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APRIL 2010 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, April 29th 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

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin March 2010

New Members- David Jessop and John Bindseil

Guest Speaker – Ruth Ann Picket from Peninsula Shores High School outlined the schools bursary program. BPSA want to establish a bursary in memory of Ted Wilford's conservation contributions to the community and dedicated service to BPSA.

Monthly BPSA minutes March 2010 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday March 25, 2010 with 51 members present. Club President David Leggatt asked if the February meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. There were two errors, Dennis was to attend a committee meeting in Windsor not Sarnia and the Beef and Pork BBQ on July 18 is from 4-7 pm. A motion to adopt the amended minutes of the February meeting, by Al Hunter seconded by Dennis Morrison carried.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott - March

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| • Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund | \$ 3476 |
| • Receipts | \$ 2000 |
| • Expenses | \$ 1729 |

Membership - Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2010 is currently 137. Every one is reminded that 2010 membership dues are now past due.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Karen Van Nest

- Karen is in the process of reestablishing an Archery activity in BPSA. She suggested to the Directors at a meeting just prior to tonight's monthly meeting the essential equipment requirements and a proposed Junior badge proficiency program. Carl Nuttall will help Karen with contacts to local businesses that handle archery equipment in an effort to buy local from businesses that support our club. All archers must be a member of BPSA to have insurance protection when participating in club activities. Please contact Karen if you are interested:
tel. 534 9527 E-mail kvn_ca@yahoo.com
- A motion by Stu Paterson to provide funds of up to \$1000 for initial start up equipment requirements essentially 6 professional target butts (2 large outdoor and 4 indoor) seconded by Ed McArthur carried.

Bulletin – Gloria Berfelz N/R.

Web Site and Newsletter Design: Kat McCulloch N/R

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.
- Updates to improve the system have been implemented.
- The Web Master needs to be compensated.

Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- Volunteers on March 7, 2010 stocked 2184 big Rainbow Trout at Oxenden and Colpoy's Creeks
- The balance of last years Rainbows 20,000 will stocked Sunday morning March 28, 2010.

- The 30,000 BPSA Brown Trout in the hatchery are doing great
- The Spring Creek Brown Trout developed a gill disease but have been treated several times and losses have been reduced.
- Egg collection will be in mid April. A volunteer sign up sheet was available or contact Ray.
- Two signs have been erected at the mouths of Colpoy's and Oxenden creeks that request anglers not target and or release spawning females during March and April. The cost of the signs was \$400. The Echo and Sun Times both had good coverage on the need to protect the spawning Rainbows.
- Hatchery water samples have been collected and sent for analysis.
- 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

- The FMZ 13 meeting scheduled for Kincardine March 20, 2010 was postponed until April. He will bring to the table the same three areas of high priority that we have had in the past Enforcement, Cormorant control, and the Commercial Fishing Agreement.
- Dennis attend the two day Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Lake Committee Meetings, in Windsor March 22, 2010. There were 13 topics presented by some of the best American and Canadian professors and research experts in the field. The presentations started at the nutrient make up of the waters, next the plant levels, then zooplankton, continuing up the food chain to forage and prey fish to predator fish some details include:
 - Lake Huron chlorophyll A levels are lower than Lake Superior
 - Chlorides and Silica are higher, Total Phosphorous in a 12 year trend is lower.
 - Biomass is depressed but does recover in the summer.
 - Zooplankton (Mysis especially) is down (1971-2000's).
 - A dramatic depletion of algae due to dressinids (zebra & quagga mussels).
 - A collapse of the lower food web starting in 2003 (oligotrophic).
 - Biomass is lower in Georgian Bay than the main Lake Huron Basin for Mysids and other Zooplankton.
 - Gravid females are smaller, therefore they have fewer eggs and consequently fewer numbers
 - Trawler surveys indicate there are almost no Alewife, some small smelt and bloater chub, gobies are going down, now only 20% of exotics.

- Virtually no sculpins, some sticklebacks and troutperch.
- Lake wide biomass is the lowest ever, it peaked in the 1980's and then mussels came in the 90's.

The good news is;

- There are lots of juvenile Walleye and they are spreading out.
- Thiamine levels are now out of danger levels in Lake Trout, which improves egg success.
- US Geological Hydroacoustic surveys differ from trawl surveys in that they measure the total bait fish density as they measure the total column of water. These show that bait fish density has doubled, biomass is up 3 times over last year, lots of smaller smelts and a higher number of adult bloaters
- Chinooks are feeding on smelt, spiny water fleas, gobies, and 3 spine sticklebacks.
- Rainbows are feeding on bugs, one fish had over 300 winged ants.
- Salmonoids having a diversified diet indicative of very few large prey fish to eat.
- Chinooks are getting heavier but they don't know why
- Michigan policy is to stop stocking Lake Trout once the wild fish make up 50% of the population. - Sea Lamprey are targeting Lake Trout over 24", and under Lake Herring and Whitefish.
- Steven Marklevitz also attended the meetings and would like to get additional samples from our May Derby.
- Dennis will attend the next FMZ 14 council meeting in Sudbury March 27, 2010. He has developed a presentation and will give it on the need of sanctuaries in the Bay to protect the Rainbow spawning runs in Oxenden and Colpoy's Creeks.

