

July 2016

Yours in Conservation



The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton. Next meeting, September 29th, 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

BPSA Kids Fishing Day

On Sat. July 2, local and visiting youngsters aged between seventeen months and twelve converged on the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) Clubhouse, hatchery and pond. They found fishing excitement, fun, food and adventure in the out of doors. Fishing began at 9:00 AM and one lucky angler tied into a five pound rainbow trout within seconds. It was a sign of things to come and the excitement continued till noon.



Twenty four anglers registered trout weighing from 5 lbs. 6 oz down to .1 pound. Size doesn't matter, it's the fun of being out of doors with other youngsters, family and friends that counts. Prizes were awarded for the largest fish, the smallest fish and several in hidden weights. At the end of the day every angler took home a prize and memories that will



A free event like this would not have been possible without volunteers from the BPSA, Bruce Library and the generous support of BPSA Sponsors including:

Caframo, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Wiarton Marina, McDonalds Owen Sound, Frosty Freeze, Foodland Wiarton, Grey Bruce Upholstery, J&S Tackle, Bill Walker MPP, Fish Crisp, Pinkerton Auto, Princess Auto, Josie's Fashion, Spirit Rock Lodge, Wiarton Home Building Centre, Horned Booby Lures, Harold Sutherland, Walker Industries, Home Hardware Corp., Regal Elk Farm, RAM Trophies, Paterson Media, Fletcher Sports, Tim Horton's Wia. & Hepworth, Sail Cambridge, Giant Tiger and The Dollar Store Owen Sound..

The BPSA operates the longest running Community Hatchery in Ontario and currently has approximately 130,000 Rainbow Trout on hand.

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Allan Hunter
B.P.S.A.



last a lifetime. In addition to fishing, anglers were treated to observing painted turtles and a water snake that wondered what the heck was going on.

The trout that were caught were placed in a large hatchery tank to recover before being returned to the pond. At noon the hungry anglers ate a hearty meal of hotdogs, cake and ice cream which was followed by awards. The three first place finishes were:

First prize:	Jaden Shipley	age 4
Second:	Ivy Butwick	age 2
Third:	Brownwyn Garniss	age 9

Every participant won a prize package.

The Bruce county Library (Wiarton Branch) was on hand for face painting and to share information including their Fishing Tackle loan program.







BPSA Special events for 2016

- Warton Willy Festival Jerry and Marj Beaver, Wayne and Annette Musselman
- Family Day Holiday- Don Elliott – February 15
- Awards Presentation and Potluck Dinner-Don Elliott Saturday March 19
- Fish Derby – Jack Seatter May 13- 15, Members purchased 16 tickets and 7 caught 10 fish. The weather again was terrible. The winning entries were Bill Nafziger- Trout, Jerry Beaver- Salmon, and Hunter Maisonneuve-Walleye. Other successful participants were Murray Garniss, Wayne Musselman, Stu Paterson and Ray Marklevitz.
- Fish Fry – Ken and Jenny Barrett May 15, 2:00- 4:00pm. There were 36 members and friends who enjoyed a great fish diner. A special thanks to Ken and Jenny Barrett who organized the event, picked up the Pikelet in Sarnia, and their helpers in the meal preparation. It was a delicious meal.
- Kids Fishing Day- Ray Marklevitz Saturday July 2, 2016 9am – noon. The MNRF is unable to supply some Speckles for the event this year. The OFAH gave Stu a \$400 cheque to support this event. It was decided the added rules for this year are:
 - catch and release
 - no spawn bags
 - limit of 2 fish per participant
 - Use of barbless hooks
- Beef and Pork BBQ- Murray Garniss- Sunday July 10- 4-6:30 pm. Adults \$15 Children 12 and under \$7.
- Community Living-Fishing on the Pond – Sunday September 18th 2-5pm Note the closing time has been changed from the previous erroneously stated 7 pm.
- Potluck Dinner – Saturday November 19. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Membership

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You can print off membership forms from our web site. They can be dropped of 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**

Treasury - Mel Urbshott – June



Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe	
Winter Deer Feeding Fund	\$ 3577
Receipts	\$ 1476
Expenses	\$ 1863
Ways & Means Balance	\$ 9949

Successful Conservation Club Fund Raiser

More than 250 people enjoyed succulent pork and beef and all the trimmings at the annual Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) barbecue. This event is a summer tradition in Grey-Bruce. The yearly affair is staged by



enthusiastic association members at the conservation club headquarters West of Wiarton. The sun shone and hungry customers kept on coming. In fact we had a couple of dozen folks arrive a half hour early anticipating tender top quality meat prepared using a secret recipe by Ray Marklevitz and his team of Barbecue Chefs or "BPSA grill specialists". Demand was so high we ran out of potatoes 20 minutes before it ended. But there were plenty of other goodies available including two kinds of cake and ice cream.



