

Fur, Fins and Feathers



November 2021

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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Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby

The 1st Annual Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby was brought to the public this year to enhance fundraising for the Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Hatchery program. The club had always run a smaller private Derby with guests on the peninsula through the mid-90s to 2000's. With Club volunteers becoming less for the event and fatigue in sponsorship the derby began to dwindle down with less entrants every year.



As covid hit the club was now limited to what we could do for fundraising. Dianne and I are on the executive of the Chantry Chinook Classic which supports the Lake Huron Fishing Club. As well we are sponsors and ticket sales for the Salmon Spectacular part of the Sydenham Sportsman's Association fundraising. We found it only fitting that another executive should be formed to create another Derby just as these clubs had done to support their hatchery programs. In 2020 Kevin Harders and Dianne McCartney owners of



Lures N Lines in Wiarton approached the board of directors and club membership to see if we could create its own independent executive to create a derby to do fundraising and have all proceeds go exclusively to the Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Hatchery program. The motion was a success and we moved forward.

The current Spring Trout Derby executive is Chairman Dennis Morton Treasurer Dean Lobban, Directors Chris Thompson, Mike Smith, Dianne McCartney and Kevin Harders.

With covid being a huge hurdle to overcome we managed to pull it off and we were the first derby in Ontario to publicly be allowed to run an event after all the lockdowns. Ticket sales were a little slow off the start however once everything picked up and the weather became cooperative we managed to raise \$10,000 in total, leaving \$5,000 in cash prizes and \$5,000 donated back to the Hatchery program. It turned out to be a great event with fantastic support from the residents and sponsorship.



With all conditions considering the Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby was a great success, we have more sponsorship on board for 2022 and we are looking forward to creating even more opportunities for the anglers in the area and raising even more money for the Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Hatchery program.

Warmest regards
 Kevin Harders, President
 Owner/Operator Lures N Lines





Al Sutter, Director of Hatchery Operations, recieved \$5,000 to the BPSA Hatchery program from Kevin Harders, Owner/Operator of Lures N Lines.

Draw Prize **Winners**

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| Richard Colburn | Mountain bike
donated by Jamie Cook & Family |
| Luke Gooding | Aqua Lilly Pad/ Tigwell Motor Sports |
| Jaden Smith | Wallace tree services
fishing package |
| Lachlan Clouser | Wallace tree services
fishing package |
| Liam Ball | Wallace tree services
fishing package |
| Jace Carpenter | Lyman lures kids' package |

- Carson Herman
Owen Barfoot
Hayden Bell

Kids Random Draw Prizes

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| Eva Irvin | kids fishing pacakge |
| Kyler Orson | |
| Lachlan Harders | |
| Morgan Rupel | |
| Baylor Smith | |
| Ella Heimpel | |
| Jesse Mallard | tackle box |

Hidden Weight Sponsored by Hooked on Kings & the Big Bait Co.

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| Paul Heimpel | closest to 5.37 lb |
| Rachel Mallard | closest to 10.40 lb |
| Larry Henry | closest to 6.56 lb |
| Mark Barker | closest to 6.12 lb |

Watson's tackle House Depth Radar draw Jasmin Miller

- Home Hardware,** Bite My Herring & Silver Fox Package
Jerry Quarries
Jacob Middleton

- Shirley Sinclair
Garrett Lang
Wayne Musselman
Sean Lawrence
Jerry brick
Bill Angel
Alan Forster
Chris Morton
Boyd McClay
David Middleton

Bite My Herring, Horned Boobies, Silver Fox Package

- Steve Dobbs
Chris Barfoot
Doug Berry
Frank Staubitz
Wayne Buckland
Jamie Doig
Murray Mackenzie
Parker Wallace
Steve Brinley
Matt Hayes

Silver Fox & Bite My Herring package.

