

Fur, Fins and Feathers



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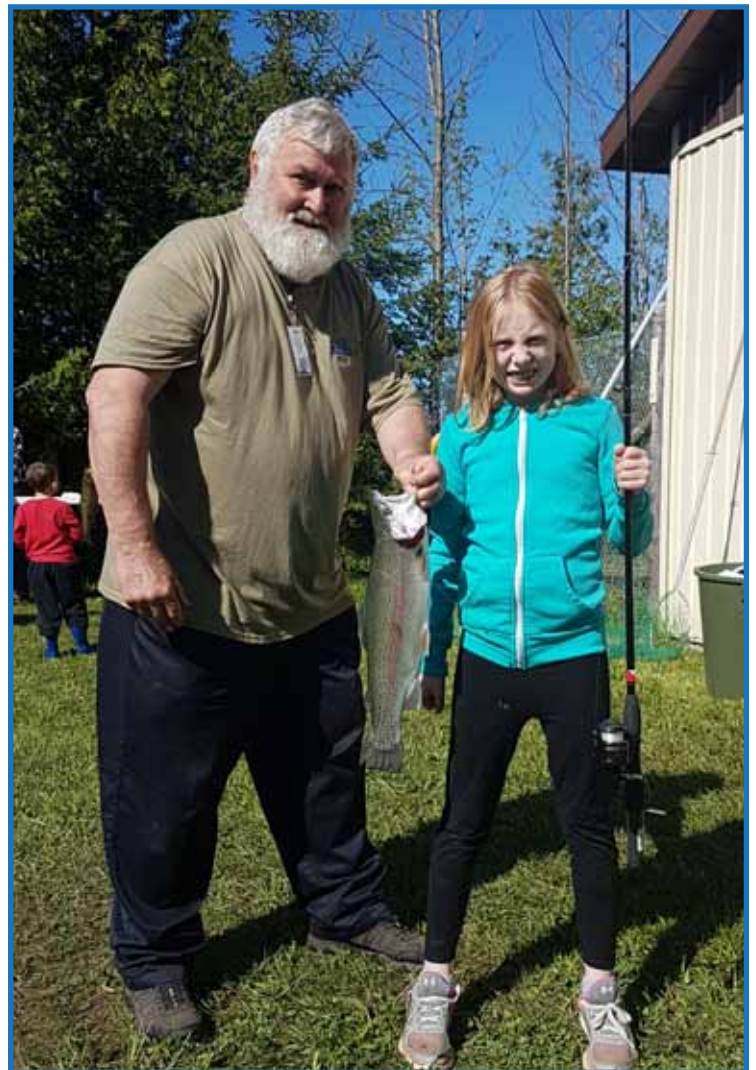
The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, June 29th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. For inquiries 519-534-2502 or e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 548, Wiarton, Ontario N0H 2T0

Kids Community Fishing Day

The Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Community Kids Fishing Day was held on Saturday May 27th and was a huge success. Over 65 children from the ages of 2-12 years of age showed up with big smiles in anticipation of landing some fantastic fish. Over 38 fish were recorded at the weigh station between 9-11 am. Thanks to the MNRF for donating over 300 brown trout from the Chatsworth hatchery to make this day what it was. With a combination of Browns and large number of Rainbow trout that brought out their fish dancing display, it made for a very exciting morning.



Winners in the 9-12 yrs of age category where Tori Matches in the girl's division and JJ McCartney in the boys division. Both fish weighed in at 3.2 lbs. in the 9 and under Division the first place winners were Coughlan Cameron in the Boys and Aria Patul. for the Girls. Two scooter door prizes from MPM limited put fantastic smiles on Luke Fraser and Ari Pitul. Most honest Fisherboy was Dylan Lawrence and Rylee McCallum took Most Honest Fishergirl.



Top catch of the day was made by Tori Matches.

Pound for pound the best fight of the day was between Leah Fisher 2yrs old and a feisty 3lb rainbow trout which proud Papa Lincoln Luedke gladly assisted with. The fish was almost as tall as her, it was the whole point of what are kids fishing day is about.

An admirable and honorable mention must go out to JJ McCartney who won first place in the derby. Upon receiving his prizes, JJ stood up at the presentation and asked if there was anyone in his division that didn't catch a fish. Rylee Burt put his hand up and said he didn't catch a thing. JJ then kindly donated his first-place fishing rod prize to Rylee. That is what sportsmanship is about!

Thank you to all of our sponsors and Volunteers that made this day possible. A special thanks goes out to Bob Bell and his family from Spirit Rock Outpost in Warton for his generous donations and dew worms supplied for the day. As well as the Owen Sound Ramoca Shriners that donated 10 fishing rods for prizes for the day's events. Please see our sponsor list on our website for all that contribute to the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association.



Greg Balch Wildlife Ecology Educator

The Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association must send a most Great full thank you to Mr. Greg Balch of London Ontario. Greg Balch is a Wildlife Ecology Educator and travels throughout Ontario presenting Community Wildlife Management work shops.