Handgun Club- Kelly Lang

- The regular handgun shoots are twice a week.
- The hand gun competition with other clubs are active and successful.
- Handgun membership is currently 58.

Youth Programs: Rob and Krista Quesnel / Paul Poirier

- Last week there were 22 youth members out. There are 2 more weeks of rifle shoots and then on May 8, 2010 there will be a trap shoot.

Native Affairs: Ray Reidel

- Ray reported that the fishing tug at Colpoy's pulled their nets and left the area. The only thing left behind was a box of garbage that Ray will report to the MNR.
- The Lake Huron Fishing Club expect to get a copy of the expired commercial fishing agreement some time in April.

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

Stu attended the OFAH 82 nd Annual General Meeting March 18-20 2010 at the Delta Meadowvale Conference Center in Mississauga. Some of the topics and discussions among attendees were:

- Commercial fishermen in Colpoy's Bay during the Rainbow pre spawn.
- Circulation of a new BPSA research document that uses MNR statistics to show how commercial fishermen around the Bruce Peninsula habitually go over Quota but suffer no penalties.
- Minister Jeffrey admitted that she was on a steep learning curve on her new job and consequently declined any question and answer session. She promised that if HST is applied to licenses the money will go to the MNR fish and wildlife programs. She was invited to visit our club and hatchery.
- The MNR have 2 new lake vessels Huron Explorer and Ontario Explorer.
- Eric Boysen MNR Director of Biodiversity discussed several topics, MNR re-alignment, water quality and quantity, Asian Carp, MNR 90 million budget this year for fish and wildlife, and the hold back of water to keep Huron and Michigan Lakes higher.
- Mike Reader urged all of us to voice our opinions whenever something or someone threatens conservation, hunting or fishing. Write letters, call talk shows, and speak out.
- Kevin Loftus MNR fish culture manager talked about stocking programs, potential need for more hatcheries, economic impact of anglers, and a study about the crash of salmon in Lake Huron.
- OFAH will meet soon with Minister Jeffrey to discuss the increasingly serious coyote situation.

Property: Carl Berfelz N/R

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester- N/R

Scheduling: Carl Berfelz

- All scheduling to date is on the board.
- The Pathfinders will be using the property April 23-25, 2010 for a camp out and clean up.

Special Events: A 2010 special events schedule and current detail follows:

- Fish Derby – Jack Seatter-May 7-9 2010. Derby entry fees \$5. The prize committee is Jim McKane Cindy Waugh, Dave Baxter, Stu Paterson, and Karen Van Nest. The prize money they are assigned is \$350 for Pure Fishing and \$300 and \$150 respectively for women and men. Local business donating prizes will be offered free tickets to the Beef and Pork BBQ held in July. Jack will have Derby tickets included in the March

bulletin Get the ticket filled out and into the club by the April meeting to ensure you are included in the early bird draw.

- Fish Fry –Martha and Jim Martell- May 9 ,2010 (2-4 pm) The meal is for members and friends. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, and under 12 is free. Dennis will contact Purdy's to buy 160 pounds of pickerel (half for the Derby and the other half for the Community Living Fishing Day). BPSA members A-L are requested to bring salads and M – Z desserts. Participants in the draw prizes must purchase a dinner ticket. Jim reported that every one attending must report their name and telephone number due to some new bureaucratic health mandate.
- Kids Fishing Day-Elliott's cottage- Saturday July 10, 2010 4pm at Sky Lake, 342 Huron Road Red Bay. Hot dogs and Ice Cream will be provided and attendees can bring any supplemental food, beverages or goodies they want to. It's a Kids day so bring your children, grand children and their friends.
- Beef and Pork BBQ-Dennis Morrison and Murray Garniss- Sunday July 18, 2010 from 4-7 pm. This is a fund raiser and is open to the community. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children and children under 12 are free.
- Community Living Fishing on the Pond –Ray Marklevitz and Gord Smith- Sunday September 19, 2010. Fishing is 2-4 pm. and dinner is at 4pm. BPSA will provide the fish and French fries and Community Living will bring the salads and desserts. Dave Nixon will provide the music. As many BPSA members as possible are encouraged to come out and participate.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- The Blue Water Park redevelopment “preferred plan “ from SKA and the committee was reviewed at a COW on March 16, 2010. A public meeting will be held at the Arena on March 30, 2010 7-9 pm.
- Al obtained a video on the Jordan Scotty Salmonid Egg Incubator boxes.
- Jody Scheifley will provide the club with two “Data Loggers” that are thermometers that will record stream temperatures daily. These are then down loaded to a computer for analysis of steam reproduction capacity. He is also committed to a stream shocking program in August to check for juvenile fish natural reproduction.
- The river stone has migrated down stream from the falls.
- Mike Lutman advised Al that the Fishing Agreement has stalled and that it was suggested that in addition to the sanctuary signs to protect spawning Rainbow we should also make up and install story boards on the Rainbow life cycle to further encourage conservation.

