



HISTORY OF THE CANADA FISHING CLUB

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Dedication

This History is dedicated to all Club members who have departed this life, having once shared the experience of our Canada fishing trips. They enriched our lives by associating with us and we honor their memory with this publication. They will never be forgotten by those who knew them.

The Beginning

In the spring of 1959, John Killian of the Paxtang Lions Club received a telephone call from Charlie Dennis of the Penbrook Lions Club. Charlie asked if there were any Paxtang Lions who might be interested in joining ten Penbrook Lions on a 3-day weekend fishing trip to Canada. Four Paxtang Lions accepted the offer. They included Fred Faber, Alvin "Pappy" Smith, Ken Wolfe, and John Killian. The combined group of fourteen traveled by a bus provided by Dave Bushey, a Penbrook Lion and owner of the Bushey Bus Company.



The Penbrook Lions made reservations at Huck's Lodge and Marina in Rockport, Ontario, on the north side of the St. Lawrence River, several miles east of the Thousand Islands Bridge. The main Lodge had a kitchen and dining room on the first floor and sleeping rooms upstairs. The group stayed in small cottages surrounding the Lodge. Huck's Marina contained several boat storage buildings and docks. Ed Huck, the proprietor, provided us with three-man fishing boats equipped with small outboard motors. We found plenty of pike and bass as we explored the rocky shorelines of the islands and the shallow areas of the St. Lawrence River.

Time passed quickly on the initial trip. The bus left Harrisburg on Thursday evening, so the men only had to take one day off from work. And though we had three-day fishing licenses, our fishing was limited to Friday and Saturday, since we needed to return on Sunday.

Interstate 81 had not been constructed, so the trip took ten hours through the heart of Syracuse, Scranton, and smaller cities and towns through Pennsylvania and New York.

The 1959 trip was the only trip sponsored by the Penbrook Lions Club.

The 60's

In 1960, when the Penbrook Lions showed no interest in sponsoring another trip, the Paxtang Lions Club organized another trip. The four pioneers from Paxtang who went on the first trip also went on the second trip. They were joined by Dick Kauffman and Ken Goodhart. They returned to Huck's Lodge and Marina using cars instead of a bus.

For the next few years the Paxtang Lions Club continued to sponsor the three-day trip using private vehicles. They continued going to Huck's Lodge and Marina at Rockport, but the men complained that the fishing was not very good. One of the men, Jim Seidler, brought two wet suits along. Jim and Ken Wolfe went into the water to look around. They found more fish than they had ever seen, except in an aquarium. While they saw small bass, pike, catfish, blue gills, they realized that there was an over abundance of bait fish. As a result, the bass and pike did not have to work hard to feed on existing sources of food. The group concluded they should find a new location that might provide better fishing.

The use of private cars came to an abrupt end when two of the cars were involved in an accident in

Syracuse. Ken Wolfe tells the story. . .

"On our way to Canada, Harry Killian was driving the first car and I was driving the second car. This was before I-81 was completed. It was about 2 or 3 in the morning. As we drove through Syracuse, we hit every traffic light just as the green light was switching to amber. Harry would speed through each light and I would follow. As we approached the last traffic light in the city, we reached the intersection just as the light turned and this time Harry stopped suddenly. I too hit the brakes but, because of wet pavement, the car went into a straight-ahead slide. I told everyone to hold on because we were going to hit the front car, which we did. We sustained minor damage to the first car, but the second car had a ruptured radiator. Fortunately, a Syracuse cop was across the street and witnessed the whole thing. He came over and I explained what happened. I guess it helped that I was the insurance agent for both cars because the policeman was very helpful and was more interested in helping us than in writing a ticket.

The kind policeman escorted us to an all-night garage a few blocks away. Pappy Smith, who owned and ran Smitty's Radiator Service, bought several cans of Bars Radiator Leak. About every twenty miles, when we could find water, we filled the radiator and added another can of Leak. We made it to Hucks Marina about noon. Everyone went fishing except Pappy and me. I got on-the-job training when Pappy told me what to do and I performed radiator surgery. We took the radiator out of the car and used Ed Huck's tools, equipment, and solder to repair the damaged radiator. We replaced the radiator and Pappy and I went fishing. We drove home without incident.

At the next Lions Club meeting, I was presented with a huge picture of an automobile accident and was christened "Crash Wolfe." The insurance company, which by good luck was the same for both vehicles, paid all the damages. They really bailed me out of an embarrassing situation.

Out of adversity comes some good. Max Roberts was riding in the front passenger seat. When we collided, his knee hit the dash. There were no seatbelts in those days. After we got on the way, he kept complaining about his knee hurting. At one of the water stops we examined his knee and could find no abrasions, contusions, cuts, bruises or anything physically wrong with the knee. As we continued, Max would occasionally remark about his knee. Finally, George Heinbaugh spoke up and said something to the effect, "Oh, Max, shut up, all you've done since the accident is BITCH, BITCH, BITCH." It stuck to Max from then on.

As a result of the accident, the Lions Club decided that they would sponsor the trip only if the men traveled by bus, using a professional driver.

On the 1960 trip, Fred Faber, Ken Wolfe and John Killian were fishing on the St. Lawrence River when a large tanker passed by about a quarter of a mile away. When they first noticed the tanker, it appeared to be barely moving because of its huge size. They also did not see the huge wave created by the bow of the ship. Minutes later, they happened to look up and observed a huge wave approaching them. They knew the wave would swamp their boat if they did not act quickly. Fred started the motor and headed the boat toward shore, running ahead of the wave as fast as the boat would travel. He aimed for the point of an island as the wave advanced to overtake them. It was nip and tuck as to which

would arrive first, the wave or the point of the island. Luckily, the boat made it around the point of the island just ahead of the wave and the island blocked the wave from capsizing the boat. They were very fortunate to have noticed the approach of the silent but deadly wave in time to escape a potential disaster.

In 1965, the Lions Club rented a Trailways bus to travel to Sealy's Bay to try a new location. The accommodations were deplorable. We cancelled our reservation on the spot and left. The owner of the resort threatened to sue and impound the bus when we left Canada unless he was paid for the entire three-day period.

Ignoring the irate proprietor, the group went looking for another place with better accommodations. They found Calabogie Lodge on Lake Calabogie and enjoyed fishing the rest of the weekend. The group returned to Calabogie Lodge in 1966 and 1967.

There are no notes and very few photographs available from the Club's earliest trips. We do have records which show that the dues for the 1966 trip was \$50.00 per man and the average cost per man for the 1967 trip was \$70.07.

Though the group in the mid-60s consisted primarily of Paxtang Lions, others were invited to join the trip. While the affairs were handled under the name of The Canada Fishing Trip, the resorts which hosted us always referred to us as "the Lions." Before the group organized itself legally and elected officers, Dick Kauffman was the informal leader and Ken Goodhart served as the treasurer.

In the early years, the bus always made a stop at about 5:00 a.m. at a bait and sporting goods shop on the American side of the St. Lawrence River. This was our last chance to stock up on worms, live frogs and fishing gear before we hit the waters that morning. Every lure looked like it would catch "the big one". After a few years of stopping at the bait shop, we soon realized that our tackle boxes were full of expensive lures that never caught a fish.

In 1968, the Club made its first trip to Opinicon Lodge at Chaffeys Locks. The Club traveled by Trailways Bus driven by Fred Kauffman, one of Dick Kauffman's brothers. Another brother, Ken, was also a member of the Club. For the next few years, when we made arrangements for a bus for the following year, we insisted that it be driven by Fred Kauffman. Fred continued driving our bus and enjoyed fishing with us until his retirement.

In September 1968, the Canada Fishing Trip Club organized an Executive Committee to make all

Canada Fishing Club Cost History

Over the years, Canada Fishing Club dues increased as costs increased. Financial records for the Club only go back to 1968. These records show that dues in 1968 were \$74 per man (Canadian), while the cost per man that year was \$75 per man (US). A favorable currency exchange rate meant the US cost was actually less than the dues.

By way of comparison, dues in 2006 were \$450 per man and costs were \$429 per man. A table of the dues assessed and costs incurred over the years is presented in Appendix A.

The rise and fall of costs and dues from one year to the next resulted from a number of factors. Most important was the rate of exchange between the Canadian and U.S. currencies. For a number of years, the rate of exchange was very favorable allowing us to be able to hold the dues very steady, even though the Canadian costs exceeded the dues rate. Interest earned on Club dues held in deposit also helped keep the costs down.

travel arrangements and handle the funds of the club. A six-man Executive Committee was elected by the Active Members. The first officers were:

President: Richard A. Kauffman	Director: Fred S. Faber, Jr.
Secretary: Kenneth N. Goodhart, Jr.	Director: John D. Killian
Treasurer: Alvin S. Smith	Director: Kenneth E. Wolfe

The Club also adopted written rules. One of the rules required each member to pay one half of his dues for the next trip by March 1. If not paid, a \$2.00 late charge was assessed. All dues for a trip had to be paid in full by July 1st preceding the trip. Any member who failed to pay his dues in full was dropped from the Active List for that year. If the member paid his dues by September 1st, his name was still dropped from that year's Active List, but he was reinstated to the following year's Active List. If the dues were not paid by September 1st, the member was placed on the following year's Standby List, in the order of the member's total points and application date.

