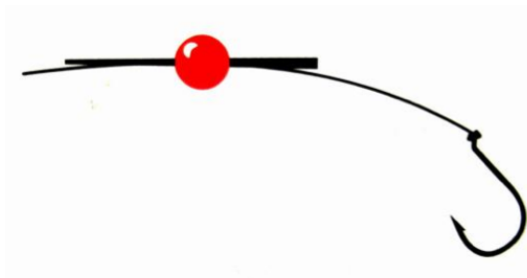
2023 Scheduled Golf Tournament -
July 1st 2023

45 Years Ago—Fall 1972

Submitted by Larry Roszell

Here are just a few things that were occurring and in play along the Saugeen River & local area, back some 45 years ago.

- The fishway had just recently been incorporated into Denny's Dam along with the lamprey barriers & staff facilities. The facilities were managed, staffed and operated by the province.
- The Owen Sound field office of the Dept. of Land and Forests had just become district office for the newly established Ministry of Natural Resources.
- The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority had just acquired the properties across the river from the fishway. Plans were in place to establish a new conservation area to be used as a trailer facility & campground primarily for anglers.
- Ontario Hydro was in the process of land acquisition/exchange with the Ministry of Natural Resources at Inverhuron Park for the eventual establishment of a new Provincial Park at MacGregor Point.
- Darryl Chornzey was just embarking upon his fisheries management advocacy campaign. Fishing pressure along the Saugeen River was extremely high and angler' success was relatively low.
- Lamprey scarring was significant.
- Chinook Salmon were just starting to appear on the Saugeen Shores side of Lake Huron from the Michigan stocking programs along with the occasional Lake Brown & Coho Salmon.
- The total number of steelhead migrating through fishway was approximately 1,100. The fish were measured, tagged, checked for lamprey scars, aged & released above the dam.
- Oh Yeah, Paul Henderson had just scored the winning goal for Team Canada in the stunning victory over Russia in the unforgettable hockey showdown.



Why Join the Ontario Steelheaders?

By joining the Ontario Steelheaders you are joining a group of fishermen, woman and children who enjoy being around the rivers, lakes, streams, etc. and its fishery. By joining, you're also showing that you care enough about the fishery that you're willing to join a group of individuals that want to get as much as they can from what the fishery has to offer while maintaining its natural beauty and resource.

If there's one thing a Steelheader knows how to do equally as well, is that we know how to enjoy the fishery by knowing the latest techniques and tactics that constantly puts fish in the boat or on the bank under all conditions. It's well known that if you want to improve at something you need to surround yourself with people who are just as eager to learn, as well as, being involved with people who have the experience to show you how. Within the Ontario Steelheaders there are such people, people who are experts at salmon, steelhead, lake trout and even walleye and other game fish. Many Steelheaders are as comfortable on the river or stream as they are on the big lakes or small ponds, they don't just fish for salmon or trout, they fish for all species and enjoy being outdoors and on the water.

The Ontario Steelheaders have events such as derbies. Some of the other events include kid's fish outings, cook outs, volunteer day & seminars.

We stay on top of what's going on with potential laws concerning the fishery as well as what's being discussed inside the Ministry of Natural Resources. In fact, the Steelheaders have representatives and input on a number of Advisory Committees where we express the concerns and viewpoints of our Membership.

Joining the Ontario Steelheaders is simple and compared with many other organizations, still inexpensive for what you get. Feel free to contact someone from the Ontario Steelheaders and ask questions. If you have any questions on who to contact, start by contacting the Membership Office at membership@ontariosteelheaders.com

Membership Structure

The Ontario Steelheaders membership is structured in the following way. The Ontario Steelheaders is a Not for Profit organization that is governed by its own Board of Directors and By-Laws. We plan and coordinate our own events. Membership fees vary depending on the type of membership being purchased. Please feel free to contact the Membership Director of the Ontario Steelheaders for help to join at membership@ontariosteelheaders.com

Membership Types

Regular Membership This type covers an individual ranging in age from 16 to 65 years, for a period of 1 year unless specified otherwise. The person that joins is considered eligible to participate in any outings, events, etc., if they abide by the rules & regulations. \$25.00

3 Year Regular Membership – As described above but for an extended period of 3 years. \$60.00

Family Membership – This covers individuals who reside in the same dwelling including children up to the age of 16 years. \$30.00

Senior Membership - This covers individuals who are 65 years of age or older, for a period of 1 year. \$20.00

Junior Memberships - These types of memberships are offered to individuals less than 16 years of age, for a period of 1 year. \$10.00

Automatic Renewal - Any member who wishes to automatically renew their membership can do so through PayPal



The Ontario Steelheaders would like to thank Bill Shearer and Stuart Ward from Kingpin Reels for their generous donation to our Spring Fundraiser/Derby.



<https://www.kingpinreels.com/>

POACHERS BEWARE!