- Tanner Kuhl
Dave McDonald
Bob Wilson
Steven James
Bert Kuntz
Dave Farley
Paul Heimple
Joan Bird
Ron Low
Legacy Ridge 18-hole golf package
Mike Bakersville
Warton Marina Gift Certificates
Luc Gooding
Chris Thwaites
Matthew Thwaites
Elmer Swartentruber
Ken Fromage

Northern Dunes 18-Hole Golf Package

- Dave and Lori Brewing

Prime Time auto inspection package

- Lana Thompson
Sean Coleman

Sullivan's butcher shop gift certificate

- Jordan Jackson

Josie's of WARTON Gift Certificate

- Shannon Lorentz.

Dock Side Willes Gift certificates

- John McCaw
Brad Staubitz
Rory Walker
Harry Boomer
Marty Maisonnueve

Volunteers Kick Into High Gear



Volunteers kicked into high gear this week on the Owen Sound waterfront raising the big tent home of the annual Salmon Spectacular fishing derby. They did it in just over two hours.

entertainment, limiting the number of people in the tent, a reduced food booth, no morning breakfasts, a smaller bar, and curbside pickup replaces the usual two massive fish fries.



This is year 33 for this festive event which in the past has attracted more than 45-hundred anglers. They all hope to win some of the 150-thousand dollars' worth of prizes being offered including several fishing boats. Last year's derby was cancelled due to Covid-19. Derby co-chair Chris Geberdt notes 4,500 fished the derby in 2019. This year he says people are determined to get outdoors so he expects even more participation this time.

For more than 25 of those years Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) members from Wiarton have been responsible for raising the big tent. This saves the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association the cost of paying a tent rental company to put it up. This year members of the Sutton-Sound Realty Brokerage helped erect the tent which is half the usual size at 150 feet long and 100 feet wide. Working with the Grey-Bruce Health Unit derby organizers agreed to pandemic modifications including cancelling



Social distancing will be enforced for anglers weighing in fish. The usual prize awards ceremony is replaced by a system where winners will be directed to a storage site for pickup on an appointment basis. Derby Security will enforce public health protocols in the tent such as mask wearing and physical distancing.

The BPSA volunteers have done this task so many times they make it look easy lacing together roof sections, carefully raising those sections, and handling the heavy support poles.

Derby co-chair Geberdt says about the volunteers "we couldn't do this without them. They make it happen. We are all in this together for conservation." Profits from this event support fish stocking by the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association.



BPSA President Kevin Harders says “we are thrilled to help our neighbouring club. We often work with other fish stocking clubs as we all do our best to improve our recreational fishery in Grey-Bruce through our stocking programs.” The late Fred Geberdt one of the founders of the Salmon Spectacular said many times that each fish stocked is worth 30-dollars to the community where it is stocked. Examine the number of fish stocked annually by five Grey-Bruce regional stocking clubs, and you realize how valuable these volunteer run community organizations are. The Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular ran from August 27 to September 5th.

Submitted by Stu Paterson

Handgun Club Update

The Handgun Club remains active in compliance with directives issued by the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit. The range has been modified to provide additional barriers and distancing between active shooters. We have been in contact with the Health Unit Manager and he is in agreement that shooters not be required to wear masks while in the range unless they wish to do so. Hearing and eye protection is required as always. Sanitizing equipment is provided in the club and the range.

Winter shooting hours:

Monday and Wed. at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Friday's at 1:00 PM (confirm before coming)

- The range will be available at other times but it's the shooter's responsibility to ensure a Range Officer is available and in attendance.

Western Ontario Handgun League (WOHL) training and competition has resumed and all matches will be “Postal Matches” until such time as COVID controls permit resumption of normal practices.

Membership: Given the disruptions created by COVID, We're very pleased that our membership has continued to support the club during these difficult times. Please renew memberships ASAP in order to maintain insurance coverage in 2022. Plus take advantage of the early bird draws.

Prospective Members: We continue to see interest from prospective Members and have been running a waiting list. We are pleased to announce a new process has been developed that will include COVID safeguards and streamline the probationary process for applicants. Those that have already indicated an interest will be contacted with the details over the next couple of weeks.

H.G. Club Treasurer Position: Jane Thibideau has stepped forward and accepted responsibility for this vacancy. Her appointment will be confirmed at the next Handgun Club General Meeting. Many thanks to Jo-Anne Stevens for a job well done.

