

Fur, Fins and Feathers



April 2019

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, April 25th, 2019 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

Another Ladies Shoot wrapped up for 2019

We have had an AMAZING 2019 ladies shoot. We had lots of new ladies learn ACTS and PROVE. Get comfortable shooting both hand guns and long guns. Its always awesome to see them shoot better and better ever week. It usually surprizes them, some are getting very close to shooting 100.

We would like to thank Frank, Carl, and Al for helping out, making it possible to run this program.

Submitted by Patricia Greig



2018-19 Annual Awards and Pot Luck Dinner

On Saturday, March 23rd. the Annual awards and Pot Luck dinner was held at the BPSA clubhouse. While the turnout was light, it didn't put a damper on the festivities or feast provided by the Members present. Don Elliott organized and MC'd the event with his usual flair and presented awards.

Awards were given out for the following categories:

Benjamin Klein (Jr.) award for the largest Wild Turkey at 16 pounds

James Thompson (Jr.) award for the largest Large Mouth Bass at 3 lb.,9 oz

Rylee McCallum (Jr.) award for Rainbow Trout 1.5 lbs.

Frank Hutter award for largest Northern pike 41`

Matt Beckett award for the largest Wild Turkey 21 lbs.

Photos by Jane Thibideau

Al Hunter accepting for Benjamin Klein

James Thompson

accepting for Rylee McCallum

Frank Hutter accepting for Matt Beckett

Frank Hutter

Submitted by, Al Hunter



Benjamin Klein (Jr.) award for the largest Wild Turkey at 16 pounds (Accepted by Al Hunter)



James Thompson (Jr.) award for the largest Large Mouth Bass at 3 lb.,9 oz



Rylee McCallum (Jr.) award for Rainbow Trout 1.5 lbs. (Accepted by Annette Musselman)



Frank Hutter award for largest Northern pike 41”

BPSA 2019 EVENTS

- February 18th Family Day 11 am -2 pm.
- March 23rd Potluck Supper at 5 pm.
- March 28th Elections of Officers and Directors club meeting 7:30 pm
- May 11 Tree Planting Activity 9:00 am
- May 25th Kids fishing day at the club 9-11 am
- July 13th Beef and Pork BQQ 4 - 7 pm
- Aug Set up Fish Tent at Sydenham Sportsman event Owen Sound 8 am to noon
- Sept Community Living fishing at the club 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Kikendaasogamig Elementary School learning Firearm Safety

This winter we were honored to host grade 5,6,7,& 8 students from Kikendaasogamig elementary school into our clubhouse for safe shooting activities. Even though storms caused some cancellations everyone had a good time.

We look forward to more of the same next year. The enclosed pictures show our guests with their teachers who brought the students by bus. As we only had a few shoots, everyone qualified for a gold medal based on their safe gun handling discipline.

Submitted by Frank Hutter



Community Hatchery Program

Hoping to improve our sports fishery, representatives from volunteer run Ontario fish hatcheries recently gathered in Georgian Bluffs near Owen Sound to share ideas. Twenty-five members from the more than 40-hatchery Ontario Community Hatchery Program, (CHP) came from as far away as Thunder Bay and Sarnia. They talked about improving the “survival rate” of the fish they stock. They discussed hatchery water temperature and flow issues. These people represent hatcheries where province-wide, 12-hundred volunteers put in 86-thousand hours of work a year to support Ontario’s renowned sports fishery.

Grey-Bruce region CHP hatcheries in Wiarton, Owen Sound, Kincardine and Southampton were represented.

The day began with a visit to the giant Chatsworth Fish Culture Station operated by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry (MNRF).

The visitors heard the ministry’s Mat Brailey describe how millions of lake, brown and brook trout, as well as bloaters (often referred to as lake herring or deep water cisco) are raised at this 400 acre site, one of nine hatcheries operated by the Ontario government.

Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association (BPSA) fish committee chair Ray Marklevitz questioned why the MNRF is granting some stocking clubs one year hatchery renewal licenses, while others get five year licenses. He pointed out short term licensing discourages stocking groups from establishing long term planning for their stocking programs.



Rainbow trout at Chatsworth Hatchery



Matt Brailey manager Chatsworth MNRF Hatchery talks fish stocking with CHP members

Hatchery Manager Brailey told the visitors the millions of fish raised here need huge quantities of pure water and a major disease prevention effort, to ensure the success of this hatchery first established here in 1936. Fish raised at Chatsworth are often held until they are two years old and are less susceptible to predators, then are stocked in the wild.

During a Community Hatchery Program session at the Sydenham Sportsmen’s Association clubhouse, the fish stocking folks heard that there is no word yet if the Ford government will renew the CHP. Community Hatchery coordinator Matt Burley said OFAH has been working behind the scenes since last October on renewed funding for the program.

The Community Hatchery Program provides more than half of the annual operating costs for many member hatcheries. The CHP is funded by Queen’s Park and operated by the 100-thousand member Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).



BPSA Fish Committee Chair Ray Marklevitz talks fish stocking at CHP meeting



MNRF staff discuss stocked fish survival rates with CHP members

Other tidbits we heard at this meeting were:

- the decline of salmon in Southern Lake Huron has meant a dramatic increase in walleye populations
- on the US side of the lake there is a decline in 2 year old perch as they are being eaten by walleye
- more than fifty percent of the sports fish in the lower Saugeen River are fin clipped indicating they are stocked fish



Matt Burley coordinator Ontario Community Hatchery program at CHP meeting hosted by Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

Ontario's recreational fisheries support robust sport fishing and tourism industries, the mainstay of many northern communities:

1.27 million anglers fish in Ontario each year
 anglers spend \$2.2 billion dollars a year in the province
 they support 1,600 licensed tourist operators
 each stocked fish represents 30-dollars for the community where it is stocked

Members of Ontario's Community Hatchery Program are dedicated to improving our "put-and-take" fishery. The idea being, we stock the fish in the water....then YOU catch them.

Learn more about the Ontario Community Hatchery Program here
<http://www.communityhatcheries.com/>

Submitted by Stu Paterson



Ray Marklevitz of BPSA at CHP meeting in Georgian Bluffs

Archery



Program runs every Tuesday. Youth practice 6-7 pm adults practice 7-9 pm. You can contact Donna and Paul Maginnis at bpsaarchery@gmail.com.

Handgun Club:

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



Paint Night Fundraiser

The fundraiser generated \$335.00 going towards the archery program. We had a great time and enjoyed a hot dessert thanks to the Archery members who made desserts for the event, Crittall, Beacock, Maginnis, and Henderson family's. Also thanks to Pat Noble and Duncan Crawford who donated cash.

Seventeen painters showed up to paint, 8 were from our club.

If there is more interest in a year, we will consider hosting another paint night fundraiser.

Submitted by Karen Van Nest



Learn to coach beginners in **Archery!**

May 11th and 12th from 9A.M. to 3P.M.

Take the course, learn how to coach beginner in Archery.

Be sure to pre-register to participate in this weekend educational course that will help you to become an Instructor of beginners.

Over the weekend you will study through theory and practical work the skills required to effectively teach beginners archery. You need not be a skilled archer but some knowledge would be useful.

It is not necessary to have archery equipment. Workbooks provided.

The course will be held at the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association Clubhouse located at 611 Northacres Road, Wiarton.

Please bring a lunch, we have a microwave, stove and refrigerator available for your use. Beverages available for a small fee. We are not too far from town if you wish to drive in and pick up a meal.

Cost for the two day course is \$120.00 payable upon pre-registration.

Contact Donna Maginnis at 519-795-7555 for more information.

