

# Fur, Fins and Feathers



May 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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## Hatcheries Adjust to COVID-19

Community hatcheries such as the one operated by BPSA, have implemented modified work schedules to practice social distancing while raising and stocking fish in 2020.

Fish culture facilities already practice hand and boot sanitation upon entering the hatchery, and surfaces are sanitized daily to prevent fish diseases.

Modified fish stocking schedules, social distancing and continued sanitation practices have allowed hatcheries to continue to release fish into public waters across Ontario.

BPSA has had two rainbow trout stocking sessions in recent months with a small number of participants taking part well masked and in safe socially distancing mode.

May 8th Gleason Brook. We stocked 9520 yearling Rainbow Trout. May 29th Barrow Bay we stocked 5100 yearling Rainbow Trout and at Colpoys Creek on the same date we stocked 6622 yearling Rainbow Trout.

We didn't get the opportunity to fin clip our yearling Rainbows this year. Total yearling Rainbow stock so far this year just over 21,000. We have approx. 8000 Rainbows left in the hatchery to be stocked later this year.

Big thank you to Mike Smith, Kevin Harders, Dean Lobban, Gord Smith and Ray Marklevitz for helping get the job done. The Brown Trout have been moved to a larger tank in the Hatchery and a growing well.

This spring rainbow trout egg taking sessions for many hatcheries were cancelled due to social-distancing requirements. There will be a time in coming months where some hatcheries will have no fish to raise. Soon BPSA our rainbow trout tanks will be empty until next spring when hopefully egg taking will resume.

*by Stu Paterson, Al Sutter  
and Kevin Harders*



## Handgun Club Important Notice

### Temporary Range Closure (Practice shooting)

Given the temporary unprecedented precautionary measures being adopted by the Federal government and Provincial Public Health Units, we are closing the BPSA Handgun Club range temporarily to help safeguard our Members and guests from the COVID- 19 VIRUS.

On March 15, 2020, Members of the BPSA Handgun Club received the above notice headline on a notice advising the BPSA Handgun Club Indoor Range was temporarily closing due to the risk of the COVID-19 Virus and in the belief that the Federal and or the Provincial Government would soon be closing shooting ranges along with a number of other indoor and outdoor activities. (The Provincial Government closed all approved ranges in the Ontario three days later)

In addition to our range closure our Handgun Club Members learned the WOHL (Western Ontario Handgun League) was suspending competition in mid season until the fall.

It wasn't simply just the range closure that Members had to deal with, but also the separation from their many friends and fellow shooters who were also Members of the HG Club. Probationary shooters were also prohibited from completing their probationary period but will be allowed to start where they left off at the time of the closure without penalty.

The BPSA Range re-opened on Wed., May 27/20, at 1:00 PM on a limited basis. Unfortunately Guests and Probationary shooters may not attend at this time. We look forward to their return when the COVID-19 risk is further reduced or eliminated. Our re-opening is with the consent of the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO).

The range will be restricted to the use of only three (3) of our seven (7) shooting ports in order to maintain the six (6) foot or two (2) metre social distancing imposed by the provincial government. Members that are waiting to shoot are restricted to a maximum of groups of five (5) and must also respect and adhere to the six foot distancing and only one group of waiting shooters will be permitted inside the clubhouse at any given time. Hand washing and club sanitizing rules have been imposed and will be strictly enforced.

Allan Hunter  
President, BPSA Handgun Club

## Wildlife & Memorial Tree Planting

Members planted 17 wild life apple trees on the BPSA property to feed wildlife in the future. Plus Memorial maple trees. All the time wiht physical distancing.

BPSA members wildlife tree planting crew Chris Thompson, Gord Smith, Property Chairman Wayne Musselman, Ray Marklevitz and worker Murray Garniss.



### Ray Marklevitz

Hunter called him in and I decided it was time for a turkey dinner. Will enter Tom in the BPSA contest.



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

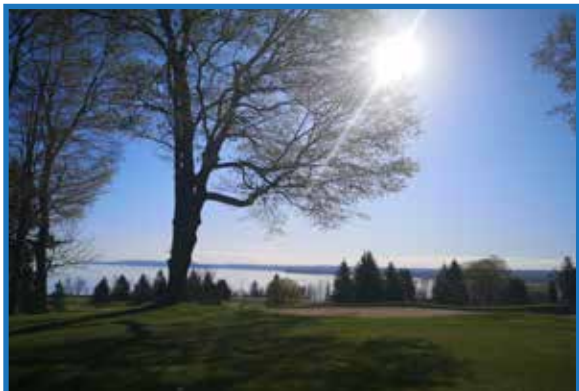
## **Lexi Hewton**

I have been baking, cooking, doing art and lots of walks on Grampa's farm. This is a Lemon layered cake I made for my Aunt Carrie's birthday.



## **Kevin Harders**

I have been golfing and doing renos.



## **Paul and Donna Maginnis**

Donna wants more room to grow veggies. Paul is building raised garden beds for us. This is 18 cubic yards to be moved by Monday when the next 18 cubic yards arrives. We do NOT own a tractor.



## **Brydon Shiels**

Beauty in her cowboy hat. Brydon is not bored or anything.



## **Mike Smith**

Putting in the time working on some major trench and landscaping.

# Before COVID-19 BPSA Events From the Past



2007 Fish Egg Collecting



2006 Pork BBQ



2007 Fish Fry



2007 Fin Clipping



2007 Kids Fishing Day



2007 Law & Security Training Day



2008 Fish Derby



2008 Archery



2008 Bill Murdock MPP, Donna Cansfield, past Minister of the MNRF, Mike Lutman past BPSA President and Larry Miller MP.



2008 Community Living



2008 Youth Skeet Shoot



2009 BPSA Fishing Awards



2010 Community Living



2009 Fish Stocking



2010 Fish Stocking



2009 Competition Handgun Team Champs



2010 RSOs at Kids Shoot