

Fur, Fins and Feathers



November 2018

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, November 29th, 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

BPSA Annual Community Living Fishing Day and picnic a success.



The annual BPSA sponsored Community Living September event was well attended with about 100 people participating.

Many BPSA members volunteered to assist Nathan Smith our convener this year, Forbes tending to worms and fishing rods, Murray helping participants catch and release, to Kevin and Wayne helping revive fish in tanks. Mel and Jim on Parking, some ladies in kitchen, Sharon, Annette, Marge, Jenny helping get food ready for serving.

Community Living folks came from far and wide to join in the fun. Families got together and made this day fun for all. Local Musicians Dave Nixon, Rob Ritchie and Steve Ritchie, entertained audience with some country and classic tunes.

Everyone was a winner and went home with some prizes.

We were grateful to be able enjoy additional parking courtesy of the donation of property from our neighbours Pat and Wayne Hepburn.

Thanks to our volunteers this event was a big success.



Community Living cont.



BPSA Stocking Browns

On Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, seven Members of the BPSA stocked 28,000 Brown Trout in the crystal clear waters of Colpoy's Bay at Wiarnton Marina. The trout were hatched and reared at the BPSA Hatchery just N/W of Wiarnton. The extremely dry summer played havoc with the water supply at the hatchery and the Sydenham Sportsmen (SSA) pitched in and took over raising the fish for the past couple of months until they were picked up on Friday.

Kudos to the SSA, and to Jeff Hammill and his crew at the Wiarnton Marina for providing a stocking site with hydro in the middle of one of their busiest yard times.

This is just one example of great interclub cooperation and the continued support of businesses like the Wiarnton Marina to promote conservation and a great renewable fishery on our doorstep.

The BPSA crew consisted of Al Sutter, Gord Smith, Murray Garniss, Ray Marklevitz, Kevin Harders, Dennis Morton and Al Hunter.

Submitted by Al Hunter



Stocking team fill the transport tank with lake water so temps match for fish being transported & stocked



Ray, Gord & Murray launch browns into their new home in Colpoy's Bay.



Gord, Kevin, Al, Murray, Ray, Dennis and Al ready the fish for transport.

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 15th Community Living fishing at the club 2:00 to 5:00 pm (tentative)
- Nov 17th Pot luck supper at the club.

Archery Youth 3D Tournament



Cameron Jones taking aim.

On Sunday October 21st the Archery Club held their first Youth 3-D Tournament. At 10:30 when volunteers were setting up it was snowing, at 1pm when we started the tournament it was cold but clear and a great day. Mother Nature held off on the snow/cold wet rain until 3pm when we finished. Although 3 rounds were planned only 2 rounds were finished. It took a little longer than we expected. The kids hit the trail in groups of 2 and 3's, each group had an adult scorer/escort. They made it through the trails, up hills and down hills, over rocks and logs through the first 9 targets and ended up at the most popular spot, the deer stand.



Phil Henderson, Alyssa Crittall and Cameron Jones checking scores.



Dad, Mark Hewton helping with the deerstand

Everyone opted to climb up with the assistance of Dad Mark Hewton up top and Bruce Beacock at the base. After practicing during the summer everyone made it up and down safely using a 3 point contact climb. Gear was hauled up via rope. The deer stand completed the 9 3-D targets then it was around the parking lot back to the summer range where a chance to scoop some points was offered. Six arrows at a 48 inch target face, distances varied as to ability and were similar to distances on the trail.



Lewis Crittall setting another arrow.

Then the Bonus Round! Perhaps the favourite, it just might have been a bit more popular than the deer stand. A paper target of a deer with lungs, heart and liver marked. Everyone had just one arrow to gain a few more points. The catch? You had to call your shot. If you called the heart and missed, even if you hit another organ no points were gained. As fun as it was the weather was taking its toll, and hot pizza was calling from the clubhouse.

All score cards were put in a ballot type box for counting later. Pizza was enjoyed by all the archers, spectators and volunteers. We actually had more spectators and volunteers than archers!



