

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Location

*The location and time of our regular monthly meetings have changed. From now on we will meet at the **Royal Canadian Legion, Westboro Branch at 389 Richmond Road, between Churchill and Roosevelt Avenues.** The parking is on the neighbouring streets.*

The next meeting is on Thursday, July 7 at 7 PM. The meeting room is upstairs.

Remember, if you get caught wearing a hat, you could be in big trouble!

Upcoming Club Fishes

Wed. July 13 – Reeve Craig

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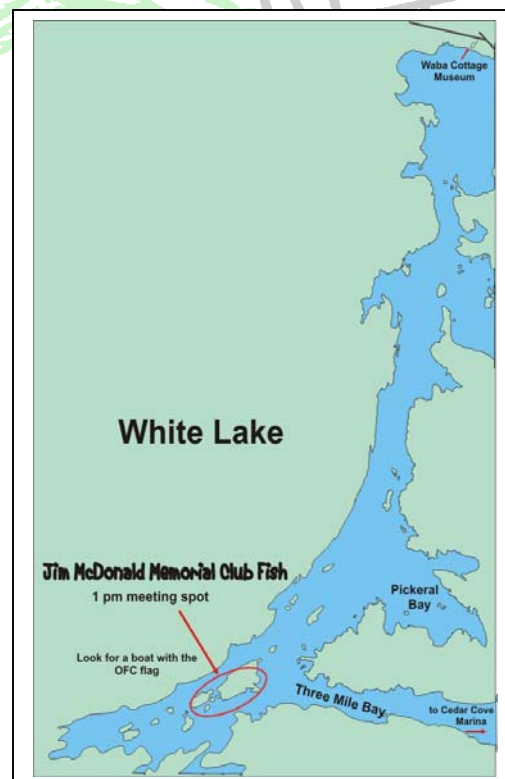
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Jim McDonald Memorial Club Fish

Sunday, July 3, at White Lake. It is our 5th annual Jim McDonald event in honour of our past President. There will be a hot dog barbecue at the meeting spot at 1 PM. The location of the spot is shown on the map below. It is located on the south shore of one of the islands near the mouth of Three Mile Bay (the bay where Cedar Cove Marina is located). Greg's boat will have an OFC flag flying and it will be parked at the BBQ spot.



Around the Rideau

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has spent the last year working with a large number of government and non-government organizations that have roles, responsibilities and resources for various aspects of the Rideau. The **Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy** is a roadmap and a “to do” list for the protection and enhancement of the Lower Rideau. It sets a direction for future investments in watershed management, from how land use and development should be managed, to what kind of scientific research is most needed, and what kinds of stewardship projects/programs should be pursued to protect the ecological, cultural and recreational values and features of the Rideau River and its watershed.

The Lower Rideau River flows from Burritts Rapids northwards to the Rideau Falls in Ottawa, a distance of about 95 kilometres, draining a total area of about 1800 square kilometres, including the watersheds of the Jock River and Kemptville Creek for which watershed plans have previously been prepared.

Problems of the Lower Rideau

Condition of River and Stream Corridors
Inter-agency Coordination & Community Relations
Excessive Nutrient Runoff
Water Level and Flow Management

What the RVCA Plans to do About Them

Revitalize River and Stream Corridors
Coordinate Action Through Inter-agency Working Groups and
Communication with the Public
Manage Nutrient Inflows to the River
Public Education, Community Outreach, Research and Enforcement
Fine Tune Water Levels and Flows

Want More Information?

Contact Bruce Reid (RVCA) at 692-3571 ext 1103 or 1-800-267-3504 ext 1103 or bruce.reid@rideauvalley.on.ca or the website www.rideauvalley.on.ca . An abbreviated version of the Strategy will be available for distribution this fall and it will be posted on a website dedicated to news about the Lower Rideau Strategy and its implementation.

Club Fish Results**Sat. June 4 – Reeve Craig:**

Jim was on the water at 7 AM and there were about 8 trailers there already including Mark Patry's. Skip and Sue Lafreniere went flying by soon after. **Greg showed up about 10 AM!** (He must have been up all night.)

It was bright and hot, with light west winds. Skip said that the water temp was 70 degrees at 1 PM when 3 boats were in. Mark had left. There was a lot of floating slop even in 15 feet of water. Everyone was fishing deeper water for pike, musky and walleye.

Jim had only one hit up to 9:30 and then there was action for about 45 minutes before the cruisers and jet skis were out; then nothing. Charles Gao got a bass. After 1 PM, Greg went out with Charles. Skip and Sue went back out as well. They got some pike and bass.

Some boat got a 42 inch musky.

Neil McColl was in Quyon trying to catch a \$10,000 pike. Somehow he missed it, but says that he had a good day anyway.

Sat. June 18 – Wendover

Jim and Ian Midgley went together. They got on the water about 11:30 AM. The parking lot wasn't crowded. Temp 20C, wind about 15 kph from the north-northeast, and heavy overcast. The water was a bit milky from recent runoff and a bit high.

They got 3 fish – all shallow (3 –5 feet). Ian got a solid 28+pike. Jim got a 13" smallie and a 14" pike.

Jim and Ian met Gilles Ouellette and family on the water.

Everyone was forced back to the launch by an impending storm.

