

YOURS IN CONSERVATION
FEBRUARY 2017



Youth Shooting Program underway at **BPSA**

This years young shooters showed up keen and ready to learn on Jan. 15th at 1:00 pm. Over a dozen children came to take advantage of this sport. Ages 6-18. 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. Photo on right Youth Instructor Rob Quesnel gives each shooter one on one instruction before ever entering the range. Come out and learn about our sport & have fun at the same time.



Fun In The Park at Wiarton Willie Fest



Bluewater Park became the busy site of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's popular "fun in the park" event as part of the 2017 Wiarton Willie Festival. Folks gathered hours after our albino groundhog Willie declared an "early spring" at the prediction ceremony seen around the world. Speaking "groundhogese" Willie told Mayor Janice Jackson he didn't see his shadow. According to folklore that means spring will be here sooner, rather than later

We had a steady stream of visitors to our blazing campfire which came in handy on a cold blustery day. Our Bluewater Park event helped mark year sixty-one of the Wiarton Willie Groundhog Festival.



At the park our conservation group hosted people of all ages who gathered around the bonfire to enjoy, hot chocolate, hot dogs and marshmallows, and to talk outdoors recreation. BPSA volunteers set up a typical ice fishing tent aimed at sparking discussion about our Canadian heritage pursuits - fishing, hunting and trapping.

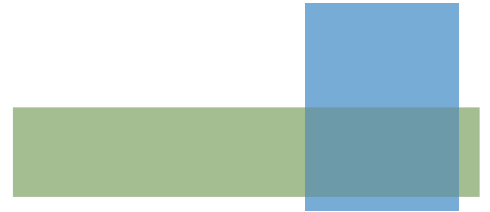


BPSA participation in the Willie Fest is part of our club's community outreach. We are always seeking new members who enjoy outdoors sports no matter what the season. BPSA President Jim Martell said he was very pleased that so many people took part in this year's festival activities. He also paid tribute to all the club members who work so hard to make our programs successful.



Our conservation group the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association was established in 1962 to protect and enhance our precious resources of fish and wildlife. We promote outdoors recreation activities such as hunting, fishing, and trapping. We operate the longest running volunteer community hatchery program in Ontario. We have stocked more than 5 million fish to support what we hope will continue to be a thriving sports fishery.

Stu Paterson - Media for BPSA



BPSA Youth Shooters bagged their first deer

Twelve year old Hunter Maisonneuve harvested his first deer, a six point buck on the opening morning of the Nov. firearm season. Hunter and his grandfather Ray Marklevitz scouted for sign well before the season and opening morning were together in an elevated stand on grandpa's farm property near Warton. The buck put in an appearance just after good (legal) shooting light. The buck walked towards the stand and Hunter waited until it presented a standing broadside shot to ensure a clean kill.

Hunter harvested his first deer with a single shot making a clean and humane kill. It's hard to tell from the photos who was happiest, Ray or Hunter. Hunter is in his second year at the B.P.S.A. youth firearm safety program.

Congratulations Hunter
Submitted by: Al Hunter



Hunter Maisonneuve with his grampa Ray Marklevitz

Fifteen year old Dakota Hutchinson of was participating in the 2016 November rifle season and he and other members of his group had just left their tree stands when Dakota observed a fine doe across a field. He rested his 30-06 rifle to ensure a clean, safe and accurate shot and made a single shot humane kill. Dakota is a second year shooter in the BPSA youth shooting program and shows real potential to become a top flight competitive shooter.

Congratulations Dakota
Submitted by Al Hunter



Dakota Hutchinson another BPSA Youth shooter who has learned the safe way to handle firearms.

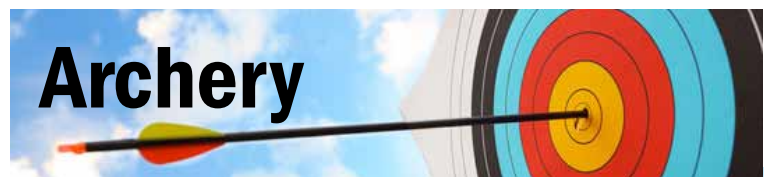
Fish Committee-Hatchery:

Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith



- We 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.
- 35,000 rainbow trout- fingerlings, using 2 tanks, getting too crowded in one tank, moved 1/3 of them
- Fin clipping in March sometime (Wed- afternoon and evening)
- Brown trout 29,000- we will be putting them in 2 tanks too

Archery



Program runs every Tuesday. Youth practice 6-7 adults practice 7-9 pm. You can contact Donna and Paul Maginnis at deerviewranch@amtelecom.net.

New Look for Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's

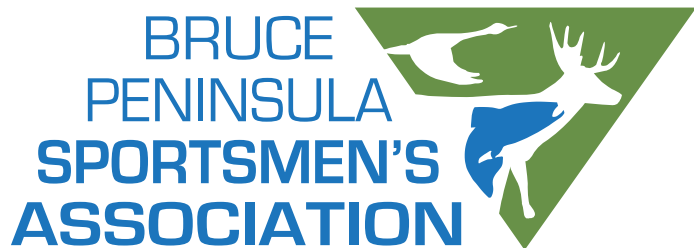
The time has come to give our logo a fresh look. The old circular logo was hard to read our club name. I had to try to make the round logo work in all our publications, newsletters, signage, membership cards, letterheads. Very hard logo to work with, to make look good and print well in all sizes.

I contacted Crystal Gunson Graphic Artist to give our logo a make over. We wanted to insure the main elements are still in the logo so everyone knows we are the same club. Need better colours for both print and embroidery on either light backgrounds or dark. The logo had to be versatile enough to print in all sizes. Big or small, colour or black and white.

Out with the old



In with the new



This diamond shape version is also approved. When size or layout warrants it, this format will be used for various publications or clothing.

Handgun Club:

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



All members will be receiving new membership cards. They will be laminated and punched so they can be worn at all club functions and public functions with the use of a lanyard. Should last at least 5 years. This new process will take us awhile.

Main club members will have the green base and Handgun Club members will have a blue base. This way Range Safety Officers know which members have gone through our safety orientation training.

All members will also be receiving window decals. A great way to promote our club. If you are going to an event that would be beneficial to hand some out, contact Jim Martel for extra copies.

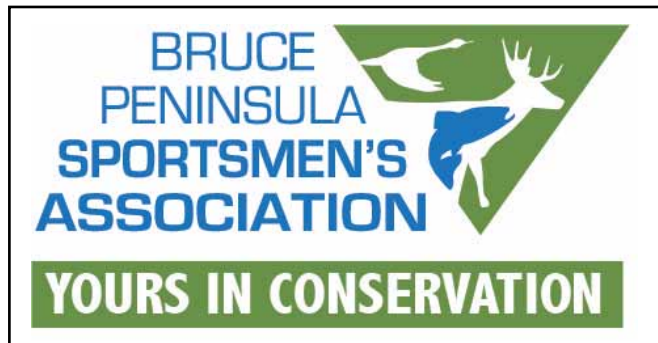
Special thanks to Crystal Gunson for her creative new look for BPSA. If you need design done contact her at crystalgunson@gmail.com.

Submitted by Kat McCulloch
Newsletter editor & web master.

Memberships cards



Window BPSA decal, get your now and promote our club.



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2017 Membership Form

Rev 2017/16/01

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 _____