If an Active member was not able to attend a trip, his place would be filled by the Executive Committee from the Standby List. If his dues were paid up and he left them with the Treasurer, he would remain on the Active List. If he withdrew his money, his name was placed on the Standby List for the next year in the order of his total points and application date. These concepts still govern the structure and operation of the Active and Standby Lists.

The original Active List contained thirty-six fishermen and one bus driver. The initial list consisted of those fishermen who attended the 1969 trip. Members were listed in order of the number of points they had accumulated. One point was earned for each trip attended; and one point was earned for active membership in the Paxtang Lions Club.

A Standby List was created at the same time. This list was used to fill vacancies on the Active List or when an Active Member could not attend a trip. Names on the Standby List were listed in the same order used for the Active List. In the case of a tie in points, the earliest application date for membership in the Club was used to determine priority.

The Rules were amended in August 1970 to award the point for membership in the Paxtang Lions Club only after the person attended one trip. In later years, this rule was eliminated.

The initial Rules also provided that conduct unbecoming a gentleman would be grounds for dropping a person from Club membership. To the credit of the members, the Board has only had to exercise this power twice in the history of the Club.

The Opinicon Lodge

The Opinicon is located at Chaffeys Locks, along the Rideau Waterway in Ontario. The lock separates Opinicon and Indian Lakes. The lock was opened in 1832 as part of the Rideau Canal. The canal was constructed after the War of 1812 to provide an inland waterway from Montreal to the Great Lakes in order to allow safe and quick passage of troops, military supplies, and naval vessels thereby avoiding American forts along the St. Lawrence River.

The Royal Engineers found that by using the Rideau River and the wilderness lakes of the Rideau Chain, they could travel 126 miles from Ottawa to Kingston and only have to build six miles of canals.

The locks were constructed by the Royal Engineers with British soldiers doing the work. The project began in 1826 and took ten years to complete, at a cost of \$5,000,000. There are approximately 50 locks in the chain. Each is 124 feet long and 24 feet wide, with a depth of at least six feet. The locks and dams are built with blocks of native limestone. Square stone block houses with portholes on the sides were built at many of the locks for protection against Indian attacks.

The William Chaffey family settled on the neck of land between Opinicon Lake and Indian Lake. This area is now known as Chaffeys Locks and is 80 miles southwest of Ottawa. William Chaffey had a son, Samuel, and a grandson, John. The home of John Chaffey, built about 1870, forms a part of the Opinicon Hotel which was constructed in the early 1900s. Samuel Chaffey constructed a mill along the rapids that once connected Opinicon and Indian Lakes. These rapids run parallel to the canal at the lock site. During the Rebellion of 1838, the block house at the lock was used by local farmers to guard the lock. The building is now the Lockmaster's House Museum.

Opinicon is an Algonquin Indian word meaning "the gap between two waters." The same word means "wild potato" or "a field of potatoes." Potatoes may have been grown on the land between the lakes on which the Chaffey family resided.

As early as 1899, the Opinicon Lodge was run as a boarding house. In 1901 it was known as the Idlewilde Hotel. By 1906 a club of Youngstown, Ohio sportsmen bought the property and renamed it The Openacon Club. It was run as a private club until 1921. In that year, Mae L. Phillips and her husband, William, who had managed small hotels in El Paso and Salt Lake City, bought the property and renamed it Opinicon Lodge. They were joined by Mrs. Phillips' son, Donald P. Jarrett. Don and his wife, Hazel, gradually expanded the hotel, adding cottages and resort facilities including a swimming pool in 1955 and a dock area in 1962. The Jarretts had one daughter, Janice, who married Al Cross. Al and Janice took over management in 1954 when Don Jarrett passed away. Hazel Jarrett remained active in the business for over 50 years, until her death in 1982.

In the 1940s, room and board at the Opinicon cost \$5.00 a day, including tips for staff and guides. Minnows cost 3¢ a piece; frogs 5¢ a piece; and a non-resident fishing license cost \$5.50. If you wanted to drink, a 30-day liquor permit cost \$1.00. A permit was required to make a purchase of liquor at any store in the Province of Ontario.

While not a 5 star facility, the accommodations at the Opinicon were very good.

Through the years, many members of the Club have taken their wives and families on vacations to the Opinicon in addition to their annual trip with the Club. The Opinicon has been a popular resort used by friends of Club members. One Harrisburg area family that stayed at the Opinicon a number of times while the Club was there was Conrad and Peggy Lickel, along with their son, Conrad.

The 70's

The Executive Committee has tried to organize every aspect of the trip so that problems are avoided and the pleasure of the members is enhanced. Organization begins with loading the bus before departure. In 1970, the Club asked every member to tag all of his gear and belongings with his name, including suitcase, tackle box, rod carrier, net, life jacket and coolers. This is still required.

As members repeated the trip year after year, they brought more and more equipment, including anchors, frying pans, grills and pillows.

It soon became necessary to limit each boat to one net and one bait bucket in order to conserve space in the cargo hold of the bus. In later years, the Club brought all of the beer and soda from home. This made control of the amount of luggage and equipment an even greater challenge.

In 1970, the Club began providing advance notice to the Opinicon of the number of boats which wanted a sandwich lunch or shore (cooking) lunch on the first day. A number of fishermen did not want to take time away from fishing to travel back to the hotel for lunch in the dining room. As a result of this planning, the Opinicon was willing to have the lunch baskets ready as soon as the fishermen had their breakfast and were ready to go to their boats on the first day.

The meals at the Opinicon were always something to write home about. Breakfast included juices, cereals (hot and cold), eggs (any style), breakfast meat, pancakes, French toast, and all beverages. The



Breakfast at the Opinicon. Shown from left and clockwise are Fred Faber, Bart Gephart, Warren Sullivan, Jack Renshaw, Don Herbster, Jim Brillinger and Russ Faber.

Club Patch

Over the years the Club has made an effort to create an identity with logo hats, jackets, watches and patches.

The unique Club patch shown on the cover was designed by one of our members, Jim Faber, who designed the patch in 1970.

most common order was juice, oatmeal (with brown sugar and heavy cream), eggs and bacon (or sausage or ham), and toast. Lunch, for those who came in to the dining room, started with appetizers and soup, and offered at least six entrees, including omelets, sandwiches and hot dishes which could easily pass for dinners, followed by at least a half dozen desserts, including ice cream and homemade pies, puddings and cakes. Dinner always included a salad bar, appetizers, soup, entrees, dinner rolls right

out of the oven, and a variety of desserts, including homemade pies, cakes and other creations of the pastry chef. No one ever complained about not finding something on the menu that appealed to him. The quality of the food and its preparation at the Opinicon was always very good. During the three days

of our stay each year, there was either steak or roast beef on the menu each night. Other favorite entrees were roast turkey, roast lamb, roast pork, and Walleye. There was always at least one fish entree on every menu, as well as lighter food for those who were not as hungry. Being out on the water all day made almost everyone hungry for dinner, even those who had enjoyed a shore lunch cooked on an island.

On one trip to the Opinicon, Pappy Smith was in a boat returning from Clear Lake, which was protected from the wind, and entering Indian Lake, where the wind was whipping up the waves. Inexplicably, Pappy stood up in the rocking boat, lost his balance, and fell overboard. Twice he went down and surfaced while the boat swung around to rescue him. He was heading down for a third time when Pappy's friend, Earl Davis, brought the boat around and Pappy's grandson reached down into the

"Sully's Island" was the name the Club gave to a small island in Newboro Lake in honor of a deceased member, Warren "Sully" Sullivan. Each year, Members of the Club got together for lunch on this island. During their ride to the island one year, Sully and Bill Hawkins took a short cut to the island through a narrow passage. Unbeknownst to Bill and Sully, there were some tree stumps just under the water line. The motor hit one of the tree stumps and their boat overturned. They managed to right their boat, recover their gear, and make their way to the island. Once on land, they took off their wet clothes and hung them on trees and bushes to dry. Everyone watched as Sully poured water out of his wallet then draped his folding money over tree branches to dry. From that day on, we always refer to this island as "Sully's Island."

water, grabbed Pappy by the collar, and hauled him into the boat. Pappy was not wearing a life jacket. Since this incident, everyone has worn a life vest while fishing, except those on pontoon boats. Before he died, Pappy went on several trips thereafter, but never again went out in a boat. He confined his fishing to the docks at the Opinicon.

For some groups, the shore lunch was the highlight of each day in Canada. Those who traditionally cooked lunch together usually went to an island they called "Sully's Island" and prepared a roaring fire in an outdoor fireplace. They learned to bring dry wood from the Opinicon along with kindling and newspapers to get the fire started. Ken Wolfe and John Killian brought oversized frying pans to cook bacon, fried potatoes with onions, and batter dipped fresh fish to perfection. The shore lunch basket provided by the Opinicon always contained bread, cheese, tomatoes, fruit, pie and condiments to enhance the bacon, potatoes and fish. Fred Faber always brought along a jug of white wine and small paper cups. We would always drink a toast to our deceased members including Warren "Sully" Sullivan. Fred would drape a white towel over his arm as he passed among the men serving the wine in elegant fashion. These shore lunches usually lasted from noon to about 2:30 p.m. After lunch, scouring pads were used to clean the frying pans and utensils so that they were ready to prepare the next day's feast.