Youth Firearms Safety Program: We plan to run this popular program again starting in January 2022 dependent on the COVID situation.

Ladies Firearm Program: We plan to run this safe and fun program again starting in January 2022, once again dependent on the COVID situation.

*Al Hunter,
Handgun Club President for the Handgun Club Executive*

Great Lakes Sea Lamprey Populations Under Control

For the seventh year the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's (GLFC) Sea Lamprey information campaign is featured at the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular tent. The Commission's display runs for the 10 days of the derby which takes place in Georgian Bay waters from Wiarton to Thornbury. This year more than 3,500 anglers are taking part. Representatives of the Commission, Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association are working the commission's booth. The main focus being, the battle against the sea lamprey.



Great Lakes Fishery Commission technician Ross Shaw shows a live sea lamprey to attendees at the 2021 Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

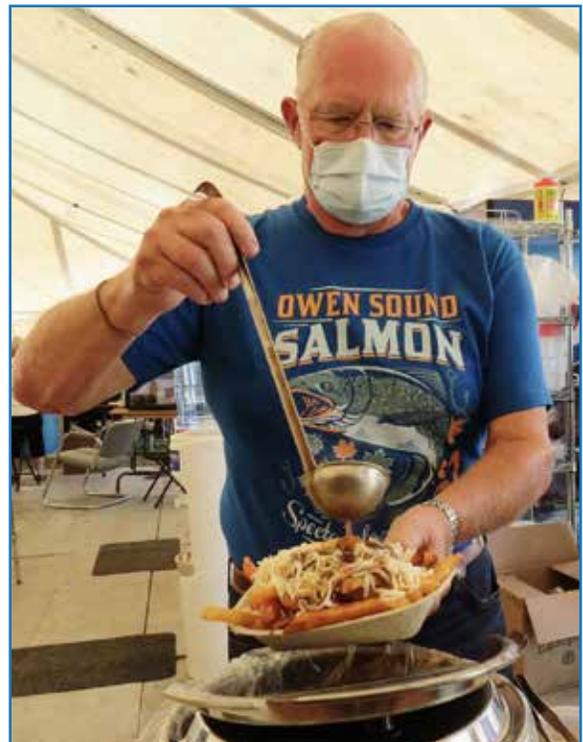


This invasive parasite with no predators in the Great Lakes, sucks the blood out of fish killing 6 out of 7 fish they attack. Each sea lamprey is capable of killing 40-pounds of fish during their 12-18 month feeding period. Lampricides-



Jim McKane commissioner Great Lakes Fishery Commission and technician Ross Shaw at the commission's sea lamprey display during the 2021 Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular fishing derby.

pesticides selective to lamprey are used to kill sea lamprey eggs in tributaries. Lampricides do not pose a risk to human health or to the environment. They don't remain after being applied and naturally break down in the environment. At the



BPSA member Ray Marklevitz prepared poutine at the Salmon Spectacular kitchen

same time a combination of barriers and traps are used to prevent the upstream migration and reproduction of adult sea lampreys.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission was the lead group on the 4-million dollar renovation of Denny's Dam on the Saugeen River at Southampton. The work was designed to prevent sea lamprey from swimming over the dam and heading upstream to spawn.

So far several anglers have brought in fish with lamprey marks. The live ones were added to the commission's sea lamprey collection.



BPSA members Dennis Morton and Ray And Marj Markevitz at the Salmon Spectacular kitchen

Volunteering at the sea lamprey display were BPSA members Annette Musselman, Steve Brindley, Stu Paterson, and Bill Nafziger. Members Ray and Marj Marklevitz, and Dennis Morton worked volunteer shifts at the derby food counter.

Jim McKane Great Lakes Fishery Commissioner and BPSA member and Commission technician Ross Shaw were on hand to keep the public informed about the lamprey fight.

