



BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

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Yours in Conservation

Our Club is affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

FEBRUARY 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, February 26th 2009. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 e-mail or e-mail rkmcc@gbtel.ca

Special Event Calendar 2009

Spring Fish Derby members & guests	May 8th to noon May 10th
Spring Fish Fry members & guests	May 10th (2:00pm)
Kids Day (Fishing)	July 11 (4:00pm)
Pork & Beef BBQ	July 12 (4:00pm-7:00pm)
Community Living Fish Derby	Sept 20 (2:00pm fishing)

assets, personnel, and operating mandates. These folks do a great job with limited personnel covering all of the Upper Great Lakes. One important point that they made is that they value input from sportsmen's clubs and individuals who see major illegal activities or problems and bring it to their attention.

If you have questions or wish to report a violation please call:

Robert Gibson- Lake Unit Enforcement Supervisor
tel. 519-371-5929 cell 519-372-5791 e-mail robert.c.gibson@mnr.gov.on.ca

Sean Cronsberry- Lake Unit Conservation Officer
tel. 519-371-3072 cell 519-372-7762 e-mail sean.cronsberry@ontario.ca

MNR TIPS line: 1-877-847-7667

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin January 2008

Monthly BPSA minutes January 2009 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday January 29, 2009 with 33 members present. Club President Mike Lutman asked if the December meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. Al Hunter indicated that the Wild Turkey Federation presentation date was incorrect and should have read February 26 2009. A motion by Dave Leggatt seconded by Al Hunter to adopt the amended minutes of the December meeting was carried.

Guest Speaker Robert Gibson enforcement supervisor Upper Great Lakes MNR

The presentation was a slide show of the history of their operations starting in 1892 and a review of current

Treasury: Mel Urbshott

• Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund	\$3198
• Receipts	\$3137
• Expenses	\$1638

Membership: Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2009 is currently 148. Just a reminder, 2009 dues are overdue. The OFAH membership costs are adult \$32, family \$43, youth with magazine \$21.50, youth with no magazine \$13.50. OFAH membership dues should be submitted prior to the March 1 2009 to obtain the association discount.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Brian Hughes N/R

Bulletin: David Leggatt / Kat McCulloch

E mail files are in good shape. Monthly bulletin submissions must be received by electronic mail by the 10th day of the month to be included in the bulletin.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch N/R

Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz

- We currently have 26,000 Rainbows in the hatchery. They will be fin clipped in February. Please call Ray Marklevitz if you can help and he will advise you of the date.
- The Spring Creek Brown Trout eggs have hatched and should swim up in the next two weeks.
- Hatchery water flow is great.
- We need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. Please call Bruce Mallard, if you can provide some support.
- Ray submitted the 2008 hatchery cost report \$6162 to the MNR. We normally receive reimbursement of \$2,000. He has also submitted an application to take eggs for 2009 Rainbows 200,000 and Browns 30,000.

Lake Huron Stewardship Council: Dennis Morrison N/R

Handgun Club: Kelly Lang

- Frank Hutter reported that there are currently 60 members.
- The competition group is currently in 1st place in the south west region.
- The hand gun club has purchased a new left hand rifle for the youth shooting program. This brings the total number of new rifles to seven.

Youth Programs: Frank Hutter / Paul Porier

- Youth shooting and archery programs are in full swing with 59 and 40 youths respectively participating to date. A welcome to the youths from the Nawash Recreation Dept. who have joined us this year.

Native Affairs: Ray Reidel N/R

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

Stu attended the OFAH Zone H January 2009 meeting. Some of the major subjects covered were:

- Chantry Derby runs July 25 – August 8 2009. The boundary is extended north of Cape Croker including Lion's Head and Barrow bay. Prizes total \$125,000. Check the Lake Huron Fishing Club web site for additional information.
- Your next chance for input into the Ontario Moose Program Review is March 26 in Owen Sound. Information gathered from hunters will help decide

the future of Moose hunting in Ontario. Call 1-800-667-1940 for an update on the time and location of the meeting. All Moose hunters should, if possible, attend this meeting.

- OFAH Big Game Advisory Committee has learned that the MNR are to review the 20 year old Black Bear Program especially in light of Bear predation of Moose calves
- Turkey hunting starts April 27 2009. There is concern that this is a Monday rather than the normal Saturday.
- Zone H membership is up 4% an increase of 507; but total Provincial membership is down by 600 to 82,000.
- Al Wilkins had an update on Cormorants. They eat 23% of their body weight daily. There are 108 colonies on Lake Huron and 98 are on the Ontario side, there are 7500 nests in Grey Bruce. It appears that their population has peaked mainly due to less winter food in the southern USA. John Cassleman and Mark Ridgeway are currently doing the largest ever study of Cormorants and this will be sent to Minister Cansfield.
- A big push by the Government to mandate the wearing of life jackets at all times when on your boat.
- Zone H native affairs representative Jack Doherty will meet with Cape Croker representatives to find out what is happening with the Commercial Fishing Agreement negotiations.
- Controversy as to the legal use of electronic ignition Muzzle loaded guns.
- The Zone H OFAH conservation dinner is March 14 2009 in Owen Sound.
- Our zone is donating to the Peterborough OFAH Wildlife Center, in memory of Blake Smith.

