

Fur, Fins and Feathers



June 2022

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

Next meeting, September 29th, 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

Kids Fishing Day is back!



Conservation Officer Kevin Roswell assisting one of the young anglers.

Over 50 children came out to catch a fish thanks to BPSA Hatchery committee. So many smiley faces, nice to see everyone after 2 year lock down. Every child got a prize, top prizes were fishing rod and reel sets. Special thanks to Hatchery Committee, Lures N Lines and others that donated all the prizes and help make a child's day.



Can't top the smiles on these faces.





Ray Marklevitz was kept busy cleaning the fish.



Rod and reel sets, top prize donated by Lures N Lines

Lures N Lines BPSA Spring Derby



It was a great feeling at the weigh station as Past Hatchery Manager Ray Marklevitz and Retired Assistant Hatchery Manager Gord Smith, both with over 40 years of service beamed with pride and exclaimed "The Secret to Success is Persistence".

The derby ended at noon Sunday with 125 anglers entering 125 fish. The 10-day event took place from Cape Chin to Vails Point.

It raised about \$12,000, half awarded as cash prizes and half going toward work of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association fish hatchery.

There were prizes on top of the cash awards, thanks to the supportive local community, said Kevin Harders, past president of the BPSA and current president of the derby and chair of the club's fish advisory committee.

"We were really happy," said Harders, as he crunched the numbers Sunday afternoon. He runs a tackle shop near the Wiarton airport and with his impetus and contacts, the club resurrected the derby in 2021 after it had pattered out, he said.

The money for the fish hatchery will help fund the club raise 100,000 rainbow trout and 35,000 to 40,000 brown trout annually, he said.

There were more than 100 door prizes, more than \$6,000 in prizes donated by POW Castings for big fish of the day, and there were other donated prizes worth more than \$7,000, Harders said. The event sold 368 single tickets and 51 tickets for families.

*by Scott Dunn of Owen Sound Sun Times
Photos by Lures N Lines*

Final results of the Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby Results

Top Rainbow Trout, Chris Yates @ 12.84 lbs

Cash prize of \$2100

2nd place Rainbow is now Mike Tousek @ 9.80 at

28.75" long

Cash prize of \$540

3rd place Rainbow Chris Yates @ 9.80 lbs

at 28 " long

Cash prize of \$360

Top Brown Trout Brian Lang @ 9.62 lbs

Cash prize of \$990

Top Lake Trout Thomas Moore @ 13.90 lbs

Cash prize of \$810.

Top Salmon now held by Brad Tupman @11.44

Cash prize of \$750

Top Youth James Thompson @ 10.20lb

Salmon

Cash prize of \$450

James Thompson with 10.20lb Salmon

POW castings Big Fish

For list of all winners see Lures N Lines facebook.

Congratulations to all our winners\$



Christ Yates, top rainbow trout, derby winner \$2100



Bruce Mallard with his 9.18lbs salmon on Seniors Day.



Brad Tupman with top Salmon at coming it at 11.44lbs winning \$750.



Zach Cosgrove with his beautiful 9.24lb salmon, he was backed up by his little brother Lucas with 4.38lb as well, great fishing Guys!



Thomas Moore, winning lake trout. 13,9 lbs \$810



Rachel Mallard, she won Mothers Day top Fish sponsored by Tyson Schnur Plumbing, \$200 in gift cards at Home Hardware.



Gary Byers, from fish finder radio.



Ray Marklevitz with his grandsons Hunter and Hayden. Ray has been with the BPSA hatchery operations for over 50 yrs and he says "I can't catch brown trout, but his grandson can.!"



James Thompson proud of his 10.20lb salmon.



Kevin Harders, owner of Lures N Lines presenting James Thompson with Top Youth Overall winnings.