Awards:

David obtained Ted's brief case from Wendy with entries for the 2009 awards. Don Elliott was asked to contact the directors to obtain their opinions as to when and how the awards should be presented. The consensus was that we should honour Ted's dedication and hard work from the past years by continuing to have a separate dinner and awards evening to present plaques to the award winners. The award winners this year are Juniors:

Jessie Mallard	- Large Mouth Bass
Derrick Harms	- Turkey
Seniors: Carl Schroeder	- Rainbow
Carl Schroeder	- Salmon
Frank Hutter	- Turkey

A pot luck dinner and awards presentation will be held at the club house Saturday April 10, 2010 at 6 pm. Please come and ensure the program, which is a legacy to Ted, continues.

Old Business:

- The BPSA is still looking for a member to fill the position of Vice President.

New Business:

- The Ted Wilford Memorial Bursary Award at PSHS was discussed with several options put forth as possibilities. The Club Executive were asked to develop the criteria and amount of the award and bring back a proposal to the April meeting for approval.
- Gary Stewart indicated that there are 2 large almost dead Ash trees beside the club drive. Approval was given to fell the trees and use the wood for the club house wood stove.
- Henry White obtain approval for a Kelso Villa (retirement home) visitation, luncheon and hatchery tour on April 22, 2010. Henry will contact volunteers to help make up the lunch; however, if anyone new would like to participate, please call Henry.
- Dennis Morrison indicated that BPSA will probably, in the near future, be asked by the Fish and Wildlife Heritage to comment on our local issues.
- Stu Paterson advised that 2 fishermen were spotted at 2 or 3 am. trying to net fish at Oxenden Creek. Anyone witnessing this illegal activity should call the TIPS line and or the OPP and if possible get the license number of the vehicle.

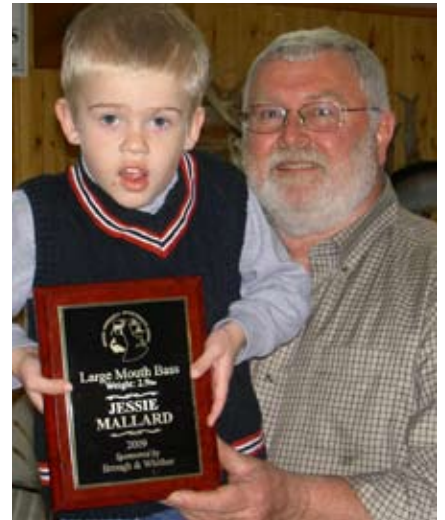
Winners of Draw Prizes

Reel oiler	Jack Seatter
Deer fly strips	Bruce McNeil (2)
Lures	Dave Baxter, Gord Smith, George McGuire
Hooks	George McGuire
Disgorger	Murray Garniss
Sinkers	Stu Paterson
Lanyards	Dave Leggatt, John McGill, LorneM allard, D onE lliott
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A motion by Marlene Burnett to adjourn, carried, ending the March 2010 meeting at 10:35 pm.

Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association Awards

Jessie Mallard won top honours in the junior largemouth bass category at the recent Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association annual awards event. The awards were co-ordinated by BPSA executive member Don Elliot.



Elliott and club President David Leggatt congratulated Carl Schroeder. Carl weighed in the largest trout and salmon in 2009.

Other winners were Derek Harms with the heaviest turkey in the junior category. Frank Hutter took top honours in the adult turkey category.

The volunteer based Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association is dedicated to preserving and enhancing fish and wildlife in Grey-Bruce. Our group is particularly interested in involving youngsters in outdoors recreation and conservation.

Upcoming association events include the annual BPSA Kids Fishing Derby at 4pm Saturday July 10 at Elliott's Cottages on Sky Lake. A major fund-raiser for our club is the ever popular annual Beef & Pork BBQ July 18 from 2-4pm at the BPSA clubhouse. Our Community Living Rainbow Trout Party and fish fry are scheduled for September 19 from 2-4pm at the hatchery.

