



BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

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DECEMBER 2009 NEWS AND VIEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Meetings are the last Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton. Next meeting, January 28th 2010. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 or e-mail bpsawiarnton@hotmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

Youth Shooting and Archery Programs starts Sunday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m.
Annual Handgun meeting Monday, January 18th at 6:30. Get your 2010 dues paid.

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin November 2009

A minute silence recognized the passing of long time member and dedicated worker Henry Smith.

Monthly BPSA minutes November 2009 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday November 26, 2009 with 26 members present. Club President David Leggatt asked if the October meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the October meeting, by Al Hunter seconded by Dennis Morrison carried.

Quest Speaker – none

New Members- Mike Stewart and Bob Manson were introduced at the November meeting

Treasury Mel Urbshott

- Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund \$3476
- Receipts \$ 90
- Expenses \$2081

Membership - Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2009 is currently 243. Blue membership buttons are available for 2010. Paid membership 2010 is 6.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Paul Poirier N/R

Bulletin -Gloria Berfelz

The hard copy publishing of the bulletin will resume with the November issue. Thanks Gloria Berfelz.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch N/R

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.

Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- Barrow Bay received 5000 Rainbows November 15, 2009 for their help during egg collection last spring.
- There are now about 26,000 Rainbows left in the hatchery and these will be fin clipped in the spring.
- The Hepworth Anglers have collected 1200 Brown Trout eggs from Spring Creek and are now in the hatchery.
- Water flow is currently about 12 gallons per minute.
- Water quality for particulate matter and phosphorus are good and well below MOE guide lines.
- We should receive our Brown Trout eggs from Normondale in December
- We need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery; however these volunteers must be members of the club for insurance and liability protection. Please call Bruce Mallard if you can provide some support.

Fish Management Zones-13 Lake Huron-14 Georgian Bay Stewardship Councils: Dennis Morrison

- All sportsmen clubs are reporting difficulties in collecting eggs in local streams i.e. the Sydenham club were only able to collect 113,000 salmon eggs over 13 outings, Kincardine collected only 116,000 Brown Trout eggs and Sarnia only 20,000.
- FMZ 14 had their initial meeting, in Parry Sound, in November, with about 25 representatives from various areas all around Georgian Bay and the North Channel. This diversified group with individual agendas combined with only two meetings per year may make it hard to identify common conservation programs to address.
- The Blue Water Park petition was available at the meeting for anyone, who had not previously signed it, and are interested in saving the existing flora and fauna in the park.

Handgun Club- Kelly Lang

- The regular handgun shoots are twice a week.
- This week they held an in house competition shoot.

Youth Programs: Rob and Krista Quesnel / Paul Porier N/R

- The 2010 youth programs will start next January. More detail, when finalized, will be available on the Web Site and or in the local press.

Native Affairs: Ray Reidel

- There is no known commercial fishing in the bay.

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson.

Stu attended the November O.F.A.H Zone H meeting. Some of the major topics reviewed were:

- Black bear study in Georgian Bluffs
- Sydenham Sportsmen are launching a \$12,000 clear water source project to improve their hatchery water quality and fish survival success.
- Midland club is giving up stocking muskies and concentrating on walleye.
- Money is available from the federation for conservation projects. Contact Wally Motz if you have a project.
- Greg Cull had a coyote presentation. Coyotes are expanding into more areas of Ontario. Land owners have the right to protect their property, other wildlife, and domestic livestock by killing or harassing coyotes.
- 25% of the North American Fisher population is in Ontario. They are a valuable for the fur industry but eat hare, cat, dog, porcupine, squirrel, etc.
- The Ontario Puma Foundation estimate there are 500 cougars in Ontario. Pictures of animals or other scat or track evidence and back ground data should be sent to - <http://www.ontariopuma.ca/>

- Growing concerns of aqua culture expansion in the Lake Huron north Channel areas. O.F.A.H is developing a policy on fish farms and working with Fisheries and Oceans to establish guidelines governing future fish farms in the Great Lakes.
- A Michigan hatchery has tagged rainbow trout. Contact Oak River Hatchery if you catch one of these fish.
- Stu gave a brief report on our BPSA August meeting with the MNR negotiators regarding the commercial fishing agreement.
- There are 66 clubs that make up membership to O.F.A.H Zone H, which includes some hunt clubs with 5 members or more.
- We will host the January 10, 2010 zone meeting. Steve Mader is in charge of lunch and snacks but other members are encouraged, if possible, to contribute draw prizes (we would like to have about 20)

Property: Carl Berfeltz

- All is okay.

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester- N/R

Scheduling: Carl Berfelz

- All scheduling to date is on the board.

Special Events: A 2010 special events meeting will be held in February or March.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- The washed river stone put into Gleason Brook has migrated down stream for about 150 feet. The next major rain should remove the balance of the stone from the shelf above the falls.
- Informal conversations among hunters would indicate that the deer harvest for 2009 is down from last year.
- The Blue Water Park redevelopment engineering study \$132,000 plus is back on after two previous defeats. Public input will be made through the consultants on this project.

Awards:

- The BPSA directors will handle this function this year and identify the winners for the annual banquet.

Old Business:

- The BPSA is still looking for a member to fill the position of Vice President.
- Mike Lutman reported the new commercial fishing agreement is moving along at a snails pace but that we still remain in the loop.