There have been other incidents which might have had tragic consequences.

Beginning in 1971, the Club purchased insurance for each man, with coverage of \$2,500 for accidental death and dismemberment, and \$500 for medical expenses. The coverage was increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000 in 1984, and later to \$10,000 for accidental death/dismemberment and \$1,000 for medical expenses.

Many Club members lobbied for the bus to leave at an earlier hour on Thursday evening because

they were anxious to get started. The problem was that if the bus left around 6:30 p.m., we had to find some way to consume several hours of the night, otherwise the bus would arrive at the Opinicon before the staff was ready to serve us breakfast. The Opinicon always opened the dining room at 7:00 a.m., instead of the usual 7:30 a.m., to accommodate us on the day we arrived, but it was important that the bus arrive as close to 7:00 a.m. as possible and not earlier. They did not want 39 men walking around the grounds and in the buildings waking people up at an early hour. Several times we parked the bus along the roadside leading to Chaffeys Locks so that we would arrive precisely at 7:00 a.m.

One suggestion to consume a few hours during the night was to stop at the Pocono Downs Race Course in Wilkes-Barre. The Club made arrangements to do this in 1971. To our delight, one of the races that evening was named for the Canada Fishing Club.

On the 1971 trip we discovered that two of our members were "meat fishermen." They were so labeled because they kept everything they caught, regardless of the size of the fish. They had every fish filleted so that they could bring home a cooler full of frozen fish. Complaints that we were keeping undersized fish came to the officers of the Club from the Opinicon employees who cleaned the fish. The Club was concerned that if we did not heed the warning, we would be reported to the Canadian fishing authorities. When we held our Annual Meeting on the return trip, the members approved a Rule establishing a minimum length of keepers and directed that it be strictly enforced. The Rules were formally amended in May 1972 to add a paragraph entitled Minimum Length of Keepers, as follows: Bass - 12 inches; pike - 20 inches. Possession limits shall be in accord with the current Ontario regulations. Members disregarding this rule shall be dropped from the Club by action of the Executive Committee."

In 1973, the Club arranged to stop at the new Penn National Race Course in Grantville. The President and General Manager of the Race Course was John Shumaker, a friend of many Club members. Shumaker later was elected State Senator from Dauphin County. For \$3.00 per member, we were given clubhouse admission, reserved box seats and daily programs. The track named a race for the Canada Fishing Club and the name appeared in the program and on the tote board during the race.

Following the 1973 trip, two Club members raised the question whether they could travel by car, bring their own boat, and enjoy a longer stay, yet participate in Club activities on the days the Club was at the Opinicon. The Executive Committee decided that all members of the Club should take the bus, except in cases of emergency, and persons who planned a longer trip and used their own car should withdraw from the Club to make places available for regular members who would enjoy the full trip on the bus.

In 1974, the Club amended the Rules relating to dues to provide that dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee, reviewed annually, and adjusted up or down as trip costs may dictate. In 1976, the Rules were amended to delete the \$2.00 late charge assessed on March 1st if one-half of the dues were not paid, and increased the \$2.00 late charge assessed on July 1st to \$10.00.

During 1975 the IRS informed the Club Treasurer that the Club had to obtain a tax identification number because we were receiving interest on our savings account. When Ken Goodhart filed the registration, he filed it in the name of "Canada Fishing Trip, an unincorporated association."

The 1975 trip was the first time Fred Faber had all three of his sons on board. Sam, Jim and Russ Faber joined their father to form a human totem pole which produced a classic photograph. Jim's first

trip was in 1969 when he was 18 years old, and Russ's first trip was in 1972. The totem pole picture was recreated 21 years later in 1996. It's an interesting comparison.

At the Annual Meeting in 1975, the Club elected Al "Pappy" Smith as President, Dick Kauffman as Secretary and Ken Goodhart as Treasurer. Previously, Dick Kauffman had been President, Ken Goodhart had been Secretary, and Al Smith had been Treasurer. In 1976, Fred Faber was elected Secretary and Dick Kauffman was elected a Director. The other officers were Al Smith, President, Ken Goodhart, Treasurer, and John Killian and Ken Wolfe, Directors. In 1977, Al Smith retired from the Club and Dick Kauffman was elected President. Max Roberts was elected a Director to fill Dick Kauffman's position on the Executive Committee. In 1989, a seventh person, Don Herbster, was added to the Executive Committee as a Director.

In 1978, several Club members complained about excessive consumption of beer by a few members who bragged about the quantity of beer they had been able to consume on the trip. People in Canada also commented about the way some members of the Club threw empty cans and bottles in the lakes and in the bottom of the boats at the end of the day. Other members were unable to obtain a cold beer from the refrigerators because it had been taken in quantity and stored in personal coolers by the offending members. Because the Executive Committee did not wish to ration beer or otherwise limit its use, they asked that members be discreet and realize that a "word to the wise should be sufficient." They asked the members to clean up their act and avoid the need for a revision of the Rules or expulsion of any members. The following year saw a great improvement in the conduct of the members in disposing of trash and in the condition in which the boats and bus were left. No further complaints were made about beer consumption or conduct unbecoming members of the Canada Fishing Club.

In 1979, a suggestion was made that the trip be lengthened from three to four days, departing Tuesday evening and returning Sunday evening. A number of members desired to spend more time in Canada than the trip allowed. The Executive Committee polled the members and considered the following factors: an extra day would increase costs for food, lodging, boats, motors, fishing licenses and the bus driver; increasing the cost might be a hardship for some members; there would be no stopping at the race track because there were no races on Tuesday; and many members might not be able to go because they did not have an extra vacation day to use for the trip. After considering all points of view, it was the consensus to remain with the program that had worked so well over the years. The same issue arose again in 1986 and the Executive Committee, after conducting an informal poll of the Active Members, again decided not to extend the trip.

The 80's

In 1980, the Club received a proposal for accommodations from Dudley and Audrey Hill, owners and operators of Stirling Lodge. The Club declined the offer in favor of staying with the Opinicon.

One of the highlights of the 1980 trip was the awarding of a plaque to Al Cross, General Manager of the Opinicon. The inscription read: "*Al H. Cross, Honorary Member, In Appreciation, He Cares Enough To Do His Very Best.*" The plaque bore a Canada Fishing Club patch along with crossed American and Canadian flags.

In 1981, the Club was saddened when one of its founding members, Al "Pappy" Smith, passed away. Bob Shue, a former member, and Active Members, Wayne McCleary and Sonny Gruff, also passed away that year.

In 1982, Dutch Reiter and Bill Hawkins entertained the group by making balloon animal figures. It was also the year that Sally Killian began meeting the bus at the Whitney Point Rest Stop north of Binghamton, New York on our return trip, so that she could take the annual group picture. While the Club was in Canada, Sally went to her family cottage on Cayuga Lake in the Finger Lakes Region. She timed her return so that she met the bus at our lunch stop and then caught up to us in Paxtang upon our return to pick up her husband, John. Betz Faber began joining Sally in 1985. Andrea Faber, Russ's wife, and Jennifer Killian, David's wife, often join Betz and Sally. Having these wives meet us at Whitney Point to take the group picture has become a long-standing tradition.

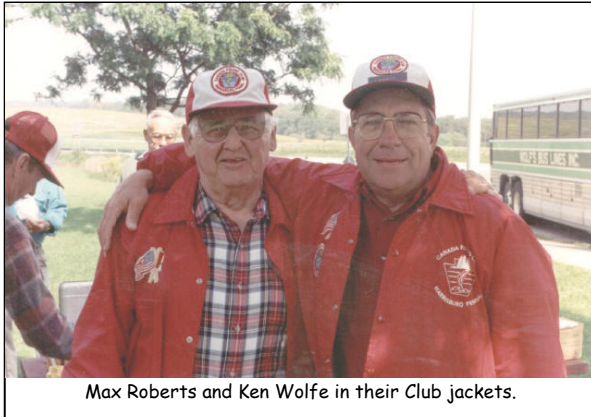
In an effort to keep costs as low as possible, the Executive Committee decided in 1983 to bring all beverages on the bus instead of buying beer and soda in Canada because Canadian costs were almost double the cost in the States.

That same year, the Executive Committee increased the number of fishermen from 35 to 38 because there were so many names on the Standby List. As a result of the three additional men on board the bus, along with their luggage and gear, and the beverages, storage space on the bus was at a premium. In order to deal with the increasing demands on the space, each member was asked to limit himself to one suitcase and each boat was limited to one cooler and one bait bucket.

One of the perennial problems with arranging the trip is the fact that many people ask to be included on the Standby List, but never accept an invitation to go when it is offered. Therefore, in 1983, the Club Rules were amended to provide that any person on the Standby List prior to September 1978 who declined to go on a trip three (3) times after being contacted would be dropped from the Standby List following two (2) subsequent declinations.

