



# BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

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## OCTOBER 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, October 29th 2009. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 or e-mail [bpsawiarnton@hotmail.com](mailto:bpsawiarnton@hotmail.com) or Kat at [rkmcc@gbtel.ca](mailto:rkmcc@gbtel.ca)

### BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin September 2009

A minute silence recognized the passing of long time member Clarence Horst.

Monthly BPSA minutes September 2009 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday September 24, 2009 with 28 members present. Club President David Leggatt asked if the June meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the June meeting, by Stu Paterson seconded by Ray Marklevitz carried.

Quest Speaker - None

Christo Karastojanov introduced himself as a new member.

Treasury Mel Urbshott

• Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund	\$3476
• Receipts	\$3562
• Expenses	\$4810

Membership - Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2009 is currently 241. Blue membership buttons are available for 2010.

### Committee Reports and Discussions

**Archery: Paul Poirier N/R**

**Bulletin: David Leggatt / Kat McCulloch**

- We need a volunteer to look after the job of Bulletin editor and publisher. If no one steps forward the news letter will not be published and only those with E mail will receive the bulletin.

**Web Site: Kat McCulloch N/R**

**Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith**

- BPSA volunteer support for helping to put up the tent for the Salmon Spectacular was down this year. We need at least 12 to 15 members to support this function. John McGill thanked all who helped this year. Sydenham appreciation for volunteers will be at their club this Saturday.
- Hatchery water flow is low and the well pumps have been activated.
- The Brown Trout about 24000 have been stocked.
- Ray reported the following Rainbow data in thousands for this year: eggs collected 116, hatched 105, already stocked Colpoy's 20 and Oxenden 20, lost to gill disease 5, left in the hatchery 65.
- A permit to stock 5000 fall Rainbow fingerlings at Barrow Bay and another 30000 in Colpoy's Bay has been received.
- Ray thanked George Garton for his daily Rainbow egg picking support.
- The water quality exiting the hatchery is excellent.
- We need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. Please call Bruce Mallard if you can provide some support.

**Lake Huron Stewardship Council: Dennis Morrison**

- The Council has not had a meeting since the initial meeting many months ago.

- The MNR want separate chairpersons for each FMZ, Georgian Bay 14, and Lake Huron 13, rather than co-chairpersons. The council meetings for each of these FMZ's will be held in October. A motion by Ray Marklevitz to have Dennis Morrison on both of these FMZ's, due to the nature of our club members active in both zones, was seconded by Carl Berfelz, carried.

Handgun Club- Kelly Lang

- The regular twice a week handgun shooting schedule resumed in September.

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

**Native Affairs: Ray Reidel N/R**

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

Stu attended the O.F.A.H zone H August meeting. Some of the major topics and presentations were:

- A number of cougar sightings in the Meaford area.
- The draft of a MNR bear policy that should be based on science and consultation.
- Bear attacks in Canada are on the increase. Individuals are encouraged to send Email pictures of nuisance bears to your local media as this is a powerful weapon to fight for the reinstatement of the spring bear hunt.
- The record number of rattle snake bites this year in Ontario. Anti venom shots cost \$1600 each and both Barrie and Grey Bruce Health Services ran out of these shots this summer.
- O.F.A.H membership is increasing but we have to encourage even more sportsmen to join as the O.F.A.H is considered among the most effective lobby groups in Canada.
- The threat of Gobies on Bass nests.
- Major native commercial fish in Nottawasauga, Barrow and Hope Bays and reports of commercial fishermen offering a free Rainbow if you buy a Salmon. This is remarkable when commercial fishermen don't have a license to catch or sell either species.
- A rogue commercial net in Colpoy's Bay.
- Volunteer Hatcheries still facing hefty fees from the MOE for taking water.
- Participation in zone hatchery meetings.
- MNR doing an environmental assessment on all species in the Huron Basin and Georgian Bay as proposed by First Nations.
- Wayne Lintik a MNR CO reported they got 40 new computer equipped super trucks and 3 unmarked ghost vehicles as well as plain clothes officers.
- There has been a breach of the gun registry
- Stu is going to try and get Larry Miller to be a guest speaker at the January Zone H meeting.

**Property: Carl Berfelz**

- Carl thanked Ed McArthur for cutting the grass this summer.

**Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester**

- There are now 3 eagle nest and one was occupied this summer.
- The Rangers trimmed the bush road into Isaac Lake.
- Larry commented on the tremendous amount of work Ted had personally done in establishing juvenile fish sanctuaries in the Rankin river system.

**Scheduling: Carl Berfelz**

- The 2009 scheduling to date is on the board.

**Special Events: All special events during the summer were very successful.**

- Saturday July 11, 2009 Kids fishing day had about 80 attendees. 32 kids received fishing poles thanks to the Toronto Sportsman Show and tackle kits from J&S Tackle. A very thoughtful appreciation letter was received from Marlee Palintao that eloquently described the event.
- Pork and Beef Diner Sunday July 12, 2009 at the clubhouse was the best ever and raised \$1267.
- Community Living fishing on the hatchery pond Sunday September 20, 2009 was attended by about 120 enthusiastic folks who caught over 30 fish. Next year we should buy all the pickerel in the spring to accommodate both the fish fries.

