



# GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN FISH & GAME CLUB NEWSLETTER

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I apologize for the lack of promptness for the June Newsletter folks...summer crept up on us a little fast this year.

Presently we have 219 Members for 2015. At this rate, we could have a record number of memberships. Great work folks! Thanks for your ongoing support!



I'm sure a lot of you have seen a picture of this ugly old thing either on line or in the paper...and No Gord, I'm not talking about you! Gord Kauffeldt caught this catfish on the

Madawaska River and he's made this area famous! Thanks Gord! This fish originally weighed in at 38 lbs. By the time there was a scale located that would weigh it, it had lost over 4 lbs and the official record weigh in is 33.36 lbs. This constitutes not only a provincial record, but National as well. Apparently, if you store a fish on ice, rather than freeze it, it is less apt to lose weight as fast. Congratulations Gord!!!

**SATURDAY, JULY 11 is the ANNUAL KID'S FISHING DERBY at Holleran's Hideaway on Hutson Lake Rd.** *This free event takes place from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers are available and pop will be given out at no charge. All kids under 17 go home with a prize! Bring your small boats or fish off the dock. Don't forget your fishing rods and we'll supply the worms. See you There!!*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> is the ANNUAL PORK ROAST AND REDNECK GOLF TOURNAMENT at Pat & Cliff Holleran's place on Hutson Lake Rd.** *This event is free as well to ANYONE who wants to attend! Come bring your chair, your drinks, eat and be Merry! This is our Annual Appreciation Dinner for members and their friends and family. The Redneck Golf Tournament begins at 2:00 and Dinner is served at 5:00. Last year was the largest crowd in years, it was Wonderful! You don't have to be a member, just hungry!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There has been a Safety Warning and Recall Notice issued by Winchester regarding their Model SXP (3 1/2" Chamber) 12 gauge Shotgun. This recall includes the following guns:

- SXP Waterfowl Hunter, 26" or 28" barrel
- SXP Black Shadow, 26" or 28" barrel
- SXP Turkey Hunter, 24"
- SXP Long Beard, 24"

They advise **“Do not load or shoot any of the shotguns listed above currently in your possession or control until you have contacted the Winchester consumer Administrative Centre”**. These guns may, under certain circumstances, unintentionally discharge while closing the action. If you own one of these firearms, immediately call 1-800-945-5372 or email [SXP@winchesterguns.com](mailto:SXP@winchesterguns.com) and have your serial number handy.

We had our Lake Cleanup on June 20<sup>th</sup> and fun was had by all! By all, I mean the Board members! We went island hopping on the pontoon and couldn't find much garbage. So, instead, we just cooked over an open fire and ate great food. It really is wonderful that we have a hard time finding places to clean! It seems everyone who camps and takes advantage of the outdoors has lots of respect and cleans up after themselves these days. Keep up the good work! Those of you who were thinking of coming missed out on lots of fun!

The Walleye Watch was successful again this year! Thanks so much to all those who helped out with this event. The season was short lived due to the fact that both the water fluctuation and the water temperature went up very fast.



We held a Hunter Safety and Firearms Course in April again this year. We, with the assistance of the OFAH Zone E, paid for 8 Students to get their licences. Many thanks to Wenda and Peter Cochran again for coming to this area to help out our hunters!

Between the Hunter Safety and Firearms, Turkey Exam, and those that challenged, 18 people got

their paperwork to complete the courses. Congratulations Junior Hunters!

***Something to keep in mind...when you're driving down the road and a doe, turkey, or partridge walks out in front of you, PLEASE SLOW DOWN! Chances are there's young ones behind them! It's that time of year again!***

Please feel free to look us up on our Facebook page at Griffith/Matawatchan Fish and Game Club. We try to keep it updated and would appreciate your comments and pictures! We're having trouble sharing articles and pictures to our Facebook Page. If anyone knows more than we do about facebook, (and that's probably everyone!), please help us out with this one!

Don't forget that every time you purchase Nevada tickets at Griffith General Store, you're supporting the Fish & Game Club. Thanks again to Linda, Dwaine and staff for helping us out!

We encourage you to join OFAH through the club at a reduced rate. The savings you get by purchasing through the club will more than cover your fish and game membership.

The cost of Memberships through the club is:

Adult Membership	\$38.55 from \$52.40
Family Membership	\$49.55 from \$64.40
Youth Membership	\$34.90
Youth (no magazine)	\$9.60

To join the OFAH contact Sandy Sutcliffe at 613-333-9564.

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