

May 2016

Yours in Conservation



The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton. Next meeting, May 26th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. For inquiries 519-534-2502 or e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 548, WIARTON, ONTARIO NOH 2T0

Rainbow Parade Near Wiarton

Was it an Easter Parade? No. It was what you might call “a rainbow bucket brigade” and it occurred May 1st near Wiarton. The buckets contained 15-thousand baby rainbow trout. They were stocked at the falls of Gleason Brook East of Wiarton. 65 volunteer members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association (BPSA) turned out on a rainy Sunday morning to get this job done. It was the largest turnout for a stocking event in the club’s more than fifty year history. BPSA Hatchery Manager Ray Marklevitz, assistant managers Gord Smith and Cory McNeil issued a big thank you to the volunteers who not only stock the fish, but feed hatchery fish and maintain our fish tanks.

BPSA President Jim Martell noted the large turnout shows how proud our club members are of our stocking program which has provided more than five million fish for the Georgian Bay sports fishery since the sixties. It was muddy and slippery but the volunteer bucket brigade worked well. The yearling trout got safely from Grey Road one to the falls where



club members became the final link making sure the fish made it into the water.

Teenager Wesley Good wanted to be in on the action. He has been volunteering feeding fish at our hatchery. Now in his final year of high school Wesley looks forward to a career involving flora, fauna, nature and the environment.

Our BPSA hatchery is one of 41 which are part of the Ontario Community Hatchery Program. It’s a program operated by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters under the supervision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). It has been so successful the program has been extended by three years.



Rainbow continued

In making his announcement Deputy Minister Bill Thornton said the MNRF is proud of its partnership with the OFAH on the community hatchery program that helps to strengthen fish hatchery operations. The program supports volunteer run hatcheries as far east as Westport and as far west as Atikokan.



Thornton pointed out “these community hatcheries are supported by over 900 dedicated volunteers committing about 70,000 volunteer hours every year. They stock millions of fish into public waters every year in what is called a “put and take sports fishery”.

Ontario has 1.5 million licensed anglers. Our sports fishery contributes 2.4 billion dollars a year to our provinces economy. Ontario’s community hatcheries raise nine different species at various life stages to support the provinces fish stocking goals.

You get a chance to catch some of the trout stocked in the past by BPSA at the club’s annual spring derby for members and guests. It runs May 13-15, 2016 with the derby awards during our annual fish fry from 2-4 on Sunday May 15. Tickets and more information on this derby are available at the Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge on the north hill in Wiarton.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott - June

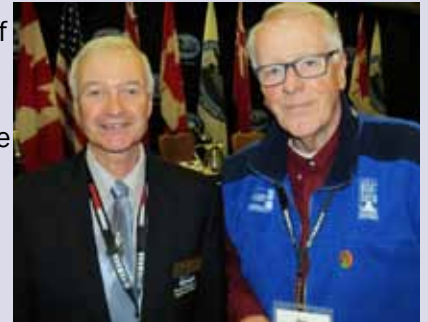


Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe	
Winter Deer Feeding Fund	\$ 3577
Receipts	\$ 625
Expenses	\$ 2242
Ways & Means Balance	\$ 2580

KERRY COLEMAN, President – Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

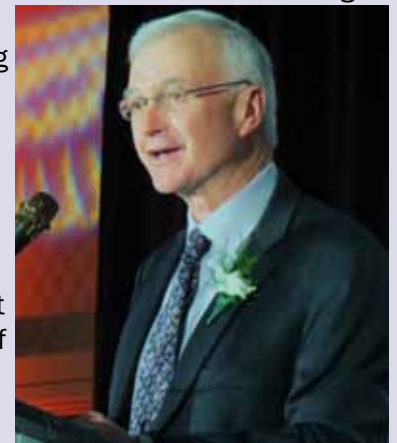
By Stu Paterson BPSA Director

I worked in radio and television from 1964-2000. My first two years were spent spinning the tunes as a “rock jock” on a small market radio station South of Ottawa. I was 19 and 20 during those two years. The new President of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and hunters was a teenager who lived near the station and who listened to me playing the Stones, the Beatles and the DC-5 on the radio.

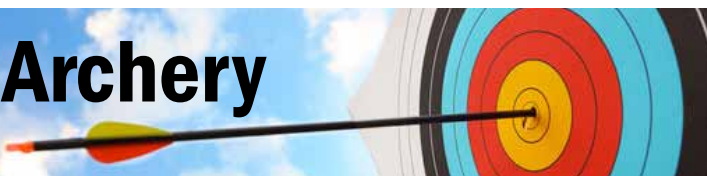


I became friends with Kerry Coleman several years ago as I attended annual OFAH meetings on behalf of BPSA. Kerry and his Eastern Ontario zone reps always welcomed me to sit with them. We shared stories about their region and about our concerns as anglers and hunters. Kerry was raised on a 200-acre farm and still owns 115 acres of that farm near Smiths Falls. He is an enthusiastic angler and hunter. I know he will do a great job heading our 100-thousand member organization.

At the 2016 OFAH annual conference Kerry paid tribute to the “thousands of volunteers across the province who work hard to enrich our fishing, hunting and trapping heritage”. As we at BPSA know “they volunteer at community hatcheries, on fish and wildlife habitat restoration, kids fishing events. They sit on committees and attend meetings all working towards greater and better fishing and hunting opportunities.” In his words “these people deserve a big thanks from all the people of Ontario”. Kerry Coleman reminds us to check future editions of Ontario Out of Doors Magazine for an insight into his vision for the future of fishing, hunting and trapping in Ontario.



Archery



Donna and Paul Maginnis will be taking over the upcoming winter archery program from Karen and Phil. Program runs every other Tuesday starting at 6:00 pm. You can contact them at 519-795-7555 or Email deerviewranch@amtelecom.net

Handgun Club:

- The normal handgun rim fire shoot days for are Monday and Wednesday evenings and Wednesday afternoon.



Step aside boys, BPSA women's shooting 9&10s

All ladies shot 22 rifle and then 22 handgun.
No one shot below 80 in rifle.

Top Shot

Patricia Kreig Tied average 97
Krista Quesnel 97
Second Alexis Ginn average 95
Third Deb Wattie Average 93
Janet Perkins average 93

Teens

Miruna Ciocoin average 92
Madison Whitcomb average 91

Well done to all the ladies who attended and
blasted some paper

Many thanks to Carl Nuttal for his help
Kelly Lang President BPSA Handgun Club



WE FIXED THE POND - NO MORE CORMORANTS (WE HOPE) MURRAY'S TEAM



Membership

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You can print off membership forms from our web site. They can be dropped off at 363 Hunter Street or the BDO office 663 Berford Street. **Please note, to become a member of the BPSA Handgun you must complete a safety orientation first. E-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com**

Youth Wrap Up Awards Day and Skeet Shoot



This year Kids Club was an amazing group of kids. They all did well with their safety and with their accuracy on the targets! Rob and I would like to thank all the Safety Officers for their help without them the shoots would not happen.

We also want to thank Tim Horton's in Wiraton for the donation of timbits And Millers Home Hardware Sauble Beach for Helping out with the safety glasses the kids received at the year end banquet,

Plus North Grey Bruce for hosting the grand finally Skeet Shoot the winners this year were...

Dakota Hutchinson Senior top shooter
Bennett Frieburger Jr Top Shooter Missing
Darrin Mc Gu Top Novelty shooter
Hunter Top Safety Ward

Skeet Shoot

Dakota Hutchinson top Sr
Zac Whitcomb 2nd highest sr.
Damian top Jr
shooter

