

Fur, Fins and Feathers



January 2020

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, February 27th, 2020 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

Youth Firearms Safety Program



The BPSA range is very busy these days. In addition to being in use 5 days a week by the Handgun Club, it's busy with community activities on Sundays with our annual Youth Firearms Safety Program and our Ladies Program. On Sunday, Jan. 19/20, the club was full of young shooters and their parents as 34 youngsters were signed up for the six week program headed by Rob and Krista Quesnel. The session begins with a classroom firearms safety session followed by live fire sessions in the range. Right size .22 cal. rifles and ammunition are provided by the BPSA and one on one mentoring is provided by experienced shooters and range safety officers from the Handgun Club.



Are you right eye or left eye dominate? It is amazing how many are right handed but left eye. If that is the case this is the age to learn to be left handed.



Robert Quesnel instructing first time shooter Charlie how to use a peep site.



BPSA has provided a safe and enjoyable learning environment for area young people for many years. A firearm licence and firearms are not required for participation in the program as the club provides size/age appropriate .22 rifles and ammunition under direct supervision of Handgun Club Members.



All targets are scored with points for Safety out of 10, plus accuracy. Bonus points given for second novel target.



Ladies Sunday Evening Shooting Program

A number of years ago, many mothers and sisters of our Youth Firearms Program participants asked for a Ladies evening shoot. The BPSA Handgun Club responded with a consecutive six week Ladies program on Sunday evenings. The first session took place on Sunday, Jan. 19/20 at 7:00 P.M., Twenty-five Enthusiastic ladies signed up for the first session with several returning from previous years. A range rules and firearm safety orientation was conducted by Frank Hutter and then shooting began in the range. Several range safety officers work with the ladies to ensure safety and to mentor new shooters. .22 cal. rifles and ammunition are provided by the club for those shooters without a firearm.



Firearms safety is a major portion of all Frank's training sessions.

It's hard to say but I think the Ladies group have the most fun of all the groups and support each other to bolster improvement.

The Ladies program is coordinated by Patricia Krieg. The BPSA Indoor Range is approved, licensed and inspected by the office of the Chief Firearms Officer of Ontario (OPP).



Fish Committee-Hatchery:

Ray Marklevitz / Al Sutter



- **Yearling Rainbows in the hatchery are growing well and will be ready for fin clipping around the beginning of April.**
- We need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. **THIS FUNCTION IS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!** You must be a BPSA member to do this function.

Potluck & Awards Night February 22nd at 5:30pm with supper at 6:00pm.

Awards will be given for the largest Wild Turkey
Largest Large Mouth Bass
Largest Rainbow Trout
Largest Northern Pike

Come out for a night of social and laughter

Family Day Open House



February 17th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

BPSA constantly celebrates the Canadian heritage pursuits of fishing and hunting. Family Day is a great way to celebrate and promote fishing and hunting, other outdoors activities and conservation, which we are all about.



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 2020 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 17th.**

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.



**Any questions call 519-534-2730 or email bpsportsmen@gmail.com
BPSA is located at 611 North Acres Road, Wiarton, just off the Oliphant Road,
2.1 km West of Hwy 6**