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MAY 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, May 27th 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 April 2010

Monthly BPSA minutes April 2010 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday April 29, 2010 with 29 members present. Club President David Leggatt asked if the March meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the March meeting, by Don Elliott seconded by Ed McArthur carried.

Quest Speaker – N/A.

New Members: Jon Jenelle

Treasury - Mel Urbshott - April

• Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund	\$ 3476
• Receipts	\$ 3348
• Expenses	\$ 2072

Membership: Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2010 is currently 178, of which 35 are new members this year.

Every one is reminded that 2010 membership dues are now past due.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Karen Van Nest- tel. 534-9527

Email kvnc@yahoo.com

- Paul Poirier and Cathy Weir will have a Scout Beaver Troop on a hatchery tour in May.

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.

Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- Volunteers on 5 trips to the local streams collected 93,729 Rainbow Trout eggs. This is significantly short of the 200,000 that we had hoped to collect and less than half on our approved permit. To date we have lost 4,800 eggs. A special thanks to George Garton (the spelling is finally right) for his daily egg picking. Sixty percent of the Rainbow handled during egg collection were fin clipped which is an indication of how significant our hatchery is in the production of fish in the bay.
- Volunteers stocked 24,142 Rainbows in Colpoy's and Oxenden creeks Sunday morning March 28, 2010. The last of 105,000 Rainbow that BPSA stocked for the 2009 year class.
- The 30,000 BPSA Brown Trout in the hatchery are doing great
- The Spring Creek Brown Trout fry have been reduced to about 1,000 but are now looking good. Bill Nafziger representing the Spring Creek Anglers presented the BPSA a cheque for \$250 for hatching these eggs.
- Stu Paterson congratulated Ray on a great CFOS Georgian Bay Radio interview.
- 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 was in Kincardine April 10, 2010. Dennis tabled the same three areas of high priority that we have had in the past Enforcement, Cormorant control, and the Commercial Fishing Agreement. A revised Lake Trout stocking program was presented and soon the MNR will have plans for all the other major predator fish. Dennis was elected as the chairperson for this FMZ. Congratulations Dennis! The BPSA appreciates all the hard work and personal time that it takes to perform this function.
- The next meeting will be a joint FMZ 13 & 14 one proposed in Severn Sound in June.
- Dennis attended the FMZ 14 council meeting in Sudbury March 27, 2010. He presented the need of enhanced sanctuaries in the Bay to protect the Rainbow spawning runs in Oxenden and Colpoy's Creeks. The majority of the attendees supported the presentation: however, the official minutes have yet to be published. Again Dennis Presented our top three concerns Enforcement, Cormorant control, and the Commercial Fishing Agreement
- Dennis attended, April 22, 2010, a Decision Analysis Workshop in Sarnia. This was a joint meeting including the MNR and Michigan State University to discuss Commercial Fishing quota management based on other uncertainties such as bait fish and other prey fish. The next meeting will be the spring of 2011.
- Dennis ordered 160# of pickerel from Purdy's for pickup Saturday May 8, cost \$8.25/#. This will satisfy the May fish fry and the Community Living fishing day at the pond.

Handgun Club: Kelly Lang

- The regular handgun shoots are twice a week.
- The hand gun competition group placed second in the south western region just a mere 2 points behind the winning club. Congratulations to all the participants.

Youth Programs: Rob and Krista Quesnel / Paul Poirier

- The Youth programs are complete for this year with the exception of the May 8, 2010 North Grey trap shoot. Awards have been presented to all the youth that participated this year. A special thanks to Rob, Krista , and Paul for all their efforts this year in having at great program.

Native Affairs: Ray Reidel -N/R

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

- Rob Hare the President of OFAH wrote a letter, March 31, 2010, to the Minister of Natural Resources about the commercial netting of fish in Colpoy's Bay, in March. Rob was acting as a result of a resolution written by Stu and approved by zone H representatives at the most recent zone meeting in Orangeville. The letter in part says the recent events related to the commercial fishery have caused considerable angst in the area. If charges were not laid in this case why were they not laid. The setting of these nets threatens the viability of rainbow and brown trout that are stocked by the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, Sydenham Sportsmen's Association and the Lake Huron Fishing Club. He lists a number of occasions where these commercial fishermen broke the rules and he reminds the Minister the most recent fishing agreement was signed without consultation or input from all affected parties. Rob concludes quote- the recent apparent violation of the expired agreement does little to inspire confidence in the local community that the laws are being enforced equally, and that violations by native commercial fishermen are taken seriously. The letter was copied to MP Larry Miller, MPP bill Murdoch, the clubs affected, the OFAH Board of Directors, and all top officials of the OFAH.
- Ontario Out of Doors in the May 2010 edition had a news article by Steve Galea on the Colpoy's Bay netting. John Cooper MNR spokesperson says "no laws were broken...there were no violations". The BPSA side of the story was fairly handled with comments from Mike Lutman and David Leggatt. David worries that no one knows how many fish were taken at the time the nets were deployed.
- The next Zone H meeting will be Sunday August 8 in Orillia. The day before the meeting the Orillia Club will host the zone Black Powder shooting championships. All OFAH members are encouraged to attend both events.
- A motion by Stu Paterson to have Dennis and David draft a letter on behalf of BPSA to send to The Minister of Natural Resources regarding clarification of their position on if you don't have a fishing agreement or a fishing license then you should be charged with illegal fishing. Seconded by Frank Marek carried.

