

FISH TALES

BLUEWATER ANGLERS' NEWSLETTER

<https://bluewateranglers.com>

FALL 2026

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

CANCELLED

210 Monk Street

Doors open at 7:00PM

Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

AGENDA

Hatchery Update

Club Updates

51st Annual Bluewater Anglers
Salmon Derby

April 30, 2027 - May 9, 2027

Help needed on the derby committee.
Come volunteer for a great cause to
keep the derby going and provide
funds for the hatchery.
First meeting will be in September or
October 2026.
Please contact

bluewateranglers.salmonderby@gmail.com

if interested.



Salmon Egg Collection

We need volunteers to help with egg collection in Owen Sound this year. This is usually on a weekday. We carpool so no one has to drive alone. If you think you can help, please contact Ross Bishop (519-331-6253)



GREAT LAKES AIS LANDING BLITZ

Boats, trailers and gear can move invasive species from one waterbody to another

BOAT HULL



Plants, algae, mud and tiny organisms cling to surfaces

MOTOR & PROPELLER



Mussels, snails and plant fragments can attach and survive

TRAILER WHEELS



Mud, plants and tiny organisms can hide in treads and axles

GEAR & EQUIPMENT



Bait, waders, nets and other gear can carry AIS

STOP THE SPREAD: CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY

THE INVASIVE SPECIES ACT



Under Ontario's Invasive Species Act, it is illegal to deposit, release or allow the transport of invasive species in the wild.

This law applies to boats, trailers, fishing gear, water containers and other equipment.

THE FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

*I pray that I may live to fish
Until my dying day.
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray:
When in the Lord's great landing net
And peacefully asleep,
that in His mercy I be judged
Big enough to keep.*

— ANONYMOUS

'Group Tours of the Hatchery

We are always eager to show our facilities to interested parties. It is our belief that the education is the best way to preserve this great program and support our amazing fishery in the great lakes. If you are interested in booking a tour of our facilities and learning all about the life cycle of these fish please contact us.

Dennis Mather

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Brown Trout

Key Identifying Characteristics

- White mouth and gums
- Back is brown, blue or green; Sides are silvery; Belly is white
- Dark spots on body
- Light coloured pectoral fins
- Only occasional vague spots on tail
- The only salmon or trout with orange on adipose fin
- Leading anal fin ray extends the length of the fin
- Short, stocky caudal peduncle



Distribution/Habitat

Brown trout are a European native and were introduced to Ontario streams for the first time in 1913. Browns can now be found throughout the southern Great Lakes and are most abundant in Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay.

Rainbow Trout

Key Identifying Characteristics

- White mouth and gums
- Silver body with dark spots
- Spots all over tail in radiating rows
- Leading anal fin ray extends the length of the fin
- Long stocky caudal peduncle



Distribution/Habitat

Rainbows (often called Steelhead) are widely distributed in the Great Lakes and in many tributaries of the Great Lakes watershed, as well as in some inland lakes.

WALLEYE DERBY

The Bluewater Anglers' club Walleye Derby started at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 24th and ended at 2:30 PM on Saturday, July 25th. One hundred and twenty two (122) tickets were sold for the event. Thirty two (32) anglers entered their largest walleye at the weigh-in.

Cash prizes were awarded for the 10 largest (by weight) walleye entered.

2026 WALLEYE DERBY WINNERS

1st Place	Kevin Somes	5.519 lbs
2nd Place	Colton Stephenson	4.543 lbs
3rd Place	Joe Knighton	4.304 lbs
4th Place	Bryan Somes	4.095 lbs
5th Place	Dylon Stephenson	3.838 lbs
6th Place	Alex Dawson	3.745 lbs
7th Place	Jared Johnson	3.682 lbs
8th Place	Rob Zimmer	3.293 lbs
9th Place	Scott Core	2.732 lbs
10th Place	Greg Hodgins	2.621 lbs

Kevin Somes won an additional \$100 for the largest fish entered by a Bluewater Anglers member.