RiverWatch Program in effect

The Ontario Steelheaders are committed to protecting this fishery. Exceeding harvest limits, fishing in sanctuaries, and snagging are all illegal activities

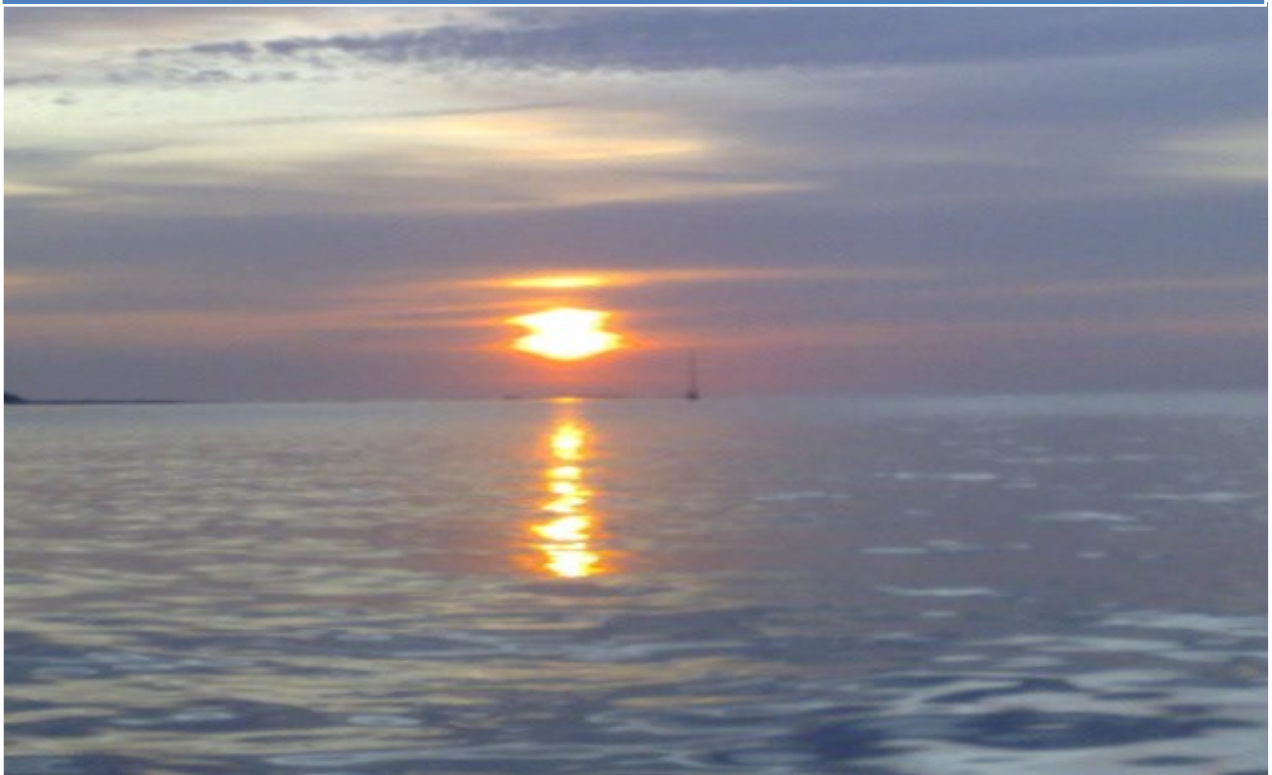
Possession limit of Rainbow Trout on this river is **2** fish. (one for conservation license)

Poachers will be reported!
Protect your fishery - Report a violation
1-877-TIPS-MNR

C.F.I.P.

2020-23

Greetings



Things have been relatively quiet over the winter, but we are gearing up for the Spring/Opening season and expect to be quite busy over the ensuing months. We will be offering Membership renewals at the upcoming Spring Derby. The Ontario Steelheaders success is directly related to the strength of its membership, so I urge you all to continue to support our efforts by renewing your membership.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions regarding your membership, I would be only happy to assist.

Ontario Steelheaders
Membership Director
Madeline Walker



P.O. BOX 604
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO N3T 5P9

Improving Access and Habitat for
Migratory Rainbow Trout.

Membership Application Form

New Membership ___ Renewal Membership ___ (Check one)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

I wish to opt out of receiving newsletters and other communications by mail (paper copy). I prefer to receive communications by E-mail only

Please Circle the Type of Membership Required Below:

List all Names for Family Membership	New	Renew
_____	___	___
_____	___	___
_____	___	___

NOTE: For Family Membership, all correspondence will be addressed to the person first named above.

I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$ _____ with this membership application, payable to:

The Ontario Steelheaders
Box 604, Brantford, On.
N3T 5P9

Please allow 3 weeks from time of receipt of this application, for mailing of Membership Cards, crests and decals.

You can now renew your Membership by PayPal.

