

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Location – Upstairs at the Legion Hall, Westboro Branch - 391 Richmond Road, between Churchill and Roosevelt Avenues. *Parking is on neighbouring streets. Start time – 7 pm.*

Saturday, June 3 – Musky opens on the Rideau

Sunday, June 4 – Reeve Craig

Saturday, June 24 – Jim Macdonald Memorial – Bass Opener – Bonnechere River

JUNE MEETING THURSDAY, June 1 – 7 pm

Topics:

- 1. Club Fish Results**
- 2. Future Events**
- 3. The Club could use your help.**

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Miscellaneous Mutterings

As part of my duty as Newsletter Editor, I get to give unsolicited views and comments on various topics.

I have been in Montreal all week teaching a course on telecommunications regulation and economics., and have another week to go, so I'll miss the meeting.

Just a quick observation – Montreal is a great city (you probably knew that) but the streets have all gone to potholes and gas is about 10 cents a litre more than in Ottawa. It was running about \$1.06 – 1.10.

I'm looking forward to the Bass Opener on the Bonnechere River. Not only is this a pretty spot, but also the river is well – sheltered in case it gets windy and rough out on the Ottawa. Good parking and a good dock for those who are not as nimble and flexible as they used to be.

A little humour – an earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale hits Mexico. Two million Mexicans die and over a million are injured. The country is totally ruined – the world is in shock.

Canada sends troops to help quell riots. Saudi Arabia sends oil. Other Latin American countries send supplies. The European community (except France) sends food and money.

The US, not to be outdone, sends two million Mexicans.

God bless America!

Club Fishes**Crappie-thon – Reeve Craig – Saturday, May 6:**

Well, this turned out to be a bust for Moe and Neil McColl. The weather, as you may recall, was wet. Moe and Neil sat in the car for about an hour before they decided to call it off. The unfortunate part of all this was that Neil and Heather had prepared a bean feast as a precaution against no crappies being caught.

As far as I know, no crappies were caught, or at least none were reported to me.

I figure that the Club still owes Neil and Heather for the beans. After all, they did their part and cooked and brought them. We can always get crappies but their beans are something special.

Club Fish – Mississippi Lake – Saturday, May 27.

Jim and Greg were supposed to be together but Greg came down with the collywobbles, so Jim had to go by himself. He reported that it was cloudy and windy, but there were fish to be had.

Just to get himself in shape, Jim was doing his act without a net. He managed 5 pike, a 14 inch largemouth (from 10 feet of water) and assorted panfish. As a noted spinnerbait meister, Jim's attitude is "If they won't take a spinnerbait, then they'll have to do without!" He generally fished the spinnerbaits close to the bottom.

He was yo-yoing his spinnerbait when he got the bass. It seems that the pike were striking short, but our Jim was equal to the challenge. As he said, wait until the water warms up a bit, and watch out!

Jim didn't see any other club members there when he was pulling out at 1 PM, fagged out by all the action. On the bright side, he reports happily that his new two-speed high capacity winch was a dream to operate – much less strain on the bod. I don't know why the trailer manufacturers and the local boat dealers don't make sure that the correct capacity winch is on the trailer when they sell the package to the unsuspecting customer. A 1200 pound winch makes you grunt to winch up a 1500 or 2000 pound boat.

Urban / Youth Fishing Day

Jim got the following message from Scott Smithers. The follow-up message is on the next page. It looks like there might be some hope yet. I have to hand it to Scott - he's a real trooper!

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 9:37 AM
Subject: Urban / Youth Fishing Mtg.

People,

As I'm guessing most of you have heard by now, funding for the final year of eastern Ontario's Youth / Urban Fishing Program was cut approximately 3 weeks ago. The program, initiated and implemented by the Tories in 2004 was originally suppose to be a 3 year pilot project. The current government of Ontario has cut the funding for this program in order to focus effort on core business.

When the Kemptville District organized the first workshop for the urban fishing program back in 2004, I promised all of you that while I couldn't guarantee continued financial support for this program beyond the 3 year pilot project, I could promise that the Kemptville District would not walk away from this initiative entirely and would continue to support urban / youth fishing in eastern Ontario to the best of our capability in other capacities. Well here we are at that point, albeit 1 year earlier then originally envisioned.