#1 Kevin Somes #3 Joe Knighton
#2 Colton Stephenson

😊😊😊 We would like to thank 😊😊😊

THE VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD
for donating the \$500 first place prize
and
THE OUTDOORSMAN
for selling derby tickets



FAMILY FUN FISHING (GOBY) DERBY

Saturday, July 4, 2026

The 2026 Family Fun Fishing Derby was held in Centennial Park on Saturday, July 4th. One hundred and twenty-seven (127) parents and kids participated. A total of

22.22 pounds of round gobies were caught along with an assortment of perch, rock bass and sunfish.



The weigh-in was held back at the hatchery between 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM.



Prizes were awarded for the three largest catches of gobies and the three largest fish caught.

The three largest catch winners were

1st Place: The Zmibal family with 1.07 pounds of gobies per person.

2nd Place: The Manicon family with 0.85 pounds of gobies per person,

3rd Place: The Greene family with 0.65 pounds of gobies per person.



1st Place Winner

2nd Place Winner

3rd Place Winner

The three largest fish winners were

- 1st Place: Henry Perry with a 20.5 inch bowfin,
2nd Place: Jeremiah Smith with a 9.75 inch perch,
3rd Place: Brinley Anderson was a 8.2 inch rock bass.



Several draw prizes were awarded to kids who were in attendance at the weigh-in.



A special **THANK YOU** to



SARNIA

for their generous sponsorship of the
Family Fun Fishing Derby. Your
support is greatly appreciated 🍷



THANK YOU

BOSTON PIZZA

for donating gift cards for
personal pan pizza 🍷

THANK YOU

DOCKSIDE RESTAURANT

for donating a restaurant gift card 🍷

BLUEWATER ANGLERS AND OFAH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Bluewater Anglers are an affiliated club of the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH). Membership in the Bluewater Anglers includes membership in the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH) since all members of an affiliated club must also be members of OFAH (www.ofah.org). Members can choose between an OFAH membership which includes the \$5 million personal insurance and OFAH benefits with or without the Ontario OUT OF DOORS (OOD) magazine. If you have a current Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH) membership through another club or organization, then you only need to pay for your regular Bluewater Anglers membership.

Complete the form below to become a Bluewater Anglers member or to renew your current membership. More information about membership benefits can be found at <https://www.bluewateranglers.com/memberships> and www.ofah.org. Contact Rob Mina (519-328-6918 or rob_esso@hotmail.com) for more information.

BLUEWATER ANGLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2025

Date (YYYY/MM/DD): ____/____/____ Membership: New ____ Renewal ____

Step 1: Bluewater Anglers Membership	☐ Junior: \$10.00	☐ Single: \$20.00	☐ Family: \$30.00
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Step 2: Do you have a current OFAH Membership from OFAH or another club. If YES complete Step 3. If NO complete step 4.	Step 3: OFAH Membership # _____	Step 3: OFAH Expiry Date ____/____/____ (YYYY/MM/DD)
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Step 4: OFAH Membership	OFAH Membership Type	Ontario Out of Doors magazine	OFAH Membership Benefits
Junior (under 18 yr. of age)	☐ \$30.00	No	Full (except voting)
Basic Adult	☐ \$35.00	No	Basic (no family additions)
Full Adult	☐ \$50.00	Yes	Full
If a Full Adult AND a Family Membership	(Select all that apply)		
Spouse / Partner	☐ \$25.00	Yes	Full
Number of Adult Children (age 18 - 25)	☐ X \$15.00 / child	Yes	Full
Number of Teen Children (age 13 - 17)	☐ X \$5.00 / child	Yes	Full
Number of Children (age - under 13)	☐ No fee / child	Yes	Full

Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ City _____
Province/State _____ Country _____ Postal/Zip Code _____
Email Address _____

NOTE: The names & birth dates of ALL family members are needed to ensure that each person is covered by the personal insurance and OFAH benefits.

Name	Date of Birth	Name	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Make the membership cheque payable to the BLUEWATER ANGLERS and send the completed membership form to Bluewater Anglers, c/o Membership Coordinator, P.O. Box 174, Sarnia Ontario N7T 7H9.