Our club was recently lucky enough to have Greg present for the first time this year at Kids Community Fishing Day. Greg's display of "Wildlife and Natural Resources, realities of the Food Web" is an amazing display of taxidermy. This display is followed with an outstanding presentation about aspects of the food chain in the wilderness, average life spans and

mortality rates. Greg's discussion involves the children into understanding the food chain and how all animals serve a purpose in the great outdoors.

Greg's displays were amazing to say the least and the variety from waterfowl, moose to bear where nothing less then stunning. Allowing the children to pet a bear or feel the fur of a Wolverine put smiles across the board at all ages.

On Behalf of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association we would like to thank Mr. Greg Balch for his generosity and time for the great presentation that he brought to the Children at Community Kids Fishing day.

Submitted by Kevin Harders
VP BPSA



A Postive Boost For Our Sports Fishery

When you see the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's (BPSA) tanker trailer on the road, you know something good is happening. Early Sunday May 7th that tanker transported more than 15 thousand yearling rainbow trout from our hatchery to Gleason Brook near Wiarton. There, a team of fifty enthusiastic BPSA members, in a well-organized



bucket-brigade, made sure the precious rainbows made it safely into the creek. Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MP Larry Miller, a BPSA member, and members of his family took the time to help.



So far this year, this 200-member club, now celebrating 55 years of conservation, has stocked 35-thousand rainbow trout. Another 15-thousand yearlings will soon go into Colpoy's Creek. Still at the hatchery are 28-thousand brown trout and a recently harvested crop. These are rainbow trout eggs, 147-thousand of them. They will be planted a year from now.

Since the sixties BPSA has stocked more than 5-million trout and salmon. These days we are part of the Ontario Community Hatchery Program which is operated for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. We are a lot more than enhancing our sports fishery. If



you check out our site, you will see there are opportunities available for you to get involved in a number of our adult and youth programs. Our club is dedicated to preserving and enhancing fish and wildlife. We are focused on getting people involved in conservation and outdoors recreation.

Submitted by Stu Paterson

Youth Shotgun Shoot at North Grey Bruce



Few ventured out into the cold and the rain had fun. The shells went off and the clay broke into pieces. Even I gave it a try, clearly Dakota was a way better at shooting those fly clays better than me.

Special thanks to Jim O'Reilly and Jack Wallace from NGB for hosting us. Robert and Krista Quesnel did a great job again running over 15 kids through our Youth Program.

Submitted by Kat McCulloch



*Jon Janelle
Ed McArthur
Karen Robertson*

***Remembering those we
have lost in 2017***

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.

BPSA at the **Wiarthon Home and Leisure Show**



For the first time, members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association took part in the Wiarthon Home and Leisure Show at the Wiarthon Arena. .

Annette and Wayne Musselman set up a very professional looking booth beautifully showing off the attributes of BPSA. Annette was on duty representing BPSA for most of Saturday. Stu Paterson came by for a shift in the afternoon.

Bob Bell of the Spirit Rock Outpost also had one of dozens of very professional looking displays. BPSA received a break on the vendors fee because we are a non-profit organization.

to thank all of the vendors and volunteers that supported and participated in making the event such a great success. Thank you also to our sponsors from Bayshore Broadcasting and the Wiarthon BIA for supporting the event.

The Committee continues to go through the surveys and ballots and will be conducting a 'wrap up' meeting and sending out emails to show participants. Should you have suggestions or comments you would like to share please contact the office (info@wiarthonchamber.ca) as growing the events success is beneficial to all".

Submitted by Stu Paterson



The Wiarthon District Chamber which puts on the show reports attendance was up.

Here is their report: " The 2017 Home & Leisure Show was a great success, with more visitors in attendance then last year, more vendors on the main floor and the addition of the Artisan Market! The Home Show Committee would like

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.
- • Total yearling rainbow trout stocked to Gleason Brook 15,000 with good turnout of members to do the bucket brigade to Murray Garniss's shute to below the falls at Oxenden.
- Balance of yearlings about 15,000 has been held to use up feed on hand and get a bit more growth. Will be stocked this Sunday morning to Colpoy Creek. Rainbow trout size is in the 20 gram range.
- Brown trout on hand about 28,000 in good condition with no mortality.

Derby Wrap



Chilly temperatures and moderate winds greeted anglers taking part in the three-day 2017 Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) Spring Fishing Derby.

Kevin Schroder netted the largest fish, a salmon, taking the top prize. Kevin took home a beautiful, state-of-the-art hand-crafted fiberglass fishing rod, spinning reel combo made especially for this derby by Lorne Fletcher of Fletcher Sports. The prize is valued at more than 300-dollars. Lorne made it to our derby awards at our BPSA clubhouse to make the presentation to Schroder.

More than 25 derby award presentations were made leading into our annual Mother's Day fish fry. The meal featured walleye from Southern Lake Huron, fries and a delicious selection of home-made salads and desserts.

Sponsors of this event included, Fletcher Sports, Tigwell Motor Sports, Sail, Cambridge store, Northern Dunes Gold Course, Wiarton Marina, Top Notch Restaurant, Paterson Media, Princess Auto, New Orleans Pizza, Bill Walker MPP, Larry Miller MP, Lamblicious, Ram Trophies, Great Cuts Wiarton, and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Submitted by Stu Paterson



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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