



Dumoine River Rod And Gun Club

2014

News Letter

2014 has been a year of renewal at the Dumoine club. Marcus has taken over the reins as club president and is initiating long range planning to ensure the health and excitement of the club for years to come. We had a very successful capital funding drive to give the club the resources for some much needed infrastructure. Membership in the club grew as did use of the facilities. Lots of fish were caught. Moose and grouse filled the fall pots and many good times and much good fellowship were had.

It is always a pleasure to welcome our new members. This year we were joined by Martin Lacasse, Chris and Gill Myott, Thomas Strausbauch, Harold Mattison, and Peter Davis. Welcome! We hope you enjoyed your first year as members and we look forward to seeing you again this summer.

The summer season started a little late due to the extended winter but everything was ready for opening day of the trout season. As usual we started with our annual fishing derby and many fish were entered. Prize for best Speckle went to Roger Buckland for a beautiful 5+ lb speckle from a pond near Lost while Martin Lacasse took the honours for best lake trout for a good fish from Lost. There seemed to be good trout all over with catches reported in Benwah, Chaine3 Gervais, and Big Trout. The fishing remained good through the summer with most trips ending with fish for the stove. As summer progressed,

attention turned from trout to pickerel (or walleye or doré if you prefer) and again lakes like Cullin did not let us down. Splake were abundant in lac du Lièvre (or Rabbit lake if you prefer). Your secretary's most rewarding day occurred while fishing a pond not far from the club where he kept getting strikes but no hook-ups. Finally a trout was brought to the canoe – a rather small one and it became clear that the lake was full of small trout – the tiny minnows he had stocked the previous year had survived against all the hazards and had become catchable fish. By next summer this should again be a prime trout pond and one small contribution to the sustainability of the activity has been successful.



Bob Carey with a nice splake from Lièvre;

Our first infrastructure project was the completion of a pontoon barge to reconnect the two sides of the Dumoine River – a connection lost when the bridge was washed out in the record high spring runoff of 2013. This barge can carry a couple of ATV's or UTVs and all the gear a group needs for a day's fishing. It has been in regular use through the latter part of the season and many groups have used it successfully. It has no problem going up the swift with the motor generously donated by Ralph More but in the late summer this stretch becomes too shallow. Thus a new road has been opened (actually an old logging road leading to an old staging area) to a landing point above the swift where the barge is moored for the latter part of the season. This seemed to work out very well. Many thanks to all those who supported this project both with their financial backing (the project was completed without any call on the Club's limited bank account) and with the many hours of effort that went into its construction.



Catching lake trout on a fly. What a way to spend a lovely day!



Great catch of walleye by the Green Lake team



Dumoine Club Pontoon making its maiden voyage

Other important infrastructure projects were undertaken. The sills of a cabin are a critical barrier separating the cabin from moisture and rot creeping up from below. The sills at Lost cabin were in bad shape so, lead by Roger and Dick, we jacked up the cabin, replaced the bad sections and used stones to keep the new sills off the ground. This went well and we plan to repeat the process at Cullin next summer. With this type of preventative maintenance we can expect these cabins to last for many, many years.



Roger and Dick replacing sills at Lost

At the end of summer, Nature again reminded us who is in control of this area. Lac Gervais has been a very productive lake for speckled trout and a favourite of club members for many years. In early fall, the beaver dam at the exit of this lake gave out and was completely washed away. The lake is now several feet lower and the water surge took out the road leading to Otter lake. The road was (more or less) passable again as someone filled the washout with logs. Not so sure it will survive the spring flooding.



Low water in Lac Gervais following the burst of the beaver dam. It will take some time to renew vegetation in this lake and make it again, a great spot for speckles.



Nothing remains of the beaver dam we used to drive over at the exit of Lac Gervais. It is now crossable by ATV with some care.

The final season at the club focuses on hunting. Again this year, Connie demonstrated her skills taking home a fine moose. Many people enjoyed a grouse dinner. What better way to end the season?



Fall grouse on their way to the pot.

And so we close a very successful year at the Dumoine River club. We are in great shape to start the new season. Some of us are spending the cold evenings tying some killer flies (wish I could match Martin in this department) like the black leach used by Roger for his

monster trout. For those who cannot wait for spring, the club is beautiful in the winter and a groomed snowmobile trail takes you right past the lodge.



Best wishes to all and I hope to see you
all on the Dumoine in 2015