Big Fish Awards In 1984, a new policy was adopted that all fish to be considered for the annual Big Fish Awards had to be measured by either Fred Faber or John Killian. This was done to place all weights and lengths on as much of a comparable basis as possible for determining the winners of the pool. The pool is made up of \$2.00 from every person on the trip. Half of the money is paid to the person who catches the heaviest bass and half of the money is paid to the person who catches the longest pike. In 1987, Ken Wolfe served as one of the "official measurers" when John Killian could not make the trip. In 2005, the Club agreed to have Dudley Hill, the manager of the marina at Stirling Lodge, handle the official weighing.

In 1984, special Club jackets and hats were made available to the members at a cost of \$18 per jacket and \$4.00 per cap. Many of these items are still in regular use.



Max Roberts and Ken Wolfe in their Club jackets.

The Internal Revenue Service issued new rules in 1984 for organizations applying for tax exemption. In light of these rules, John Killian, the Club's legal counsel, recommended the Club incorporate as a nonprofit corporation in order to eliminate personal liability of members and to solidify the Club's status with the IRS as an exempt organization. The Executive Committee followed the advice and approved the incorporation of Canada Fishing Club as a nonprofit corporation.

Articles of Incorporation were filed on December 17, 1984. Total expenses for incorporation were \$149.70, which included filing fees, advertisements, Minute Book and seal. Later, legal counsel filed an application with the IRS for recognition of income tax exemption under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code as a social club. The Club obtained an employer identification number and on May 29, 1985, received its exemption letter from the IRS. The IRS requires the Club to file an annual Form 990 information return. The Corporation adopted By-laws that were identical to the former Club Rules.

The 1989 trip was notable for a number of mishaps. Bill Schumacher lost his glasses. Barry Hixon left his fishing vest on an island and broke his new Orvis fly rod. The vest was found by local people and returned to Barry at the Opinicon. A fish took Butch Krohn's rod and reel right out of his boat. Bart Gephart, Jim Winand and John Killian had their boat swamped while it was pulled up on an island during lunch. Waves from passing boats broke over the stern and filled the boat with water. Chip Goodhart slipped off a rock and learned that he could not walk on water. Skip Kindness won the long cast award when his rod and reel "slipped out of his hand."

The 90's

In 1990, Bart Gephart slipped off a rock while stepping into his boat after lunch and slid down between the rock and the boat. He caught himself by his elbows on the rail of the boat and was pulled into the boat soaking wet up to his shoulders. While heading back to the Opinicon to get Bart a change of clothes, heavy rain began falling, so Bart, Jim Winand and John Killian pulled into an open boathouse to wait for the downpour to end. As they waited, another boat with two French speaking fishermen also pulled into the boathouse. There was no conversation between the two boats. While waiting for the rain to subside, Bart's teeth were chattering and he said he had to get out of his wet clothes. He decided to put on his rubber rain suit, thinking it would make him warmer. He stepped out on to the dock and started taking off his wet clothes. As soon as Bart dropped his pants, the French-Canadians started their boat and raced off into the downpour without saying a word.

1991 was the first year that a group rented a pontoon boat at their own expense. The group of Dick Shay, Don Herbster, Butch Krohn, Jim Brillinger, Joe Gassaway and Skip Kindness rented a 20' boat from Brown's Marina at Chaffeys Locks. Dick Shay was the Captain.

Also in 1991, the members elected Russ Faber as President to succeed Dick Kauffman. All other members of the Executive Committee were continued in office.

On the way up to Canada, the bus driver is always given a rest stop of about an hour. Until 1992, that stop was made in the Syracuse area. In 1992, we traveled further up I-81 to Exit 33 (Parrish). The members would have some coffee and/or an early breakfast at the Grist Mill while the driver had his brief rest. The Grist Mill has been our stop ever since.

On one trip, when we stopped in the Syracuse area, our driver, Paul Jay, exited I-81 at a higher rate of speed than a local police officer thought was appropriate. After the bus pulled to the curb at a Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Paul was one of the first people off the bus, heading straight for the restroom. The cop pulled his cruiser in behind the bus, came to the door, and asked for the driver. He was told that the driver was in the restaurant using the facilities. The cop said, "Someone go in there and tell him to get out here right now. I want to see him." Bart Gephart offered to go in and to get Paul. When Bart found Paul, he told him that there was a cop outside who wanted to see him. Paul said: "Tell him to go __ himself." When Bart went back outside, the cop asked him what Paul said. Bart told the cop exactly what Paul said. When Paul emerged from the restaurant, the cop immediately placed him in the back of the police cruiser. For quite some time, it appeared that the cop was not going to let Paul drive the bus to Canada. Finally, the cop relented and gave Paul a traffic ticket which cost him more than one hundred dollars. The Club offered to pay the fine, but Paul refused to accept it. He said that it was a personal expense and since his employer would not cover it, neither should the Club. Paul accepted the entire incident with his usual good humor.

At the conclusion of the 1992 trip, two members were honored as "All Stars" by their fellow fishermen. Chip Goodhart discovered that a boat with an outboard motor will generally not traverse a shelf of rocks without losing the motor. Dick Shay found that he was no different from previous Club members who had tried unsuccessfully to walk on water.

Notable memories for the 1993 trip were provided by Jim Winand, Bart Gephart and John Killian as they unloaded their boat at the Opinicon dock. John was in the stern securing the motor, Bart was in

the bow tying the boat rope to the dock, and Jim Winand stood up in the middle of the boat. John's back was turned to Jim. Suddenly, Bart stepped out of the boat and the backlash caused Jim to lose his balance. As Jim tried to recover, he pushed John in the back causing him to somersault over the engine and into the water. John rose behind the boat with his hat on, his pipe firmly planted in his mouth, and seaweed draped on his head and shoulders. It was quite some time before the laughter subsided.

Through 1993, the Club continued to stop at Penn National Race Course on the way to Canada. Most of the members had their dinner at the track. As they ate, they would place their bets and watch the races. The Club did not stop at the track in 1985 because the track was closed.

In 1993, the Ontario fishing license was changed to a non-resident 7-day license, and new catch and possession limits were announced as follows: "PIKE - two (2) in one day over 20"; BASS - two (2) in one day over 12"; CRAPPIE - ten (10) in one day over 12"; WALLEYE - two (2) in one day over 15"; PERCH - twenty-five (25) in one day."

1993 was a record year for the size of the fish that were caught. Five bass were landed, each weighing more than four (4) pounds.

On our return to the United States in 1993, we were asked by the Customs Inspector if we brought back any fish filets. Several people said they had. The inspector then asked if the men had left any skin on the filets and they answered in the negative. The inspector then explained that this was the wrong answer. Apparently, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Agency had recently promulgated a rule requiring that fish being brought into the United States had to have at least one (1) square inch of skin on each filet. If not, the fish would be confiscated and the owner fined at the rate of \$25 per pound. The inspector said he would not impose fines on us since the regulations were new and we were unaware of the rule. He also allowed us to keep the fish we had brought back. However, the inspector warned us that he would not be so lenient in the future.

In 1994, the Club dispensed with the stop for dinner and the races at Penn National Race Track on the way up to Canada. Instead, the bus left Paxtang at 10:30 p.m. with only one stop planned at the Grist Mill Restaurant north of Syracuse.

1994 was another record year. The members caught a total of 209 keepers. Eight bass were caught that weighed over three pounds each. Through 1994 and the 29 trips for which records had been kept, the members had caught 2,428 keepers, or an average of 84 per trip. The worst year for catching fish was 1975 when only 33 keepers were landed due to inclement weather.

1994 produced additional trivia. It was the 36th trip of the Club and the 29th stay at the Opinicon. The average age of the members was 54.4 years. Three more fishermen, Red Kohl, Roger Kramer and Dick Reidell, tested man's ability to walk on water and failed.

In 1995, a second group consisting of Bart Gephart, John "Rick" Gephart, Jim Winand and John Killian, rented a pontoon boat from Brown's Marina. Ken Wolfe and Max Roberts fished with a guide, Dick Lockie, Glenn Keyser and Greg Talbot fished in a personal boat, and Dennis and Jim Gaughan fished in a personal boat. Thus, sixteen of the thirty-three men on the trip did not use boats provided by the Opinicon.

One year later, there were three rented pontoon boats, two private boats, and one guide boat,

accommodating eighteen of the thirty-nine men on the trip. The other twenty-one members fished from seven 3-man boats provided by the Opinicon.

The final roster in 1995 was six men short because several Active Members made a last-minute decision not to go on the trip. By the time they notified the officers, it was too late to find enough replacements from the Standby List. Eight Standbys said that they would have gone had they been notified sooner, but could not adjust their schedules at such a late date. To cope with this problem, the By-laws were amended to provide that any member that had not paid his dues in full by July 1st would be moved to the bottom of the Standby List and any dues that had been paid would be refunded, less any late charges. He would be eligible to attend the current year's trip only after all other individuals on the Standby List had been offered the opportunity to go and there was still a vacancy. After the current year's trip, the individual's name would be placed back on the Standby List in the order of his total points and his application date.

