

December 2016

Yours in Conservation



The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton. Next meeting, January 26th, 2017 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 N0H 2T0

BPSA President December Christmas Message 2016

As I write today we were blessed with winter's magical snow. So easy to see footprints' when walking in the snow. Deer hoof prints, coyote; raccoons and other critters, all make their mark in the woods.

The muzzle loading season has passed with the sounds of many shots in our local woods. No idea of the harvest this year. We are happy members hunted safely and fulfilled some of their heritage activities.

I have been in contact with representatives of the O.F.A.H. who are interested in our club and see's potential for continued membership growth. These representatives would like to conduct a club building exercise in 2017. So stay tuned as we plan for a date for these folks to visit us.

I want to congratulate Al Hunter for accepting and being elected as the Handgun club President. We welcome the members who have opted to continue on the Handgun executive as well, Kat McCulloch, and Bill Wattie.

Time to say thanks to Kelly Lang for his dedication and leadership for the handgun portion of our club. Kelly will be continuing his volunteer help by leading the range maintenance crew.

The New Year will be eventful with the craft workshop moving from conceptual stage to reality stage. We have plans in 2017 to host some seminars in our clubhouse. So if you have seminar ideas please let us know.

As President I also want to recognize Kevin Harders and his wife Dianne McCartney for their stepping forward to design and make the BPSA float number one in lighting this year in the 2016 Wiarton and District Santa Claus parade. I think many members who watched the parade heard the

comments from the public that the BPSA was their club.

Thanks to BPSA Director of Public Relations Stu Paterson for his publicity and photos. Everyone loves a parade so kudos to members who want to join in making BPSA recognized across our Peninsula and region. I also want to recognize the Mar Women's Institute for their generous donation toward our craft workshop-building fund. And thanks to Wiarton's number one employer Caframo for choosing the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association as recipients for their charity giving's this year.

On behalf of the Directors and Executive of the BPSA we thank all our members and their families for their continued support of our club. The community does notice our work. A 70-member bucket brigade stocking fish in Gleason Brook is one example. Kids fishing day was also a hit this year. Christmas is a time for celebration and gatherings. We are grateful for the benefits belonging to the BPSA, we make a difference in the name of conservation.

On behalf of the executive and membership of the BPSA we wish that you may spend your time over these coming holidays meaningfully with the people close to your heart.

Please give generously and remember those less fortunate.

Have a wonderful and Merry Christmas! 2017 will be a great year.

Jim Martell
President
2013-2017

Bruce Peninsula Sportmen's Association in Wiarnton Santa Parade

A Wiarnton area team of talented volunteers came up with an award winning approach for the BPSA Santa Claus parade float. The trailer we use for transporting fish for stocking was re-fitted with a brightly lit Christmas tree made with fishing rods and lures. And it could be the largest tree of its kind ever as it was 16 feet tall and five feet wide. The trailer also featured a hanging fish, replica tree stand and deer decoy. JJ McCartney and Lachlan Harders represented our youth membership on our float, waving to the large crowds.

The moving display boasted Christmas music and hundreds of lights in compliance with the theme of the Wiarnton District Chamber of Commerce event which was "light up a tree-make our town shine". And shine brightly it did. BPSA won the Wiarnton Chamber Santa parade "Best Lights Award" for creative lighting design.

The construction and design crew included BPSA members Dianne McCartney, Austin and Kevin Harders. Wayne Musselman and Jerry Beaver helped out as did Van Beilson of Lake Charles Services.

The 2016 Wiarnton District Chamber of Commerce Santa Clause Parade featured more than twenty floats. It attracted large crowds to down town Wiarnton. Those gathered gave Santa loud and hearty cheers helping kick off the busy Christmas season in fine style.



Kevin Harders/Dianne McCartney team leaders on our 2016 BPSA Santa Parade Float



Archery

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

Warton & District Chamber of Commerce

Participated in the 2016 Santa Parade! It certainly was a wonderful evening and a great success. We are pleased to announce the following 2016 Parade Float Winners!

- Best in Theme Award- Atchinson Gibbons Concrete
- Best Musical Award- Bluewater Cruisers
- Most Enthusiastic Award- Davis Contracting
- Most Unusual Award- Grey Bruce Upholstery
- Best Walkers Award- BDO
- Best Youth Award- Bruce Peninsula Minor Hockey
- Best Lights Award- Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association
- Best Organization Award- Zion/Amabel United Church
- New Entry Award- Warton Fitness Centre
- Judge's Favourite Award- Ontario Provincial Police
- People's Choice Award- Hollow Hills Equestrian

Thank you again to all for your participation in the Parade. A BIG Thank You to all of the volunteers, BDO and those that supported the Parade.



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.
- There are currently 35 thousand Rainbows in the hatchery. These will be carried over the winter and fin clipped next spring.



Youth Shooting Program

Shooting program begins Jan. 15th at 1:00 pm. Runs every other Sunday till April. Instructors are long time members that teach safe handling of firearm.

We will also have an Advance Youth Competition, offering more shooting and skill levels.

Cost \$15.00

Call 519-935-2444

Come out and learn about our sport & have fun at the same time.

For more information about BPSA activities check out our web site at

www.bpsportsmen.com



Handgun Club:

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



At the BPSA Annual Fall meeting held on Nov 30, 2016 elections were held for Executive positions. The results were Al Hunter being voted in as our new President. Kat McCulloch agreed to stay on being Vice-President as did Bill Wattie for Sec/Treas.

The membership thanked Kelly Lang for the many years he has held the position of President and for the many things he has done for the club over that time period.

A change in membership dues was made to help simplify the method for paying dues. The Adult membership for 2017 was increased by \$25.00 to a total of \$150.00. Members will no longer be required to pay \$2.50 for range fees when they shoot at the club. Family memberships are still an additional \$10.00. New members arriving at the club for their required shoots will now pay \$10.00 each time, their first shoot being free. The women's Sunday night shoots will now be \$10.00 for non members and no charge for regular Handgun Club members. Ammunition will no longer be available for sale after Dec 31, 2016 to members.

Handgun Members must fill out 2017 form and pay their membership to Handgun Treasure or give cheque and form to Club RSO on a range night. Any question contact Bill at flycast@explornet.com

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2017 Membership Form

Rev 2016/12/12

BPSA Membership Youth- \$15.00 (under age 18) **Date of Birth:** _____
Adult with Email Address- \$65.00 **Adult without Email Address-** \$75.00
Family with Email Address- \$70.00 **Family without Email Address-** \$80.00
 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 at 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 - \$85 **Family-** \$95 **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.** TOTAL \$
 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, 2017. Questions regarding BPSA membership or BPSA membership cards may be directed to Forbes Symon (fpsymon@sympatico.ca) (519-534-1726)

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 _____
 cash cheque money order amount rec'd \$ _____
 adult family youth new membership renewal
 wallet card given mailed data entered on spreadsheet _____