**Wildlife: Al Hunter**

- The washed river stone will be put into Gleason Brook in October after Al received approval from MNR and the property owner Van Johnson.
- Al provided a status update on the Towns latest activities on proposed changes to Blue Water Park. He has personally expressed his concerns on the proposal to each member of council. After much discussion, and following the conservation policies of BPSA, Dennis Morrison raised a motion to advise the town that the park rework relative to cutting down the mature trees, installing a new boat launch and paving over much of the park should be canceled was seconded by James McKane and carried unanimously.

**Awards: Ted Wilford N/R**

**Old Business:**

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

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- The Government Dock at the marina is currently barricaded but will be open to fishing once the repairs have been completed.

- The \$15 parking and boat launching fee at Blue Water Park was approved by town counsel and they won't change it. It is actually a parking pass and not a launch pass.

**New Business:**

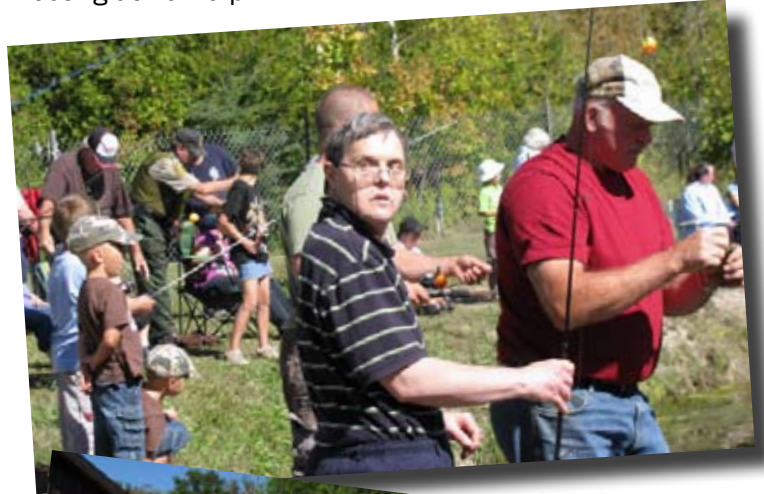
- BPSA received a thank you letter from the Wilford's for the use of the clubs tent. Ted also repaired and replaced some of the egg collection nets.
- Mike Lutman and the fish committee had a 2 hour meeting with the MNR and the negotiators and lawyers regarding the new commercial fishing agreement.
- Letter from RCMP approving for one year our firearms range license.
- Many letters and communications relative to the establishment of enhanced Rainbow sanctuaries in March and April at the mouths of Colpoy's and Oxenden creeks; however to date no approved improvements have been put in place.
- Cathy Dodge a MNR biologist requested BPSA attendance, October 24, 2009, at a partner appreciation Dinner at the Sydenham club house.
- Dave Leggatt on behalf of the BPSA will write a letter expressing our concern to the Federal Government, the Office of Public Safety and copies to Steven Harper, and Larry Miller about the breach of the Gun Registry.
- Ducks Unlimited will make a presentation re Wood Duck nest boxes in October or November
- Please review current Environmental Registry actions EBR# 010-7724 banning the sale of scent urine and EBR# 010-7726 severe restriction on the transportation of moose and or caribou meat and or antlers from out of province. Both actions are intended to reduce the possibility of the spread of chronic waste disease but could unnecessarily severely restrict hunting opportunities.

**Photos of the 2009 Fish Derby**

**Winners of Draw Prizes**

Rod and Reel	Dennis Morrison
Lures	James McKane, Murray Garniss
Sausage	Dave Morton
Hat	Henry Smith
Molson shirts	Ron Snelling, Dave Morton
Backpack	Ray Marklevitz
Prints	John McGill
Spanish onions	Stu Paterson

A motion by Marlene Burnett to adjourn was seconded by Al Hunter and carried ending the September 2009 meeting at 10:20 pm.





## Presidents Letter for October bulletin.

Friends it hardly seems possible we are well into October already. Most of the fishing is done for another year and I hope you fisherpeople did better than I did over the past few months. On my walk through the Wiarion Marina the other day I saw a few fish swimming around one of the boat docks and boy did they look rough. They were black and ragged. If they hadn't already spawned they didn't look like they had much longer to do the deed.

As we start into the deer hunting season with bow and later rifle I want to wish all of you hunters good luck. I have to miss the opening day because of family commitments so I hope there are a few left on the Tuesday. I also hope that the title of "Deer Virgin" I have right now is gone by the end to the season.

We are still moving ahead slowly with trying to set up fish sanctuaries at the Colpoys Creek and the Gleason Creek. It is a long slow process but it looks like Mike and his team are making a little headway with the MNR and the town. As far as the commercial fishing agreement the MNR tells us there is nothing new to report on at this time.

As many of you know we lost Ted Wilford to cancer this past month. Ted did a lot of work for this club and for conservation in general. We will miss his smiling face both at the clubhouse and at Outback Tackle.

On that note Wendy has agreed to take membership forms at Mother's Fabrics so we still have a connection in that area. Cindy Waugh has also agreed to take memberships down town at the barber shop now that Ray has retired from the real estate office.

We are still looking for a bulletin editor and a Vice President. As I said last month if we didn't have someone come forward to take over the bulletin there would not be a printed copy mailed out from now on. This is not fair to our members who don't have computers and for those who rely on the bulletin as a link to our Association. I just don't have the time to do both bulletin and president.

I hope you all had a great thanksgiving holiday with family and friend and remember we have so much to be thankful for, both in this area of the country and all across this wonderful land.

Yours in Conservation

Dave Leggatt  
B.P.S.A. President

**B.P.S.A. Membership Application**  
**Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association**  
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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_