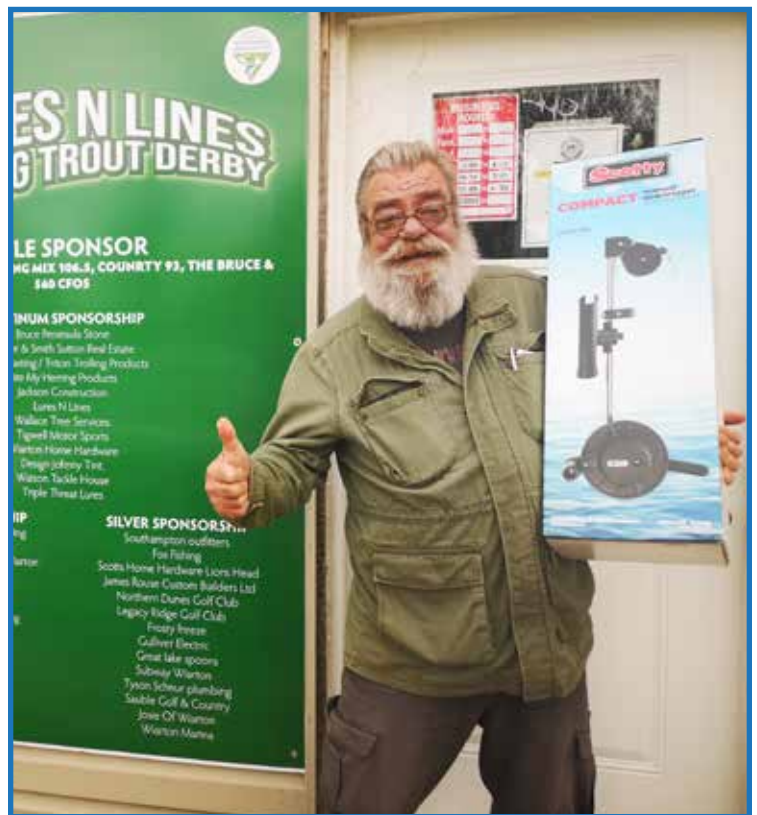
Brad Norris from Pow Castings sponsored the big fish of the day with the total value of over \$6,000 in prizes throughout the 10 days. Brad's family was closely tied to the club back in the 80s and '90s. Pow Castings only sponsors Derbies that relate to Fish Conservation and Hatchery programs.



Tanner Khul muscling up his big catch of the day.



Ian Sutter with rainbow coming in little over 6lbs.



Sam Brower one of the happy folks that won a prize just by supporting the derby and purchasing a draw ticket.



Stu Paterson won over \$700 in prizes as well.



Tyson Schnurr member of BPSA sponsored \$200 Mother Day top fish of the day.



Kevin Harders, owner of Lures N Lines, Dianne McCartney, co-owner of Lures N Lines with BPSA members Dean Lobbin, Mike Smith, Chris Thompson and Dennis Morton. The \$6,000 donation will be presented to BPSA Hatchery.

Well done! Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors.



We are celebrating our 60th birthday this year! New entrance sign installed by Dwayne Lobban, Alan Sutter, Chris Thompson, Gord Smith, Ian Sutter, Dean Lobban, Bandit Lobban, James Thompson, Kevin Harders, Bill Nafzinger.

Spring Cleanup at **BPSA**

BPSA Spring Cleanup went ahead without a hitch on the last day of April.

Twenty five enthusiastic volunteers, young and old, took part at the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association property west of Wiarton. It took them under three hours to complete the work.



Gord Smith and Jeff Dickason setting up picnic tables for the kids fishing day.



Chester and Xander, two of Kat McCulloch gransons helping pick up along Northacres Rd.



Murray Garniss cutting down large dead tree near lane.



Gord Smith with his helper Ian Sutter.



Chris Thompson's son James working hard on clean-up.

The volunteers felled dead trees, processed the wood, dismantled old picnic tables, cleaned out cupboards and picked up trash on BPSA property and along nearby roads. BPSA is a respected conservation group founded in the sixties to "preserve and protect fish and wildlife" which this year is celebrating its 60th birthday. The work took place on the last day of Canada's NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK. It's a week set aside to encourage community volunteerism.



BPSA VP Kelly Lang cutting up the tree.



Lisa Dickason and daughter Amelia along with Gryason and Hunter, two more of Kat's grandson raking the gravel off the lawn.

From National Volunteer Week headquarters "It's natural for many of us to want to give back to the place we love. Volunteerism is a great way to get involved and support what matters to you."

There is often a lot of talk about the volunteer army that makes things happen. It is clear BPSA members are members of that army.

by Stu Paterson

Planting for future generations

Ron and I have been planting trees on our property for over 42 years. Topped over 24,000 this year. There was hardly a tree on the homestead 45 years ago. Now we have our own forest with lots of wildlife passing through.

We had fun building bird houses this winter, repurposing old material making the birdhouse more interesting. Birds like them too.

Doing our part for conservation
Kat McCulloch BPSA Director/VP BPSA Handgun



We want to hear from you. Members or family members have interesting nature, conservation. Even photos of your big turkey or opening day trout season send to bpsportsmen@gmail.com



Two generations admiring spring rainbow run. Gord and Mike Smith