

Fur, Fins and Feathers



October 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

Community Living Fishing Derby



The Community Living Fish Derby was held again this year after a couple of years postponed due to Covid restrictions. About 25 Community Living clients fished the pond with the help of family, friends and the aid of BPSA volunteers doing a great job of netting, baiting hooks and untangling lines. The fish were biting about 25 caught and many released back to the pond to fight again another day..Fish that were badly hooked were cleaned and filleted and taken home by the clients for table fare. Everyone enjoyed snacks and pop while prizes and awards were given out. Thanks to all our club members for pitching in and socializing to make this day a memorable one for the folks from Community Living and BPSA members. Thankful donations were received that more than covered our out of pocket expenses. A great day was had by all.

by Ray Marklevitz







So many
happy faces.







BPSA Fish Stocking Veteran Honoured

In honour of his more than 50 years of service to our Grey-Bruce community, long time Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) member Ray Marklevitz has been presented with the Queen Elizabeth 11 Platinum Jubilee coin. The presentation was made Thursday September 1st at the Royal Canadian Legion branch in Wiarton. Ray noted his fish stocking efforts date back to 1968. Over many years he served in many roles including club President, fishery chair, property and hatchery manager.

Making the presentation MP Alex Ruff congratulated Ray for his "tireless efforts with the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association stocking fish for the sports fishery." The volunteer based BPSA group has stocked millions of fish in Colpoy's Bay since the early sixties.

Marklevitz beamed with pride accepting the honour saying he very much appreciates how our politicians support the

efforts of the volunteers who work year round raising and stocking fish in the Wiarton area. Ray praised his fellow fish stockers making sure everyone knows "it is a team effort." At the Friday night presentation ceremony ten others from across Grey-Bruce received the same Jubilee coin. A total of seventy such coins are being presented in this riding of Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound. In Ruff's words *"its a way of recognizing deserving Canadians, deserving constituents in our respective ridings."*

The federal government did not issue medals or coins for Canada's 150th in 2017, and it did not issue medals or coins for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. Ruff says a number of Members of Parliament decided to issue their own coins in recognition of the Platinum Jubilee.

by Stu Paterson





Congratulations to all the recipients.



Murray Garniss of BPSA and his 12.28 pound rainbow trout he caught in Colpoy's Bay, took that category winning a sparkling new 14 foot boat motor and galvanized trailer along with a plentiful package of fishing stuff.

The Owen Sound Sun Times reported: Garniss won the Fred Geberdt Memorial Package, which includes 14-ft. G3 boat and trailer, 15 hp. motor, graph, downrigger and replica mount. *"It is pretty exciting. I have never won a prize like this before,"* Garniss said. *"I have been fishing in the derby a lot of years."*

Murray told me he was fishing in 30 feet and had his lure at 15 feet when the big bow hit. Congrats Murray!! At least three other BPSA members have won this rainbow trout category in the past. That said there were fewer fish than usual caught in this derby on Colpoy's this year.



by Stu Paterson

Salmon Spectacular Fish Derby **Tent Raising**

The SALMON SPECTACULAR Fishing Derby and Festival attracted 5-thousand anglers and 40-thousand visitors to the tent. It hosts top notch concerts, bingo, fish fries, prize awards and new this year the “KIDS POND” where youngsters can win prizes catching rainbow trout.

Thirty BPSA members, many in their seventies, showed up to continue a tradition that’s decades old. That is helping the neighbouring Sydenham Sportsmen erect and tear down the big top tent. This year with 20 other volunteers the setup was safely completed in three-and-a half hours.

Derby Co-Chair Chris Geberdt profusely thanked the BPSA members saying “we couldn’t do all this without you....thanks for being our partners.” The raising and tearing down of the tent saves the Sydenham club ten thousand dollars. That’s what it would cost to pay the tent rental company to do the work.

This years SALMON SPECTACULAR offered over 150-thousand dollars in prizes, including 26 boats and a wide array of valuable outdoors equipment.

The BPSA contingent was organized by Jerry Beaver and Frank Staubitz.

By Stu Paterson





*Thank you.
Couldn't do this
without our
volunteers.*



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BPSA 60TH Birthday Party

Sunday, October 16th 10am-2pm

611 Northacres Road, Wiarton

All Welcome

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Give Aways | Draw Prizes

Wildlife Workshop | Demonstrations

BBQ & Cake | Hatchery Tour | Scavenger Hunt