To join this respected conservation group, please contact membership chair Larrilee Leckie at lleckie@live.ca or at 519-534-0377. If you have questions about the BPSA check out our web site.

Georgian College Police Foundations had a great time at the club.

On Monday March 29, 2010, sixteen students and three faculty members of the Georgian College Police Foundations program enjoyed a day at the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association pistol range. This annual event has become a favourite with students, faculty and BPSA members. Students are paired one on one with club mentors for an afternoon of firearms safety training and practical pistol shooting skills.

Some impressive scores were turned in and the event is sure to be repeated for future graduating students in the Georgian College Police Foundations Program.



Hon. Linda Jeffrey and Stu Paterson discuss issues of concern to the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association. The meeting took place at the 2010 annual conference of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Jeffrey, Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources told delegates from over 600 OFAH clubs, she recognizes and respects their traditions of hunting and fishing. She also told Paterson at the Mississauga conference, she will try to schedule a visit to the BPSA hatchery this year.



The Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association OFAH representative also met with Conservative MP Candice Hoepfner best known for her anti long-gun registry private members Bill C-391. Hoepfner told the conference, the long gun registry does nothing to stop murders at a time when police should be putting their energy into making sure guns do not get into the wrong hands. Her speech was warmly accepted.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is the largest non-profit, charitable, fishing hunting and conservation organization in Ontario. For more than 80 years the OFAH has been an effective voice for Ontario's anglers and hunters. The 450-member Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association has been active in Grey Bruce since the sixties.

The BPSA is renowned for its conservation



Presidents Letter:

Things are starting to get busy now for the club. The rainbow trout have finally been stocked off to the streams. There were some good size fish in the last stocking. Now we have the brown trout fry to finish raising and then they will also be stocked off. The egg collection has started again for next years fish stocking but so far it hasn't been a good collection. Ray said it was close to 75% fin clipped fish they handled which means they have come from some hatchery and it is a good possibility it is ours. Most of the fish so far were either spent before we got to them or were still too green to spawn. Hopefully things will improve. The number of people fishing at the mouth of the streams for spawning rainbows sure doesn't help. They are fishing legally but this is why we need the sanctuaries expanded to protect the staging fish.

On a happier note is almost turkey season and there seems to be a fair number around. I haven't had a chance to scout out my favourite spot yet but the farmer said there have turkeys around. Maybe this year will be the lucky one for me.

I want to thank Don Elliot and his crew for putting on a great awards banquet and doing the awards. The pot luck was just great, except that some of us just ate too much. You have to try a little bit of everything and that made for a really loaded plate. There were some though who had enough room to go back for seconds, I have no idea where they put all that food. It was nice to see Wendy Willford at the dinner and she seemed to really enjoy herself. I think Ted would be pleased with the way things were carried on. This year we need people to record their turkeys with weight etc. as well as any fish they catch and deer and moose. It will be an honour system as we don't have an official weigh in station but I am sure with a picture we can trust you all to the right thing.

The fishing derby is coming up this mother's day weekend so make sure you get your tickets. The early bird draw will be at the meeting April 29th. There are ticket forms in the bulletin and there will be some at the meeting in case you forget to fill one out. The price is \$5.00 the same as last year. This year you have to have a meal ticket for the Sunday meal or you won't be allowed to buy draw tickets. There is some serious work going into prizes again this year. Thank you in advance to those doing the leg work.

As usual you can donate your fish at the weigh scales if you want or take it home. The more donated means the more we have of the bought fish for the Community Living fish derby in September. There is a new wrinkle in the Sunday fish fry since some of the fish will be wild and not farm raised each person will have to sign a paper with their name and phone number. This is something the health department has told us we must do.

Until the next letter good hunting and fishing and remember whichever you are doing do it safely. I don't want to hear of any of our members being shot or drowned.

Dave Leggatt
President BPSA

BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION FISH DERBY 2010

For the BPSA members and their guests

Fri. May 7, to Sun. noon, May 9, 2010. Cost \$5.00 per angler

Fish weigh in scales at hatchery:

- Friday 10:00 – 12:00 and 7:00 to 9:00
- Saturday 10:00 - 12:00 and 7:00 to 9:00
- Sunday 10:00 - 12:00

At the Scales

- Fish must weigh 2 lb. or more and Salmonoid to be entered.
- One hidden weight draw ticket given for each fish entered.
- Name, fish weight and time entered recorded.
- 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.
- One prize for largest salmon. One prize for largest trout.
- Hidden weight draw prizes (maximum one per person). If there is a tie, then the earliest fish entered wins.
- Draw ticket (purchased) prizes alternate men and women (maximum 2 per person)
- Only ticket holders (including Children) eligible for largest and hidden prizes.

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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 _____

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