

Fur, Fins and Feathers



February 2019

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, February 28th, 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

2019 Youth Firearms Program



Well its been a wonderful year for the kids Jr. .22 program. The weather this winter has not been the best however the kids and their parents have still managed to make it out! What dedication and interest these children have to process of learning how to handle firearms safely. We would like to thank the safety officers for their commitment again this year. Not only have we had a lot of new Jr members but we have also had a few members who have helped with the kids program. And without the adult members in the range the kids program wouldn't happen. So thanks to everyone for helping out and showing up!

This year we have had 29 kids join the program and 20 of them are new this year!

Their safe handling scores have improved dramatically over the 6 weeks. Many of the kids this year had never handled a real firearm before so lots of new information was learned by the children. ACTS and PROVE was learned and gone over at each shoot. The kids all had a chance to practice "safe falling" with a imitation gun to maintain safe muzzle control, then how safely to get up and ACTS and PROVE their weapon again.

We have enjoyed watching the kids all improve in their accuracy, confidence, responsibility and their respect for the weapons and the range and safety officers. Thanks to everyone who made this another successful year! Rob and Krista Quesnel

Youth Program cont.



Krista Quesnel and Donna Mginnis busy signing up all the children.



Robert Quesnel going over one on one ACTS and PROVE. All children must go through the one on one training before ever entering the shooting range.



Archery Awards

Awards were given out for Safety and accuracy. We had medallions for placing First, Second and Third at both the short distance and long distance categories. All the Archers also received BPSA t-shirts and arrow pens.

The winner of the Safety Awareness Award was Kennedy Jones. This award is given to a person that shows over the year that they understand the safety rules themselves



Head of BPSA Archery, Donna Maginnis is presenting Lexi Hewton with her award.

but also assists others, especially the younger ones in understanding the importance. Kennedy received a lovely plaque and a Gift Certificate to attend the Youth Winter Shoot.

Congratulations to All of the archers. Many thanks to all the parents that helped out with the 3-D shoot. It was enjoyed by everyone so we are hoping to have another one just before school is out for the summer in 2019 and perhaps another once everyone is back in school in the fall.



Lewis Crittall also received an award. Congrats to all.

BPSA Family Day Open House February 18th

Our annual Family Day open house is a valuable learning experience for young people and their parents, who often end up as members of this respected volunteer conservation organization.

Our top priority is to engage children in safe outdoors recreation and conservation.

For Family Day 2019 BPSA will spotlight:

- **Fish Hatchery tours - see thousands of baby rainbow and brown trout**
- **Youth and adult archery/firearms safety and education programs**
- **The BPSA Boot Scrubber invasive species awareness project**
- **Free refreshments for all between 11am and 2pm Monday February 18, 2019.**

We strongly support our Family Day and Kids Fishing events. Our young people are taught the joys of outdoors recreation. At the same time they are encouraged to carry on the good conservation work started by our club's pioneers.



Bill Blair talks to Grey-Bruce Region about firearms.

In early February 450 gun owners gathered in Durham to discuss a possible federal handgun ban and other firearms issues.



Larry Miller MP Bruce-Gray Owen Sound and Bill Blair Minister of Border Security

15 BPSA members took part. Some got to ask questions of Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction Bill Blair, who stopped in Grey-Bruce region as part of his cross country firearms consultations.

Those in attendance at the session organized by Bruce-Gray-Owen Sound MP Larry Miller, sounded their message loud and clear:

"Target Criminals, NOT Licensed Sport Shooters"

They were hunters and sports shooters. They came from as far away as Ottawa, Peterborough and London. They told Blair they are worried that any new legislation will result in



further restrictions on legally owned firearms and said they believe responsible gun owners are being unfairly targeted. One concern is the issue of home storage. Blair has said the government may force licensed gun owners to store their firearms at their shooting clubs with stiff fines handed out if owners keep their guns at home. Firearms owners say that would leave shooting clubs vulnerable as criminals would try to steal large collections of firearms.

Before the Durham meeting Blair had said "ending home firearm storage and requiring central storage may be possible in some jurisdictions". This was the 3rd time in two months that Blair or a government official has mentioned new storage laws aimed at Canada's 2.2 million licensed shooters.



The Port Coquitlam & District Hunting & Fishing Club had a conference call with Blair on January 24th. The club reported Blair's "primary concern regarding lawful firearms owners revolved around the issue of safe storage, believing the prevention of firearms theft is a key method of deterring and preventing violent crime".



Al Hunter, President of BPSA Handgun Club put his point forward.

On a possible handgun ban Blair said he has heard from many Canadians who want to use handguns for target shooting. But noting the desire in big cities for such a ban he added "we respect all opinions".

In Durham Blair said he's heard one main thing from all Canadians, both urban and rural — they want to be safe. "In every community I've been to, I've gone to see the mayor, I've gone to see the police chief, I've gone and spoken to Canadians in communities from coast to coast to coast, and in every place I've heard people want to be safe.



They expect the government to take responsible actions and do the things that actually work,” said Blair in an interview after the discussion.

His job now is to report his findings probably within weeks, to the Prime Minister.

Bruce-Grey Owen Sound Conservative MP Larry Miller moderated the event. He’s opposed to further firearms restrictions and said nothing he heard from Blair eases his fears.

Among the speakers at the Durham firearms session were three of the five candidates running to replace Miller.

A public relations firm that advises the Liberal Government in Ottawa has said new firearms restrictions present “an untapped opportunity” for Trudeau to win re-election this year.

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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

PAL Number _____ Expiry Date _____ 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) **TOTAL ALL** \$

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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: _____