Property: Carl Berfelz

- The snow removal contractor was asked to make the parking lot bigger.
- The almost daily use of the clubhouse especially in the winter months requires additional housekeeping action. It was suggested that Carl explore the possibility of hiring someone to clean and wash the floors and bathrooms weekly. Persons interested in the job should call Carl at 519-534-0117.

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester/Ted Wilford

- There was no meeting this month due to inclement weather.

Scheduling: Carl Berfelz

- The 2009 scheduling to date is on the board.

Special Events:

- Town of South Bruce Peninsula will have a Youth program on the new Provincial Family Day Monday February 16, 2009. Our Association will participate by having an open house on this day between 1-3 pm., with tours of the hatchery, youth archery demonstrations and videos of club activities.
- Jack Seatter and Stu Patersn - Fish derby May 8 until noon May 10, 2009. Entry fee is \$5. Entry forms will be included in the January bulletin. One copy is to be kept by the participant and one copy to be handed in to the club or Outback tackle. The weigh scales will be open at the club house 10-12 am and 9-10 pm. The early bird draw will be at the April BPSA meeting.
- Jim and Martha Martell - Derby Fish Fry May 10, 2009 from 2-4 pm. Cost is \$8 per person with children 12 and under free. Members with their last names starting A-L are asked to bring a salad and M-Z a desert. Draw prize tickets will only be sold to people who have entered the Derby or have purchased a Fish Fry dinner.
- Don and Ed Elliott- Saturday July 11, 2009 at the Elliott cottages on Sky Lake, 342 Huron Road Red Bay. Fishing is 4-6 pm followed by prizes, hot dogs, ice cream and what ever anyone else would like to bring to make it a fun afternoon and evening.
- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison - Sunday July 12, 2009 at the club house from 4-7 pm. Additional detail will be provided in later bulletins.
- Ray Marklevitz- Community Living fishing on the hatchery pond Sunday September 20, 2009 2-4 pm. followed by a fish fry dinner. All BPSA members are encouraged to come out and participate as well as enjoy the dinner.

Ways and Means: Ted Wilford N/R

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- Al has again applied for a Community Fisheries grant from the MNR to provide washed stone in Gleason Brook.
- Tammy Falk is the regional director of the Wild Turkey Federation. She will make a presentation at our February 26, 2009 meeting.
- Jody Scheifley of the MNR was contacted regarding the possible requirement to feed deer this winter in our area. To date it appears that feeding is not required. However, if you see a need later in the winter, please contact Al for follow up.

Awards: Ted Wilford

- All entries for 2008 must be entered by the end of January 2009.

- The awards banquet was planned for in April, it will probably be Saturday April 18, 2009. Tickets will be \$20 and sold on a first come basis, after satisfying award winners and trophy sponsors. There should be room for about 50 people.

Old Business:

- Mike reported that he has had no replies or contact on the subject of the Sutherland Quarry.
- A copy of the peer review report was received for the Everest Quarry, about 30 pages. The proximity to Spring Creek is very significant and will have to be reviewed further prior to any permit approval.
- Dave McLeish responded to our letter questioning the practice of heavy stocking of Lake Trout and backing away from stocking Salmonoids in the Upper Great Lakes. He appreciated our concern and will encourage our participation in workshops and future discussions.
- Ray Marklevitz has not yet received comments on the review of the impact of local quarry operations on the water supply for our hatchery.
- The BPSA is looking for members to fill the positions of Vice President, Bulletin Editor, and Youth shooting coordinator.

New Business:

- Dave Leggatt will be the new BPSA President in April 2009.
- The fishing committee of Dennis, Ray M, Stu, Al, and Mike L had a meeting with Jeremy Holden and Fred Geberdt of the OFAH to discuss the BPSA request to make 100 meters into Colpoy's Bay at the mouths of the creeks at Oxenden and Colpoy's sanctuaries in March and April. This action would improve natural reproduction and egg collection. A greater complement of eggs would permit stocking fry in the upper reaches of Colpoy's creek that is not normally reached by spawning fish which would make the streams more productive. A motion by Jim McKane to continue pursuing the sanctuaries was seconded by Dave Leggatt and carried unanimously.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Fish Crisp	Ed Elliott, Dave Baxter
Fish Lures	Garry Stewart. Al Hunter
CD	Don Elliott
Rod and Reel	Frank Hutter
Fudge	Gord Smith, George Berfelz, Jim McKane
Sausage	Wayne Buckland

A motion by Dave Leggatt to adjourn was seconded by Carl Berfelz and carried ending the January 2009 meeting at 10:25 pm

