

NEWSLETTER

Coming Events —Meeting Locations

Start time is 7:30 P.M. for the May 4 meeting at the Police Association Offices. This is on the second floor upstairs over
Proulx Photo –141 Catherine Street *near the corner of Bank and Catherine. The parking lot is across from the Police Association.*

Upcoming Club Fishes

May 7 – Crappie-thon – Reeve Craig

There will be a fish fry at 3 weather and fish permitting. Come on out to the fish fry, even if you weren't fishing.

May 22 – Mississippi Lake – 9th
Concession Road off Hwy #7 past Innisville. Walleye and pike plus panfish. One of my favourite spots. Unfortunately, it has been decreed that I will be in darkest Saskatoon, visiting my only grand-daughter.

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On the Agenda

1 Ottawa Riverkeeper

Jim has received a lengthy email from Meredith Brown, the Ottawa Riverkeeper. I'll try to summarize it on **Page 2** of the Newsletter. We can talk about it at the meeting.

2 St. Catherines Musky Show

Try and stop Jim from talking about it!

3 Breakfast Meetings

This is a double-barreled item. The first suggestion is that we set up a Breakfast Meeting on some Saturday in May/June and then strike out for a visit to some place like **PaddleTails** in Winchester. Given the high cost of gas, perhaps we could get together and setup designated drivers who each could take 2 or 3 other members. The riders would chip in for the gas.

A related suggestion is to substitute a monthly Breakfast Meeting for the usual Wednesday get-together. We could set up a schedule of locations.

New on the OFC Web site:

New – the OFC Classifieds Page.
Email Greg with the details of your deals. gajda@compmore.net

Ottawa Riverkeeper

Coming events:

Sunday, May 15 – Carp River Walk and Learn

Come out and learn more about this watershed and how The Friends of the Carp River are trying to remediate sections of this river. For more information, visit the events page at

www.ottawariverkeeper.ca

Sunday, June 12: National Rivers Day

Ottawa Riverkeeper will be organizing a paddle on the Ottawa River – suitable for all levels of paddlers, but you must have your own boat. Details on the website above.

Saturday, June 18 – Ottawa Riverkeeper Triathlon Westboro Beach

Ottawa Riverkeeper is the official charitable organization for this event being organized by Somersault Productions. Half of all team entry fees and all donations will be awarded to Ottawa Riverkeeper to support the organization. If your business or work place wants to show their support for a clean and healthy Ottawa, come out and challenge the Riverkeeper triathlon team. See the website above.

Volunteers needed to work at various stations, including registration, water tables and handing out timing devices. If you'd like to help, contact Kim Mann at outreach@ottawariverkeeper.ca

Wednesday, June 22 –Ottawa Riverkeeper's Annual General Meeting

Location: Mountain Equipment Co-op; 7 – 9 PM. Open to all. The agenda includes a preview of the Annual River Report and the election of new Board Members. There are a few openings for new members to sit on the Board of Directors. For more information, visit the website or call Meredith Brown, the Ottawa Riverkeeper at 864-7442.

Membership Fees

Students and seniors: \$10 – Individuals: \$35 – Families: \$50 – Friends: \$100 – Guardians: \$500 – Patrons: \$1000. Visit the website for a membership form.

Learn to Pay Attention (Three Examples)

First year Med students were receiving their first anatomy class with a real dead human body. They all gathered around the surgery table with the body covered in a white sheet.

The professor began the lecture by telling them: "In medicine, it is necessary to possess two important qualities as a doctor. The first is that you not be disgusted by anything involving the human body."

To illustrate, he pulled back the sheet, stuck a finger in the anus of the corpse, withdrew it, and stuck it in his mouth.

"Go ahead and do the same thing," he told his students.

The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes, but eventually took turns sticking in a finger and sucking on it.

When everybody finished, the professor looked at them, shook his head and said, "The second most important quality is observation. I stuck in my middle finger and sucked on my index finger. NOW learn to pay attention."

I'm sure that you all recognize the parallel to fishing. Attention to detail is important; otherwise, disgusting things may happen.

Town and Country

An old farmer decided to drive his pickup to the big city of Ottawa one fine day. He had never been on an expressway in his entire life. When he went up one of the on-ramps to get onto the Queensway, he merged into the side of a big Lincoln Town Car.

The driver of the Lincoln stopped and got out, shaking with anger. He yelled at the farmer, "You old fool, didn't you see that sign that said 'YIELD'?"

The farmer drew himself up and replied, "Yessir, I shore did. I rolled down my winder and yield at you 3 times, but you jest kept coming."

Tournament Fishing Tips (Be a Sure-Fire Winner and Popular Guy)

1. Don't waste time sitting around in the water. If the start is at 5:30, be sure to arrive at 5:15 and quickly cut into line at the ramp.
2. Be courteous. If you are entering or leaving an area full of other tournament boats, just remember that you make less wake up on plane than otherwise. So just blow right on by them and shut down at the last second. Everyone should be happy.
3. Don't keep things bottled up inside. If you hook and lose a nice fish, don't hold your anger in. Lash out, thrash the water with your rod and cuss a blue streak. Make sure everyone knows that you just lost the tournament through no fault of your own.
4. Be observant. If you see another boat catching fish, get as close as you can. Observe what lure and technique they're using. Duplicate it and follow them around as close as possible. If they leave the area momentarily, take it over. Don't be left out of the action.

These sure-fire tips make for a memorable experience for everyone.

The Last Rites

An old priest was dying.

He sent a message for Prime Minister Paul Martin and Jean Chrétien, the former PM, to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the clergyman held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The priest grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling.

For a time, no one said anything. Both Martin and Chrétien were touched and flattered that the old priest would ask them to be with him during his final moment. They were also puzzled because the priest had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them.

Finally, Chrétien asked, "Fodder, what for did you hask de two of huss to come 'ere?"

The old priest mustered up some strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go also."

New Definitions of Words

Take any word from the dictionary and alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter. Here are some examples.

Bozone (n): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer shows little sign of breaking down any time soon.

Cashtration (n): The act of buying a house, which renders the buyer financially impotent for an indefinite period.

Inoculatte (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Hipatitis (n): Terminal coolness.

Osteopornosis (n): A degenerate disease.

Glibido(n): All talk and no action.

Dopeler Effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly. Often seen around the **Bozone** layer. Also see **Ignoramus**.

Arachnoleptic fit (n): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Beelzebug (n): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor (n): The colour you turn when you find half a grub in the fruit.

Ignoramus (n): A person who is both stupid and an asshole. See **Bozone** and **Dopeler**.

Signs Of The Times

Surely these signs need no explanation.