Wild Life Guardians

Neil McColl reports that the MNR has stopped funding an all-volunteer group called "Wild Life Guardians". Part of the problem was that there wasn't enough province-wide participation. The existing volunteers (like Neil) all received certificates and were asked to stay in touch.

There is a new number to call if you see any type of illegal activity; 1-866-346-6673. This is a hot line 24 hour service or you can call Crime Stoppers.

Dow's Lake Youth Fishing Day – July 10

OFC members participated in this event last year.

More information at the Meeting on Thursday, July 7.

ODDS AND ENDS

Muskie Fishing Lures

One of our new members, Philippe Belley, has become a fishing tackle retailer. As he says, he's just started and it's small. He says that if you want some hard to find lures from Salmo, Yo-Zuri, or special colour Suicks, he'll be happy to special order it for you.

He can also order certain Quantum reels.

Philippe has access to the following muskie lure companies:

Musky Mania (includes Jakes)

Swim Whizz (like Believers) and Drifter Tackle (Believers)

Mepps (Musky Marabout)

Lindy (M&G spinnerbaits, Tiger Tubes)

Luhr Jensen, Mann's Baits, Mega Baits, Sledge jerkbaits, StrikeOn!(Hammerin' Hare series musky spinnerbaits)

Suick

Yo-Zuri

With the growing interest in musky fishing, maybe Philippe is on to something.

PETA employees charged with animal cruelty

Ahoskie, North Carolina (AP). This report from CNN.com June 17.

Two employees of PETA have been charged with animal cruelty after dumping dead dogs and cats in a shopping center garbage bin, police said. Investigators staked out the bin after discovering that dead animals had been dumped there every Wednesday for the past four weeks, Ahoskie police said in a prepared statement.

Police found 18 dead animals in the bin and 13 more in a van registered to PETA. The animals were from animal shelters in Northampton and Bertie counties, police said.

The two were picking up animals to be brought back to PETA headquarters for euthanization, PETA president Ingrid Newkirk said Thursday. Neither police nor PETA offered any theory on why the animals might have been dumped.

Newkirk said that she doubted that they had been cruel to an animal and if the animals were placed in the bin, "We will be appalled."

A Senior Moment or “Don’t Mess With Grandma!”

This is supposedly a true story.

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, screaming at the top of her voice, “I have a gun and I know how to use it” Get out of the car!”

The four men didn’t wait for a second invitation. They scrambled out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags in the back of the car and got into the driver’s seat. She was so shaken that she couldn’t get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried. Slowly, it dawned on her why.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station. The sergeant to whom she told her story couldn’t stop laughing.

He pointed to the other end of the counter where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed. You should be so lucky!

High Tech

A shepherd was herding his flock in a remote meadow when suddenly a new Jeep Cherokee pulled up in a cloud of dust. The driver, a well-dressed young man, leaned out the window and said to the bewildered shepherd, “If I can tell you exactly how many sheep you have in your flock, will you give me one?”

The shepherd looks at his flock, thinks a minute, and calmly answers, “Sure!”

The young man parks his SUV, whips out his notebook, connects it to a cell phone, surfs to a NASA page, calls up a Global Imaging Satellite system, scans the area, opens up a database and some 60 Excel spreadsheets with complex formulas. Finally he prints out a 150-page report on a miniature printer, turns to the shepherd and says, “You have here exactly 1436 sheep!”

“Correct,” says the shepherd. “Choose a sheep.” He watches the young man select an animal and load it in his car.

Then the shepherd says, “If I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my sheep?” “OK, why not?” answers the young man.

“You are a consultant!” says the shepherd.

“Correct”, says the young man. “How did you know that?” “Easy”, says the shepherd. “You turn up here although nobody called you. You want to be paid for an answer to a question I already knew the answer to. Finally, you don’t know anything about my business.” “Hey, what do you mean?” said the young man.

“Because you took my dog!” replied the shepherd, and whistled for his dog.

Possible World Record Crappie Caught

For Mother's day, Peggy Hopper from Crofton, Kentucky got a new Shakespeare rod and a Zebco 33 reel. She wasted no time in putting it to good use. While fishing at a watershed lake in northern Christian County, she caught what may turn out to be the largest black crappie ever caught in the world.

The slab weighed in at 4 pounds, 14 ounces. It's over 21 inches long. The crappie is more than half a pound bigger than the previous Kentucky state record and six ounces bigger than the world record. Its size and weight have been confirmed by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The state of Kentucky does not differentiate between black and white crappie for its state records, but the International Game Fish Association does. The current IGFA world record for a black crappie is 4 pounds, 8 ounces. That fish was caught at Kerr Lake in Virginia.

Peggy caught her fish by casting a Crystal Shad Rooster Tail spinner around a small log next to the bank.

Famous Quotes

"Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister – and now wish to withdraw that statement." – Mark Twain (*Is this an apology?*)

"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." – George Burns

"Santa Claus has the right idea – visit people only once a year." – Victor Borge

"What would men be without women? Scarce, sir, mighty scarce." – Mark Twain

"By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher." – Socrates

"I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury." – Groucho Marx

"My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she has to stop to breathe." – Jimmy Durante

"My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying." – Ed Furgol

"I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap." – Bob Hope