



# Fish Tales

Bluewater Anglers Newsletter • Winter 2000 - 2001

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in the cleanup at the site of the Point Edward Optimists pre-Mackinaw Festival. We had a lot of support from the members of our club on the three day cleanup and it was very much appreciated. \$4,500. was donated to the Hatchery for our services in cleaning up the grounds.

A sincere thank you goes out to the retiring directors. Without their help this club would not be able to exist. Coming into the new year we will be looking for some new directors who will bring some new ideas to the club. As you know we have fewer directors now on our Board but we still require people to fill the vacancies created by the retiring directors. Please give this some careful thought because we really need to get these positions filled with some enthusiastic volunteers.

The Directors  
Bluewater Anglers Association

## 2001 SARNIA SALMON DERBY APRIL 27 - MAY 6

This year's Derby Committee has decided to make the Derby a "cash and merchandise" Derby. The more tickets sold and money donated the more will be available for prizes on a percentage basis. This year we are having 10 salmon and 10 trout (Rainbow, Brown & Lake Trout, all in one category) cash prizes and five cash prizes for Walleye. The price of Derby tickets will be: Single - \$20, Family - \$35 and Daily \$10.

Both weigh-in stations will be open every day from noon until 9 PM except Sunday, May 6 when they will be open from noon until 3 PM. Your Derby Committee consists of Paul Heckley, Pete Bothwell, Ardis Maxfield, Sheldon Jones, Gary Vasek, Ken Sole, Ron Martin, Roy Deriviere, Ted Brooks, Boon Warwick, Brad Young, and Jim Daborn, chairman. If you have any questions I will do my best to answer them, call 344-6526. BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE!

Jim Daborn

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9	General Membership Meeting
March 17 & 18	Open House

## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Meetings held at CEP Hall  
900 Devine Street  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

## JANUARY 9, 2001

Fishing report  
Hatchery Report  
Salmon Derby Report  
Sportsman Show Report  
Elections  
Awards for Fall Derby

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### 2001 Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show

The 16th annual Sarnia Fishing and Outdoors Show will be held at the Clearwater Arena on

- Friday, April 6th (4:00 PM - 9:00 PM),
- Saturday, April 7th (10:00 AM - 8:00 PM), and
- Sunday, April 8th (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM).

The 2001 Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show committee has been working since late September to make this spring's show another success. No major changes are planned for the 2001 show. The Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show is one of two major club projects that raises the approximately \$25,000 it takes to run our fish culture station each year.

The 2001 show committee members are:

Rich Archer   Bob Easter   Paul Heckley  
Dave Hicks   Terry Latham   Warren Pickering  
Bruce Kidd   Gary Vacek   Byron Warwick

There is always room for new committee members. There will be show committee meetings in January, February and March. If you are interested in helping with the 2001 show, call Paul Heckley at 869-2593.

Gathering eggs at Owen Sound  
this year

### Jim Heywood's Venison Stew

(Serves 6)

1-1/2 to 2 lb. lean venison stew meat, cut into 1-inch pieces

3 tbsp. cooking oil

1 medium onion, cut into small pieces

3 stalks celery, cut into 3/4 inch pieces

1 clove garlic

4 tbsp. flour

1 c. boiling water, stock or beef bouillon

1 (1 lb.) can tomatoes, chopped, with juice

1 (12-oz.) bottle of beer

1/2 tsp. thyme

1 bay leaf

Salt & pepper to taste

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

3 carrots, cut into 3-4-inch pieces

2 c. rutabaga, cut into 3-4-inch pieces

2 c. potatoes, cut into 3-4-inch pieces

Brown venison cubes in oil in a deep cast iron pot or other heavy Dutch oven type pot. Remove meat, leaving oil in pot. Add onions, celery and garlic to pot and cook until just tender, do not brown. Add flour to pot and stir in well. Now add boiling water, stock or beef bouillon and stir until thickened and smooth. Add tomatoes, their juice, beer, spices and browned venison. Stir until well mixed. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour and 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add carrots and rutabaga and cook an additional 30 minutes, covered. Add potatoes and cook until they're tender.





## THANKS TO OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS

A special thanks goes to our American friends of the Blue Water Sport Fishing Association. Their Club has donated \$3,000. U.S. to the hatchery to help us keep it running in the new year. This support will go a long way to ensuring that we are able to keep this operation going for the next year.

## HATCHERY REPORT

Presently we have about 176,000 eyed up Salmon eggs. Permit calls for a release of 150,000 Salmon. Our first batch of eggs were fertilized, water-hardened for one hour and disinfected in Wescodyne solution for 10 minutes and then placed in the incubators.

This has been the practice for several years. One tray, 16, was not treated with Wescodyne and the results perfect. We lost approximately 40% of our eggs. Phoned the Ministry, got in touch with their top Hatchery personnel.