Lexi Hewton on target.

The plan was to hand out awards at the October General Membership meeting but a school dance, the first one of the year, took precedence. Awards were handed out on October 30th, our moving day.



Alyssa Crittall ready to fire.

Almost all archers and parents showed up on the last Tuesday of October to help move our equipment into our new indoor range. It took 3 pick-up trucks to get everything over but we made it and were met at the door by our host, Mr. Al Suter.

Al has been so generous in giving us an indoor space to shoot, he has installed new lights just for us to make shooting safe and enjoyable.

Our indoor location is in the attic of the Home Hardware Design Centre. The range area is 80 feet by 24 feet. We have a firing line set up at 10 meters for youth and 20 meters for adults. For the winter we will be open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Youth shoot from 6 to 7 and adults 7 to 8.

If you would like to come stop by and see us please do. If there is no one at the front door of the showroom when you arrive just honk the horn and someone will be down to let you in. If it is slushy or snowy out please bring indoor shoes and leave your boots at the front door. We do want to keep the showroom clean.

Awards

Awards for the 3-D shoot were given out after everyone helped with the move.

In the yellow category the Gold was taken

by **Lexi Hewton**

Silver by **Alyssa Crittall.**

The blues (a longer distance)

Gold went to **Lewis Crittall**

Silver to **Kennedy Jones**

Bronze to **Cameron Jones**

Everyone received a BPSA t-shirt and a handcrafted arrow pen made by Karen VanNest.

The biggest prize though was the Safety Awareness Award. This is an award that we give at the end of the summer season and it was very difficult to make a decision. It is based on not only personal awareness and practice of safety but also in teaching through action and word to others the importance of safety.

Kennedy Jones was the recipient of a lovely plaque to acknowledge her safety awareness. Along with the plaque she was also given a gift certificate to attend the Youth Rifle Shooting Program operated in the new year by the Handgun Club.

All in all it was a great tournament and the kids have asked to do it again. We are hoping next fall we can expand to include adults in our club and perhaps eventually other clubs as well.

What's up next for Archery? Bruce and Corrie Beacock are heading up the building of a float for the Wiarnton Santa Claus Parade. Any and all volunteers are welcome. Thanks to everyone in the club for supporting the Youth Archery Program. All your help and encouragement is really appreciated.

Submitted by Donna and Paul Maginnis

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2019 Membership Form



PLEASE PRINT YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS AND ALL FAMILY MEMBER NAMES

Names: _____

Address/Fire Number/PO Box: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal/ZIP Code: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

BPSA 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP: **FAMILY/ADULT \$60.00** **YOUTH (Under 18 years old) \$15.00**

Archery Fee: Adult \$40.00 Family \$65.00 Youth \$15.00

I hereby certify that as a member of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the constitution and by laws of the association (BPSA), I also acknowledge my personal information including names, address, phone numbers 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 purposes and photos may be taken for BPSA purposes unless the camera-person is notified otherwise.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____ TOTAL: \$

Membership applications with payment (cash or cheque payable to BPSA) are accepted at the monthly meetings, mailing to BPSA at the above address, or to Marje/Jerry Beaver 519-534-5725 jerrybeaver7@yahoo.ca

Note: Memberships expire on December 31. Please be sure your membership is renewed by that date.

Handgun Club Fee: Adult \$85.00 Family \$95.00 Youth \$15.00

TOTAL: \$

Renewing Handgun Club members pay all fees to Mark Young (leave in an envelope in the vault). For insurance purposes, all Handgun Club fees are payable by December 31st otherwise a late fee of \$25 will apply.

Note: New Handgun Club Applicants must attend the Club House for explanation of probation and fee schedule. Only in-person payments will be accepted for new Handgun Club memberships.

CLUB INVOLVEMENT (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Hatchery | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Prizes | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boot Scubbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Help Stock Fish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervising Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Only (No calls) |

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Renewal New Membership Membership Card Date application received: _____
Cash Cheque Amount Rec'd: _____ Date entered on spreadsheet: _____