This team has been doing the grilling for over 30 years. Our barbecue is the club's most important fund-raiser of the year. We are thrilled to have such great community support.

BPSA President

Jim Martell says "this club, operating for 54 years, has proved that when a job needs done, our people are there volunteering to make things happen".

Barbecue chair Murray Garniss said he is proud of his teams including, food preparation, food service, grounds preparation and cleanup, parking and hatchery tours. BPSA has been in the fish stocking business since the sixties. We have stocked more than 5-million fish as part of a "put-and-take" sports fishery operating under the watchful eye of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

The Ministry's Upper Great Lakes manager recently visited our hatchery promising to continue his support of our



stocking efforts. He also congratulated us on the fact we operate the longest running community based fish hatchery in Ontario. This news of his continuing support was greeted by applause and cheers at our barbecue as there has been some pressure on the ministry to stop rainbow trout and salmon stocking. Opponents of stocking for the sports fishery call our trout and salmon "invasives". This annual barbecue helps us continue operating our hatchery which now costs more than ten thousand dollars a year to keep going.

We are not just about stocking fish, so if you want to know more about our 350-member club check out our BPSA site at <http://bpsportsmen.com/>



We were thrilled to have representatives from several groups that support BPSA, attend our fund raising barbecue. The entire board of the Mallory

Beach Ratepayers Association joined us, as did reps from the new conservation group Outdoors Adventures, the Lake Huron Fishing Club, the Ontario Steelheaders, the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association and the Barrow Bay Sport Fishing Association.

We are proud of our relationship with neighbouring conservation groups. For several years volunteers with the Lake Huron Club and the Steelheaders have helped us get our annual supply of fish eggs for our hatchery. Last year the Sydenham club took care of our baby brown trout when we had a water issue in our hatchery. Our club members help raise the giant tent for the Salmon Spectacular. In return we get thousands of salmon raised by the Sydenham folks and we stock those fish in Colpoy's Bay. Also the Barrow Bay folks often help us fin clip and other hatchery duties which we appreciate.

Salmon Stocking

June 26 beefing up sports fishing opportunities. 35 members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association formed a bucket brigade and stocked 10-thousand chinook salmon fingerlings at the Gleason Brook falls just off Grey Road One. The fish were raised at the hatchery operated by sister club the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association (SSA). The fish were part of an arrangement where BPSA volunteers help erect the giant Salmon Spectacular derby tent. In return the SSA provides the Wiarton club with baby salmon for Colpoy's Bay.



Both clubs operate under the Ontario Community Hatchery program involving 900 community members who put in 70-thousand volunteer hours every year. The 41 community hatcheries involved are a vital part of Ontario's sports fishery which contributes 2.4 billion dollars a year to our provinces economy.

The manager of the Upper Great Lakes Management Unit of the Ontario Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) ministry recently visited our modern hatchery. Ken Lecroix



of the MNRF congratulated BPSA for our fifty-four years of successful stocking and emphasized during the tour that "we are totally committed to your club continuing its fish stocking...we have no plans to curtail your stocking program".

Earlier at a Community Hatchery Program Managers meeting in Kincardine a top fisheries geneticist had praise for our hatcheries which raise nine different species of fish. He noted Ontario taxpayers get a "tremendous bang for their buck because we have hundreds of volunteers doing so much work raising millions of fish at our community hatcheries". Since the sixties the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association has raised and stocked more than five million fish for the Georgian Bay sports fishery.

It costs us more than ten thousand dollars a year to operate our hatchery. You can help us pay some of those bills by attending our club's largest fundraiser of the year.

Fish Committee-Hatchery:

- Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith
- Bruce Mallard needs volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. If you can help, please call him at 519 534-1274. **THIS FUNCTION IS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!** You must be a BPSA member to do this function.
 - 10,000 salmon from SSA were stocked at Gleason Brook. Thanks to the bucket brigaders.
 - Eggs hatched and swim up fry in the hatchery moved from the incubators to troughs. Inventory - 129,000.
 - All yearling Rainbow Trout have been stocked.
 - Browns are doing well, about 27,000. Stocking may occur in July depending on the water flow.



Handgun Club:

- Summer shooting is now every other Wednesday afternoon or evening. For times contact Al at akh@conestoga.net



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