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has been a busy club: hwy clean-up; Fishing Derby; fly fishing course

Wanted !!!

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Master Angler Program

Get fishing, fill out the entry form, you just might be the next MASTER ANGLER !

Message from the President

Hello to all and welcome to this our third installment of the NBWF newsletter.

Summer is almost here, pack your bags and get out into the great New Brunswick outdoors. Be it bird watching, fishing, canoeing, camping or hiking just get out there and bring a youth to share your experience and to create memories.

Remember to be safe and have fun.

Please share your stories. Send us your best pictures and stories so it can be printed in future Newsletters.

Charlie Leblanc

Merchandise

Hats, T-shirts, license plate frames, and crests are available as donations to our Associate Clubs' fund raising events such as door prizes/auctions and family days.

Please contact Colin MacDougall for additional details.

Adopt-A-Stream

Sean Gormley encourages Club members to participate in this program and if you are fortunate enough to have clean streams in your area, please consider adopting a highway by organizing a clean-up day.

Contact Sean if you need information about how to organize a group to keep your part of NB looking beautiful.

AIL Insurance Cards

Clubs are encouraged to give/mail out the AIL cards to their membership. If you have not yet received your batch, please contact Charlie Leblanc.



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BOD MEETING – June 13, 2015

(Please note these are just highlights of the Board of Directors' meeting and not the official "Minutes of the Meeting.")

Action Item from the April Meeting: Shale Gas Policy. This was adopted.

News Release: Slight changes on the draft was accepted.

Forest Foundation of New Brunswick: was pleased to announce their 2015 Raffle winners. The proceeds will "help us help wildlife and the youth of NB." The report also showed our Affiliated Clubs' help in selling the tickets.

90th AGM Organizing Committee: along with Sussex Fish & Game reported on the final financial results. The net profit of \$3200.00 has been presented by the SF&GA to the NBWF.

Reports were presented by:

Treasurer

BOW

Wildlife

Adopt-A-Stream

Fisheries

Master Angler

NBWTF (NB Wildlife Trust Fund): Reace Black gave some stats as to the projects that were approved and their value. Reace's last term on the board of directors will be the Fall of 2016; we will need a volunteer to train and take his place.

Meeting with Minister Denis Landry: Charlie spoke about numerous items such as:

- The 2014 and the 2015 resolutions
- deer farms and the concern of the chronic wasting disease
- Aquaculture
- Moose season for next year
- Status on the Turkey Hunt

NBWF Official Logo: Since there are several differing copies of our Logo, we need to resolve what our official logo should be. This is not to change the logo, but to clarify the symbols/icons on it.

Video and Zone VP Presentations: -- Zone VP Power Point Presentation is still being developed. The idea of a Video "interview" presentation was suggested which would present various Executives and Committees introducing and explaining their purpose.

Pinched Barbs: Numerous concerns were voiced in regards to the DNR fishing regulation on "barbless hooks." Many members were disappointed that the wording "barbless hooks/pinched barbs" was not included. It was pointed out that Protection Officers may or may not include "pinched barbs" in their definition of "barbless."

HAAP Meeting (Hunting & Angling Panel): Charlie attended the meeting and there were various topics such as

- On-line duck licences
- Copper shot
- Value of hunting and trapping in NB
- Canada's 150th Anniversary Projects Funding

CWF Annual Meeting: The Board of Director's meeting is being held in Saint John on June 24, 25, 26.

ALL Insurance Cards: Clubs were encouraged to give/mail out the cards to members in order to keep our free accidental life insurance available to the members.



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**News Release
June, 2015**

New Brunswick Wildlife Federation Encourages Atlantic Salmon Angling

Moncton (Special): The New Brunswick Wildlife Federation (NBWF) is calling on Atlantic salmon anglers to get out and enjoy this year's fishery, despite new restrictions on retention of catches.

"All indications are that licence sales this year are way off, compared to similar periods in other years, said Charles LeBlanc, NBWF's President. "For example, Crown Reserve applications are reported to have dropped by more than half over the past five years, probably a reaction to the continuation of mandatory Hook & Release on the Northwest Miramichi system."

In a presentation earlier this year to the Minister's Advisory Committee on Atlantic salmon, the NBWF argued that a province-wide retention prohibition was premature, with similar declines having occurred in past years and decades. Mr. LeBlanc said, For many New Brunswick anglers, a retention fishery is a large part of the angling experience. Our members do not agree with those that support only a hook and release fishery, unless it is a conservation imperative. The latest prohibition on retention appears to be having a negative reaction among resident anglers, who often act as the eyes and ears for conservation .

