

Fur, Fins and Feathers



March 2018

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.

Next meeting, March 29th, 2018 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

Family Day - Full House at the Clubhouse



BPSA Hatchery manager Ray Marklevitz shows the youngsters yearling rainbow trout.

It was a full house during the FAMILY DAY OPEN HOUSE at the headquarters of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA). More than 250 people enjoyed fish hatchery tours, firearms training and archery demonstrations, as the conservation group observed Family Day 2018.

Family Day was originally created to give people time to spend with their families. But it also provides a day off between New Year's Day and Good Friday, as they are approximately three months apart.

Guests enjoyed free refreshments and had a chance to learn of the numerous youth and adult programs run by BPSA. Club President Jim Martell reported many guests who were in Grey-Bruce visiting their cottages came from as far away as Mississauga, Windsor, Kitchener, London, and Brantford. He also said we handed out more than 200 hot dogs along with ice-cream and hot chocolate. Thirty club volunteer helped make the event a total success.

BPSA is best known for stocking fish to beef up the sports fishery. Our volunteer members work year round to raise and stock thousands of rainbow and brown trout which become part of what's called a "put-and-take" fishery. We put the fish in the lake. You catch them. It has been

said that we are “fanatical about the survival rate of the fish we stock”. That is something we are very proud of. Half of the cost of operating our state of the art hatchery is covered by the Ontario Community Hatchery Program (CHP) that controls a network of 40 volunteer run hatcheries.

This Program is run by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters under the guidance of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Our fish stocking program is the longest operating volunteer run stocking effort in Ontario. We began improving the Grey-Bruce recreational fishery in the early sixties.



Archery is a popular youth and adult activity



We offer several categories of firearms training and shooting programs for kids and adults.

BPSA stages a wide range of community events throughout the year including our KIDS FISHING DERBY at our hatchery pond. This year the fun runs on June 9, 2018 from 9-11am with prizes for the largest fish. Youngsters 12 and under are welcome to take part. Admission is FREE!!



Perhaps you might be interested in a family membership. We are always looking for energetic volunteers to help with our many conservation programs.

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Fish Committee-Hatchery:

Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- We volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. If you can help, please call him at 519 534-1274. **THIS FUNCTION IS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!** You must be a BPSA member to do this function.
- Over wintering about 35,000 Rainbow
- Currently have about 30,000 Brown Trout. Just about ready for feeding.



Youth Program **Wrap Up**

We would like to thank all the safety officers for showing up 6 weeks straight for the kids .22 program. We feel we had an amazing year with 35 brand new shooters showing up to shoot and the returning of 5 past members. It takes a lot of members to keep this program running and we appreciate everyone helping.

This year we held a novelty shoot at year end to win pancake mix or bacon. We hope the kids enjoyed this taking home some harvest from their paper hunt.

We would also like to give a **BIG THANKS** to PRINCESS AUTO who gave us a huge discount on the safety glasses we gave out to the kids as gifts



in hopes they keep shooting often and safely.

The top shooter this year was JJ McCartney

The top Novelty Shoot was Brooke Watson

Most Improved was Bryce Cherry

The Safety award went to Bennett Frieburger

Thanks once again to all the people who helped us run this program.

Rob and Krista Quesnel

Ladies Shooting Nights **Wrap Up**

Over a dozen women came out and shot for the 6 week program.

On the final night Frank Hutter brought in Moose burgers and they were a real hit with the ladies (and the men). "Just a bunch of girls having a day".

Submitted by Al Hunter



REMEMBER FOREVER

Lorne Fletcher

Sadly, our community lost a great Outdoorsmen this past weekend. On Sunday March the 4th 2018, Lorne passed away peacefully in Owen Sound. Words can barely describe the greatness of Lorne, he was a man of great knowledge, an avid Hunter, Fisherman and Master Rod builder. Lorne was always there to support Local Sportsmen's groups such as ours. He would always find the time to fix what you needed for an upcoming fishing trip, and he was always a warm face for the young and upcoming Anglers. Lorne always had something tucked away to light up the eyes of an adult and youth that wanted to know more about the twitch of a rod and the cast of a line or the local hotspot. Not once in the 27 years that I knew Lorne did he ever point me in a direction where I didn't catch a fish. He was a great supporter of our club and will always remain in our hearts as an Honorary Member at the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association.

*"Fish On Fletcher"
Kevin Harders
Vice-President, BPSA*



Lorne presented derby winner Kevin Schroeder with a hand-crafted rod/reel combo. Every year Lorne built a delux down-rigging rod for our club to give away as the first prize in our derby. Over many years, Lorne was very generous to Grey-Bruce clubs such as ours, helping fill our prize shelves with donations to support our club events. Lorne will be greatly missed by everyone in our outdoors recreation community.

