

Fur, Fins and Feathers



July 2018

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

Next meeting, September 27th, 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

Kids Make New Memories at BPSA Derby

It was a RAINBOW TROUT celebration West of Wiarton. More than a hundred fish were caught by excited youngsters as they made new memories at the annual Kids Fishing Day Derby staged by the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA). Action was fast and furious at the event on a recent Saturday morning. The trout pond at the BPSA hatchery had been specially stocked for the derby which attracted an enthusiastic crowd. Many participants caught 3 fish. Most were catch and release. Rods, reels and bait were provided at no cost to participants.

Taking first place for girls with a handsome 6.2 pound rainbow trout was 12-year-old Kennedy Jones of Hepworth. Kennedy went home with a special trophy marking the occasion and several prizes. Kennedy said she had been practice casting at her uncle's cottage. It obviously paid off.

First place for boys with a 3.2 pound rainbow was 7 year-old Lachlan Harders. He took home a trophy and several other nice prizes.

Also among the top anglers with a 2.4 pound trout was 7-year-old Isaac Wood of Owen Sound. Ryle McCallum of Kitchener had the honour of catching the first fish of the derby, a half-pound rainbow trout. Check the expressions on the kids' faces to gauge how much they enjoyed themselves.

35-BPSA volunteers helped run the derby. Club Vice-President Kevin Harders and partner Dianne McCartney did a stellar job organizing the prizes and assigning volunteers. Thanks to our generous sponsors every participant went home with a souvenir prize.



Lachlan Harders (and BPSA treasurer Ian Laughland) age 7 hold his 3.2 lb bow.

Among corporate and individual sponsors supporting BPSA so far this year are:

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), MP Larry Miller, Brett Miller, Frosty Freeze Wiarton, the McCartney family operators of MPM Limited, Dirk Dekker of Country Baits Dew Worms, Jamie Rudolph of Thomboys Power Sports, Ram Trophies and Sports Wiarton, the Wiarton District Chamber of Commerce, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, J&S Tackle Port Elgin, Jordan Myles of the OPP, San Burrows of Burrows & Son Construction, Lures & Lines Fishing Rod & Reel Repair of Grey Road One Georgian Bluffs, Jim McKane of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and Giant Tiger Owen Sound.

In announcing financial support for this derby an OFAH official said “we do this for the kids”.



Rylee enjoying face painting by Painted Pebble Face painting and Hemma Hippie



Four year old Rylee McCallum and mom of Kitchener 1st fish caught .6 lb



Two fish 2.4 and 2.2 for 10 yr old Trevor Hibma of Owen Sound with BPSA member Don Elliott



New BPSA member James Rouse of Tara and his son is Carick Rouse and daughter is Charlie Rouse.



Kennedy Jones with fish and Kevin Harders derby prize chair.

BPSA President Jim Martell thanked the volunteers for staging what he called “another stupendous club event”. He noted that the kids taking part will eventually be the stewards of our natural resources. He said he hoped this derby introduced many of them to recreational fishing, one of the most popular sports in Ontario.

BPSA is best known for its fish stocking. Since the sixties our volunteers have planted more than 4-million trout in Great Lakes waters. We operate the longest running community/volunteer fish hatchery in Ontario. Many of those taking part in our derby toured our hatchery marveling at thousands of baby rainbow and brown trout in different stages of growth. It costs more than 10-thousand dollars a year to operate our fish stocking program.



Dad and son Corey Hogan and Isaac Hogan of Owen Sound with their rainbow trout of the day.



BPSA Hatchery Manager Ray Marklevitz and grandkids 3-yr old Hayden Maisonneuve (left) got this 2 pounder



Rylee McCallum of Kitchener and her friend BPSA Director Jerry beaver



Larissa Hogan and son Zackery say they had such a great time they will be back next year with a group of friends



Kennedy Jones age 12 of Hepworth with trophy and prizes for 6.2lb great catch along with VP Kevin Harders.

Our largest fund-raiser of the year, the annual Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association Pork & Beef Barbecue, is set for Saturday July 14 from 4-7pm. See you there!!!

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Summer **Archery** at BPSA Outdoor Range



Archery group setting up for a fun night of bulleeyes....

Alyssia and Matisse visited us from New York City. They were spending time with their Aunt Deb and Uncle Norm Mose from Oliphant. They had instruction on how to shoot and then they also participated in our 3-D shoot.



Matisse with Archer Cindy Taverner also from Oliphant. Cindy has been shooting with us for a few years, she also has helped with feeding the fish.



The BPSA members Kennedy, Cameron and Kelly Jones, Dad Tim Jones was not present.

Archery

Program runs every Tuesday. Youth practice 6-7 pm adults practice 7-9 pm. You can contact Donna and Paul Maginnis at bpsaarchery@gmail.com.



Alyssia shooting while Archer Brydon Shields watches. The third is Uncle Norm watching while Alyssia takes another shot. Again Brydon is there watching the firing line for safety. It was a hot night but parents were great sports, showing up with long pants and long sleeve shirts and lots of bug spray as they helped escort all the kids through the 3-D course. It was the first time for this group of kids to do the trail. Each group of three archers had at least one parent in tow. Lots of laughter rang out through those backwood trees. There would have been venison in the freezer the way these kids were shooting. They all loved it but the big hit was being able to climb up the deer stand and take a shot at the wild hog.

Phil Henderson and Mom Cheryl Hewton were at the bottom of the stand to assist and be spotters, while Brydon went up into the stand to keep watch and give a hand up there. Phil taught them how to tie up their bow and arrows and lift by rope up to the stand.

It wont be the last night for a run through the 3-D trail, these kids are addicted. Good stuff.

We are clearing and fixing up the trails as we have plans to run a 3-D tournament open to the club later in the year.

A big thanks also goes out to our guests from New York City and their guardians as they went straight to work carrying the 3- D animals out to the trail.

Other news from Archery is that Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson are setting us up with a 70 meter range so that a sanctioned tournament can be held on July 21st starting at 10am, everyone is welcome. To be sanctioned certain parameters must be met for distance and equipment etc. Our archery range on the west side of the main building has been expanded to facilitate 50 and 70 metre competitions and practice. Some trees were judiciously removed to accomplish the improvements. Many thanks to Ray Marklevitz and Don, Ed and Allan Elliott for the amazing transformation. The Elliott's brought in heavy equipment and know how to remove stumps, move trees and grade the landscape "THANK YOU ALL"!!!!

Archery seems to be enjoying a surge in membership these days. Club members are welcome to come and try archery for the night or just come out and watch the kids enjoying themselves.

We would like to thank everyone in the club that has helped the archery program. It is a pleasure to be able to work with these kids.



Long time members and active Archers, Phil Henderson and Karen Van Nest. (On the far left and right of photo) Phil is holding Wyre the Archery Club mascot. Sophia and Petra with Mom Angela Fuigi. Both young archers are enjoying the program and doing well also.