Max Roberts provided comic relief in 1995 when he caught a loon on a minnow that he was retrieving underwater. Fred Faber told Max that if he intended to keep fishing that way, he would have to get a hunting license and a duck stamp to be legal. Max was not the first member to catch a bird. Several members have had bait and lures "caught" by seagulls. For those who haven't had the experience, hauling in a seagull and removing a hook from his wings is quite the challenge, and definitely a two person job.

Dennis Gaughan set a new record in 1995 with a five pound four ounce bass.

1996 was a rainy trip, but nowhere near the rain we had in 1979 from the remains of Hurricane Frederick which set the one-day Canadian record of 128 mm (~5 inches) of rain.

Don Durbeck was awarded the Green Leaf Distinction in 1996 after securely snagging seven trees with his casting prowess. Davey Bryan needed first-aid from one of the Club physicians who provided tongue depressors to splint Davey's broken rod handle. 1996 was also the year that medical professionals outnumbered legal professionals for the first time.

In 1997, three generations of one family fished together when John Haunstein, John Haunstein Jr., and Scott Haunstein were in the same boat. And at least once, a miniature battleship was spotted at the Lock, waiting for passage through to Ottawa.



Using surplus funds generated by favorable Canadian exchange rates over the prior five years, the Executive Committee provided each Active Member and every person on the 1997 trip with a special Canada Fishing Club logo watch. The watches cost \$19 apiece. A Club watch was also presented to Al Cross, General Manager of the Opinicon.

Skip Kindness lost his pipe on the 1997 trip. He also failed to get back on the bus on time after it stopped in Watertown for Sunday newspapers and coffee. Skip's absence was noted before the bus got too far away and we were able to return and find Skip.

In 1997, another fisherman tried for the Longest Cast Award by heaving his rod, reel and favorite

lure into a lake. Another member operating one of the boats cut his fishing buddy's line with the propeller while his buddy was landing a fish.

Fishing was good in 1998. A large bass caught by Sam Faber tied the record bass caught in 1995 by Denny Gaughan at five pounds four ounces. There were two other bass caught which weighed five pounds or more, three bass were caught which weighed over four pounds, and four bass were caught which weighed over three and one-half pounds. In September 1998, our long-time, faithful Treasurer, Ken Goodhart, resigned due to health problems.

The By-laws were amended in September 1999 to provide for a seven (7) member Executive



On April 26, 1999, Al Cross, Manager of the Opinicon, died after suffering a stroke, a heart attack, and pneumonia. A written Tribute from the Club was read at Al's funeral service. The Executive Committee sent a \$500 memorial gift from the Club to the Chaffey's Locks Heritage Hall. Al had been a friend and host to the Club for thirty-three years, and was made an Honorary Member of the Club in 1980.

Committee, consisting of a President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and five (5) Directors. The By-law amendment also provided that, in their discretion, the Active Members could elect a Director Emeritus, recognizing past service of a Club officer. Fred Faber was elected Secretary/Treasurer and Max Roberts was elected Director Emeritus. John "Rick" Gephart III and Ken "Chip" Goodhart III were elected to the Executive Committee, replacing Max Roberts and Ken Goodhart. Russ Faber continued as President, and Ken Wolfe, Don Herbster and John Killian continued as Directors.

The big bass caught by Roger Kramer in 1999. It was a small mouth bass that weighed five pounds and eight ounces, and established a new Club record. The number of keepers (170) caught was the third best in Club history. The large number of keepers caught in recent years had boosted the average to 108.

The Club purchased and distributed wind shirts embossed with the Club logo patch for the 1999 trip roster and Active Members unable to make the trip.

1999 also saw a significant decline in beer consumption and an increase in bottled water and soda. Some members foresee a day when we will carry more bottled water and soda than beer to Canada.

The 2000's

The 2000 trip provided one of the most unusual and humorous stories to date. Ken Wolfe tells the story in these words:

"Saturday was a beautiful day. Fishing was a little spotty so we were moving around a lot, from Indian Lake to Clear Lake and back to Indian Lake. We were looking for splake, a hybrid fish created in a laboratory using the sperm of the brook trout and the eggs of the lake trout, but we didn't catch any.

Max (Roberts) made a long cast which was unusual for him. Most of the time he just dropped his line over the edge of the guide boat and caught more fish than I did. Well, the long cast resulted in a heavy strike. Max was reeling in and yelling, "Get the net! Get the net!" Sonny (the guide) and I watched Max skillfully play his catch with his rod. When it was about 20 yards away from our boat, the mystery "fish" surfaced and Sonny said: "Now I have seen everything. Max, you've caught a loon."

When the bird surfaced it started rolling over and over, entangling itself in Max's line. The adolescent loon was squawking and rolling and making a big fuss. The loon's parents showed up and the "Chinese fire drill" continued. Sonny grabbed the loon and hauled it on board. The loon squawked and pooped all over the boat. The line was so tangled that Sonny had to cut it. Now it was Max's time to 'bitch, bitch, bitch'. 'Geez, Sonny, look how much line you're cutting off. How do you expect me to catch fish with so little line left on my reel?' Sonny and I laughed so hard at Max that he had to join in the laughter.

It took Sonny about fifteen minutes to untangle the young loon. When he got the bird free, Sonny gently placed it back in the lake and the bird promptly earned its name - Looney. He swam around in circles, squawking and making a big fuss, until his parents swam up beside him and calmed him down. Then all three swam away and disappeared into the water.

My wife, Minta and I bought Max a stuffed loon for his birthday. Just before he died, Max gave it to me so that I would remember him. Who could ever forget Max - loon or no loon?"

At the Annual Meeting in 2000, Don Herbster resigned as a Director. Dennis Gaughan was elected to succeed him. All other officers and Directors were retained. The members also discussed whether to change to two men in a boat, finally deciding to stay with three men in a boat.

The 283 keepers caught in 2000 was an all-time record. The keepers included a number of bass in excess of three pounds.

New Club patches were distributed to everyone on the 2000 trip and sent to all Active Members who were unable to make the trip.

Beer consumption declined again in 2000, due either to the men being too busy catching or to the cool weather we experienced on Saturday.

Jim Winand was unable to make the 2000 trip because he was recuperating from by-pass surgery. A dozen or more members talked to him by cell phone from Sully's Island during lunch one day. The

attractive blond female Canadian Customs Agent who inspected us when we entered Canada sent her best regards to Jim, who is known to one and all as "the Animal."

Director Emeritus Max A. Roberts died before he could make the 2001 trip. A number of the Club members attended his funeral.

One day after the infamous terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, DC on 9/11/2001, the bus left the Paxtang Community Building at 10:45 p.m. The Canadian border was closed on the 11th. Before we left home we made telephone inquiries to Canadian Customs officials to make sure we would be allowed to cross the border at the Thousand Islands border crossing. There was a longer than usual delay at the border, but we were allowed to enter Canada and we arrived at the Opinicon on schedule. The line of trucks waiting to enter the U.S. extended for miles. Some members also found it unsettling when they noticed there was no air traffic of any kind during the entire trip.

Mike McGinnis took his turn at trying to walk on water. Like those before him, the laws of physics took over and down he went.

In 2002, the Opinicon instituted a new cancellation policy which imposed a penalty for last minute cancellations. Any Member who cancelled at last minute and whose slot could not be filled from the Standby List would be charged for any cancellation costs charged to the Club.

In addition to charging for "No Shows," the Opinicon began charging for extra bacon and potatoes for shore lunches and extra entrees and desserts ordered in the dining room. The Club notified the members that any such charges would be charged back to the person who placed the order.

We were also advised that a passport or photo ID would be necessary to cross the border in either direction.

In 2002, there were four pontoon boats and two private boats used by twenty-one (21) fishermen. Only 15 men used boats supplied by the Opinicon.

We observed an increase in Canadian wildlife in 2002, including several large raccoons, skunks, mink, an 8-point buck, and a 3-foot water snake.

The rules for determining the biggest bass and pike were reviewed in 2002. The Club reaffirmed the previous policy that length should not be a factor in judging the bass winner unless there was a tie on weight. Conversely, weight would not be a factor in the big pike award unless there was a tie on length.

John Killian won the "Red Eye" award in 2002 for the red eyes he sustained trying to cook lunch in the Sully's Island pavilion. Swirling winds kept the smoke inside the pavilion enclosure. Someone suggested John use an air-pack or gas mask when preparing future shore lunches.

The Club returned to Opinicon Lodge again in 2003. Inflation and a much less favorable exchange rate caused expenses to soar in 2003. The total cost of the trip was \$395 per man, while dues were only \$325 per man. The Opinicon charges were \$253 per man, while the bus provided by Johnson Bus Co. cost \$2,850. The Club covered the increased costs from surplus funds accrued in prior years through a more favorable exchange rate and interest earnings. We were informed by the Opinicon that beginning in 2004 there would be extra charges for those who ordered double entrees and double desserts. This and a decline in the accommodations led the group to consider a new location in 2004.