The NBWF is calling on the DFO Minister to clarify the specific conditions for which the retention fishery will be reinstated, said Mr. LeBlanc. The NBWF believes that the measures such as hook and release are management techniques to be used where necessary, and should be river specific.

Mr. LeBlanc added, The health of salmon stocks returning to New Brunswick's rivers is among the NBWF's biggest conservation concern, and we are ready to do our part. A moratorium on retention of adult spawning salmon has been in effect since 1984. It was initially proposed by the NBWF and remains fully endorsed by our organization , Mr. LeBlanc said.

The New Brunswick Wildlife Federation is an umbrella organization representing 30 fish and game associations across the Province, with about 4,000 members and countless supporters. It has been addressing issues surrounding fish and wildlife since 1924.

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ALBERT COUNTY HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Summer Rendezvous time once again! Plan to attend for LOTS of fun for the whole family, Mark it on your calendars as a reminder: July 17, 18, and 19th.

For additional info please contact:

John MacDonald at 871-1404

BUCKSKINNERS MUZZLELOADING ASSOC.

would like to invite everyone to their Summer Rendezvous

When: June 27-28th

Where: their range/clubhouse located at 2493 Indian Mountain Rd., (out McLaughlin Road in Moncton.)

Camping is available starting Friday night.

FOREST FOUNDATION OF NB

Would like to congratulate all winners of their 2015 Raffle and also send a big **THANK YOU** to all their supporters. There was a total of 251 tickets sold.

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| 1 st prize: Steve Dickieson | 4 th prize: Dave Black |
| 2 nd prize: Julianne Sullivan | 5 th prize: Dr. Paul Goobie |
| 3 rd prize: Havelock Sportsmen's Club | |

Projects supported in 2015:

- Sent a young woman to BOW (Becoming an Outdoors Woman)
- Supported Ruffed Grouse Society Phase II of Cross Creek Station Wildlife Research Facility
- Jim Steeves Memorial Bursary to a second year student at the Maritime College of Forestry Technology, Fredericton
- Junior Air Rifle Program at St. Croix Sportsman's Club
- Junior Air Rifle Program at O'Dell Air Gun Club

QDMA (Quality Deer Management Association) FFNB contributed to their food plot project. The project by QDMA is in co-operation with the City of Edmundston.

THE SACKVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB hosted it's first annual highway clean up, removing garbage between the two Sackville Exits, paying particular attention to the border of the Sackville Waterfowl Park. A total of 19 volunteers worked from 8:30 to 12:30, picking up over 6 truckloads of garbage bags; enough to overflow an empty dumpster provided by the Sackville Tim Horton's.

The clean up was followed by a BBQ prepared by Darlene Turner with food supplied by Rose's Independent Grocer.

The SRGC would like to thank all of our sponsors including the NBWF for providing garbage bags, Wayne Anderson for providing safety vests, and especially all of the volunteers that made the event such a great success. We look forward to seeing everyone next year. For information on how to host your own adopt-a-highway or Adopt-a-stream event contact Sean Gormley at spgormley@mta.ca.

!!! WANTED !!!

Jim Marriner is looking for a copy of the binders from the 1996 and 1997 NBWF AGM's

In particular, he wishes to copy the resolutions (and any information on which ones passed and any amendments) and obtain information on the dates and locations of these AGM's for those two years.

He can be reached at:

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SACKVILLE ROD AND GUN CLUB 2015 FISHING DERBY

Although a light rain lasted throughout the event, the 69 young anglers 5 to 15 years of age that attended this year's Sackville Rod & Gun Club's June 6th fish derby were not in the least deterred, and landed 131 trout. An additional number of trout were also hooked, but managed to wiggle off before being landed.

Held at a private pond in Rockport registration started at 9:00 AM with the fishing part commencing at 10:00 AM, and continuing until noon when the caught trout were measured, prizes handed out, and all present enjoyed the barbecued hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. The request by the Club for participants to bring along a food item to donate to the Sackville Food Bank resulted in a large amount being given to, and being very much appreciated by the Food Bank.

Those doing the barbecuing were members of the New Brunswick Conservation Officers Association that volunteered their time to assist in the Derby. The primary task of these officers is protecting our wildlife and their environment throughout the province, and that often means catching poachers and patrolling remote areas of our province where their efforts are often not seen, and thus sometimes not fully recognized or appreciated by the general public.

Club members Peter Tapley and Alistair Estabrooks did the measuring, and reported the 131 fish ranged in size from 9 ¼ inches to 14 inches. Final tally and assessment of the score sheet was by Club member Paul Branscombe who then handed out the prizes. Six year old Gabrielle Stevens took the largest fish prize having caught the 14 inch trout. For the second largest trout there was a three way tie with Logan Thompson, Colton Amos and Isabelle Sears all landing trout measuring 13 ½ inches. The prize for the longest string of fish went to Cory Wells with his five fish measuring 61 ¾ inches. Second prize went to Colton Amos with his total length of 61 inches of trout. Lilly Wilson and Connor Wells were the youngest fishers present.