Our main problem turned out to be we did not water-harden the eggs long enough to fully close the hole in the egg after fertilizing the egg. We then proceeded to use Wescodyne to sterilize the eggs. The Wescodyne had broken down into an acid solution, permeated through the hole and killed the egg.

Four days later we went up to Owen Sound and brought back 65,000 more eggs. These were fertilized, water-hardened over night, treated the next day with fresh Wescodyne and had about 98% success.

It was a costly lesson and should not have happened. A new procedure has been written and will be followed in the future.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped gather the eggs, and the hatchery operators who looked after the eggs on a daily basis. This is teamwork at its best.

—anny Camano



Warren Pickering receiving cheque from Judy Odgen of the Bluewater Sport Fishing Association



Judy Gibson of Bluewater Sport Fishing Association receiving Appreciation Plaque from Warren Pickering

### PLEASE NOTE

- If anyone wishes to donate to the Club, a taxable receipt for a charitable donation will be issued.
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### FALL 500 DERBY

#### Salmon Category

1st Place (\$100.) - (23.26 lbs.) Birten MacKenzie  
2nd Place (\$50.) - (20.28 lbs.) Bruce Lumley  
3rd Place (\$25.) - (20.14 lbs.) Ken Sole  
Draw Prize (Membership) - John Januszkiewicz

#### Trout Category

1st Place (\$100.) - (12.88 lbs.) Biren MacKenzie  
2nd Place (\$50.) - (12.60 lbs.) Larry Doan  
3rd Place (\$25.) - (11.58 lbs.) Chester Januszkiewicz  
Draw Prize (Membership) - Don Smith

Prizes can be collected at the January Membership Meeting.

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Well it is the new year, time to start thinking about dusting off the old rod and reel and renewing your Licenses and Memberships.

Memberships - while you have the cheque book out, let's make one out for \$24.15 for single and \$34.45 for family, payable to THE FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS. To make the task a little easier, I will be including the following form in all newsletters. This is great way to save \$10.00 and get involved in an organization that is fighting for the rights of Anglers and Hunters like you and I.

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### SPECIAL NOTES

- If you can't make the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting because of a prior commitment, please send a note committing to one of the positions in the previous letter to be received no later than September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- All future events have been cancelled in lieu of September 11<sup>th</sup> decision.

### RESULTS OF JUNE WALLEYE DERBY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Frank Turnbull 6.36 lbs.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ralph McMurder 6.28 lbs.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - John Januszkiewicz 5.28 lbs.

The prizes can be picked up at the September Special Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11 - Special Meeting

### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Meeting to be held at CEP Hall  
900 Devine Street.  
Door opens at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

# **"URGENT" - SPECIAL MEETING**

## **"MEMBERS ONLY" – ATTENDANCE MANDATORY**

7:30pm – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, E.C.W.U., 900 Devine St., Sarnia

The board of directors has called a special meeting for all members of the Blue Water Anglers. Your attendance at this meeting should be viewed as mandatory, as you will be voting on the future of your Club and Hatchery.

At present, the Board of Directors has submitted a recommendation, that unless there are major changes in the involvement of our general membership, the Club has no choice but to cease operations and shutdown the Club and Hatchery.

This was not an easy decision, however following the recent years of constant struggling, both from a financial and manpower perspective, there really is no other viable option. This recommendation currently needs to be voted on by the membership, as this is your club, and you together must make this final decision. Anyone not attending this meeting will be counted as a vote for the disbanding of the Blue Water Anglers. Anyone voting to keep the club alive will also be expected to make a commitment to assist in operating this club. We need this commitment to verify our ability to keep operating the club, and it must be in writing and binding, as the past has shown us that we cannot rely on simple "lip service".

There is a drastic need for additional people to fill some vacant positions, and provide some physical assistance to help with the many tasks required. Currently, there are only a hand-full of people who conduct all of the required duties, regrettably some of whom have already submitted their resignations.

<b><u>Mandatory Positions</u></b>	<b><u>Qualified People Required</u></b>
Hatchery Co-ordinators	3 min
Sportsman Show Chair	1 min
Sportsman Show Committee Members	12 min
Salmon Derby Chair	1 min
Salmon Derby Committee Members	12 min
Directors	10 min

While there is a very real financial problem that we need to contend with, the simple fact is, that without commitments for the above positions, we cannot continue to operate this club.

Whatever the outcome of this meeting, the directors wanted to make one point very clear, to our members, and to everyone who has ever made any form of donation in the past.

