

Fur, Fins and Feathers



May 2017

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, May 25th, 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

Wiartron and District Chamber of Commerce



The Club put on a wonderful educational evening, much was learned about their firearm, archery, fish hatchery and conservation programs. It was exciting to learn about their 'Boot Scrubber Campaign'. The BPSA will be installing 10 boot scrubbers along trails to prevent the spread of invasive plant species such as Phragmites which can severely congest and damage waterfronts. If you are passionate about nature and would like to become involved in conservation initiatives such as this consider becoming a member of the BPSA.

Thank you to the businesses that generously donated door prizes to the evening. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Wiatron & District Chamber of Commerce



Gord Smith shows Mayor Jancie Jackson and other Chamber members the fingerlings.



Ray Marklevitz explaining about our hatchery process to Chamber members.

Vistors from Newfoundland

On Sunday April 9th the Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Archery Club played host to Exchange Students Joseph Malone and Deifide Basabose from Newfoundland. Our Youth Group member Lewis Crittall and his family were hosts to students from St. Paul's Junior High School in St John's Newfoundland.



The students were invited to join in on an archery shooting day along with Darin McGuiness another student host. Joining in on the fun were Alyssa Crittall Lewis 'sister and Archery Club member and Logan Richards from Ecole Hepworth Central Public School. Some had experience in shooting archery others were taking their first attempts. Once we had them all outfitted with shooting gear, had a safety review then Gradon Crittall gave them a quick tutorial on shooting. They all enjoyed themselves, the 3-D targets being the favourite of the day.



They also lucked out in that the Hatchery Crew had just returned from stocking fish up in Barrow Bay and the kids were more than happy to accept Al Hunter's invite to take a tour of the hatchery. Al kept them entertained while explaining all that goes on. Ray had them out feeding the fish in the pond an experience that drew many questions and pictures being taken to show back home. Marge and Gerry Beaver out did themselves in making sure all the kids went home with T-shirts and caps. Our guests from Newfoundland were also given club pins, a photo poster and pens crafted from arrows made by Phil Henderson. Lewis will be flying out to Newfoundland for his turn at the exchange on May 1st. I would like to thank the Hatchery Crew and Marge and Jerry for helping to make this day an event for the kids that they will always remember.

Woman's shoot is completed for 2017

We had some great shooting by the women in rifle and handgun. Scores were in high end of scale and two shooters, were top of the heap. Patricia Krieg was top shot with an average of 98. Miruna Ciocoiu was second with an average of 95. Miruna is a student and a youth shooter. Unfortunately we had a number of woman shooters that were new, but did not complete the 6 shooting dates.



These ladies also shot well and all enjoyed throwing lead. Carl Nuttall, once again helped instruct the shooters. Many thanks to all.

Kelly Lang



Fish Sanctuary Signs are up.

BPSA Members work with MNRF and property owners to help prevent poaching and trespass in Fish Sanctuaries at Colpoy's Creek and Gleason Brook (Oxenden). Several BPSA members noted Fish Sanctuary signs at Colpoy's Creek and Gleason Brook were missing or had seen better days. Members met with the MNRF and property owners as well seeking permission to post No Trespassing signs at access points to these sensitive and important spawning areas. On Sunday, March 19/17, BPSA members Ray Marklevitz, Gord Smith, Wayne Musselman, Stan McNeil and Al Hunter posted the areas identified with Provincial and Federal Fish Sanctuary signs along with No Trespassing signs. A letter of owner's permission relating to the No Trespassing signs will be provided to the Warton Detachment of the O.P.P. and the MNRF.

Submitted by
Al Hunter



BPSA 2017 EVENTS

- March 18th Pot Luck Supper at 5 pm.
- April 20th Chamber Meet and Greet 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
- May 12, 13, & 14th Fishing Derby.
- May 14th Mothers Day Fish Fry at the club 4:00 pm.
- May 27th Kids fishing day at the club.
- June 4th Golf tournament Warton Golf Club.
- July 9th Beef and Pork B.Q.Q. at the club.
- Sept 17th Community Living fishing at the club 2:00 to 5:00 pm
- Nov 18th Pot luck supper at the club.

New BPSA Boot Scrubbers

The BPSA has sent a strong message out in regards to the invasive species on the Bruce Peninsula and have had overwhelming response. We have created awareness of different types of invasive species by offering education about invasive species on the Bruce Peninsula.

The BPSA has come up with an information sign along with a boot scrubber attached to the base of the sign, to show how to prevent the spread of seed heads of invasive plants in our area. Education and awareness is the first key to success on invasive species. With community involvement and support we are off to a great start.



We are currently targeting the Phragmite issue at Bluewater Park and locations along the Bruce Trail. Minimizing the spread of seed heads at ground zero is our first attempt for future prevention of this species.

On April 18th Jim Martell and Kevin Harders met with South Bruce Peninsula Council and received unanimous support from all council members for Boot Scrubbers to be installed at Bluewater Park. Andrew Sprunt, Manager of South Bruce Works Department will now work in cooperation with the BPSA for all locations in Blue Water Park and Oliphant. Council has as well granted the BPSA multiple site location in the future.

Councillor Anna Vukovic wishes to see scrubbers at the Oliphant Marina to help prevent the spread of Phragmite to the islands and assist with the Oliphant Phragmite Management Plan. Comments from Councillor Matt Jackson during the meeting were greatly appreciated and he would like to help build scrubbers and assist with grant funding up to \$1000.00 from his employer for the BPSA Boot Scrubber Program. Christopher Chen has offered to assist in purchasing for us to help save on cost of the scrubber its self.

In meeting with Tom Hall and Bob Cunningham from the Bruce Trail Conservancy on April 14th 2017, four new Bruce Trail locations were approved.

McCurdy Trail head at Moore street, The Richardson side trail north Lions Head, Lions Head Boundary on Cemetery Road south of Lions Head, and the John Appleton Side Trail on Bruce Rd 9.

During the Chamber After Hours there were many discussions on the scrubbers and how we can create awareness of invasive species. A special thank you goes out to Sue Givens & McKenzie Pharmacy from Wiarton for their donation to the boot scrubber fund.

This program is another way that the club continues to provide great conservation programs in our area. Conservation comes down to being able to point Anglers and Hunters in the right direction to preserve your future hunting, fishing, and wetlands.

If anyone is interested in donating towards the Boot Scrubbers contact Kevin Harders Vice President BPSA at kevinharders@hotmail.com.



The stands are being built.

Below is a sample of other boot scrubber signs.



BPSA Competition Team wins the 2017 Western Ontario Handgun League

The 22 Competition Team members celebrated in style at the Green Door in Warton. Great meal with some great shooters and their spouses. Congrats on the win.



Handgun Club:

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



Archery



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

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2017 Membership Form

Rev 2017/21/03

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.

Signed _____ Date _____ TOTAL \$

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 Marje or Jerry Beaver (jerrybeaver7@yahoo.ca) (519-534-5725)

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 _____