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NOVEMBER 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, November 26th 2009. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 or e-mail bpsawiarion@hotmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

Youth Shooting Program starts Sunday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m.

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin October 2009

A minute silence recognized the passing of long time member and dedicated worker Ted Wilford.

Guest Speaker - None

Monthly BPSA minutes October 2009 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday October 29, 2009 with 25 members present. Club President David Leggatt asked if the September meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the September meeting, by Al Hunter seconded by Dave Leckie carried.

Treasury Mel Urbshott

- Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund \$3476
- Receipts \$1545
- Expenses \$1937

Membership - Larrilee Leckie

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

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Paul Poirier N/R

Bulletin: The hard copy publishing of the bulletin has been discontinued until a volunteer with a computer steps forward to take on the job.

- The news letter will only be published to those with E-mail.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch N/R

- All agreed that Kat is doing a great job on the web site and all members are encouraged to forward information and pictures of club activities to Kat.

Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- Volunteers stocked 25000 Rainbows in the upper sections of Colpoy's and Oxenden creeks on October 13, 2009. There are 35000 left in the hatchery of which 5000 will be shipped to Barrow Bay, in November, for their help during egg collection.
- Gord Smith provided a hatchery tour and show and tell to Keven Miller who is a Sir Sanford Flemming student with a major in biology. He would also like to be involved in egg collection next spring
- The Spring Creek Anglers have again asked if we could hatch their Brown Trout eggs this year and we agreed as it is mutually beneficial.
- BPSA does not have a mandate from the MNR to supply fish stocks for private ponds
- There will be a hatchery managers meeting of all surrounding clubs at the BPSA club house in November or 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

- FMZ 13 had their initial meeting last week in Kincardine that Dennis attended. Eric Boisen the director for Minister Cansfield moved to a different ministry which precipitated many moves in MNR personnel that we deal with. They are only going to have two meetings per year which does not bode well for expeditious handling of concerns or topics. They are looking for topics of discussion for this year; a consensus of BPSA members at the October meeting, confirmed that our most important topics are commercial fishing agreements, enforcement, and Rainbow stocking.
- FMZ 14 Georgian Bay will have their initial meeting in November and Dennis will also be a participant
- Dennis obtained a copy of the MNR 2008 commercial fishing summary that again highlights the fact the commercial fishermen in Georgian Bay even though their quotas were increased continue to over fish the revised quotas by 144 % and 159 % for Lake Trout and Whitefish respectively. No data was published for Salmonoids.

Handgun Club: Kelly Lang

- The weekly handgun shoots are Mondays and Wednesdays.
- David Leggatt showed the Western Division Hand Gun Trophy that the BPAS competition group won for the first time last year. Congratulations to all BPSA members that were involved.
- Al Hunter commented on the addition of two new categories for the competition group, two handed shooting, and the use of optics for visually impaired.



Garry Willis League Convenor presented the 2009 Champion Western Ontario Handgun League trophy to some of the BPSA team at the General Meeting.

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

- The youth gun and archery shooting will start in January. Additional data will reported in the November bulletin.

Native Affairs: Ray Reidel

- No reported commercial fishing in the bay.
- The fish committee will continue to follow up to ensure participation in the new commercial fishing agreement.

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson. N;/R

Property: Carl Berfeltz

- All is Okay

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester N/R

Scheduling: Carl Berfelz

- The scheduling to date is on the board.

Special Events: N/R

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- The washed river stone, 20 tons, was put into Gleason Brook in October via a E.C. King stone slinger. They did a great job. It was suggested at the meeting that Al apply for as similar grant to extend the program for next year.
- Al and Gord Smith and their wives attended the October 22, 2009 MNR appreciation dinner and evening. They enjoyed the event and accepted an award recognizing BPSA contributions to conservation.
- Donna Stewart from the Outdoor Education Center wants to attend our next meeting and make a presentation on their programs and potentially solicit support from us.
- Al reported that Stan Hoath will be the Chairperson on the steering committee for proposed changes to Blue Water Park.

Awards:

- The Directors will review submissions and identify winners at the annual awards dinner.

Old Business:

- The BPSA is still looking for members to fill the positions of Vice President, and Bulletin Editor.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- The Town does not have the authority to pass a bylaw restricting fishing on the Colpoy's dock. A show of hands indicated that the majority of members at the meeting did not want the Town to pass a no trespassing bylaw on the Dock. We will continue to follow up with the MNR to improve sanctuaries during Rainbow Trout spawning season.

