



2019 Derby Update - (November 2018)

The committee held a wrap-up meeting for the 2018 Derby on August 28th, analyzing a number of items including entrants, ticket sales and financial information.

The Derby will be contributing a substantial financial contribution to the Lake Huron Fishing Club from the proceeds of the 2018 Derby. This contribution is the largest single source of revenue for the operations the Club. These monies will assist the Club to operate our two fish hatcheries, fish restocking and other programs to continually contribute to the health of our fisheries and ensure a healthy future for the next generation of anglers. At this time not all invoices have been received to enable us to determine final financial numbers.

The 2019 Derby will be held from July 27th to August 11th.

Sponsor/Media Day will be held on July 5th, along with charity BBQs on May 18th at Home Hardware and June 29th at Independent Grocer in Port Elgin, so mark those dates on your calendar.

The Derby committee held their first 2019 organizing meetings at the Port Elgin Salmon hatchery on September 26th and October 24th, 2018.

The Derby committee is mostly intact, with some changes in responsibilities and a couple new people coming on board, however, that having been said, there are a couple key people still required. There are a couple holes to fill including media, promotions & advertising. Please give this some serious consideration for the future of the Derby and the Lake Huron Fishing Club. If you wish to join the committee or offer your expertise in any way, please plan on attending our next meeting November 21st at the Port Elgin fish hatchery at 7:00 P.M.

The Derby committee has already made some changes for the 2019 Derby including:

- As requested by derby participants on the Bruce Peninsula, expanded the Northern Derby boundary on Lake Huron to Pine Tree Point at Pine Tree Harbour.
- A new weigh station in Wiarton at Lures N Lines tackle shop, operated by Kevin Harders and Diane McCartney, welcome aboard Kevin and Diane.
- Added Lures N Lines as a ticket outlet in Wiarton.
- Eliminated The Spirit Rock in Wiarton and Angling Sports in London as ticket outlets.
- Updating Rules and Regulations to take into consideration and eliminate issues incurred during the Derby along with housekeeping changes.
- Updating the prize structure.

Due to increased cost of running the Derby, we have increased ticket prices to \$35.00 for single and \$80.00 for a family ticket. The increased cost of a single ticket is the first since 2011, even though the prize structure and costs have increased.

Rick Dwinnell, as always, continues to work hard and has any new information for 2019 posted on the Chantry website. Stay tuned for new information coming from your Derby Committee.

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