

DISCOVER THE HILLS

Lobster's delicious any way you cook 'em

The color of summer in Orangeville is red.

That's red for sunburn. And on the July 13, it's the color of lobster.

The Orangeville Lions Club's Lobsterfest has run on Founder's Day itself for years — but the two events aren't really connected.

In its 12th year, the July 13 Lobsterfest is the Lions Club's major fundraiser — in which club members hope to raise most of a \$25,000 annual contribution towards the new Dufferin Area Hospital.

BIGGEST
In the words of Lions publicity chairman Greg Bryan, it's the biggest event around, usually drawing upwards of 2,000 people to the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre for a dinner and dance.

The \$22.50 ticket gets you two hot lobsters, butter, baked potatoes, rolls, and salad — and dancing to two live bands.

After 11 years, club members have found a formula that's proved successful — but they're still making improvements.

This year, the emphasis is on a family atmosphere, Mr. Bryan said.

That means offering children under 12 who accompany adults an inexpensive hot dog or hamburger meal.

For adults who don't like lobster, there's an alternate ham steak dinner.

Dinner runs between 2 and 8 p.m., and is followed by dancing to live bands.

And for those who don't want to eat at the sports centre, \$10 dance-only tickets will be on sale the day of the event at the sports centre.

Lions organizers have also tried to cater to different musical tastes. Back for their eighth Lobsterfest is the Keith Burton Band, who provide the



Larry Kain has been head cook at the Lobsterfest for five years running. Mr. Kain is a member of the Lions Club, which sponsors the popular event.

PREVIEW

EVENT: Lobsterfest.
WHEN: July 13 and 14.
WHERE: Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre, Orangeville.
WHAT: 5,000 lobsters cooked to perfection. A dance follows the feast.

rock'n'roll atmosphere in A arena. Returning after a successful debut at last year's event is county and western band Thunder Road, in B arena.

The Lions Club has also tried to address complaints from other years.

"The only complaint anyone had last year was over the washroom facilities," Mr. Bryan said. This year the club has brought in more portable toilets to help ease that situation.

"We've made some improvements," Mr. Bryan said. "We're trying to set this up for families...with a good alternative to the rock band, with the kids meals, by fixing the washroom situation."



Mark Bergen and Evangeline Merkley, both of Orangeville, were among the patrons who consumed 5,000 pounds of lobster at last year's Lobsterfest in Orangeville. The popular event is a sell-out annually.

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