

# Fur, Fins and Feathers



July 2019

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.  
Next meeting, September 26th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. For inquiries e-mail [bpsportsmen@gmail.com](mailto:bpsportsmen@gmail.com) or mail to P.O. Box 548, Wiarton, Ontario N0H 2T0

## Sanctioned two day Archery tournament Tournament at BPSA

On June 29 & 30, 2019, The BPSA Archery group held a sanctioned two day tournament on our recently gifted property. Archers from S/W Ontario participated and the weather was picture perfect. A great time was had by all and a BIG thank you to Karen and Phil for bringing it all together.



Our next registered Tournament will be held on Aug 24 & 25. The gate will be open at 8:30am, practise starts at 9:15am, and scoring starts at 10am. Both day we will shoot a double 720. \$20.00 for one 720, \$30 for two 720. Any OAA member can shoot this tournament. Pre registration is required. Payment reserves your spot. Contact Karen @ [kvn\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:kvn_ca@yahoo.com) or 519.378.3339

# Another Success Story for Conservation Club

Skies were sunny, temperatures were comfortable and the beef, pork and desserts were tasty at the annual Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) Beef & Pork Barbecue. On July 13th more than 240 guests enjoyed the feast which is the largest fund raiser of the year for the conservation club. Profits from this event support BPSA fish stocking, stream rehabilitation, firearms safety training, target shooting, archery, tree planting and our invasive species awareness project which includes installing "boot scrubbers" at Grey-Bruce trails and parks.



35 volunteer BPSA members staged the event at the group's clubhouse west of Wiarton. Each meal ticket came with a draw ticket for three major prizes. The winner of a new Barbecue donated by BPSA was Dave Myatt of the Lake Huron Fishing Club. Linda Weir took home a powerful portable generator donated by Charlie Robertson. Dan Colborne will be smoking his fish in his new smoker donated by Gary Fisher.



BBQ chair Murray Garniss said "our volunteers did a super job putting this together." He noted "most of the volunteers have staged this event before and all went smoothly once again."



The BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION was established in 1962 to preserve and protect fish and wildlife. Member volunteers, male and female, young and old, have stocked over 4-million sports fish in Grey-Bruce waters. It's estimated each fish stocked is worth 30 dollars to the community where it is stocked. Tourism officials credit our club's efforts with helping pump \$18-million into our regional economy. BPSA boasts Ontario's longest operating volunteer run fish hatchery.



If you think you might be interesting in volunteering for a future BPSA project or joining our conservation club, send us an email at [bpsportsmen@gmail.com](mailto:bpsportsmen@gmail.com)

submitted by Stu Paterson



# BPSA Memorial Tree Planting

Three Memorial Trees have been planted along the west side of the club's new property and three Memorial Plaques have been mounted on fence posts opposite the trees.

It's a beautiful and peaceful setting to remember our past Members that have contributed so much to the BPSA. The plaques honour Members that have passed in 2016, 2017 and 2018:

**2016: Ed McArthur, Loreena Richardson, Ernie Schnurr**

**2017: Bill Busey, Jon Janelle, John McGill, Karen Robertson, Garry Stewart** (we noticed Jon name is wrong on the plaque, we have ordered a new one)

**2018: Hazel Fletcher, Lorne Fletcher, Kay Hunter, Dan Kerr, Jim Nobel**

All Members and Family Members are invited to visit this special place.

Special thanks to Lincoln Leudke and his crew and the Elliott Family and all those that worked to make this possible.

Submitted by Al Hunter



Several Handgun Members also gave to put in a special garden for Kay Hunter. Active member of both the main club and the Handgun Club.



On Tues., June 25, 2019, 20 Members of the BPSA were on hand to stock 15,000 Salmon in Gleason Brook near Oxenden. The Salmon were reared at the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association hatchery and this is just another great example of conservation clubs working together to build and maintain a wonderful fishery for all to enjoy.

A BIG thank you as well goes out to the Johnstone family for opening their property up to the BPSA and who without their support, stocking's like this would not be possible.

Submitted by: Al Hunter

# Wiarton District Chamber of Commerce 2019 Annual Meeting

Representing BPSA I attended the annual meeting of the Wiarton District Chamber of Commerce. I made sure the chamber folks are aware of how much we appreciate their posting of BPSA event listings and news stories on their weekly chamber newsletter. They have more than 100 members and it is a big plus for our clubs community profile when these items are going out to these businesses and individuals.

At this meeting the president and board of the Wiarton District Chamber of Commerce (WDC) were acclaimed to their positions for the next year. This is the chamber board as a result of the organization's annual meeting at the Wiarton Legion.