In order to better understand the increases in costs in the past year, Secretary/Treasurer Fred Faber created the following schedule to show the difference in costs between what the Club actually paid and what it would have paid if there were a one to one exchange rate.

Year	\$US Cost of Trip	Actual Exchange Rate	# on Trip	\$US Cost per Man	Dues	\$US Trip Cost w/ 1:1 Exchange Rate	\$US Cost per Man
1998	\$10,510.26	.1510	34	\$309.13	\$300	\$13,856.52	\$407.54
1999	10,952.41	1.447	35	312.93	300	14,200.93	405.74
2000	11,587.71	1.459	38	304.94	300	15,871.58	417.67
2001	10,467.35	1.538	32	327.10	300	14,924.19	468.38
2002	10,864.76	1.554	33	329.24	300	16,029.98	485.75

OPINICON COST IN CANADIAN DOLLARS

Year	Dollars	% change
1988	210.00	
1999	215.35	2.5%
2000	236.00	6.8%
2001	240.00	4.3%
2002	256.30	7.0%
2003	266.50	3.8%

2003 was a good fishing year with a total of 236 keepers caught, but the number did not come close to the record of 283 caught in 2000. 2003, however, was the year that a record number of "big ones" got away. Several catfish were landed which was unusual. The weather was unusually warm and the Club ran out of beer. Only one fisherman tried to walk on water in 2003, while another could not tell the difference between a raw egg and a hard-boiled egg before he threw it from one boat to another. Still another fisherman got a little too friendly with Yukon Jack. One of the members suggested the Club sponsor a continuing education program on avoiding such hazards.

At the Annual Meeting, the Active Members voted to tentatively set the dues for the 2004 trip at \$395. The members also voted to have the Executive Committee investigate other possible locations in the greater Chaffey's Locks area for the 2004 trip with the hope of providing a trip with better services at a better price. A tentative reservation was made at Opinicon Lodge in case it was needed.

The Executive Committee received proposals from the Opinicon Lodge, Dorothy's at Chaffey's Locks, and Stirling Lodge in Newboro. After reviewing the proposals, the Executive Committee elected to try Stirling Lodge in 2004. Based on known costs and a lower forecasted rate of exchange, the dues assessment for 2004 was revised to \$450 per person.

In addition to proof of identification, Customs officials in 2004 required a U.S. passport or an original birth certificate as well as a photo ID such as a driver's license to cross the border. A certificate of registration of birth would not be accepted in place of an original birth certificate.

Because of late charges assessed for canceled reservations, the Executive Committee adopted an amendment to Section 3 of the By-laws, adding a paragraph which reads:

"If a member is unable to go on a trip and cancels within thirty (30) days of a departure

date, the member shall be charged the amount of actual costs the Club is required to pay on account of such cancellation, including a proportionate share of the fixed costs of the trip. If the Club is able to fill the vacancy and there is no loss to the Club, there shall be no charge for the cancellation. The amount of the charge shall be deducted from any funds the member has deposited with the Club. In the event of extreme hardship or emergency, the Board of Directors may waive the charge at its discretion."

The amendment was not intended to be punitive but only to encourage members to preplan their schedule to avoid late charges to the Club.

Stirling Lodge has been a fishing resort for over 100 years. It is located in the Town of Newboro (population 310) on 7.5 acres overlooking Newboro Lake. The lake is about 7 miles long and 6 miles wide. It is actually 6 lakes joined together. It has countless islands and two large fish sanctuaries. These areas provide a large protected spawning ground for the fish and account for the exceptionally consistent fishing found in the lake. Our Club members have been fishing in Newboro Lake for four decades and know the waters well.

Stirling Lodge has its own private island in the lake for enjoying shore lunches. We can use these facilities if Sully's Island is occupied by guideboats and others.

Stirling Lodge operates on the American Plan, offering three meals a day and daily maid service. All units have a private bathroom, cable television, heat and air conditioning. The Lodge has a full-service marina with plenty of docking space and a full-time attendant. The Lodge operates a bar and serves wine, beer and drinks with meals.

On August 21, 2004, as he was making final preparations for the 2004 trip to Stirling Lodge, Secretary/Treasurer Fred S. Faber, Jr., one of the original four members of the Canada Fishing Club, passed away. He was loved and respected by all who knew him for his integrity, strength of character, amiable nature, leadership ability, professional talent, and interest in nature and fishing. He was a model citizen, husband, father, grandfather, engineer, Boy Scout leader, friend and mentor. His passing has left a huge hole in the lives of those who were privileged to have known him. He had made a total of forty-three trips to Canada with the Club.

The 2004 trip was everything that Fred Faber had planned. Stirling Lodge treated us wonderfully, especially Charlotte who runs the office, and Dudley Hill who handles the marina and boats. We had an easy trip to Canada and no trouble getting through Customs. When we arrived, most of us were able to get into our rooms to change clothes. It took us no time to get used to the dining room service and menu.

We expected to have live bait at the Lodge, but they had none and we had to go off site to get our bait. Fortunately, there were several cars of Club members which were available to go for bait.

Thursday was cloudy, and we had a brief shower during the dinner hour. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were bright, sunny days without a cloud in the sky.

On Friday we had our annual shore lunch where we prepared fish, potatoes, bacon, tomatoes and other goodies provided by the Lodge. This year they added a German chocolate cheese cake to the lunch menu. Russ Faber continued the tradition started years earlier by his Fred, his father, who brought a half gallon of wine and served it to all who attended the shore lunch. Jim Faber began lunch with a toast to Fred. We then named the Stirling Lodge picnic area "Fred's Island."

Everyone enjoyed the food, rooms and boats provided by Stirling Lodge and there was unanimity to return to Stirling Lodge in 2005. Reservations were made before we left Canada.

At the Annual Meeting of the Club held on Saturday evening in the conference room at Stirling Lodge, Mike McGinnis was elected a Director to replace Fred Faber. The following officers were elected:

President - W. Russell Faber
Secretary - Chip Goodhart

Vice President - John D. Killian
Treasurer - Dennis Gaughan

A motion was passed at the meeting to increase the active list to 50 members, subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors. This action was taken because we ended up taking only 34 members on the trip, the bus was not even half full, and Stirling Lodge can handle additional fishermen. The Club felt that if men are on the Active List instead of the Standby List they will more likely plan to go on the next trip and reserve the dates on their calendars.

The 2005 trip was another one for the record books. We had a total of 389 keepers, by far the largest number we've ever caught in the 48-year history of the Club. The big question is whether this is just another fish story. The previous record was the year 2000 when we caught 283.

The Friday lunch gathering on Fred's Island (Rosal Island) saw our largest crowd ever. Thirty-three Club members enjoyed the catch of the day and good company among old and new friends. Jim Winand's strong return to good health was just in time to break in one of the new members. Another lesson learned.



Terry McGowan presents John Killian with the Ontario Outlaw Award.

Friday afternoon, the remnants of Hurricane Katrina arrived to give us a challenge on the waters. It make you wonder if some of our departed fishermen were looking down from above with a smile saying "OK boys, lunch was good, now let's have some fun with a little weather."

Saturday was overcast, but still a good day to fish. The excitement of the day came when John Killian and his boat mates received a visit from those ever sociable Ontario Fish Police. Fortunately, the boat only received a fine for the open containers of alcohol on their pontoon boat. Another lesson learned. . .

At the Club's Annual Meeting that night, John was awarded the first (and hopefully last) Ontario Outlaw Award for taking one for the team. The award, a small stuffed moose dressed in a RCMP uniform, was presented by Terry McGowan, John's attorney. John received a resounding applause.

If the 2006 trip was any indication, it's easier to catch fish in the rain that it is on a warm sunny day. The Club enjoyed its second largest number of keepers in the Club history. And as in prior years, most of them went back into the water to live another year.

The bus ride home provided more excitement than we needed. The brackets holding the top of the front bumper onto the bus broke loose as we were cruising along in the passing lane. Fortunately, the

bumper is hinged on the bottom so it didn't completely come off. Instead, we pushed the bumper along as a snowplow until our driver calmly slowed the bus down and got it over to the shoulder. That's when the Navy came to the rescue. Rick Gephart and Jim Lauder Milch used their nautical skills and some strong nylon rope provided by Russ Faber to tie the bumper back up and allow us to make it back home.