- The BPSA sanctuary schematics have been reviewed and been accepted by the enforcement branch of the MNR; however, it will probably be two years before the sanctuaries have a chance for final approval by the MNR. Ministry. In the interim a group including Mike Lutman, Ray Marklevitz, Al Hunter, Stu Paterson, Dennis Morrison, and Steve Mader has been formed to review with Georgian Bluffs and the Town of South Bruce Peninsula the possibility of the BPSA posting signs at the sanctuaries, if signs are permitted they will then develop the graphics and wording for review with the local councils.
- Quarries-Mike Lutman affirmatively responded to a letter requesting the public release of our letter of objection to the Sutherland quarry expansion. He also reviewed the three peer reports on the Everest quarry and sent a registered letter detailing our many concerns and objection to this proposed Quarry. The Hepworth Anglers also sent a similar letter of objection.
- Dennis Morrison had the web site changed to highlight the necessity of all fish feeders be BPSA members.

New Business:

- James McKane suggested that the club should recognize Ted Wilford's outstanding contributions to the club by having some type of annual conservation award in his name. Various ideas were discussed and David Leggatt will talk to Wendy to get her and the family input to this suggestion.
- The hunter in the Simcoe Forest who accidentally killed a woman, from a bullet fragment that he fired, was acquitted of manslaughter. Ray Reidel took the opportunity to emphasize the fact that every hunter should always know that there is a safe back ground before they ever discharge a firearm. If in doubt never take the shot.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod and Reel	George Berfelz
Lures	Bob Manson, Al Hunter, Mel Urbshott
Nuts and Bolts	Frank Hutter, Carl Berfelz, Ray Reidel, Murray Garniss
Ontario Out Of Doors magazines	Frank Hutter, Dave Leggatt
Donuts	Frank Hutter, Carl Berfelz
CD	Mel Urbshott
Tackle box	I forgot to write it down, my apologies
Fish multi tool	Steve Mader

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn was seconded by Ray Marklevitz and carried ending the November 2009 meeting at 9:20 pm.

From the President's Computer:

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I has been, I think, a good year for the BPSA. We have been able to see a lot of projects come to fruition and have had fun in doing them.

I was in to see the fish at the hatchery the other day when I took a new member to the gun club for a tour. They look great and, if the water holds, we should have a lot of fish to fin clip in the spring. (Now which fin was it again Ray?) I haven't lived down clipping the wrong fin the first year. I still say if I had been told to hold the head or the tail towards me I would have done fine. Oh well if you catch one with the wrong fin clipped let me know.

We are still working toward sanctuaries at the two creeks for spawning rainbows in the spring but nothing is moving very fast. It will probably be at least 2 years before the MNR might get around to doing something.

We haven't heard anything more on the new commercial fishing agreement except that they are moving very slowly and everyone is trying to get their ducks in a row before they do any serious negotiations. I hope we will hear more in the near future.

We had our meeting with the Blue Water park people and what was supposed to be ½ hour turned into 1 ½ hours. I know they heard us and I hope the Town acts on what the results which come back from the study group.

A reminder also of the O.F.A.H. Zone H meeting at the club house on January 10th at 10:00 AM. I would be good to have a good turn out from our club as the hosts. If you happen to have anything you would like to donate as a prize please bring it along and I am sure Stu will be grateful.

If you have any ideas for speakers in the new year see what you can set up and then we will try and put it together for some date.

Mike Lutman will be at the helm for the January 28th meeting as I have to be at another meeting that night.

Again to all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

El Presidente

Alias Dave Leggatt

The Blue Water Park

Public input will be made through the consultants on this project Note: On Dec. 10/09, members met with Stempski Kelly Associates at Town Hall and presented our Bluewater Park submission.



The BPSA Western Ontario Handgun League 2009 Champs

Back row: Rob Quesnel, Rod Quesnel.

Middle row: Kat McCulloch, Mario Guindon, Krista Quesnel, Mark Young, Ken Henry, George Albrechts, Graham Waite, Al Hunter.

Front row: Bill Hewitson, Randy Dawson, Kelly Lang, Frank Hutter, Mary Dawson, Sue Heinzer, missing from photo Mike Lutman

Gleason Brook Re-hab

On Oct. 28/09. Gord Smith, Ray Marklevitz, Murray Garniss, Henry Smith, John McGill and Al Hunter had a work day at Gleason Brook (Oxenden). The club contracted with E.C. King Contractors to deliver 20 tons of river stone to help rehabilitate the stream bed and improve spawning areas.

It was literally raining stones for about a half hour as the operator from King used a stone slinger to fire material 40-50 feet in the air to the falls and beyond. The slinger performed in one half hour what would have taken days or weeks by hand. The project is funded by a C.F.W.I.P. (MNR) grant.



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B.P.S.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31st.

Membership applications with payment

- are accepted at the monthly B.P.S.A. meetings.
- can be mailed to the address above. **Do not Mail Cash.**
- can be dropped off at 'Great Cuts' downtown or 'Mother's Fabrics' (north hill)

Please accept my application for (check one)

Adult-40.00 **Family-45.00** **Youth-10.00** (age 21 or younger) **Membership**

I hereby certify that as a member in the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by the Rules and regulations as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

Signed _____ Date _____ Year _____

Please print complete mailing address (including RR# if applicable)

Name _____ Partner's Name _____

Address _____ RR# _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____ Summer or Cell # _____

***If Youth member** give age () date of birth: day/month/year _____

Please check: Best time to call: Day Evening Weekend

What are your outdoor interests? Fishing Trap Shooting Hunting
Archery Camping Target Shooting Canoeing Other _____

The current membership chair is Larrilee Leckie (lleckie@live.ca)

For Reference: Date application received _____

cash cheque money order amount rec'd \$ _____

adult family youth

new membership renewal O.F.A.H. (rec'd _____)

wallet card given mailed spreadsheet data entered on _____