*"All the past donations, combined with the time and labour which has been put into the Club, the Salmon Derbies, the Hatchery, the Sportsman Show, the Kids Days, Hatchery Tours, etc., etc., have not been in vain. In fact this club has enjoyed many successful years, during which thousands of people have gained a great deal of enjoyment from our fishery and respect for all of your efforts."*

Perhaps, if we all band together during these tough times, we may be able to continue this enjoyment, and pass it down to yet another generation.

The Board of Directors





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## SALMON DERBY AWARDS AGENDA

Salmon Derby Stats  
Introduce Derby Committee

### Thank Sponsors

Kid's Draw Prize Winner – Prizes compliments of Pt. Edward Optimists

Kid's Big Fish – Bunt Murray Memorial Trophy & Bike – compliments of Pt. Edward Optimists

Ladies Day Winner – Cash Prize compliments of SR Metal Coatings

Ladies Big Fish Winners – Peggy Grant Memorial Trophy – Cash prize compliments of Al Grant

### CATEGORY WINNERS

Walleye  
Trout - Boat  
Trout - Shore  
Salmon

### General Draw Prizes

50/50 Draw & Merchandise Draw Prizes

## 2001 SALMON DERBY COMMITTEE

Jim Daborn  
Paul Heckley  
Ardis Maxfield  
Sheldon Jones

Marg Daborn  
Brad Young  
Ken Sole  
Ron Martin

Pete Bothwell  
Gary Vacek  
Boon Warwick  
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Gary Vacek ..... Don Walker  
Boon Warwick ..... Brad Young

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June ..... Walleye Derby  
June 9 ..... Special Kids Derby  
September 11 ..... General Meeting  
September ..... Salmon Egg Collection  
September ..... Start of Fall Derby  
November ..... End of Fall Derby

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**SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**



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### 2001 Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show Summary

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show held at the Clearwater Arena on April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> was another big success. The 2500 paid attendees and approximately 250 kids (6 and under free) had a chance to visit over 60 exhibitor booths. While paid attendance was down about 500 from last year, the show made a profit of approximately \$9,000, which will go directly towards the 2001/2002 operation of the fish hatchery. This compares with show profits of \$13,327 in 2000, \$10,800 in 1999 and \$6,400 in 1998.

The daily winners of the kid's rod and reel combos were

- Logan Mulvey, 808 Prestwick Cres., Sarnia,
- Billy-Jean Whiting, 6787 King Street, Camlachie,
- Rudy Delaney, 352 Brentwood Cres., Corunna.

The winners of the \$100 daily draw prizes were

- Ray Rabideau, 1093 Hagle Street, Sarnia,
- Morgan Tyler, 103 Mayfair Street, Sarnia,
- Deb Isaac, 2741 Marthaville Road, RR3, Oil Springs.

The winner of the Fish Kincardine Derby / Sutton Park Inn package was

- Jeanette Acott, 6564 Waterworks Road, Brights Grove.

Peter Bothwell won the draw for a berth at Sarnia Bay Marina during the derby donated by the St. Clair Parkway.

Roger Halford won the one night stay at the Acorn Lodge in Grand Bend donated by the Acorn Lodge.

The Sportsman Show Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered his or her time to help out at the show. Your help with setting up the show, selling admission tickets, security, the beer garden, the food booth, or the Bluewater Anglers booth is very much appreciated. The show would not be a success without your help. Thank you.

I would personally like to thank the 2001 Sportsman Show Committee (Rick Archer, Bob Easter, Dave Hicks, Bruce Kidd, Terry Latham, Gary Vacek and Byron Warwick) for your efforts in making this spring's show so successful. Without you there would not be a Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show ... and no money for the operation of our fish hatchery.

Paul Heckley, Chairperson  
2001 Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show

#### **Poached Salmon with Zucchini**

##### **Ingredients**

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 4 salmon steaks (1/2-inch thick)       | 2 tablespoons water           |
| ½ teaspoon chicken stock or flavouring | 3 medium zucchinis (1 pound)  |
| ¼ teaspoon salt (optional)             | ¼ teaspoon minced fresh basil |
| ½ cup white dry wine or skim milk      |                               |

Place salmon in large saucepan or skillet that has been coated with cooking spray. Add milk or wine, water and bouillon. Cover and bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until fish is done, about 6 minutes. Cut zucchini into small strips; steam with a vegetable steamer for two to three minutes. Pour into a bowl and toss gently with basil. Transfer to serving plates. Top with salmon. Garnish with sprigs of basil.



## Hatchery Report

Fin Clipping was done on both the Salmon and Rainbow Trout.