Stu Paterson BPSA

"Garry" David Stewart

It's with sadness we report the passing of Garry Stewart. Garry passed away on March 9, 2018 at the Wiarton Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Garry was one of the most senior members of the BPSA and one who worked tirelessly to build the club we see today. Garry was a builder by trade and also worked with the Canadian Coast Guard for many years.

Garry, with others, was instrumental in building "upwelling boxes" which were placed in Colpoy's Creek and Gleason Brook just below the falls years before the dream of a hatchery was realized. Later Garry "sourced" the materials used to build the concrete tanks that are still standing today in the present hatchery building.

Garry was a true sportsman with a great love of fishing, hunting, conservation and the shooting sports. From an early beginning of shooting at the old Wiarton Arena and the basement of a local grocery store, Garry was one of the driving forces to building the modern range and clubhouse we enjoy today.

Garry's plaque for "1985 Sportsmen of the Year" was proudly displayed at Garry's service. Garry's dedication, leadership and service to the BPSA and our community will never be forgotten.

Our thoughts and prayers are with June and Family. Thank you for sharing Garry with us all. As Garry would say on the range, "last time to shoot 100"



Al Hunter BPSA

OFAH Hightlight Report



Mandatory Reporting

From OFAH head office - Effective this year all hunters who buy a license for moose, elk, deer, wolf/coyote, wild turkey and black bear, are required to report the results of their hunt whether they kill an animal or not. The MNRF will communicate with licensed hunters to remind them of deadlines and the new mandatory reporting. If you don't report you may not be able to hunt the next year.

Drones and Hunting Regulations

The MNRF Provincial Enforcement specialist reminds hunters drones are not allowed to help you in your hunt. But drones can legally be used to find dead animals (animals wounded in a hunt that have died) as long as all hunting gear is put away. If you wanted to kill a wounded animal to put it out of its misery, the drone must be put away before any firearms are introduced to the scene.

Submitted by Stu Patterson OFAH BPSA Rep.



Dalota Hutchinson Graduate of BPSA Youth Firearms Safety Programs bags another deer in season.

I saw three deer in an open field I saw them crossing by a tree line, I picked the biggest one and took the shot. I was using a Savage Axis chambered in 270.

BPSA 2018 EVENTS

- February 19th Family Day 11 am -2 pm.
- March 24th Potluck Supper at 5 pm.
- March 29th Elections of Officers and Directors club meeting 7:30 pm
- April 21st Potluck Social 5 pm (tentative)
- April 26th Club meeting Wilderness First Aid presentation 7:30 pm
- May 5th Tree Planting Activity
- May 26th Potluck Social 5 pm.
- June 9th Kids fishing day at the club 9-11 am
- July 14th Beef and Pork BQQ 4 -7 pm
- Aug 22 Set up Fish Tent at Sydenham Sportsman event Owen Sound 8 am to noon
- Sept 15th Community Living fishing at the club 2:00 to 5:00 pm (tentative)
- Nov 17th Pot luck supper at the club.

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2018 Membership Form

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NEW MEMBERS 2018 SPECIAL FEE: \$50.00 PER FAMILY

BPSA Membership Youth- \$15.00 (under age 18) **Date of Birth:** _____
Adult with Email Address- \$65.00 **Adult without Email Address-** \$75.00
Family with Email Address- \$70.00 **Family without Email Address-** \$80.00

Membership includes these members of my family:

PRINT NAMES IN FULL 1: _____ 2: _____
 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____

I hereby certify that as a member of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by Rules and Regulations set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association (BPSA). I, also, acknowledge my personal information including name/s, address, telephone number 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 purpose and photos may be taken for BPSA purposes unless the camera-person is notified otherwise.

Signed _____ Date _____ TOTAL \$

Archery Fee- Adult - \$40 **Family-** \$65 **Youth-** \$15
Handgun Fee- Adult - \$85 **Family-** \$95 **Youth-** \$15
Winter Youth Programs - Youth - \$15 Paid at the start of the program

TOTAL \$

Memberships can be mailed to the address above. **Do NOT mail cash.**

TOTAL \$

Membership applications with payment (cash, cheque, or Paypal) are accepted at practice night or at the monthly B.P.S.A. meetings.

Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31. Questions regarding BPSA membership or BPSA membership cards may be directed to Marje or Jerry Beaver (jerrybeaver7@yahoo.ca) (519-534-5725)

Note: Handgun Club members pay Memberships to Sec/Treas of Handgun Club. **Handgun memberships must be paid by December 31 for insurance purposes, or a \$25.00 penalty will be charged.**

Please print your complete mailing address:

Name _____

Street/Fire Number/P.O. Box/RR _____

City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

E-mail _____ (please inform BPSA if this changes)

Phone _____ Summer or Cell _____

BPSA Reference: Date application received _____

cash cheque Paypal amount rec'd \$ _____

adult family youth new membership renewal

Card given mailed data entered on spreadsheet _____