January 2007

APPENDIX A

DUES AND COST HISTORY

History of Cost Per Man				
Year	Dues	Cost/Man	Room, Board, Boats & Licenses per Man	Bus Charges
1968	\$ 74.00	\$ 74.83	\$ 50.00	
1969	84.00	79.29	53.11	
1970	84.00	89.16	62.00	
1971	90.00	88.00	75.00	
1972	96.00	97.65	73.00	
1973	96.00	109.84	75.00	
1974	108.00	118.28	78.00	
1975	132.00	128.15		
1976	144.00	144.40		
1977	144.00	134.18	96.26	
1978	144.00	132.27		
1979	144.00	157.06	97.00	\$ 1,028.00
1980	144.00	172.36	114.76	
1981	144.00	180.81	120.17	1,626.70
1982	180.00	196.46	144.68	
1983	200.00	197.46	137.94	
1984	200.00	198.83	137.46	1,805.00
1985	200.00	202.01	136.69	1,855.20
1986	200.00	214.66	141.77	2,036.60
1987	200.00	232.79	158.89	2,291.40
1988	200.00	246.43	179.84	1,997.00
1989	225.00	250.55	190.25	1,997.00
1990	275.00	274.39	208.20	1,997.00
1991	300.00	301.10	228.72	1,847.00
1992	325.00	293.51	213.75	2,079.00
1993	325.00	288.19	208.64	2,079.00
1994	325.00	305.68	208.11	2,079.00
1995	325.00	301.91	202.97	2,193.00
1996	325.00	304.36	204.68	2,274.00
1997	300.00	315.02	202.69	2,356.50
1998	300.00	309.13	210.10	2,356.50
1999	300.00	312.93	215.35	2,356.50
2000	300.00	304.94	230.00	2,479.50
2001	300.00	327.10	240.00	2,750.00
2002	325.00	329.24	256.30	2,750.00
2003	395.00	395.88	253.12	2,850.00
2004	450.00	446.83	270.94	3,150.00
2005	450.00	467.11	296.35	3,700.00
2006	450.00	428.32	296.79	3,800.00

APPENDIX B

BIG FISH WINNERS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Big Bass Winners</u>		<u>Big Pike Winners</u>	
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Length</u>
2006	McGinnis, Bob	4.250 pounds	Durbeck, Don	29 inches
2005	Tie w/ D. Forker and J. Gaughan	4.200 pounds	Gaughan, Jim	29 inches
2004	Brinton, Dave	4.500 pounds	Bryan, Dave	25 inches
2003	Bryan, Dave	4.875 pounds	Faber, Fred	29.5 inches
2002	Gephart, Bart	5.000 pounds	Faber, Jim	27.25 inches
2001	Shay, Dick	3.375 pounds	Ercol, Al	25.5 inches
2000	Faber, Sam	4.250 pounds	Brindle, Steve	26 inches
1999	Kramer, Roger	5.500 pounds	Ercol, Al	26 inches
1998	Faber, Sam	5.250 pounds	Faber, Fred	26 inches
1997	Brillinger, Jim	4.000 pounds	Romanko, Barry	26.75 inches
1996	Brinton, Dave	3.750 pounds	Faber, Russ	25 inches
1995	Gaughan, Denny	5.250 pounds	DeStefano, Dennis	27.25 inches
1994	Faber, Fred	4.000 pounds	Brillinger, Jim	30 inches
1993	Tie w/ D. Killian and M. Roberts	4.750 pounds	Roberts, Max	31 inches
1992	Kindness, Skip	4.250 pounds	Bennett, Jack	28.5 inches
1991	Winand, Jim	3.125 pounds	Sullivan, Pat	27 inches
1990	Shay, Dick	4.000 pounds	Kohl, Red	29 inches
1989	Snyder, Steve	4.125 pounds	Faber, Fred	28 inches
1988	Winand, Jim	5.125 pounds	Pressler, Jim	29.5 inches
1987	Brillinger, Jim	3.500 pounds	Faber, Jim	28.5 inches
1986	Tie w/ Dave Bryan, Jack Renshaw & Jim Winand	3.000 pounds	Shay, Dick	29.5 inches
1985	Faber, Russ	4.500 pounds	Shay, Dick	28 inches
1984	Faber, Jim	5.125 pounds	Faber, Russ	27 inches
1983	Sullivan, Sully	4.000 pounds	Sullivan, Pat	25.5 inches
1982	Grottole, Joe	3.250 pounds	Pressler, Jim	28 inches
1981	Faber, Jim	3.250 pounds	Jay, Paul	30 inches
1980	Gassaway, Joe	5.000 pounds	Faber, Fred	26.5 inches
1979	Wolfe, Ken	4.250 pounds	Faber, Jim	30.5 inches
1978	Faber, Jim	3.000 pounds	Keen, Jim	28 inches
1977	Hawkins, Bill	3.375 pounds	English, Bruce	28.5 inches
1976	Sullivan, Sully	3.000 pounds	Keen, Jim	32 inches
1975	Herbster, Don	4.250 pounds	Faber, Fred	29.5 inches
1974	Roberts, Max	3.500 pounds	Hafer, Keith	33 inches
1973	Hafer, Keith	4.000 pounds	Stough, Fred	26.5 inches
1972	Roberts, Max	3.625 pounds	Kohl, Red	29.5 inches
1971	McCleary, Wayne	2.750 pounds	Morrison, Don	28.625 inches
1970	Roberts, Max	4.000 pounds	Tie w/ Dick Shay and Keith Hafer	28.5 inches
1969	Hafer, Keith	18.500 inches	Hafer, Keith	27.5 inches
1968	Wolfe, Ken	20.000 inches	Shue, Bob	29.5 inches
1967	Smith, Dave	18.000 inches	Riley, Merle	28 inches
1966	Gaffney, Miles	16.500 inches	Miller, George	29 inches

APPENDIX C

CURRENT & PAST MEMBERS

Achenbach, David A. (Joined 2000-09)
 Albright, Douglas C. (Joined 2000-04)
 Anderson, Lyle (Joined 1987-09)
 Anderson, Ben (Joined 1965-09)
 Barnes, Robert A. (Joined 1993-12)
 Bashore, Winston S. (Joined 1976-01)
 Bell, David (Joined 1999-12)
 Bennett, John F. (Joined 1974-09)
 Bihl, Victor A. (Joined 1963-09)
 Blasco, Michael S. (Joined 1968-09)
 Bogar, Allan B. (Joined 1969-08)
 Bogdon, Robert J. (Joined 1968-08)
 Bovard, John R. (Joined 1994-12)
 Brillinger, James R. (Joined 1972-07)
 Brindle, Stephen G. (Joined 1995-10)
 Brinton, David L. (Joined 1993-10)
 Brunner, Charles E. (Joined 1976-06)
 Bryan, David C. (Joined 1965-09)
 Cain, Steve (Joined 1996-08)
 Campbell, James (Joined 1986-09)
 Carey, Brian H. (Joined 2005-08)
 Chrzanowski, Eugene (Joined 1986-09)
 Colestock, Clarence E. (Joined 1967-09)
 Colestock, David B. (Joined 1994-08)
 Conley, Jeffrey A. (Joined 1995-09)
 Cooper, Richard (Joined 1998-09)
 Crider, John (Joined 1984-05)
 Cunningham, Timothy (Joined 1997-09)
 Daniels, Robert J. (Joined 2006-06)
 Dannehower, David (Joined 1989-08)
 Darrell, H. Robert (Joined 1988-09)
 Davies, Edward J. (Joined 1994-09)
 Davies, William E. (Joined 1987-09)
 Davis, Earl W. (Joined 1968-09)
 Davis, William E. Sr (Joined 1973-08)
 DeStefano, Dennis M (Joined 1994-07)
 DeStefano, Joseph (Joined 1996-08)
 Diehl, Paul M. Jr. (Joined 1964-09)
 Doyle, James M. Jr. (Joined 1975-09)
 Doyle, Richard E. (Joined 1970-09)
 Doyle, Steven L. (Joined 1978-09)
 Durbeck, Donald C. (Joined 1995-09)
 Dvorsky, Regis (Joined 2005-07)
 Eichelberger, George E. (Joined 1969-09)
 Eichelberger, Lynn A. (Joined 2002-09)
 Enck, Leroy E. (Joined 2001-08)
 English, Bruce A. (Joined 1976-07)
 Ercol, Albert E. (Joined 1996-07)
 Euker, Joseph L. (Joined 2001-08)
 Evans, Andrew (Joined 1988-09)
 Faber, Alexander W. (Joined 2000-10)
 Faber, F. Samuel (Joined 1966-09)
 Faber, Fred S. Jr. (Joined 1959-09)
 Faber, James R. (Joined 1966-09)
 Faber, Russell T. (Joined 2003-10)
 Faber, W. Russell (Joined 1966-09)
 Fabian, Terrance (Joined 2004-09)
 Faherty, James W. (Joined 1991-11)
 Ferraraccio, Robert (Joined 2002-01)
 Filepas, Michael A. (Joined 1999-08)
 Finn, Paul L. (Joined 2005-08)
 Flanigan, Timothy C. (Joined 2005-08)
 Foor, Thomas (Joined 1986-09)
 Forker, Delbert S. (Joined 1996-09)
 Frace, Lance V. (Joined 2004-10)
 Gaffney, Miles B (Joined 1965-09)
 Gassaway, Joseph W. Sr. (Joined 1969-08)
 Gassaway, Joseph W. Jr. (Joined 1989-08)
 Gaughan, Dennis W. (Joined 1993-06)
 Gaughan, James D. (Joined 1994-09)
 George, Charles (Joined 1994-08)
 George, Vance Jr. (Joined 1967-09)
 Gephart, Daniel F. (Joined 1997-09)
 Gephart, Eric R. (Joined 06/2006)
 Gephart, John R. IV (Joined 1997-09)
 Gephart, John R. III (Joined 1987-09)
 Gephart, John R. Jr. (Joined 1995-11)
 Gephart, Robert A. (Joined 1994-10)
 Gephart, Robert F. (Joined 1995-05)
 Gephart, Smith Barton (Joined 1967-09)
 Gillman, Edwin (Joined 2001-06)
 Gilroy, Telfert W. Jr. (Joined 1997-10)
 Goodhart, Kenneth N. III (Joined 1971-08)
 Goodhart, Kenneth N. Jr. (Joined 1960-09)
 Green, George F. (Joined 1964-09)
 Greey, Elmer B Jr (Joined 1992-12)