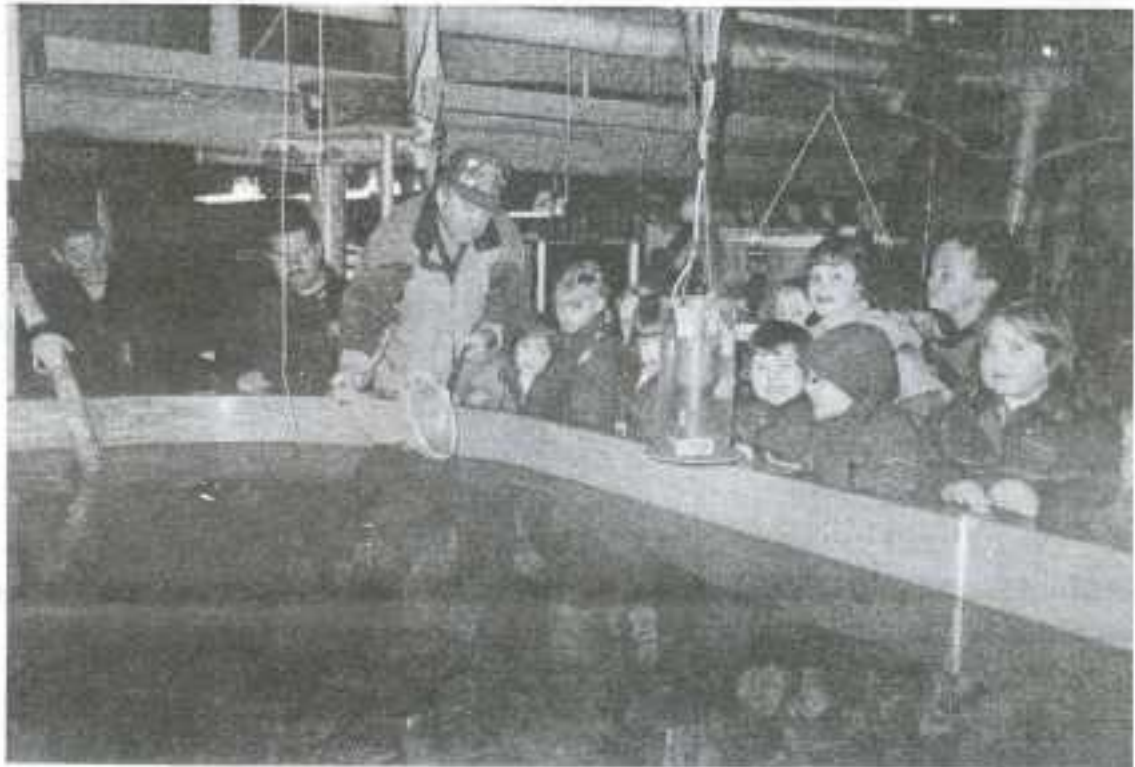
The Salmon had the right pectoral fin clipped and the Rainbow had the right lower fin clipped. Three days after the start of clipping we started to stock out fish.

The stocking went well, low water in some of the creeks prevented us from dropping fish in our usual spot. Most of the Rainbows were stocked in the Sarnia area: Bridgeview Marina, North Slip, Sarnia Bay, Hickory Creek, O'Brien Creek and the balance stocked in the Ausable River at Port Franks. We raised and stocked 156,949 Salmon and 45,413 Rainbows for a total of 202,362 fish.

It is with regret that I have handed in my resignation as hatchery co-ordinator. My health and the need of time for other things have made the decision for me.

I would like to thank all the operators and board members who have assisted me in making my final year a success.

Manny Camano



Warren Pickering conducting a hatchery tour

### **Do Trout Feed Primarily by Sight or by Smell?**

Trout are primarily visual feeders. They typically live in cool, clear lakes, rivers, creeks and streams where they can put their great eyesight to good use. Sometimes stream trout are so selective that they will only pick off the tiny female mayflies that are lying on the surface of the water. How can the trout tell? They can see the minuscule dab of green or yellowish colour that is the fly's eggs. Talk about being selective. While all trout have great eyesight, it never hurts to make a lure or bait small good. If I am casting a spinner for stream trout or pulling a spoon for lakes, I'll always add a little bit of scent. The trout will spot the lure, swoop in behind it to see if it's something edible, smell the scent and wallop it.

## 2001 Sarnia Salmon Derby Cash Prize Structure

The following is the cash prize structure for the big fish winners in each of the four fish categories. The cash prize structure is based on 50% of all Sarnia Salmon Derby ticket sales and cash donations.