Proposed Deer Hunt Changes

The MNR is proposing the following amendments to Ontario's hunting regulations

- Creating new deer hunting seasons in specific northern Wildlife Management Units to address expanding deer range and increasing deer populations. These new seasons will be consistent with those of other Wildlife Management Units sharing similar cervid (deer, moose, elk and caribou) populations and habitat characteristics. The result will be an enhanced ability to manage deer across a larger landscape in consideration of other cervid species that inhabit that area.
- Streamlining and enhancing archery and gun seasons in specific Wildlife Management Units to harmonize them with the seasons in neighbouring Wildlife Management Units in order to manage deer within an ecosystem and to make it simpler for hunters to understand the hunting regulations.
- Introducing a Hunter's Choice Additional Deer Seal that can be used across multiple Wildlife Management Units within southern Ontario, all of which currently offer additional deer seals. The seal will be available for resident deer hunters, be valid for archery seasons only, and for both antlered and antlerless deer. The seal will provide hunters with more flexibility to harvest a deer from broader, ecologically similar areas and will help address concerns related to increasing deer densities in southern Ontario.
- Introducing a new winter archery season for deer throughout areas of southwestern Ontario where deer abundance, snow depths and ecological conditions permit.

For More Information

Christie Curley, Wildlife Section, 705 755-1964
General Enquiries, Natural Resources Information
Centre 1-800-667-1940, TTY 1-866-686-6072
(Hearing Impaired)



Over 40 children have signed up for the youth shooting program. Great turn out. Will continue till April.

New tapeworm found in Great Lakes fish

Asian tapeworms are showing up in Lake Huron walleye, prompting a call to avoid sushi from Great Lakes fish. Officials said it is safe to eat fish that have tapeworms, provided the fish are thoroughly cooked, smoked or pickled using normal food preparation techniques.

Numerous anglers began reporting finding tapeworms in walleye caught in Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay, according to a Michigan Department of Natural Resources memo. Fish from some inland Michigan lakes also were infected with tapeworms, according to the DNR memo.

DNR officials said it is safe to eat fish that have tapeworms, provided the fish are thoroughly cooked, smoked or pickled using normal food preparation techniques.

"We do not recommend making sushi from any species of freshwater fish it is a very bad idea to eat any freshwater fish raw or poorly cooked as fish parasites use fish-eating mammals and birds as hosts and it is not known if humans can also be hosts."

If you want more information on this you can go to the fish section on our web site.

President's Message

Winter is here, enjoy it while it lasts as spring is just around the corner.

The association needs volunteers!

Dave Leggatt will become Association President as of the April meeting. Therefore, the nomination committee (Dave Leggatt, Mel Urbshott, and Don Elliott) is now open for nominations for Association Vice President (to become President in 2 years) and Bulletin organizer. If you or someone you know would fit either of these jobs, please contact a member of the nomination committee.

There is a need for volunteers to feed fish. Fish feeding is a short term commitment. It requires approximately 1 hour a day (any time of day) for a 1 or 2 week period. If you can commit time for this worthy cause please call Bruce Mallard at 519-534-1274 or Ray Marklevitz at 519-534-0402.

The following is a list of upcoming guest speakers:
January - Tammy Falk; regional director Wild Turkey Federation
June - Stephen Marklevitz: report on Salmon research project

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Mike Lutman

BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION FISH DERBY 2009

For the BPSA members and their guests only

Fri. May 8 – noon Sun., May 10, 2009. Cost \$5.00 per angler

Derby Ticket purchase: **Derby ticket must be purchased day before use**

Derby tickets can be purchased:

- February, March April general meetings
- Outback Tackle Wiarton
- By returning BPSA copy of ticket below with cheque to PO Box 548 Wiarton ON NOH 2T0

Fish weigh-in scales at hatchery:

- Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm and 9:00pm to 10:00pm
 - Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm and 9:00pm to 10:00pm
 - Sunday 10:00am - 12:00pm
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- Fish must weigh 2 lb. or more and be Salmonid to be entered.
 - Name, fish weight and time entered recorded for hidden weight draw.
 - Anyone wishing to donate their fish for the fish fry can do so at the weigh scale.

Note: men's and women's draw tickets for the fish fry will be available at the weigh scale.
Cost is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Prizes:

- Early Bird prize drawn at April BPSA meeting from derby tickets purchased before or during meeting.
- Hidden weight draw prizes (maximum one per person). If there is a tie, then the earliest fish entered wins.
- Prize(s) drawn from derby tickets sold.
- Only derby ticket holders (including Children) eligible for hidden weight prizes.
- Draw ticket (purchased) prizes alternate men and women (maximum 2 per person)
- Must have purchased derby or meal ticket to be eligible to purchase draw tickets

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B.P.S.A. Membership Application
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Please complete this application form and forward it with your remittance in the form of a personal cheque or money order to the above address. Do not Mail Cash. New members may also submit their applications to Ray Marklevitz at Davis-McLay Real Estate or Ted Wilford at Outback Tackle in Warton. Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31st.

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

Please accept my application for Membership into the Association.

Circle one: Adult- 40.00 Family- 45.00 Youth- 10.00 (21years and under)

Please print complete address (including RR# if applicable)

Name: _____ **Partner's Name** _____

Mailing Address _____ **RR#** _____

City _____ **Province** ____ **Postal Code** _____

Email 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 Archery Camping Hunting

Target Shooting Canoeing Other _____

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 _____

New membership Renewal O.F.A.H.

Paid by: Cheque \$ _____ Money Order \$ _____ Cash \$ _____