Grottola, Joseph A. (Joined 1970-07)
 Gruff, John W. (Joined 1972-09)
 Hafer, Keith W. (Joined 1965-09)
 Hamm, H. Joseph (Joined 1997-11)
 Hammond, David W. (Joined 2005-08)
 Hare, Carl (Joined 1998-08)
 Harro, John D. (Joined 1968-07)
 Hattingh, Andres (Joined 1968-09)
 Haunstein, John Jr. (Joined 1979-10)
 Haunstein, John N. (Joined 1987-09)
 Haunstein, Scott A (Joined 1991-09)
 Hawkins, William J. (Joined 1974-02)
 Herbster, Donald C. (Joined 1974-01)
 Herchelroath, Charles R. (Joined 2002-09)
 Hixon, Barry C. (Joined 1986-09)
 Hoesch, Dennis W. (Joined 1986-09)
 Hollenbaugh, Richard J. (Joined 1965-09)
 Howard, Barry J. (Joined 1999-10)
 Humes, Russell (Joined 1995-08)
 Irzyk, Frank (Joined 1992-05)
 Jarvis, Charles J. (Joined 1991-08)
 Jay, Paul E. (Joined Driver)
 Jones, Andrew (Joined 1986-09)
 Karstetter, Carl (Joined 1998-09)
 Karth, Gary E. (Joined 1997-08)
 Kauffman, Daniel R. (Joined 1973-09)
 Kauffman, David F. (Joined 1985-09)
 Kauffman, Fred N. (Joined 1964-09)
 Kauffman, Kenneth M. (Joined 1968-09)
 Kauffman, Richard A. (Joined 2003-06)
 Kawchak, Steven (Joined 2004-09)
 Keagy, Gregory S. (Joined 1992-05)
 Keen, James G. Jr. (Joined 1971-09)
 Keen, James G. III (Joined 1973-09)
 Keller, Robert E (Joined 2004-10)
 Keller, William V. III (Joined 1992-08)
 Kerr, Breck (Joined 1999-07)
 Keslar, Nelson H. (Joined 1970-09)
 Ketterer, Christopher T. (Joined 2002-01)
 Keyser, Glenn C. (Joined 1992-05)
 Killian, David B. (Joined 1987-03)
 Killian, Harry C. (Joined 1960-09)
 Killian, John D. (Joined 1959-09)
 Killion, Paul L. (Joined 1978-09)
 Kindness, Karl R. (Joined 1987-08)
 Knestrick, James (Joined 2005-07)
 Kohl, Robert S. (Joined 1982-08)
 Kowalzik, Tadd (Joined 1991-09)
 Kramer, Roger G. (Joined 1987-09)
 Krohn, Robert W. (Joined 1982-09)
 Kruger, Colin J. (Joined 1998-09)
 Krz, Paul John Sr. (Joined 2004-11)
 Kuni, Ray L. (Joined 1973-04)
 Lacey, John R. (Joined 1995-08)
 Laudermilch, James (Joined 1991-10)
 Laudermilch, Peter (Joined 2004-10)
 Lickel, Conrad C. (Joined 2002-09)
 Lockie, Richard M. (Joined 1989-08)
 Looker, Robert (Joined 1991-10)
 Ludlam, William J. (Joined 1972-09)
 Maiman, David (Joined 2000-06)
 Mannherz, Eugene (Joined 1991-09)
 Mann, Kenneth L (Joined 1968-09)
 Mansfield, Clay B. (Joined 1990-09)
 Mansfield, William (Joined 1999-10)
 Markowski, Daniel (Joined 1991-11)
 Markopolos, Louis H. (Joined 1990-09)
 McClain, Harry R. (Joined 1978-08)
 McCleary, F. Wayne (Joined 1965-09)
 McGinnis, Michael P. (Joined 1997-08)
 McGinnis, Robert J. (Joined 1997-11)
 McGowan, Danny (Joined 1986-09)
 McGowan, Larry (Joined 1986-09)
 McGowan, Terrence J. (Joined 1986-09)
 McVey, Kevin (Joined 1991-11)
 Miller, George E. (Joined 1967-09)
 Milliron, Marion W. (Joined 1964-09)
 Misas, Jose E. (Joined 1996-01)
 Moore, Robert E. (Joined 1967-09)
 Morrison, Don H. (Joined 1966-09)
 Myers, Collin (Joined 1996-07)
 Myers, Guy E. (Joined 1986-09)
 Nardis, B. Dean (Joined 1985-06)
 Nassar, Jay (Joined 2003-04)
 Nye, Cory (Joined 2005-09)
 Nye, Stephen (Joined 2003-08)
 Oberman, Robert C. (Joined 2006-08)
 Olives, Manuel (Joined 1991-08)
 Ott, Robert (Joined 2002-09)
 Palmer, Charles (Joined)
 Perry, James A. (Joined 1998-07)
 Pierson, Albert C. (Joined 1966-09)
 Popovici, John (Joined 1964-09)
 Pressler, James M. (Joined 1963-09)
 Reidell, Richard W. (Joined 1993-10)
 Reiter, Harold E. (Joined 1964-09)

Remillard, Steven M. (Joined 2003-06)
Renshaw, John M. (Joined 1965-09)
Riley, Merle E. (Joined 1964-09)
Roberts, Max A. (Joined 1963-09)
Romanko, Barry (Joined 1995-09)
Ronemus, Rollin (Joined 1968-09)
Roof, Eric R. (Joined 1998-11)
Roof, Kevin S. (Joined 2001-10)
Rothschild, Gary L. (Joined 2003-06)
Ruth, Richard (Joined 1992-09)
Sauerwine, Edward (Joined 1989-08)
Scheafer, Rodger (Joined 1993-05)
Schumacher, William L. (Joined 1978-08)
Schumacher, William L. Jr. (Joined 1979-05)
Sgagias, Spiro (Joined 1998-02)
Shay, Richard B. (Joined 1965-09)
Shoemaker, Terry (Joined 1997-09)
Shorter, Douglas E. (Joined 1997-02)
Shue, Grant (Joined 1965-09)
Shue, Robert G. (Joined 1967-09)
Shultz, Lester R. (Joined 1967-09)
Simco, Stephen W. (Joined 1991-08)
Smith, Alvin S. (Joined 1959-09)
Smith, Leon (Joined 1965-09)
Smith, Marvin (Joined 2004-09)
Smith, Marvin C. (Joined 2005-08)
Smith, Robert C. (Joined 1976-01)
Smith, Ronald T. (Joined 2005-08)
Snyder, Steven R. (Joined 1987-09)
Speer, Elmer (Joined 1992-09)
Stambaugh, Ralph E. (Joined 1964-09)
Stokes, Joshua D. (Joined 2005-09)
Stokes, John W. (Joined 2005-09)
Stough, Fred D. (Joined 1964-09)
Stubblefield, Harold B. (Joined 1976-01)
Sullivan, Frank (Joined 1991-11)
Sullivan, James P. (Joined 1976-07)
Sullivan, Warren R. (Joined 1970-09)
Talbot, Gregory G. (Joined 1991-08)
Taylor, Jeffrey (Joined 1993-08)
Thomas, Carl R. (Joined 1979-09)
Thompson, David D Jr (Joined 2004-10)
Thrush, David G. (Joined 1997-03)
Titzell, Stetson (Joined 1964-09)
Turner, Harry (Joined 1965-09)
Uhlein, Julius (Joined 1991-09)
Uhler, Stewart E. (Joined 1993-12)
VanPelt, Robert M. (Joined 1991-08)
Vazquez, Gaspar (Joined 1993-07)
Verobish, Stanley J. (Joined 2003-06)
Wagaman, Phillip (Joined 1994-09)
Wagner, Adam (Joined 1972-09)
Wagner, Donald H. (Joined 1990-06)
Waltz, Ralph (Joined 1984-08)
Waltz, Richard K. Sr. (Joined 1970-02)
Wasilewski, Joseph M. (Joined 1997-10)
Wasilewski, Mark (Joined 1997-10)
Weibel, Marion L. (Joined 1986-09)
Weikert, Guy W. (Joined 1999-08)
Weston, Paul E. (Joined 1989-06)
Winand, James E. (Joined 1967-09)
Witter, William E. (Joined 2005-08)
Wolfe, Kenneth E. (Joined 1959-09)
Wulf, Vernon (Joined 1967-09)
Yanikov, John (Joined 2004-11)
Yetter, Neil R. (Joined 1989-08)
Yinger, Terry (Joined 2004-09)
Zimmerman, Kenneth L. (Joined 2006-08)
Zimmerman, John K. (Joined 1968-03)