For more information on the SEA LAMPREY INVASION check out this link

<http://www.glfsc.org/control.php>

BACKGROUND - Great Lakes Fishery Commission - Control Sea Lamprey Control in the Great Lakes has been a remarkable success story! The sea lamprey is an incredibly destructive invasive species. Since entering Lake Ontario in the mid-1800s, and the upper Great Lakes beginning in 1921, sea lampreys have inflicted significant economic damage, harmed the fishery and ecosystem, and changed the way of life in the region.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is funded by the US and Canadian governments and state and provincial governments bordering the great lakes. Of the more than 180 non-native species in the Great Lakes basin, sea lampreys are the only invader that is controlled basin-wide and is the only example in the world of a successful aquatic vertebrate pest control program on such a large scale.

Submitted by Stu Paterson

BPSA Membership Renewal time

We are hoping this finds everyone healthy and ready to put 2021 to rest and bring 2022 into play with renewed hope for a better year!

If you have not already paid for your 2022 membership, print out the attached membership form. We ask that you have it completed and returned by the end of December. Membership renewal as usual can be mailed in, brought to the club house during monthly meetings or dropped off at Marg & Jerry Beaver's on Wilson Drive or at Lures N Lines at 501216 Grey Rd #1 Georgian Bluffs.

Renewing handgun members can drop their memberships off at the club. Print out membership form from our web site membership page.

We will also offer drop off times at the club. Monday and Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon 1:00pm.

We will be having an early bird draw again this year. It will be for a total of \$150 in prizes. Get your membership in by December 31st for the draw. Draw will be done the first week of January.

**\$50 gift certificate for Lures n lines
\$50 gift card for home hardware Wiarton
\$50 in gift cards for LCBO
\$25 Foodland
\$25 supplied by the Older & Smith team at Sutton Realty**

BPSA is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife through conservation efforts of its volunteer members. BPSA is renowned and respected for its conservation work in Grey-Bruce.



Projects

- ▲ Tree planting in the Vanishing Creek and Colpoys area.
- ▲ Cooperative conservation efforts with Sydenham Sportsmen's Association, Lake Huron Fishing Club, MNRF, Barrow Bay Fishing Association & Ontario Steelheaders
- ▲ Support & work with Rankin River Resource Group includes - Boat, Isaac & Sky Lake
- ▲ Raising & stocking rainbow and brown trout for the sports fishery
- ▲ Annual fish fry & fishing derby for Community Living clients
- ▲ Kid's Fishing Day at hatchery pond
- ▲ Fish hatchery tours for community groups
- ▲ Donate funds to conservation groups
- ▲ Support Town of South Bruce Peninsula Ontario Family Day
- ▲ Assist MNRF with fish surveys
- ▲ Assist at Warton & District Agricultural Society Fall Fair
- ▲ Actively participate in Georgian Bay & Lake Huron MNRF Fisheries Management Zone Councils
- ▲ Rehabilitated habitat at Gleason Brook & Colpoys Creek
- ▲ Re-introduced wild turkeys to Bruce & Grey Counties
- ▲ Feed deer in severe winters
- ▲ Boot scrubber installation at trail heads for terrestrial invasive species control.

Fish Hatchery

Raising trout has been the big focus of the BPSA since its inception. It is the oldest Community Hatchery in Ontario. We raise about 150,000 rainbow trout and 30,000 brown trout annually to be released in local waters. The hatchery was built by and is operated by club members on a volunteer basis.

Tourism officials recognize that these efforts have been responsible for over \$15 million in economic benefits to the local community.



Community Living & Kids Fishing Days

BPSA sponsor Community Living fish fry and derby. Plus Kids Fishing derby at hatchery pond. Prizes are given out during the day. Great community events.



Handgun Club

The Handgun Club provides a Youth Firearms Safety Program and supervised range sessions for young shooters (.22 rifle) during the winter months. Members shoot several times weekly in a modern licensed indoor range.

Supervised by Safety Range Officers.

Archery

We have equipment available so you can try out this growing sport. Practice ranges are available to Archery members.



Become a member or donate today.

For as low as \$60 a year. For complete membership break down go to our web site membership page.

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**COVID Safety Protocols
are all in place.**