

Fur, Fins and Feathers

BRUCE
PENINSULA
SPORTSMEN'S
ASSOCIATION



April 2022

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, April 28th, 2022 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

BPSA Hatchery made history



BPSA Assistant Hatchery Mgr Gord Smith and granddaughter - Jadin, grading rainbow trout

It happened on the shores of Colpoy's Bay.

The Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association made history releasing the largest fish ever produced by the club's hatchery. The brown trout averaged 76 grams or .165 pounds. Some were nearly 9 inches long.

Another milestone. This was the first time this conservation group stocked fish through the ice !!

As BPSA President Kevin Harders noted: "It was very exciting as the water temperatures worked out great for transferring the fish from our hatchery. It was another successful stocking of the brown trout that are fin

clipped for identification purposes. Clipping helps identify a hatchery-raised fish when it is caught.

Our organization has worked hard for 60 years maintaining fish stocking in the waters of Colpoys Bay. This is just another highlight and its what our club is all about, Conservation!



Kevin Harders stocking big browns,

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters director Rob Hare is impressed. Said Hare “great job keep up this fantastic work.”

Due to circumstances related to Covid, BPSA had extra space in its hatchery. This allowed the club’s volunteers to keep the brown trout longer than usual and grow the fish to reach, for our club, record sizes.

Since the sixties our community group has stocked more than four million rainbow and brown trout and salmon in Southwest Georgian Bay. One tourism study credited the club’s efforts with pumping \$18-million into our regional economy.

As Ontario moves to more normal times, this Warton based club is slowly resuming its usual schedule. We will soon release dates for our annual SPRING KIDS FISHING DERBY and the 2nd annual LuresNLines SPRING DERBY which last year raised 5-thousand dollars to support the BPSA hatchery operation.

The 160 member BPSA was established in the sixties to “preserve and enhance fish and wildlife.” BPSA boasts the longest operating volunteer-run fish hatchery in Ontario.

We belong to the 40-member Ontario Community Hatchery Program (CHP) which is funded by the province and operated by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Many of the costs of our fish stocking program are covered by the CHP.

BPSA is more than fish stocking. We have an active youth and adult archery program, a busy handgun club, firearms training classes, tree planting and our invasive species awareness program. Its hoped many of these activities will resume this year.

The BPSA annual general meeting is slated for 7pm Thursday March 31st at our clubhouse at 611 North Acres Rd. in south Bruce Peninsula. Some Directors positions are vacant. If you wish to step forward please conact bpsportsmen@gmail.com. We guarantee you will find what we are up to very interesting.

This year we celebrate SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE to the Grey-Bruce community.

by Stu Paterson



Ray Marklevitz grading fish.



Al Sutter Hatchery Manager and son Ian grading fish.



Mike Smith and his daughter Jadin stocking Colpoys Bay.



Mike Smith Assistant Hatchery Manager and his daughter Jadin preparing the browns for transportation.

Thank You **Barrow Bay & District Sportfishing Association**

On Friday February 4th the Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Hatchery Manager, Assistant Hatchery Manager and President met with members of the Barrow Bay & District Sportfishing Association.

A kind donation was presented to the BPSA's Hatchery program for the continuation of stalking efforts to Little Lake and Barrow Bay waters.

We have worked with Barrow Bay Club for over 25 years, they've always participated and assisted us in any of our stacking efforts, whether it be in fin clipping, Creek rehabilitation or the famous bucket brigade at Little Lake.

In recognition of the cooperation between the two clubs the Barrow Bay club presented their final donation as they have now closed the doors to their Club.

In times of COVID we all struggle, however we forget the other things that struggle as well. The past two years have hindered many clubs with lack of fundraising and loss of membership, loss of volunteers and as a result the Barrow Bay & District Sportfishing association club has now closed. It is a hard realization of what change we have seen in the past two years had its effects on many other things we do not think of. If you're reading this and you're not part of a conservation Club right now and you participate in any sort of recreational outdoor activity whether it be hunting or fishing please consider joining your local club and supporting them, they need your help more even during these times.



by Kevin Harders

Jim Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament



The Jim Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament is held every fall in memory of Jim, a long time and active BPSA member.

Here is Chris Thompson (Jim's son) donating \$365 from this year's event to the BPSA hatchery.

Archery

Archery is Ready to Open

The B.P.S.A. Archery Club will be opening after a long closure due to Covid. We are opening on May 17th, 2022 (weather permitting) If it is snowing, or thunder and lightening are in the forecast, we will delay a week. So, lets hope for sunshine.

We will open at 5:30 P.M. to get Membership forms taken and refresh everyone on procedures.

We will be accepting memberships that evening or mail them into Marge and Jerry Beaver, their address is on the form.



As usual we will be flinging arrows from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M. We quite often stay later if there are archers wanting to, depending on the light of course. Feel free to come and go during that time slot. If there are enough adults, we will then reserve 8 P.M. on for adults only. Remember to wear runners or closed shoes/boots. No sandals, or clogs etc. Long hair tied back and no articles hanging



around your neck. I am aware masking is optional but do not wear a facemask when launching arrows for safety reasons.

New members are welcome but please e-mail bpsaarchery@gmail.com so we can pre-register and keep control of the numbers of beginners. Be aware that a parent or a responsible person over sixteen must be with those under sixteen.

*Looking forward to seeing everyone again.
Donna and Paul*



Spring Clean-Up Day

Well, it has been a long two years since the club was fully open. Many thanks to those that have helped with lawn cutting and general tidy up over that time.

I would like to set a date of May 7th Saturday at 9 A.M. for a general outside clean up and support for the Archery Club to re-position target butts, clean the 3-D trail and repair or rebuild target butts.

**Many hands make light work.
Paul Maginnis, Property Director**

Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby

Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association is one of the longest private run community Hatchery programs in Ontario. They have been stocking fish since 1962 in the waters of Colpoys Bay.

Since then, the BPSA has stocked an estimated 3.5 million fish into these waters to help sustain and assist for recreational sport fishing in our community.

By creating the Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby this is just another way that we can all give back to our local Hatchery Program. Having key and fundamental fundraisers such as this are great ways to create great success to the Hatchery program and ensuring financial assistance for the conservation of our fisheries.

You can feel proud when purchasing a Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby ticket knowing that 50% of that money is going straight back to the Hatchery and 50% of that is going back to prizes for the Anglers that are supporting our derby.

*Thank you for your support, yours in conservation
Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby Executive*

Fish from 2021 Derby



Derby tickets • \$25 for Single
• \$60 for a family.

Everyone that buys a ticket will be put into the draw prizes donated by our sponsors on the final Sunday May 15th.

Derby tickets can be purchased at Home Hardware Warton, Lures N Lines, Watson's Tackle, Scott's Home Hardware in Lions Head. Or by e-transfers luresnlinesderby@gmail.com

Some of the Derby Draw Prizes

- Traeger smoker/Jackson Construction
- 12' Colman Canoe/Sydenham Sportsman's
- One of two Yeti coolers/Home hardware
- One of three Scotty Manual downrigger/Bruce Peninsula Stone
- Two Chilly Moose Coolers, Aqua Lilly Pad/Tigwell Motorsports
- Natural gas propane outdoor Fire Place/ Matches Heating and Cooling.
- Piranha Max fish finder/Spry Lake campground?
- One of 10 Lunker Hunt Sublime fishing Rods/Wallace Tree Services
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- Bite My Herring lure packages
- And much much more....

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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 Colpo's 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 & Colpo's 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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