

Fur, Fins and Feathers



October 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.
For inquiries e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 548, Wiarton, Ontario N0H 2T0

BPSA Stocking Browns

Once again working within the struggles of Covid-19 and provincial guidelines, the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association strived through and had another successful day of fish stocking.

With water temperatures a perfect match and the growing rate of our brown trout, Hatchery Manager Allan Suter decided to pull the trigger and do the first initial stocking of Brown Trout this year for 2020. Due to COVID restrictions the MNRF have given us more opportunities for stocking this year under our licensing agreement.



allowing us to have larger sizes to stock, also decreasing the population of cormorants while stocking a little later this year. The brown trout averaged 7.5 grams in size which is close to double the normal size would be in late August. This will hopefully increase the survival rate and provide a better opportunity for catching these beauty's in the future for our next generation. Once the fish had been stocked we stood by the marina and admired them freely dispersing amongst themselves and enjoy their new habitat.

Thank you to our small group of volunteers today for making this happen. On Saturday October 4th we stocked approximately 12,000 Brown Trout. After the fish stocking we graded the remaining fish in the hatchery to accommodate for better growth of the fish and set up for our next stocking adventure.

With the ups and downs of Covid-19, the Downs being that we did not get any rainbow eggs for 2020 and the upside we were able to hold our brown trout a little longer than normal



The Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association is one of Ontario's longest private run hatcheries and is always greatfull to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Community Hatchery Program for all of their generous support to our program here on the Bruce Peninsula.

*Yours in conservation
Kevin Harders*

President of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association.



Murray Family Donation

The Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association & Hatchery would like to thank Mr. Jim Murray and his family for the \$1,000 donation towards BPSA Hatchery projects this past Saturday October 10th.

Mr. Murray is the owner of Wellington Dufferin Paving and resides on the waterfront on Colpoys Bay and commends Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen Association & Hatchery crew for their efforts in stocking.

Jim always enjoys seeing the rainbow off his dock and along the shoreline and appreciates all the effort and hard work that the club has been putting in for over the past 55 years.

When Mr. Murray approached me to inquire about a donation, he said "it's the least I can do for the club, and thanks again for all your hard work"

Due to provincial guidelines of covid-19 we were unfortunately not able to have all of our fabulous crew that runs the hatchery present. When Jim Murray came to visit the Hatchery to present his donation. Jim however did receive a private Hatchery tour from president Kevin Harders, Hatchery Manager Allan Suter and Vice President and Assistant Hatchery Manager Mike Smith along with treasurer Dean Lobban.

Jim was overwhelmed with excitement and really appreciated everything that the crew does once he received a tour and explanations of our operations.

*by Kevin Harders
BPSA President*



Honoring Two Rays

On Sunday morning October 25th members of the Bruce peninsula Sportsmen's Association were honored to visit with Mr Ray Reidel.

Past president Ray Marklevitz , Past President Frank Hunter, Vice President Mike Smith and current President Kevin Harders were there to present Ray Riddell with a lifetime achievement award & lifetime membership to the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association for his continuous volunteer work over the past 40 plus years.



Frank Hutter and Ray Marklevitz, presenting Ray Reidel with his lifetime achievement award & lifetime membership.

Ray Reidel was Club president from 1986 to 1996. He was an important factor in the building of the new Hatchery, the construction of the gun range and the overall well-being of the club during his term as President. Ray is a warm-hearted kind man with so much love and passion towards conservation in our area. Ray was also one of Frank Hutter's right-hand men for the introduction of wild turkeys on the peninsula, one of the club's renowned conservation projects.

Right after the presentation to Mr. Ray Reidel we quickly turned our attention to Mr. Ray Marklevitz.

As well, Mr Marklevitz is also an outstanding leader in conservation for the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association. Ray, was also honored with a lifetime achievement award and lifetime membership to the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association for his continuous volunteer work over the past 50 years.

Ray was president from 1970 to 1972 he has been the Hatchery manager since the early eighties and is since just retired his Hatchery manager duties to Mr Allan Sutter , Ray still sits on the board as chairman of the fish committee. We



Ray and his wife Marj, daughter Amanda, son in law Marty and grandchildren Hunter, Hudson and Hayden

can't thank Ray enough or comprehend the hours that he has put in in the past 45 years as Hatchery manager. Ray was joined by his family for this proud moment and it was surely a heartfelt moment between the Reidel family and the Marklevitz's.

It was an honour to recognize these two Members with their awards. There is no better example of footsteps to follow for our next generation in conservation. To sit and listen to the stories that these gentlemen told this afternoon is a true inspiration for conservation. Seeing the camaraderie and the fellowship as they spoke about past conservation projects and meetings would have put a smile on anyone's face.

Yours in Conservation
Kevin Harders, President of the BPSA



Kevin Harders, Ray Reidel, Ray Marklevitz and VP Mike Smith

Greetings to the members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association

As president of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association I am reaching out to each and every one of you today to encourage early Membership renewal. We cannot emphasize enough at this time how important membership drives are to organizations like ourselves.

Since 1962 the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association has been the longest private run community hatchery in Ontario, we have stocked over 4 million fish and continue to do so with an average of 1300,00 to 155,000 fish a year.

With Times like these and covid-19 we're under pressure even more for a membership drive. With no kids fishing days, no Community Living fishing day, no Pork and Beef barbecues and no family open house day. All of these create a reduction in fundraising that we rely on. These factors create hurdles for the club as we cannot create any fundraising as would in a normal year.

Even with covid-19 the club has taken a stride further and has managed to successfully stock fish, installed boot scrubbers for invasive species for plants awareness and continue our conservation projects. It is unfortunate we cannot have large gatherings at this time, this also puts a reduction on the very popular family bucket brigades for stocking fish, tree planting and boot scrubbers program.. All of these which most of you have joined and participate in and lend a hand in conservation towards our community cannot be done at this time.

This is why it's so important this year especially to please renew your membership and continue your support to the club and conservation. Once we get through the struggles of covid-19 I hope to all see you again and continue our conservation projects.

The Archery program is closed for the season and the Handgun Club continues, but with reduced capacity and all competitions are "Postal Matches".

We need your membership to keep our club going, Please help support all our conservation programs and club events.

This year we are offering an early bird special, if you mail in your cheque by December 1st your name goes into a draw to win \$50 gift certificate form both Warton Home Hardware & "Lures N Lines". Print out membership form on following page. Get it mailed in for the draw. Handgun members can drop off when at the club. Thank you for your support.



*Yours in Conservation
Kevin Harders
President BPSA*

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2020 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) |

This section for BPSA administration only

Renewal New Membership Membership Card Date application received: _____

Cash Cheque Amount Rec'd: _____ Date entered on spreadsheet: _____