### Ticket Sold

Single Tickets	727	@ \$20.00	\$14,540.00
Family Tickets	113	@ \$35.00	\$3,955.00
Daily Tickets	62	@ \$10.00	\$620.00
<b>Ticket Sales</b>	<b>\$19,115.00</b>		
<b>Cash Donations</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>		
<b>Cash Prize Total</b>	<b>\$26,515.00</b>		

Prize Structure	Salmon	Trout (Shore)	Trout (Boat)	Walleye
1st Place	\$5,000.00	\$1,060.60	\$1,060.60	\$1,060.60
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$1,060.60	\$530.30	\$530.30	\$530.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$530.30	\$265.15	\$265.15	\$265.15
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$265.15	\$106.06	\$106.06	\$106.06
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$106.06	\$53.03	\$53.03	\$53.03
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$95.45			
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$84.85			
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$74.24			
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$63.64			
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$53.03			
<b>Prizes/Category</b>	<b>\$7,333.32</b>	<b>\$2,015.14</b>	<b>\$2,015.14</b>	<b>\$2,015.14</b>
<b>% Payout/Category</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

<b>Total Cash Prizes</b>	<b>\$13,378.74</b>
<b>Total % Cash Payout</b>	<b>50.5%</b>

Above values for prizes is an approximation only. This may not be the final tally.



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## 2001 Sarnia Salmon Derby Statistics

	<b>Sarnia</b>	<b>Port Franks</b>	<b>Total Fish</b>	<b>Total Weight</b>	<b>Avg. Weight</b>
Salmon	234	276	510	4769.42	9.35
Rainbow Trout	98	34	132	706.72	5.35
Brown Trout	17	6	23	162.96	7.08
Lake Trout	52	62	114	622.30	5.46
Walleye	97	0	97	510.58	5.26
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>6771.98</b>	<b>7.73</b>

### **SALMON**

1. 20.48# Al Grant, Armedia, Michigan
2. 19.60# Len Appleman, London
3. 19.04# Melissa Tait, Alvinston
4. 18.42# Frank Turnbull, Sarnia
5. 18.34# Larry Moore, Sarnia
6. 18.18# Jeff Cumming, Alvinston
7. 17.88# Paul McGill, Sarnia
8. 17.60# Cory Lacroix, Sarnia
9. 17.48# Frank Stumph, London
10. 17.36# Mike Shortt, Sarnia

### **TROUT - Boat**

1. 12.04# Paul Somers, Sarnia
2. 10.80# Jim Allen, Sarnia
3. 10.44# John Januszkiewicz, Wyoming
4. 10.28# E. Stronghill, Wyoming
5. 10.06# L. Regean, Bright's Grove

### **TROUT - Shore**

1. 10.80# Scott Dezort, Sarnia
2. 10.44# A. Buliga, Jr., Sarnia
3. 10.20# Vergel Sioson, Sarnia
4. 8.72# Jim Martin, Sarnia
5. 8.42# Ken Sole, Sarnia

### **WALLEYE**

1. 10.30# Pat Couture, Sarnia
2. 9.14# R. Fletcher, Sarnia
3. 9.12# Warren Oke, Sarnia
4. 8.88# B. Armstrong, Corunna
5. 8.86# Tim Hicks, Corunna

### **LADIES BIG FISH - Peggy Grant Memorial Trophy**

1. 19.94# Melissa Tait, Alvinston
2. 14.64# Vickie Stewart, Ipperwash
3. 11.60# Darla Fiddick, Petrolia

### **KID'S BIG FISH - Bunt Murray Memorial Trophy**

- 16.60# Rob Doucette, Sarnia



Al Grant, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Salmon



A. Buliga

### **MOLSON'S DAILY BIG FISH WINNERS**

April 27	13.36#	Jim Glen, Strathroy
28	19.60#	Len Appleman, London
29	20.48#	Al Grant, Ardena, Michigan
30	16.40#	Al MacLennon, Windsor
May 1	16.06#	George Hicks, Bright's Grove
2	18.42#	Frank Turnbull, Sarnia
3	17.48#	Frank Stumpe, London
4	15.84#	Terry Price, Centralia
5	19.04#	Melissa Tait, Alvinston
6	17.30#	Dave Large, Wyoming

### **LADIES DAY WINNER**

April 28      11.18#      Stephanie Wylie, Port Lambton

### **SENIORS DAY WINNER**

May 2      15.84#      Frank Deborger, Forest

### **KID'S DRAW PRIZES**

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mark VanMoorsel   | 2. Brittany Dobbin |
| 3. Mike Fraser       | 4. C. Dekeysek     |
| 5. Jason Hicks       | 6. Greg Southam    |
| 7. Alex Dupe         | 8. I. Higgins      |
| 9. Samantha Billings | 10. Laura Fisher   |



Melissa Tait , Ladies Big Fish Winner



**I'm wondering if walleye and pickerel are the same fish. And are they types of pike?**

A lot of people are confused about these fish. True pickerel (redfin, grass and chain pickerel) are a different species from walleye. Most Canadians, however, mistakenly call walleye "yellow pickerel." So if you were in southern Ontario, for example, and you heard people talking about catching pickerel, chances are good they meant walleye. Much more common in the U.S., pickerel are found only in small pockets of Canada. Walleye, however, are among the most widespread of all gamefish. They're found right down the center of North America, from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. Walleye are not related to pike. They are the largest members of the perch family. Pickerel, on the other hand, are indeed members of the pike family and look very much like northerns.