Property: Carl Berfelz

- One of the sinks in the club house rest rooms is broken, a new one has been ordered.
- The sill plate on back corner of the addition is showing some mildew and will have to be resolved.
- The eves troughs on the hatchery will be removed as they are severely damaged from winter ice. They will not be replaced.

- A motion by Al Hunter to have Carl replace the club ancient lawn mower with a new one was seconded by Stu Paterson, carried. Carl will buy the new one from a local dealer, approximate cost for a 22 horse twin cylinder machine is about \$2,200 plus tax.
- Carl will take the old photo copier to see if the quality can be improved or if not purchase a better one that will stand the variable temperatures in the club house.

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester- N/R

Scheduling: Carl Berfelz

- All scheduling to date is on the board.

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 had Derby tickets included in the March bulletin and are also now available from Cindy Waugh at her barbershop. The early bird draw winners were: Caframo battery powered fan –Marylou Armstrong, Molson Canadian chiller pack –Don Elliott.
- 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 has had further modifications and it appears that the town is now going ahead with what they want.
- Jody Scheifley has the data loggers for Oxenden creek.
- The river stone put in Oxenden creek last year has migrated down stream and should help to improve spawning success. Ray Marklevitz put forth a motion to proceed with plans to add another 2 or 3 loads this year, seconded by Stu Paterson, carried. Al will follow up with Jody and adjacent landowners as to if and when we can proceed. We will use our own funds but may try to see if OFAH might also provide some funds.

Awards:

Award winners for 2009:

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 was held at the club house Saturday April 10, 2010. The food was awesome and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Old Business:

- The BPSA is still looking for a member to fill the position of Vice President.
- A Ted Wilford Memorial Bursary for \$200 was approved for a member of the BPDS graduating class. The criteria for the award including the students involvement in conservation programs, community services, conservation studies, financial needs for further education assistance etc. is detailed in a communication from BPSA to the school. The school will select the student and the BPSA President will present the award to the successful candidate at the June awards ceremonies.
- There is no new information on the new Commercial Fishing Agreement.
- A special thank you to Garry Stewart and his helpers who cut down the dead ash trees, blocked and split the wood to produce 7 chords of fire wood for the club house wood stove.

New Business:

- A motion to continue to provide a \$100 day prize for the Chantry Chinook by David Morton, seconded by Frank Marek, carried.
- Al Hunter and Ray Marklevitz are to discuss with the MNR the possibility of a survey of fish stocks in Oxenden creek above the falls. If the review shows that Speckled Trout exist; can we get eyed up eggs and put them in Scotty boxes in the creek and or if they are not can we get eyed up Coaster Trout eggs, and if we can't do this can we put in young rainbow trout fry.
- Lets make sure that a new sponsor board is made up identifying all prize contributors for the derby and leave it in the club house for a full year.
- Bill Nafziger expressed concern of the amount of phosphates that will be dumped into the Sauble River from the proposed waste treatment facility and the effect it will have on fish culture especially during summer low water flow periods. He suggests that consideration to discharge via a pipe directly into Lake Huron well of shore and or eliminate the phosphates within the treatment facility. Bill will write a letter on behalf of BPSA outlining this concern.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Picture frame	Ed McArthur
Snap hook	Jon Jenelle
Lures	George Berfelz,, George McGuire, Mel Urbshott(2), Al Hunter, Ed McArthur, Bill Nafziger, David Jessop
Hooks	George Berfelz, Stu Paterson
Cook book	Gord Smith, Carl Schroeder
Fish Crisp	Many

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn, carried, ending the April 2010 meeting at 9:30 pm.



**Fish Derby Awards
Banquet on
Sun., May 10th.**



President's Letter for May 2010.

Here we are well into May but it sure feels like winter. As I sat at home Saturday and Sunday nursing my cold it was snowing like crazy. The worst was on Saturday. At times it was a real blizzard.

I wish I could have made the Mother's day Derby and fish-fry but I thought discretion was the best with my cold. From the reports I have had and seeing the pictures that Al took it looks like a good time was had by all. I can't believe those that actually went out to fish in the weather we had. Braver than I would have been even without the cold.

I hope all you turkey hunters are doing well. I have only managed to get out once and didn't see or hear a bird. I am not seeing any on my travels either. I know some people have shot at least one or two. I hope I get a chance to get out at least one more time before the season ends. I don't want to be a turkey virgin as well as a deer virgin.

Most, if not all, of the youth programs have now finished for the year and I want to personally thank all those who helped out with the Sunday shooting and archery. I have heard a number of parent talking about what a good time the kids had and even some of the parents who had a chance to shoot for the first time. Remember keep those kids and parents happy because they are the future of the BPSA.

All of the rainbow trout from last years eggs have now been stocked off and a big thank you to Ray and all the fish people. Unfortunately the egg collection didn't go nearly as well this year but Ray says we should have enough to make some difference. I hear the brown trout eggs are going very well and so we should have a good return on them.

The club has bought a new lawn mower and from what I hear there is a line up now to cut the grass. It is one of the type that steers with levers instead of a steering wheel. I have it from good authority it can turn on a dime. The suspension isn't too good but the rough spots will probably all be cut down before long.

As things begin to wind down now for the summer please don't forget the kid's fishing day on the long weekend in July at Don Elliot's place and then the pork and beef bar-B-Q. If you can help out at either of these please let Ray Marklevitz know or Don Elliot.

The Community Living fish derby will be the second weekend in September. As always that is a fun event for everyone, helpers and participants.

Yours in conservation;

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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 _____