

Fur, Fins and Feathers



October 2017

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

Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association was chosen "charity of the year" by Caframo Limited

On a day that threatened rain, Caframo held their 23rd Annual Caframo Picnic for their employees at their property on the south shore of Colpoys Bay. The yard behind their plant was all dressed up, with tables, chairs, buffet tables, and even a bouncy playhouse for children to enjoy. This annual event is a day for the company to say thank you to its employees and their families, with a barbecue of excellent food and games for young and old following the meal. The occasion is also important in that the company has always been a great supporter of the community and, annually, chooses an organization or service club to be the recipient of their yearly fund-raising for their charitable work.

For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, Caframo employees chose to raise funds for the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association. The BPSA is a non-profit corporation in the Province of Ontario, based at 611 North Acres Rd, just west of Wiarton. The BPSA began its conservation work in 1962 and has recently been recognized for 55 years service as the longest running volunteer hatchery in Ontario.



Dale Schnurr, Ian McGregor, Dennis Morton and Jim Martell

Plant manager and chairman of the Charity Committee Dale Schnurr welcomed all to the picnic and introduced the BPSA guests, BPSA President Jim Martell, Ways & Means Chairman Ian McGregor, and Director Dennis Morton. He thanked his committee members for their hard work over the year and indicated that they had raised more money this year than in years past. Dale then presented a cheque to Jim Martell in the amount of \$13,255. to the delight of the Sportsmen's Association and the 80 assembled employees and their families. President Jim Martell thanked everyone at the Caframo Company for this most generous gift. He mentioned a few of the conservation projects that BPSA was conducting presently and the work that they continue to do to raise rainbow and brown trout in their site hatchery.



Submitted by,
Dennis Morton
Director of Projects
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Grey-Bruce conservation group helps prevent the spread of invasives plants



Scrubbers have also been installed at Oliphant on Lake Huron and scrubber locations on the Bruce Trail have been approved by the Bruce Trail Conservancy. BPSA members will install the devices in both northern Bruce Peninsula and South Bruce Peninsula. The conservation club seeks funding to buy more scrubbers and install them at one-hundred more locations in frames built by BPSA members.

The Wiarton-based Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) has launched a campaign to stop the spread of destructive invasive plants. The volunteer non-profit group has built and set up 10 "boot scrubbers" at locations in and around Wiarton. The plan is to install at least 90 more "boot scrubbers" along sections of the Bruce Trail. These initial scrubbers were funded by a one-thousand dollar grant through the Union Gas "Helping Hands in Action" grant program.



Town of South Bruce Peninsula and Wiarton Home Building Centre staff also helped with this project.

Union Gas representatives Matt Jackson and Jeremy Miller checked out a Bluewater Park scrubber installation with BPSA President Jim Martell and club Vice President Kevin Harders.

Jim Martell and Kevin Harders from BPSA with Jim Miller and Matt Jackson from Union Gas.

Martell says the scrubbers are designed to raise awareness and help prevent the spread of invasives such as

- phragmites
- goutweed
- giant hogweed
- garlic mustard
- dog-strangling vine.

Phragmites threatens Ontario shorelines and wetlands because the invasive weeds spread rapidly and force out native plants species. At the mouth of the Pottawatomi River in Owen Sound, phragmites has overwhelmed other plant life along the shore and is spreading. President Martell urges people to use the scrubbers as they will prevent the spread of the seeds of invasive reeds such as phragmites. He reports several BPSA members attended an invasive plants seminar hosted by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. He says "after the meeting, members put in their own money to help the campaign along".



BPSA Donates to Pier

On Sunday September 2 2017, at a special celebration BPSA President Jim Martell presented to Karin Vanderheyden President and Tara Stanton Treasurer of the Colpoy's women's institute a \$100 donation towards their fund raising project to restore the dock at Colpoy's bay. Many of our members fish near there. And of course it's a location where we release our rainbows. The club's directors support this worthy cause. There were boat tours of colpoy's bay, a visit from the Canadian Coast Guard and many residents of Mallory Beach present.

Jim MARTELL
President
BPSA



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 Wiarion 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.



Bluewater Park Wiarion Campers donated over \$400 to BPSA.

group helps spread invasive species message

Members of the Wiarton based Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) helped spread the message of the GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION (GLFC) at the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular fishing derby. The commission set up a display at derby headquarters that included live sea lamprey. The aim was to dramatize the seriousness the lamprey pose to our 7-billion dollar Great Lakes commercial and sports fisheries.

The lamprey uses its sucker mouth and sharp teeth to attach itself to fish then sucks the blood of fish. Only one in seven fish attacked by lamprey survive. Lamprey attacks have reduced stocks of lake trout, whitefish and salmon.