-Gord Pyzer

**Cooking Salmon**

Salmon fillets (allow 6 ounces per person)	1 carrot	1 small onion, sliced
1 stalk celery, sliced	2 slices lemon	Several sprigs of parsley
6 Bay leaves (Turkish, or 1/2 of a California bay leaf)	Salt to taste	1 cup dry white wine
Juice of half a lemon		

1. Cut the salmon fillets into individual portions.
2. Place the carrot, onion, sliced celery, lemon, parsley & bay leaves in a saucepan.
3. Add the fish, cold water to cover, salt to taste, the wine & the lemon juice. Bring the pot to a boil, uncovered.
4. Adjust heat to simmer & let fish cook for 5 minutes.
5. Turn off the heat and leave fish undisturbed for 10 minutes. Then remove it carefully to a serving platter. The salmon will be perfectly done. It is delicious served either hot or cold.

**Cold Poached Salmon, Warm Dill Mayonnaise or Aioli Sauce**

**Ingredients**

- 1-1/2 qt. Court Bouillon – simmering
- 4 8-oz salmon steaks
- 1 cup warm dill mayonnaise or 1 cup Aioli Sauce
- 4 cups Salad Greens Mesclun or Spring Mix
- 4 bunches cherry tomatoes on the sprig

**Preparation**

1. Poach salmon in simmering court bouillon, and cool. The texture of the fish should be a shiny opaque flake.
2. Remove skin, and brush lightly with Extra Virgin Olive Oil to glaze it, and place it on a bed of salad greens.
3. Stripe with warm dill mayonnaise or Aioli Sauce.
4. Garnish with cherry tomatoes on the sprig.

**POINT EDWARD CHARITY CASINO  
2001 SARNIA SALMON DERBY**

During this year's Salmon Derby we experienced some real changes in weather patterns. On the opening weekend we had to scrape the frost off the boat windshields, but by mid-week we had three days of record-high temperatures. Fish entries were once again, on the low side with only 876 entered, about the same as last year.

Club member and Derby sponsor, Al Grant's 20.48 lb. salmon caught off Port Franks took top honours and the \$5,000., compliments of Point Edward Charity Casino. Derby participants were down slightly, 727 single, 62 daily and 113 family tickets sold. However, the good news is that we still showed a good profit and all proceeds from the Derby will go directly into the hatchery account.

Special thanks to Point Edward Charity Casino for putting up the \$5,000. prize for the first place salmon. Thanks also to Silv'ry Moon Lodge, Bluewater Padded Accents, Nova Chemicals, Bridgeview Marina, S.R. Metals Coatings, OMI Canada Inc., Molson Breweries, Northern King Lures, Reef Runner Charters, Point Edward Optimist, and U.S.G. Babbit for being major sponsors. Our many sponsors are without a doubt, the most important component of the Derby. Without their support we have no Derby. Let's support those that support the Sarnia Salmon Derby.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank this year's Derby Committee - it just goes to show what a few dedicated club members can accomplish. I would also like to thank Brad Young and all the people that helped Ardis Maxfield and Marg Daborn at both weight-in stations.

Pete Bothwell  
Salmon Derby Committee



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# Fish Tales

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## HATCHERY OPEN HOUSE – MARCH 17 & 18, 2001

Bring your families out to our Hatchery Open House so they can see what the Bluewater Angler members and hatchery operators are doing for the community. Hours for tours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call Warren Pickering at 332-1257 for information.

## Reminders

The Sportsman Show takes place on April 6, 7 & 8, 2001.  
The Salmon Derby starts April 27, 2001 and ends May 6, 2001. This year the Pt. Edward Charity Casino has promised to sponsor our derby for the top prize. Salmon Derby Awards Night is May 22, 2001.  
Membership cards will be available in October for the year 2002 for those who wish to give them out as Christmas presents.

## ELECTIONS 2001

Changes to the slate of officers is Don Walker who is now 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Brad Young who has taken over as Treasurer along with our accountant, Brian R. Moore. We need one more director to fill the quota. Gary Vacek and Sam Whiting were nominated for Lifetime Memberships. We have decided to get laminated membership cards for all Lifetime members.

## SWAP TABLE

Here is a chance at both the March and April General Meetings to sell those unused fishing treasures. There will be tables set up where we can display all our fishing items from fish finders and downriggers to lures, etc. Each item must be tagged with your name and asking price on it. This is an excellent opportunity to sell or buy used fishing equipment.