Cathy Leeson-Roche's Urban Fishing Coordinator position has been terminated at the Kemptville District due to lack of funding. She has been kind enough to provide me with some of the information and much of the material she developed over the last 2 years in hopes that OMNR will continue to work with partners to ensure that the many fine youth fishing initiatives and events supported by OMNR in 2004, 2005 will continue on into the future.

I would like to propose a meeting with all of you folks to discuss the feasibility of carrying on with events such as the very popular youth fishing day at Dow's lake in 2006. While I must admit that in order for events such as the one at Dow's Lake to continue, you folks as partners will need to assume much more organizational responsibility, I also believe that thanks to the framework laid down in the past by Cathy, a youth fishing day at Dow's Lake is still possible.

In the past the Ottawa East Optimists have been kind enough to let us use their meeting facility for our workshops and planning sessions. Is this still possible Sandra? I think we need to meet sooner than later in order be ready for the Family Fishing Week in early July.

I suppose what I first need to know is if the Optimists are willing to let us use their facility again this year and if so, what dates the facility might be available during the first week of June. Additionally I need to know if the you folks are in favour of this meeting and forging ahead with eastern Ontario's youth fishing initiative.

So, I guess I'm looking for all of your thoughts and Opinions. Again, sooner rather than later.

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2006 3:57 PM
Subject: Urban Fishing Meeting May 31st / 2006

Folks,

I suppose I've heard back from a good number of you since sending my E-mail last week discussing the current state of urban / youth fishing in eastern Ontario.

Sandra at East Ottawa Optimist Club has been good enough again this year to let us use their facilities to have a meeting to discuss our group options for maintaining and carrying on with some of the urban / youth fishing initiatives implemented over the last couple of years; notably the Dow's Lake event.

Everyone who responded to my E-mail last week agreed that to see the many great youth based fishing events and programs fizzle out this year due to lack of gov't funding would be a real shame. By the same token, folks were generally optimistic that some of these events can be maintained through bolstered partner effort.

The date and location for the meeting to discuss all of these matters is:

May 31st at 7:00
@
East Ottawa Optimists Club
33 Quill St.
Ottawa, Ontario
K1K 4E
613-741-2954

As per previous years, MNR will facilitate this meeting.

I realize that this meeting date comes on short notice but time is of the essence with Ontario's Family Fishing Weekend (the historic Dow's Lake Event date) just slightly more than a month away.

I look forward to seeing all of you next week and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Optimistically,

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Top Idiots of 2005

I am indebted to Brian Harrington for the following awards. I'm printing the winner, the two Canadian contestants and the liquor store robber– it's depressing reading.

Number One Idiot of 2005

I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control centre. Today, this woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison in order to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter into the emergency room right away.

Here's you sign, lady. Wear it with pride.

Number Three Idiot of 2005

A man, wanting to rob a downtown Bank of Montreal branch, walked into the branch and wrote "this iz a stikkup. Put all your munny in this bag." While standing in line waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the Bank of Montreal and crossed the street to the CIBC. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the harbour, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of Montreal deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a CIBC deposit slip or go back to the Bank of Montreal. Looking somewhat defeated, the man said, "OK" and left. He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at the Bank of Montreal.

Don't bother with this guy's sign. He probably couldn't read it anyway.

Idiot Number Six of 2005

A pair of Manitoba robbers entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers. The first one shouted, "Nobody move!"

When his partner moved, the startled first bandit shot him.

This guy doesn't need a sign; he probably figured it out himself.

Idiot Number Seven of 2005

Seems this guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window.

The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. It seems that the liquor store window was made of Plexi-Glass. The whole event was caught on videotape

Oh, that smarts! Give him his sign.



It's Always About Women

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

A student asked, "What gender is a computer?" She split the class into men and women and asked them to decide for themselves.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its choice.

The men decided that computer should definitely be feminine, because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even the smallest mistake is stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won! So what else is new?

Count your blessings?

A woman and her husband are dining at a table in a plush restaurant, and the woman keeps staring at a drunken man swigging vodka as he sits alone at a nearby table. The husband asks, "Do you know him?"

"Yes," sighs the woman, "He's my ex-husband. He took to drinking right after we divorced seven years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My gosh!" says the husband, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

Courtesy of Rick Newton