

Fur, Fins and Feathers



April 2018

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, April 26th, 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

The Tradition Of Fin Clipping

In spite of whiteouts and slippery roads after an early spring snowstorm, dozens of volunteer “fin clippers” showed up at the headquarters of a respected Grey-Bruce conservation club. They were taking part in an annual tradition at the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association (BPSA) hatchery. Clipping the adipose fin (tiny fin behind the dorsal fin) of hatchery raised fish helps confirm that they were actually stocked. 40 BPSA members, including several juniors, took part in three 2018 “fin clipping” sessions. Hatchery manager Ray Marлкеvitz reports all went well. Says Ray “it’s all about our team pulling together for the sports fishery”. 30-thousand rainbow trout we raised over the past year were processed in these sessions and will soon be stocked as yearlings in streams on Colpoy’s Bay and Barrow Bay on South-West Georgian Bay. In all BPSA raised 150-thousand rainbow trout over the past year. The other 120-thousand were stocked earlier. Our club is mostly known for stocking fish to beef up the sports fishery. Our volunteer members put in thousands of man-hours to raise and release rainbow and brown trout



yearlings, which become part of what’s called a “put-and-take” fishery. We put the fish in the lake. You catch them. 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.



PLEASE ship donations to Kevin Harders BPSA Vice-President (519-534-2730) fire code 501216 Grey Road One Georgian Bluffs Ontario N0H2t0.

The BRUCE PENINSIULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION was established in 1962 to preserve and protect fish and wildlife. Member volunteers, male and female have stocked over 4-million rainbow & brown trout and salmon in Grey-Bruce waters. Tourism officials estimate our club's efforts have pumped \$18-million into our regional economy.

Perhaps you might be interested in a family membership. We are always looking for energetic volunteers to help with our many conservation programs such as our tree planting and boot scrubber projects.

For more information please check our web site. By Stu Patterson

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. To help support KIDS FISHING and other BPSA programs we require prizes.

Our club is looking for prizes such as gift certificates, clothing, downriggers, rods, reels, lures, tackle boxes, lure making kits, cross-bows, hunting gear, boating accessories, marine electronics such as 2-way radios, flotation jackets, survival suits, trolling motors, charter trips, coolers, sweatshirts, t-shirts, logo wear anything related to outdoors recreation.



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Fish Committee-Hatchery:

- 35,000 Rainbow doing well.
- 28,000 Brown Trout growing well.
- A hatchery/duty roster is posted in the Clubhouse for 2018.



Still need volunteers, so please sign up. Any interested in helping please contact Bruce Mallard at 519-534-1274.

Miruna Ciucoiv Ladies 2018 winter program High Shooter "100", congratulations Miruna!!



Youth Year End Shotgun Shoot

Youth shotgun shoot at North Grey Bruce Rod & Gun Club on May 5th at 10:00. Learn how to shoot moving targets with single shot 20 gauges. Load of fun...



Who Packs
Your
Parachute?



Guest Speaker for April 26th meeting Lawrence AKA Chuck Cannon Emergency First Aid Training for the out doors.

Lawrence AKA CHUCK
Retired Canadian Soldier
Can Firearms Safety Course instructor
Ontario Hunter Education instructor
First Aid Crash Test Dummy
Uncertified Horse and Dog Whisperer

An educational look at the value of First Aid training. Emphasis is on the different levels of training as it applies to outdoor activities. We will discuss the different courses that are available in Canada and locally as well as from what sources. It is our intent to encourage outdoor active people to be prepared for unforeseen emergencies while helping you to understand/select the appropriate training course for you.

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 BBQ 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.

President's Message April 2018

Congratulations to the new slate of Officers and Directors for 2018 - 2019

We are fortunate to have such a good group willing to help serve our club.

New on the board include

Ian Laughland as Treasurer;

Stu Paterson a former director returning to the executive who may be assuming more roles but doing a fine job as OFAH rep and publicity,

Ray Marklevitz who is serving the club for many years as Hatchery Manager, who is going to find a fit for a role on the executive,

Wayne Musselman who has been working as Maintenance chairman for the past few years and has repaired our building and assisted with many projects around the club,

Returned to the board were **Kevin Harders** as Vice-President in charge of boot scrubber conservation projects, and tree planting;

Phyllis Laughland as secretary, keeping track of club meetings, minutes and guiding us to keep good records, and proper meetings.

Annette Musselman Director who participates in community events like Warton Willie, Home show, and Chamber of commerce events and maintains our calendar,

Nathan Smith as Director and fish chairman, and a leader in projects,

Jerry Beaver Membership and club building,

Al Hunter is Handgun Club President and member of the board. Who tirelessly promotes youth and actively promotes firearm safety programs.

Tim Lahey is Past – President in charge of elections, nominating committee and constitution.

Jim McKane and Dennis Morton are on nominating committee and constitution committee.

This committee is active seeking and recruiting members who wish to serve on the executive for the future.

I wish to thank outgoing directors **Lincoln Leudke** and **Dennis Morton** for their contributions to the club and their commitment to the BPSA. After 15 years our faithful treasurer **Mel Urbshott** has decided to step down, big thanks for all his leadership and stewardship steering the BPSA ship. Mel thanks so much for all your contributions to the BPSA.

My wish is that we include these former directors on committees to help run the club effectively with their guidance and experience.

On Friday April 7th 2018 about 12 members participated in a building bee of our conservation project to Invasive Plant awareness by constructing 12 boot scrubbers.

The generous support to the Elliott brothers Don and Ed made the effort successful; they harvested trees for our building materials sawed, planed the cedar for our use and donated their shop space for the construction of these boot scrubbers.

I also want to acknowledge the tireless work of the fish committee and the annual fin-clipping event held April 5 at the hatchery many members showed up through inclement weather (we had big snow storm that day) and completed the task of clipping over 35,000 rainbow trout.

We have a great club. I was also happy to see so many handgun members attend our annual general meeting March 29 helping to elect our club executive. We are all one club working to the goal of fish and wildlife conservation.

Also our club has planned many socials to bring fun and fellowship to our members.

Please mark your calendar for the April 21st social 5 pm at the club house. It's a pot-luck with your choice of food to bring. You may bring a beverage of your choice as well. Bring your own plates and cutlery and a smile to cheer up those around you.

Please come out April 26 for the Wilderness survival first Aid introductory session with Chuck Cannon.

Also April 26 will be the presentation for the new proposed workshop building. So come out and support your club. I want to thank all those who have cheerfully volunteered to support the club in the past year. Thanks so much. We need to maintain positive action to keep the club growing. Jerry Beaver has reported 30 new members for 2018 so far. Kudos... Welcome to our new members.

We have many things to be grateful for, hat's off to our club volunteers.

I am happy to serve for another year as your President. I hope we can enjoy the success of everyone doing their part to make the BPSA a leader in the name of conservation.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Jim Martell