## JUNE & FALL DERBIES

The rules for the Derbies have been changed. The rules will be posted at the weigh-in Station and the prize structure will be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25.

and a draw for a free membership

One of our directors, Jim Daborn, has had some health problems recently and can no longer get around. I'm sure he would appreciate your calls.

## IN MEMORIAM

We regret that we must report the untimely passing of club member, Steve (Toby) Mason. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Bluewater Anglers Web site: [www.xcelco.on.ca/~anglers](http://www.xcelco.on.ca/~anglers)

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## 2001 EXECUTIVE

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1st Vice ..... Paul Heckley  
2nd Vice ..... Don Walker  
Treasurer ..... Brad Young &  
   Brian R. Moore  
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Jim Daborn	Don Harmsworth, Jr.
Paul Heckley	Don Harmsworth Sr.
Dave Hicks	Jim Kakaraza
Terry Latham	Warren Pickering
Gary Vacek	Don Walker
Boon Warwick	Brad Young

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6	Membership Meeting
17 & 18	Hatchery Open House
April 6, 7, & 8	Sportsman Show
3	Membership Meeting
	Club Spring Outing
27	Salmon Derby Starts
May 6	Salmon Derby Ends
22	Salmon Derby Awards Night
June	Club Walleye Derby
	Special Kids Derby

## GENERAL MEETING

### AGENDA

*Meetings held at CEP Hall  
900 Devine Street.  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.*

## MARCH 6, 2001

Fishing Report  
Hatchery Report  
Salmon Derby Report  
Sportsman Show Report

### Guest Speaker:

Bill Ariss,  
Canadian Coast Guard

## APRIL 3, 2001

Fishing Report  
Hatchery Report  
Salmon Derby Report  
Sportsman Show Report

## 2001 SARNIA FISHING & OUTDOORS SHOW

The Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show will be held at the Clearwater Arena Complex on

- Friday, April 6th (4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, April 7th (10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, April 8th (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Over 60 local and out-of-town exhibitors will fill the two arenas with ATVs, boats, personal watercraft, camping equipment, fishing tackle, representatives from lodges & resorts, club information booths, and more. There will be archery and air pistol displays, fishing presentations, dog demonstrations, and more. Don't miss your opportunity to stock up on badly needed fishing tackle at show prices. Get information & tickets for the Sarnia, Grand Bend, and Kincardine fish derbies.

The Bluewater Anglers are proud to organize and host this show for the 16th consecutive year. The Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show committee members are:

Rich Archer	Bob Easter	Paul Heckley
Dave Hicks	Bruce Kidd	Terry Latham
Warren Pickering	Gary Vacek	Byron Warwick

In order to make this spring's show another big success, we need approximately 40 volunteers to assist with the following activities during the show weekend:

- show set up on April 5th & 6th,
- admission ticket sales at the door,
- security at the doors,
- help in the beer tent & food booth.

If you can volunteer 2 - 4 hours during the show, please put your name on one of the sign-up sheets at the March 6th or April 3th General Membership meetings or contact one of the show committee members. The volunteers are the main reason the show runs so smooth. Remember, all the profits from the Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show go to a great cause ... our fish culture station in Pt. Edward. Our goal is to raise 1/2 of the approximately \$25,000. annual operating costs.

For more information, contact Paul Heckley (869-2593).

## 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SARNIA SALMON DERBY

The Sarnia Salmon Derby enters its 25<sup>th</sup> year with a new look and an important new sponsor. The Bluewater Anglers are happy to announce that the **POINT EDWARD CHARITY CASINO** will be the derby's major sponsor for this, and hopefully, future years. The Point Edward Charity Casino has donated the **\$5,000** cash prize for the largest salmon entered during the Sarnia Salmon derby.

The Sarnia Salmon Derby starts on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and ends on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark the dates on your calendar and book a week's vacation now. The prize structure has been changed for this year's derby. This year 50% of all ticket sales and cash donations will be awarded as cash prizes for the

- 10 largest salmon,
- 5 largest trout caught from shore,
- 5 largest trout caught from boat, and
- 5 largest walleye.

(trout includes rainbow trout, brown trout & lake trout)



**The more derby tickets sold . . . . . the bigger the cash prizes will be.**

In addition, every fish entered during the derby gives you a chance to win additional merchandise prizes to be selected at random from all fish entered during the derby.

Derby information and derby tickets will be available at the March 6<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> General Membership meetings, and the Sarnia Fishing & Outdoors Show on April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Sarnia Salmon Derby committee needs 40 – 50 volunteers to help staff the Sarnia and Port Franks weigh-in stations during the 10 day derby. Volunteers are needed for NOON – 5:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM each day. Please sign up for 1 – 2 shifts at the next General Membership meeting or the Sarnia Sportsman Show. This is your chance to help your club. The general support of our members is much appreciated.

