

Fur, Fins and Feathers



May 2018

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, May 31st, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. For inquiries e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 548, Wiarton, Ontario N0H 2T0

Bill C-71 Meeting with **MP Larry Miller** and **MP Michelle Rempel**



08:45 AM, Friday, April 20, 2018 at the BPSA Clubhouse. Larry Miller MP was accompanied by a colleague Michelle Rempel, MP (Calgary Nose Hill). Michelle is the PC "Shadow Minister" for Immigration. The meeting was attended by approximately 40 Members including members from sister clubs SSA and North Gray Bruce.

Michelle Rempel is a firearms enthusiast and recently completed her PAL, PAL rest. and purchased her first restricted firearm. She explained it took her an entire year to complete the process.

Members made many suggestions concerning the proposed legislation which will assist Michelle and Larry in the House. Larry further encouraged Members to continue sending emails and letters to the Liberal MP's, Senators and Minister Goodale (Lib.)

Larry explained that individual letters and messages carry far more weight than form letters.
 As Bill C-71 moves through the legislative process Mr. Miller will actively be fighting against it.
 To follow Bill C-71's progress please visit: <http://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&billId=9710291>.

Submitted by Al Hunter



President of Handgun Club Al Hunter and Vice President of BPSA Kevin Harder presented Michelle and Larry with Handgun Club Hat.



BPSA 2018 EVENTS

- February 19th Family Day 11 am -2 pm.
- March 24th Potluck Supper at 5 pm.
- March 29th Elections of Officers and Directors club meeting 7:30 pm
- April 21st Potluck Social 5 pm (tentative)
- April 26th Club meeting Wilderness First Aid presentation 7:30 pm
- May 5th Tree Planting Activity
- May 26th Potluck Social 5 pm.
- June 9th Kids fishing day at the club 9-11 am
- July 14th Beef and Pork BQ 4 -7 pm
- Aug 22 Set up Fish Tent at Sydenham Sportsman event Owen Sound 8 am to noon
- Sept 9th Community Living fishing at the club 2:00 to 5:00 pm
- Nov 17th Pot luck supper at the club.

BPSA Western Ontario Handgun League Team

Our team tied for second and won the team high score again this year with a score of 2543 and will hang another banner for the 2017 -2018 year.

The team and spouses celebrated the great showing with a banquet at the Green Door in Warton on Tues. April 24/18



On April 28th the BPSA installed 5 boot scrubbers for awareness for invasive species along the Bruce trail. In cooperation with the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

Left to right

Kevin Harders, Wayne Muslemen, Ian McGregor, Don Elliot, Tom Hall, Ray Marklevitz

BPSA Secures 2018 Allotment of Rainbow Trout Eggs

On Tues. May 1st. 2018 BPSA Members Ray Marklevitz, Gord Smith, Stan McNeil, Al Sutter and Al Hunter collected our 2018 Rainbow Trout egg allotment. BPSA Members were on the road at 07:30 AM for the annual trip to Judge's creek at Barrow Bay where they met Grant McAlpine and a crew from the Lake Huron Fishing Club (LHFC). The river was running fast and hundreds of Rainbow Trout were visible jumping at the dam in an effort to run upstream to spawn.



The LHFC had set the "fish trap" in the fish way earlier and over a hundred fish were being held. The fish were transported to a site where the eggs and sperm were removed from "ripe fish". The fish are handled very carefully and each is recorded as to gender, clipped fin (indicating a hatchery fish) and scale samples are taken for the MNRF. "green fish" are released above the dam to continue their spawning cycle and the fish that provided eggs and sperm are released unharmed upstream as well.

Dozens of anglers were having good luck below the dam and it was encouraging to see many were practicing "catch and release". Several anglers and youngsters stopped by the work site to watch and photograph the egg collection process.

In all, 149,800 eggs were transported to the BPSA Hatchery where they were counted, graded, fertilized and treated with chemicals to help prevent disease before being placed in trays where they will remain until they hatch and are free swimming and then moved to larger tanks.

Our successful hatchery operation would not be possible without the continued support of the Lake Huron Fishing Club. Every year Grant McAlpine and his crew of up to a dozen volunteers come out to make sure the BPSA and other clubs have high quality eggs for our hatchery operation and thousands of fish are raised and released into our public fishery. THANK YOU ALL!!!

Submitted by: Al Hunter

Frank Hunter presented J-J McCartney junior rainbow division award at the April Pot Luck Dinner. Lachlan Harders recieved achievement award for Youth Hunting Course for 98% on the written and 100% on practical. Well done!



Archery



On April 28th and 29th Donna Maginnis attended an instructional course for those coaching in the archery field. The program was run by Bruce Savage at The Archers of Caledon range. Donna along with 5 others graduated as Trained Instructors of Beginners. This is the first of many steps available for those interested in archery.



Donna Maginnis shown in centre. Carmen Jones standing on her left.



The course covered many aspects of archery including case studies, ethics, equipment and the process of teaching. All students were allowed to take some down time to shoot at a great range. Caledon Archers have 33 acres of outdoor ranges as well as an indoor range building of 60 by 120 feet. They also have a kitchen and small classroom. Everyone at the club was very welcoming to all the students.

Also in attendance was Carmen Jones, Carmen is a member of the BPSA and is in the process of joining the Gun Club. Carmen runs the recreational activities at the Community Centre at Nawash. He is also trained as an instructor for the National Archery in the Schools Program. Carmen and Donna will be working together along with Dan Rad a Hunting Instructor from the Wroxeter area to complete the next section of their qualifications. We are hoping Carmen will find some time to help us out with the Archery Program.

The Archery Range is open, our first night out for experienced archers will be May 8th youth shooting from 6 to 7 and adults from 7 on. If you are a new member please contact Donna or Paul Maginnis at bpsaarchery@gmail.com or call at 519-795-7555.

On May 12 we will be building new target backs at the range. Rain or shine we will start at 10am. If you want to give us a hand give us a call. Al Suter from Home Hardware has donated all the supplies we need for building. Don Elliott also donated wood towards the new archery stands. The plastic stuffing will be arriving from Caframo.

Continuing on May 12 we will be holding our Archery Orientation afternoon beginning at 1pm. You must be pre-booked to attend the classroom session. We are starting new members out with a classroom session at the club on Saturday afternoons. We will be covering the basics in a calm relaxed room instead of learning to shoot on the fly if you will. We cover safety, all equipment and how to shoot. This also gives us time to get members measured and onto a proper sized bow.

We will be explaining how the club works, the different interests within the club that folks can become involved in. If the demand is there we will run an evening classroom.

Come on out and give it a try.