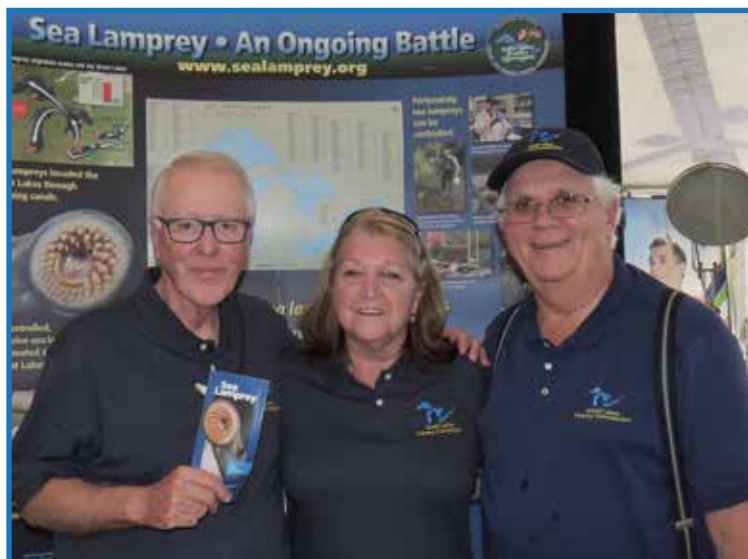
Dr. Ted Lawrence of the GLFC and BPSA director Dennis Morton explaining the suction power of the invasive sea lamprey

So far control methods by the commission have reduced lamprey populations by 90 per cent.

Physical barriers on streams prevent the lamprey from reaching spawning grounds. At the 10-day derby the commission released new information about 4-million dollars in renovations to Denny's Dam in Southampton. The work, now under way, will replace existing barriers to ensure sea lamprey control on the Saugeen River for the next 50-years. The commission is sponsoring the project which is going ahead in conjunction with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON), the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Without the improvements to the dam, the commission would have an extra 105 kilometers of river to treat at a cost of 600-thousand dollars every three years.

At the commission display, BPSA members and commission representatives took turns showing lamprey to young and old and explaining existing Great Lakes methods of keeping these creatures under control.



BPSA members Stu Paterson and Annette Musselman with commissioner Jim McKane at the Great Lakes Fishery Commission display

2017 marked the 30th anniversary of the Salmon Spectacular. An estimated 50-thousand people attended a wide variety of events in the derby tent headquarters on the Owen Sound waterfront.

Participants in the derby were encouraged to drop by with fish bearing lamprey marks. They were rewarded with "t" shirts, a good reminder of the work being done to keep these prehistoric invasive species under control.



Commission policy specialist Dr. Ted Lawrence and a live sea lamprey draw an audience at the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

More than 20-million dollars a year is spent on Great Lakes sea lamprey controls. The commission was established in 1955 because sea lamprey had nearly wiped out the great lakes fishery.



Commission policy specialist Dr. Ted Lawrence explains the threat to our fishery of the sea lamprey

An example of the damage one sea lamprey can do to a salmon



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.
- Stocked about 17,440 rainbow trout to Colpoys Creek.
- Waiting for water temperatures to lower in Oxenden and Barrow Bay before release of more rainbows.
- Brown trout were released into Colpoys Bay in August.



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.

Community Living Fishing Day

On one of the hottest days of the year, September 24th, the BPSA hosted the Community Living Fishing Day. For about 30 years residents and their families come to the pond to try their hands at fishing. Even with the heat, the fish were biting!

When the gates were opened at 2:00pm, there was about 50 people fishing and having a great time with their family and friends providing encouragement. There were lots of shouts of joy as over 30 rainbow and brown trout were caught. There were several in the 3-4 pound range that had the crowd cheering.

Prizes were awarded for biggest rainbow (4.4 pounds), biggest brown (1.6 pounds) smallest fish and a number of other categories, while people were enjoying fish and chips, hotdogs and an abundance of desserts. In the end, everyone came out a winner and from the smiles it was evident they were enjoying themselves greatly.

Again this year, the Midnight Blue performed under the shade of the trees to entertain those that were enjoying the club's facilities. The band has been coming to this event for many years and their music was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.



This day would not have been a success without the many volunteers that came to help! These people do everything from setting up, handing our bait and tackle, helping the anglers with their catch, ensuring people are parked safely, weighing and logging the catch, providing hatchery tours, preparing, cooking and serving the food, and organizing and presenting the prizes. For all this, Thank you to all that helped out this year. This is a long standing a great event made possible by your efforts.

Submitted by Nathan Smith