For more information contact Brad Young at 541-0448.

### **SPRING LAKE TACTICS FOR BROWNS**

If you want to target for brown trout, spring's inshore fishery should offer enough action to keep any angler happy. When working open Lake Huron waters look for protected harbors, points, underwater rocky shoals, sand bars, and mud lines from small creek mouths. Baitfish seem to stock up in these areas and greedy browns are quick to notice.

Planer boards and long lining have become the hand on favorite brown trout catching technique used locally. Planer boards can be put into two categories, in-line planer boards and catamaran boards. The latter is the dual planer board system that requires a towrope from the planer mast to the board. The new compact in-line planer board is the baby brother to the dual planer boards. The principal is the same only that these boards run directly from your fishing line.

In the spring browns are usually the first fish to notice that bait has moved into the shallow beaches to spawn. For any system to work you must thoroughly troll your brown trout holding waters. This means generally keeping your board in less than 10 feet of water and putting your inside planer board just off the beach, sometimes in only 3 feet of water.

For this reason trollers rely heavily on floating type body baits that best imitate the smelt and alewife forage base like Rapalas, Bombers, and Luhr Jensens new Power Minnows. Small spoons like 1/4 to 2/5 ounce silver/blue, silver/green Krocodiles and Cleo's account for good numbers of fish as well.

Remember you're fishing in shallow water and brown trout tend to be real spooky, that's why a slight chop on the water can work in your favor. Too much boat commotion from your boat and others trolling in the same area can cut brown trout fishing short. That's why planer boards and trolling in a gentle zigzag patter produces fish. Remember also that browns tend to be line shy, 10# test line is about the maximum you should use.

If you're rigging two or more lines from a planer board remember the outside lines should have the longest leads. When a fish hits it does battle directly behind the boat and won't tangle in the other lines running closer to the boat.

Browns seem to run in small packs during the spring to feed on bait. Remember the area that produced fish and re-work it until you're certain they have moved on.

Pete Bothwell

## ROTATING FLASHERS

Last winter I had the opportunity to talk with Lake Michigan charter boat captain Al Laaksonen of Finlander Charters. During our conversation Al asked me if the boy's on Lake Huron used the Dipsy Diver / Flasher technique that was producing so well, especially on bigger fish for the boy's over on his side. ( See diagram below )

This summer I had the opportunity to apply this technique during our off shore fishery and needless to say, Al was right. After some experimenting with trolling speed and colour combinations the fish started to come and mostly the larger variety.

Rotating flashers trailed with cut herring have long been recognized as one of the most effective trolling techniques used on the West Coast. Flashers should not be confused with metal dodgers, although the principles are similar; to attract fish and bring them to your lure; to add action to a trolling lure, squid or cut herring. Both are capable when tolled slow to produce a wobbling side to side action, however with the flasher it not only wobbles but rotates 360 degrees in the reverse direction.

The flash and sound from the flasher mimics a feeding salmon and the trailing lure represents the forage base just being attacked. Responding to the flash the salmon moves in closer to investigate and spots the trailing lure. Flashers are most effective at trolling speeds ( 2.0 – 2.5 m.p.h. ) allowing it to just barely roll in a wide acre.

Luhr Jensen's Coyote Flasher is the best deep water trolling attractor available on the market today. It features a full 360-degree rotation and intense horizontal flash that draws fish in from greater distances. Also its molded plastic construction makes it easier to pull then the conventional metal flashers, making it the perfect choice for use with the larger Dipsy Driver.

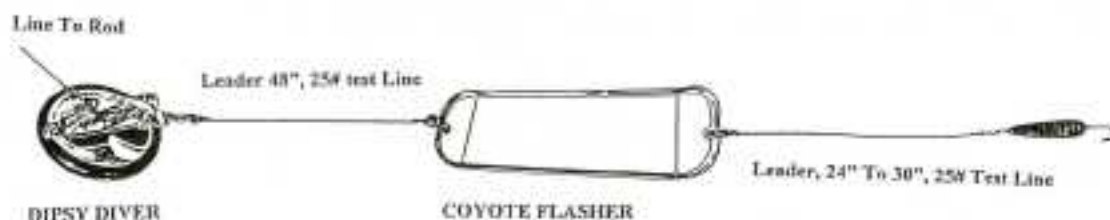
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Most Great Lake anglers trolling flashers from downriggers use a dependable heavy – tension Scotty or Offshore type release and place the flasher about 10 feet behind the cannonball, but on certain situations distances further back will take fish.

Dipsy Divers have long been recognized as an effective under water diving tool and paired up with a flasher its even more effective drawing in fish that would normally be outside of your trolling area.

Pete Bothwell

### DIPSY / FLASHER COMBINATION







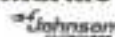
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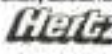
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