

November 2016

Yours in Conservation



The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton. Next meeting, November 24th, 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

President's Message October 2016

The fall colours are upon us. I hope everyone is taking some time to enjoy the great outdoors.

I want to take a few moments to thank directors and members who help keep our club going. In particular, Director Al Hunter has chaired club meetings in my absence and done a great job, thanks Al.

The recent fish stocking at Gleason Brook was well attended and thanks to the organization of our fish committee and of course our hatchery managers, Ray and Gord. Well-done folks.

Currently, the executive are busy tasked with renewing the duties of chairpersons, club directors and others. We are a growing club with many members willing to do an activity. As a member it's your responsibility to inform a director of any interest you have in volunteering to help in conservation. Soon we will give members an opportunity respond to a survey. So stay tuned. We are also actively seeking conservation projects for 2017.

The call for members to step forward and fill club positions is on going. Let's make 2017 a club building year where we encourage existing members and new members to participate is an event they haven't done in the past. So if you have not attended a club potluck for example, come on out Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 5 pm bring your favourite salad or dessert and enjoy a meal and some fellowship. Don and Sandy Elliott host the November Potluck. You may also bring a beverage of your choice along with cutlery and a plate. Prepare a salad or dessert, and enjoy some fish or pork.

We are grateful for the community support for our annual functions. Our fund-raising beef and Pork BBQ was a success this summer thanks to Murray Garniss and his crew.

The Community Living day in September was a success as well thanks to Ray Marklevitz and his crew.

We have a very good core group of members who are the glue to our club. I am writing today to encourage all members to commit to any one of our functions and enjoy the participation.

Don't forget the Potluck Dinner – Saturday November 19. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Happy fall. Enjoy the outdoors and have a safe hunt.
Yours in conservation, Jim Martell

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.
- Rainbows were stocked at Barrow Bay and Gleason Brook in Oct.
- Due to the dry conditions this past summer the BPSA hatchery had to augment the low water flow by supplementing with compressed oxygen.
- 35 thousand rainbow will be carried over the winter and fin clipped next spring.



BPSA working with Barrow Bay Fishing Club

On Sunday, Oct. 16/16, members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) loaded thousands of Rainbow Trout fingerlings from their Wiarton Hatchery for the journey to Barrow Bay. Barrow Bay Fishing Club members met the BPSA team at Judges Creek where the fingerlings were "hand bombed" to an ideal upstream location for release. This is just another example of sister clubs working together in efforts to enhance and preserve our "Public Fishery". Earlier this spring, members of the Lake Huron Fishing Club helped the BPSA collect the eggs which were raised in the BPSA hatchery for release in area waters. Murray Garniss, Ray Marklevitz, Gord Smith, Wayne Musselman and Al Hunter made the run for BPSA.



Handgun Club:

Shoot Monday and Wednesday 7:00pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:00pm.



Archery



Karen and Phil. Program runs every other Tuesday starting at 6:00 pm. You can contact them at Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com

Gleason Brook Rainbow Stocking



A fifty-person bucket brigade successfully completed the last fish stocking session of the year by members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association. On Sunday October 30, 2016, the rainbow fingerlings were driven in a big tank, from the BPSA hatchery west of Wiarton to Gleason Brook near Grey Road One, where they were carefully transferred to the creek. They will probably spend a year in the creek gaining weight before venturing out into the big water of Colpoy's Bay.

This effort involved planting more than 20-thousand baby trout leaving another 35- thousand at our hatchery which will be stocked in the spring.

So far this year BPSA volunteers have stocked 80-thousand rainbow trout, 24-thousand brown trout and 10-thousand Chinook salmon. The effort is all part of what's called "a put and take sports fishery".

BPSA has been stocking fish for the sports fishery since the sixties. We boast the longest operating community-based volunteer run fish stocking program in Ontario. While we are proud of our stocking successes of the past we do more than stock fish.