- A registered letter, from Gamsby and Mannerow, of Objector Response re the Everet Quarry was received. They concluded that no Karst exists and the quarry would not affect the quality of drinking water so the quarry should go ahead. Mike Lutman will respond indicating that the concerns of water temperature and chemical composition have not been addressed and that other independent hydrogeological studies do not support the establishment of this quarry.

New Business:

- David read an appreciation note from the Ted Wilford family for the BPSA support during their time of bereavement and funeral lunch.
- Parks Canada have asked Mike Lutman to complete a conservation study.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod and Reel	Al Hunter
Lures	Rick Nolk (2)
Meat	Dennis Morrison, Carl Berfelz, Ken Bennett
Hat	Don Elliott
Ontario Out of Doors	Henry Smith, Murray Garniss, Christo Karastojanov
Knife set	John McGill
Raspberry jam	Ed McArthur
Spanish onions	Gord Smith

A motion by Dennis Morrison to adjourn was seconded by Rick Nolk and carried ending the October 2009 meeting at 9:10 pm.

White tailed deer are out and about in higher numbers at this time of the year, so watch for them while driving, both onsite and off. Deer are often on the move around dawn and dusk. Watch the road ahead, scanning from shoulder to shoulder. Slow down near “wildlife warning” signs, and watch for glowing eyes – high beams can help. Remember to steer and stay in control, even if hitting an animal is unavoidable. Never swerve to avoid hitting an animal. Brake firmly, but don’t lock up your wheels. Slowing down will provide you with control. Stop safely, since other animals may be following the first one. Please drive carefully.



President’s Message for November

Well the rifle season is over for deer and I hope everyone had a good week out hunting. I heard there were not a lot of deer seen or shot north of Allenford this year and most of those were bucks.

I saw a doe or maybe 2 does on two separate evenings during the week but couldn’t shoot at the first one (no back cover) and the other one was at 200+ yards with no gun rest. She even gave me two shots at her but I missed on both so unless the bow produces I am still a deer “virgin”. Bought 2 tags and probably won’t even fill one. Oh well must support the MNR and Ontario government some way.

On a more serious note we have lost another member as I said on the email I sent out November 10th. Henry Smith passed away at his deer camp on the 9th or 10th of November. The doctor figured a massive heart attack and it was instantaneous. As Marjorie said at least he went quick and was in a place he loved to be with his hunting party.

We still have had no one come forward come forward to take on the job of bulletin editor so there will not be a printed bulletin again this month. Someone needs to bite the bullet and step up to the plate on this as it isn’t fair to our members who don’t have email.

We also do not have a vice president yet either but that isn’t quite as serious at this time. This position will need to be filled in about a year though when my term as president is done.

There won’t be a meeting in December as the meeting night falls on New Years eve. My guess is the attendance won’t be too good so I am going to go out on a limb and cancel it now.

Let me be the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember that drinking and driving is a really STUPID idea so please don’t do it. I don’t want to have to put any more obituaries in this bulletin.

Your president

Dave Leggatt

2009 Community Living – BPSA derby –

It was a perfect day, Sunday September 20th, for the 2009 Community Living Fishing Derby hosted by the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association. More than 30 fish were caught. Well over a hundred people enjoyed the event and the fish fry that followed. The fish fry prepared by BPSA volunteers and the tunes provided live by The Midnight Blue Band, Dave Nixon, Rob Ritchie, Bill Nixon and Sterling MacNay added to the festive atmosphere.

Under sunny skies Vicki Ellis with advice from brother Bob, landed the first fish and reeled in several other nice rainbow trout.



Tiffany Wilson with dad Roger supervising, caught the largest trout. Anglers will tell you any day is a great day for fishing, but this annual event is very special for everyone involved. It was at least 37 years ago that the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association launched this derby in partnership with the Bruce Peninsula Association for Community living. Jeff Isbester and Bower Ottewell launched the event. Its never been cancelled, going ahead rain or shine.



The annual derby is a highlight for families and Community Living supported people.

The Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living offers a variety of support services for over 150 individuals. It serves Bruce Peninsula children and adults with developmental disabilities. This organization employs over 70 staff. It owns 5 group homes and a 6-plex-apartment building. The Community Living office is in down town Warton.



The 450 member Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association is renowned for its conservation work including its ongoing stocking of sports fish. Since 1962 the BPSA has stocked nearly 5-million rainbow, brown trout and salmon in Grey-Bruce waters. Tourism officials estimate BPSA efforts have helped pump 16-million dollars into our regional economy.

Stu Paterson – Paterson Media for the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association and the Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living.

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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 _____