

# Fur, Fins and Feathers



April 2020

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.  
Due to COVID-19 all activities are cancelled until further notice.  
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## Hatchery Volunteers Recognized/National Volunteer Week 2020



The Ontario Community Hatchery Program (CHP) is recognizing hundreds of volunteers who run the provinces 37 community based fish hatcheries.

One of those hatcheries is operated by sports fishing enthusiasts with the 300-member Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA). The BPSA hatchery in South Bruce Peninsula on the southwest shore of Georgian Bay is the longest operating volunteer run community hatchery in Ontario.

The CHP recognition comes during National Volunteer Week (April 19-25, 2020) which recognizes more than 12-million Canadian volunteers who CHP says "deserve our cheers for their dedication and generosity". Across Ontario CHP members put in more than 93-thousand hours a year raising, feeding and stocking fish for the sports fishery. Since the sixties BPSA has stocked more than 4-million fish. Each stocked fish is worth an estimated 35-dollars to the community where it is stocked. During the current PANDEMIC all BPSA club programs are on hold until further notice, except fish feeding and hatchery maintenance being done by four volunteers working on one week rotations.

National Volunteer Week #NVW2020 is a time to celebrate and thank Canada's 12.7 million #volunteers. Community hatchery volunteers raise millions of fish each year to be released into Ontario's public waters!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** To help at a community hatchery in Ontario visit our volunteer map to find a facility near you!

The Community Hatchery Program is funded by the province and operated by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

[www.communityhatcheries.com/volunteer/](http://www.communityhatcheries.com/volunteer/)





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by Stu Paterson



Volunteers are the backbone of all of our OFAH programs. Their knowledge and passion for the outdoors, conservation and our youth are the reason our conservation programs are so successful

Thank YOU, volunteers, for sharing your time, skills and love of fish and wildlife! You are all so appreciated! #nationalvolunteerweek #youth #outdoorededucation

# BPSA Members have been keeping busy during **COVID-19 Isolation**

## **Chris, Lacey, James and Annalyn Thompson**

The Thompson family has been busy building birdhouses, finding worms for fishing, picking garbage around Colpoys Bay, getting our gardens ready, and trying to find a turkey. Feel free to use whatever you please. Have a good night.



## **Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson**

Phil and I are lucky enough to keep up with Archery in our yard. Collecting and cooking our Maple sap kept us busy in March. Hope everyone is keeping busy and staying healthy.



### Heide Arnold

I am doing fine. My garden plot at gateway park is out of bounds so I've been sowing teddy bears quilt tops. Experimenting with other sewings knitting. Trying to croche a purse using pop tabs. The teddy bears are going to the OPP to put in their cruisers. I also made a lap quilt, I call C-19, Cooking and baking a lot (most of it I give away) or I'll be big as a house. Just trying to stay out of trouble. Have a good day and be safe.

### Kelly Lang

Started to restore some of my machines. Lots of fun seeing projects done. This machine tills gardens, blows snow, cuts grass and ploughs. Over 50 years old. Awesome



### Jo-Anne Stevens

I purchased a whiteboard at Staples & placed it on my front lawn close to the road. I write short messages on it & change them every 2 days. Sometimes they are information/ remarks to help people feel better & sometimes they are humorous. People seem to enjoy it so I have accomplished my goal. Stay safe.



### Kat McCulloch

Ron and I have been keeping busy around the farm. Had some fun with an elm tree that died in the front yard. Wanted to put a smile on peoples faces when driving by. It is now covered in Dr Seuss houses. With what we are going through we all need a smile. I have also been giving the flowerbeds around the yard a face-lift. Still lots to do. Stay safe everyone.



# Wintery day Stocking Fish - while social distancing.

Despite the constraints and restrictions from Covid-19 from the Provincial and Federal government, plus being limited to a crew of 5 and abiding by social distancing guidelines was a challenge. Five Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association volunteers strived to stock 9,520 rainbow trout with an average size of 17.9 grams on the afternoon of Friday May 8th.



Alan Sutter Hatchery Manager preparing to stock our fish.

Mother nature was preparing its prevailing North-East winds with its finest weather of snow, sleet and sunshine in true fashion for the Bruce Peninsula in May. Despite the weather these five well seasoned Sportsmen's shined through and accomplished the task and did what they enjoy the most in the name of Conservation.

Unfortunately due to the constraints put in place by the provincial and federal government because of Covid-19, we were unable to have our regular large number of volunteers with the bucket brigade for stocking at Gleason Brook like we normally do.



This is just another great example of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association's Volunteer's shining through and showing the commitment of what the BPSA loves to do for



Dean Lobban, Treasurer enjoying the weather....?



our local Sportfishing community.  
 Thank you to Alan Sutter Hatchery Manager, Mike Smith  
 Assistant Hatchery Manager and VP of the BPSA, Gord  
 Smith past Assistant Hatchery Manager, Dean Lobban,  
 Treasurer (the only one who came dressed in shorts) and  
 Kevin Harders Club President

*Submitted by Kevin Harders*



Gord Smith past Assistant Hatchery Manager



Frank Hutter had a great day. Coyote came out  
 first...took care of him. Turkey soon followed.  
 Good job Frank