As donated by Cabela's there were three special draw: fishing tackle won by Isabelle Sears; a hat won by Stephanie Turner; another hat won by Dan Christie. With 125 tickets sold the canoe draw was won by Thomas Priemer. Each youngster that participated in the Derby went home with a prize, this year all these being donated by Cabela's, a prime indication of their support for such events.

As in previous years funds were obtained from the N.B. Wildlife Trust Fund to assist in purchasing the more than 200 trout obtained for the Derby. Five dollars of every hunting fishing and trapping licence is given to this Trust Fund that is then used to lend financial support to such events as this Derby. Often this Derby is where youngsters are for the first time introduced to the sport of fishing, and in turn become more appreciative and supportive of our wildlife and their environment.

Special thanks to Peter and Mary Anne Tapley for the use of their pond and to Roses Independent Grocery store as well as the Amherst Canadian Tire store all being staunch ongoing supporters of this event.

A special event at this year's Derby was Dept. Of Fisheries and Oceans dog handler Fisheries Officer John Stuart demonstrating to an appreciative crowd the capabilities of his German Sheppard dog Sonic. Their duties include tracking and apprehending poachers and locating illegal hidden equipment, yet often they are also called on to assist in finding a lost or missing person.

The demonstration highlighted but one aspect of the many duties they are called upon to do, that being the locating of lobster carrying eggs that are illegal to keep and sell. Sonic is capable of checking 5,000 pounds of lobster in 15 minutes, and even if only one lobster in those 5,000 pounds is carrying eggs, will search out and locate that lobster. To do the same check a fisheries officer would have to open all crates, and do an inspection that would take all day. Stuart demonstrated Sonic's ability by hiding just a few lobster eggs, yet within a minute or two of searching the dog had located the eggs. Stuart also gave a short talk regarding his duties, the training and use of dogs, plus many other aspects of the job those in attendance may not have been aware of.

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SACKVILLE ROD AND GUN CLUB HOOKS TITAN

The Sackville Rod and Gun club recently provided an introduction to fly fishing course to the students in Mrs. Janice Hicks' outdoor pursuit class. The Class was taught over 6 days, and began with a session on how to assemble all of the parts of a fly fishing reel and rod, and how to use the different types of lines and leaders. The second day saw the students learning how to tie their own flies.

The Sackville Rod and Gun club supplied 10 sets of fly fishing tools, and all of the materials were donated to the project by Bryant Freeman of Eskape Anglers (www.EskapeAnglers.com) in Riverview, NB who along with Matt Horseman and Craig Smith spent a morning showing how to make dry flies, wet flies, and streamer flies.

This session was followed by a presentation of fisheries management and biology by retired biologist and Sackville Rod and Gun club member Kevin Davidson. Students learned about the life cycles of different species of sportfish found in NB, how to handle live fish, the importance of bag and size limits, and how human activity can sometimes negatively affect fish populations.

The course reached its highlight on June 1, when the entire class spent a morning flyfishing for trout at Sackville's Silver Lake.

NBWF CONSERVATION LOTTERY

Early Bird Draw winner (\$100 Fredericton Outfitters Gift Card) was L. Gilbey

The winner of the 9' Fly Rod & Hardy Large Arbor Reel & line was Bob Leblanc who had purchased his ticket at the Moncton Show.

MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

Everyone is encouraged to pass the good news that this program is once again active to all anglers fishing in NB waters.

This program is designed to encourage family fishing and fun angling competition.

Visit our website and follow the link to the Master Angler web site. Take a look at all the information available for you and your family's fun angling adventure.

Fishing Derbies is a special category and prizes are available too. Please see rules for additional information. Winner(s) photo, name, address, and contact info can be emailed to the Master Angler Program:

masterangler.nbwf@gmail.com

LOTTERIES

The "10 Year Fish & Hunt for Free" lottery tickets are now available.

To purchase these tickets, please download the application for tickets form on our website.

Clubs wishing to sell tickets for the "10 Year Fish & Hunt for Free" and the "NBWF Conservation" lotteries may contact our administrative assistant.

Payment for tickets can be made via cheque or credit card (credit card authorization forms may be downloaded from our website.)

Clubs are encouraged to submit articles such as upcoming club events for our newsletters. Please email your requests to our Administrative Assistant:
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Thanks for your support and our next newsletter issue will be in September