## 2019-2020 Board of Directors

President	Paul Deacon
Vice President	Paul Sutter
Treasurer	Sue Given
Director	Brandee Ceaser MacDonald
Director	Joe Vanderzand
Director	Koreen Ryan
Director	Ann Marie Hadcock



South Bruce Peninsula Mayor Janice Jackson

South Bruce Peninsula Mayor Janice Jackson told the chamber meeting five developers are interested in a possible hotel project at the Former Wiarton Foodland site. She announced that all major infrastructures such as outdated water and waste water pipes in Wiarton will be replaced. The Mayor said there's "lots of fun stuff going on... we are determined to move our town forward."



Paul Deacon President

As President Paul Deacon proudly noted, for the first time the chamber now has 102 members. He predicted further growth this coming year as more business people understand and appreciate the positive community work the chamber does. Deacon called for the urgent need to "streamline the process, to make it easier to get developers projects approved in Wiarton". He said "we need to improve the handling of developer's projects to move our town forward with positive growth". Deacon said the town has been working on this "but we're not there yet".



South Bruce Peninsula Economic Development chief Dannielle Edwards

South Bruce Peninsula Economic Development chief Dannielle Edwards reported Grey-Bruce hosts two point five million visitors a year who spend nearly 3-million dollars. She suggests a major year round hotel would go a long way towards keeping those guests in Wiarton for longer periods. She is working on finding grants to partially fund a feasibility study to determine if a year new hotel can in her words "work for Wiarton."



The economic development director also told me she is interested in going fishing on Colpoy's Bay. So call her at town hall if you think you can take her out for a fish-catching experience. As a fish stocking organization, we have always cited the huge value of sports fishing to our economy. MNRF studies have shown each fish stocked is worth 30-dollars to the community where it is stocked.

**The WIARTON DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE site outlines what this organization stands for:**

*The WDC is fundamental to the economic growth of our community. Through introductions, facilitating projects, maintaining data and new development, we strive to always keep our members connected. We are proud of our accomplishments and feel that in an age of technology we have raised the bar in many ways.*

**RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Warton Facebook page has over 1,200 page likes and post reaches of up to 4,000 per week
- Hosted a well-received and well-attended 3rd Annual Job Fair
- Hosted several 'Breakfast with the Mayor' grass roots discussions between community members and our Town's Mayor to increase communication
- Promotion of 'Business After Hours' events to local businesses for networking opportunities
- The Chamber organized events like Santa Claus Parade, Warton Willie Festival, and Canada Day (partnered with the Warton Optimist Club)
- The Warton Revitalization Committee has been a driving force behind cleaning up Bluewater Park and the renovations of the Parkette

For more information check the WIARTON DISTRICT CHAMBER of COMMERCE site - <http://www.wartonchamber.ca/news.cfm>

Submitted by: Stu Paterson

# 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 11th Tree Planting Activity 9:30 am
- May 18th Fish Stocking Gleason Brook 9:00 am
- May 25th Kids fishing day at the club 9-11 am
- June 29 & 30th Archery Tournament (registered with Archery Canada)
- July 13th Beef and Pork BBQ 4 -7 pm
- Aug 24-25th Sanctioned Archery Tournament
- Aug Set up Fish Tent at Sydenham Sportsman event Owen Sound 8 am to noon
- Sept 8th Community Living fishing at the club 2:00 to 5:00 pm

## Remembering Founding BPSA Member **Irv Sutter**

Irv Sutter was a founding member of the BPSA. He got me involved with the BPSA when I came to Warton in 1965. He was instrumental in purchasing the property from Hugo Fitzpatrick for a gun range for \$400.00.



I was a partner with him in business for about 40 years. He was honored in 2012 at our 50th anniversary.

He passed away on April 28, 2019. He requested that his memorial donations be to the BPSA.

Irv's daughter, Debbie Chegahno had his great grand kids at our Kids fish Day. He is Alan Sutter's our hatchery manager's great uncle.

Submitted by Ray Marklevitz

# Wiarnton Rotary Club Open House and Visit



On Thurs., June 20/19, 6:45 PM, 18 Members of the Wiarnton Rotary Club visited the BPSA. Ray Marklevitz presented a history of the BPSA and Al Sutter covered the Hatchery.

Our guests were separated into three groups and these groups were rotated between the Hatchery, Handgun Range and Outdoor Archery range for a "hands on" experience. The evening was a total success and many thanks were received.



The success was largely due to the many volunteers that came out to lead the activities in the Hatchery, Handgun Range and Archery and to take photos. Thank you all !!!!!!!!!!! Many thanks as well to Dianne McCartney for her kind donation of home baked tarts. They are always a hit and this event was no different. Not even a crumb was left on the platter.

The last guest left at 10:00 PM.

Submitted by Al Hunter