Since our club began, BPSA has been dedicated to getting young people outdoors to appreciate the Canadian heritage pursuits of recreational fishing, hunting and trapping. We teach them that hunters and anglers are historically known to have been the best conservationists. The re-introduction of wild turkeys is an example of what can happen when strong willed outdoors folks are determined to bring back a species that, years ago, was wiped out by over-harvesting.

The BPSA youth program is designed to ensure there are anglers, hunters and conservationists in the future. We have separate archery and .22 firearm safety programs and target shooting youth groups, as well as other activities that guide young people to the world of outdoors recreation.

Our annual KIDS FISHING event, which is open to the public at no charge, is among the most popular events on our busy calendar.

BPSA lobbied for the installation of Deer Crossing and Turtle Crossing signs that were installed beside regional roads to help protect motorists and wildlife.

BPSA donates time staffing the Wiarton Fall Fair and other community events, and provides an annual bursary to a Georgian College student.

Our Handgun Clubs provide training to Georgian College Police Foundation Students and Faculty. BPSA President Jim Martell said "Even though they are in Police Foundations, some of them haven't handled a gun before" "So it's important to have a range master there to help them train."

BPSA volunteers commit many hours to Youth Firearm Safety and Shooting, which happens every other week for eight weeks. This adds up to over 384 hours a year by volunteer range masters. And our club funds portable washrooms at Rankin River parking areas.

Membership in the club is now approaching 300. BPSA depends on dozens of sponsors each year. It also treasures special partnerships to get its work done. BPSA works closely with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, The OFAH Ontario Community Hatchery Program, the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association, the Lake Huron Fishing Club, the Ontario Steelheaders, the Barrow Bay and District Sport Fishing Association and many other groups and individuals.

Tourism studies have concluded that the fish stocking done by BPSA has helped pump at least \$16-million into the Grey-Bruce economy. Province-wide, recreational fishing pumps 2.5 billion dollars a year into the Ontario economy. Our recreational fishing attracts anglers from the U.S. and across Ontario. Thousands of people drive many hours to get here to enjoy world-class sports fishing. Thousands of retirees have moved to Grey-Bruce attracted here by its recreational fishing opportunities. And the bonus is, that any fish caught in our waters, such as rainbow and brown trout, are safe to eat. If you think you might be interested in joining BPSA you are welcome to check us out join us at our monthly meetings held the last Thursday of the month at our clubhouse West of Wiarton.

Submitted by Stu Paterson

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2017 Membership Form

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BPSA Membership Youth- \$15.00 (under age 18) **Date of Birth:** _____
Adult without Email Address- \$75.00 **Adult with Email Address-** \$65.00
Family without Email Address- \$80.00 **Family with Email Address-** \$70.00
 Membership includes these members of my family:
 PRINT NAMES IN FULL 1: _____ 2: _____
 3: _____ 4: _____
 5: _____

I hereby certify that as a member of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by Rules and Regulations set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association (BPSA). I, also, acknowledge my personal information including name/s, address, telephone number and email address will be stored the BPSA for its sole use; my name/s may be shared with a third party for insurance purpose and photos may be taken for BPSA purposes unless the camera-person is notified otherwise.

TOTAL _____ Signed _____ Date _____ \$

Archery Fee- **Adult** - \$40 **Family-** \$65 **Youth-** \$15
Handgun Fee- **Adult** - \$60 **Family-** \$70 **Youth-** \$15
 TOTAL \$

Winter Youth Programs - Youth - \$15 Paid at the start of the program

Memberships can be mailed to the address above. **Do NOT mail cash.**

Membership applications with payment (cash, cheque, money order)

are accepted at practice night or at the monthly B.P.S.A. meetings.

Note: Handgun Club members pay Memberships to Sec/Treas of Handgun Club

Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31, 2016. Questions regarding BPSA membership or BPSA membership cards may be directed to Forbes Symon (fpsymon@sympatico.ca) (519-534-1726)

TOTAL

\$

Please print your complete mailing address

Name _____

Street/Fire Number/P.O. Box/RR _____

City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

E-mail _____ (please inform BPSA if this changes)

Phone _____ Summer or Cell _____

BPSA Reference: Date application received _____
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