

# Fur, Fins and Feathers



February 2023

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.  
Next meeting, February 23rd, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. For inquiries e-mail [bpsportsmen@gmail.com](mailto:bpsportsmen@gmail.com) or mail to P.O. Box 548, Wiarton, Ontario N0H 2T0

## BPSA hosts OFAH winter Zone meeting



Warton, Ontario: It was a full house on January 15, 2023 as the 250-member Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) hosted the winter meeting of Zone H of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). This zone covers a wide area with delegates attending from as far away as Orillia, Shelburne, Barrie, Wasaga Beach and Kincardine. Zone H has over 11-thousand members. Zone Chair Mike Evers says these meetings give federation members a chance to meet with like minded individuals and provide opinions that are passed on to OFAH directors who decide federation policy.



**Dozens of subjects were discussed by more than sixty delegates including:**

- the threat of the spread of wild pigs and the “wild pig watch” by Ontario government agencies
- the advantages of using net pens to transition hatchery fish into the wild resulting in larger fish stocked and increasing their survival rate when released
- regional co-operation between volunteer-based fish stocking clubs
- OFAH zone grants to college and university students studying biology and other fields related to hunting and fishing



**FIREARMS:**

Delegates discussed federal government moves to ban a number of firearms, including some hunting rifles. Via a live av feed from Ottawa, Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff joined us to discuss the issue.

Ruff is totally familiar with firearms having spent 25 years in the Canadian Military. The MP attacked Ottawa’s firearms proposals as “doing nothing to reduce or prevent firearms crime in Canada.” He reported “legally licensed firearms owners are the least likely to commit firearms crimes,” and asked “why are they being unfairly targeted by the government” ?



During a question & answer session with Ruff OFAH members accused Ottawa of “banning some weapons trying to steal legally acquired firearms that hunters, collectors and target shooters have used for years.”

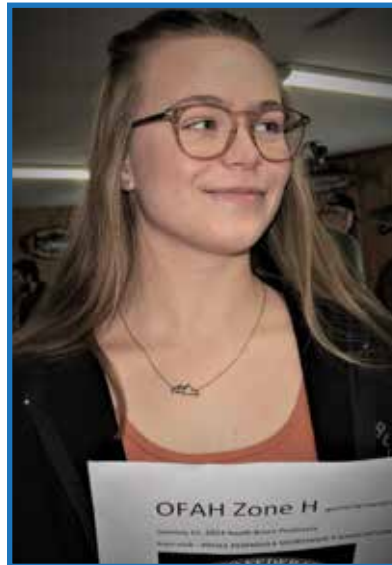
Alex Ruff reminded us that he interjected at the Public Safety committee over the last minute amendments to Bill C-21 (Handgun freeze) to now include banning the majority of semi-auto hunting rifles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IIJAJRjnn8>

Ruff urged every Canadian firearms owner to write protest letters to all MP’s, the Prime Minister, and other Ministers involved in the controversy, to express outrage on the federal firearms moves.

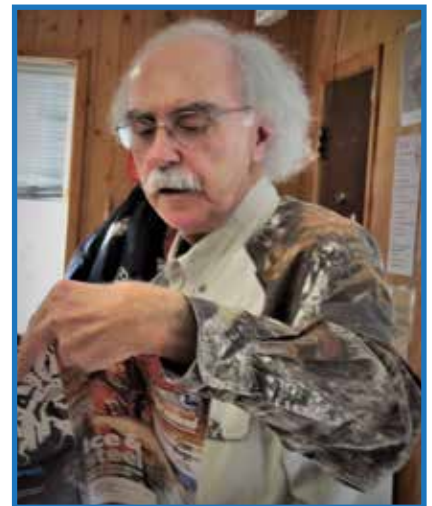
At the Wiarton meeting OFAH Directors reminded us that our federation recently presented a suite of strong recommendations on firearms to Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino.

<https://www.ofah.org/insider/2022/12/bill-c-21-8-things-than-can-and-should-be-done-by-government/>



Another speaker was Natalie Mechalko one of fifteen OFAH NEXT GENERATION AMBASSAORS. She lives in Grey-Bruce and is the Forestry and Trails Coordinator with Grey County. Mechalko explained that AMBASSADORS are anglers and hunters who bring fresh younger views to the table to determine the future direction of OFAH.

Zone H chair Mike Evers congratulated BPSA for hosting the event which he called “well organized”. Draw prizes were handed out including a \$75.00 Zone H attendance incentive prize. Fifty BPSA prizes were presented to attendees including two \$50.00 cash prizes. Sponsors of this event included OFAH Zone H, Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association, Charlie Robertson, The Lake Huron Fishing Club, Lyman Lures, TNT Fishing Lures, Silver Fox Tackle, Outback Sports Hunting & Fishing Supplies, Junction 4&19 Tackle Shop, Lucky Strike Baitworks, and Ram Trophies.



*by Stu Paterson*



# Be a Proud Supporter of **BPSA**

Support our club by proudly wearing a BPSA t-shirt! Cotton T-shirts's available in tan, olive or hunter green. Sizes from S to 3XL. \$15.00 each

Blue Coolie Cups with our name and logo engraved in silver. Polar Camel high endurance drink cups. . Hot/cold retention. Sweat free, double wall vacuum insulation. Great gift idea. (Hand washable only) \$35.00 each

Never have enough pens? You will love these. BPSA wood design to celebrate our 60th Anniversary with fish logo. For \$2.00 buy a pen and stock a fish. Good way to support the club and bring in revenue.

**Contact Jerry or Marje Beaver at [jerrybeaver7@yahoo.ca](mailto:jerrybeaver7@yahoo.ca) for orders or if you have any questions.**

We would also like to remind members, that memberships were due December 31st. If you haven't renewed please do so ASAP. After March 1st you will no longer be covered by NFA insurance or receive emails. Membership forms are available on page 6 & 7 or can be picked up at the club.

E-transfer is available as well as cash and cheque payments. You can e-transfer to [bpsportsmen@gmail.com](mailto:bpsportsmen@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Marje



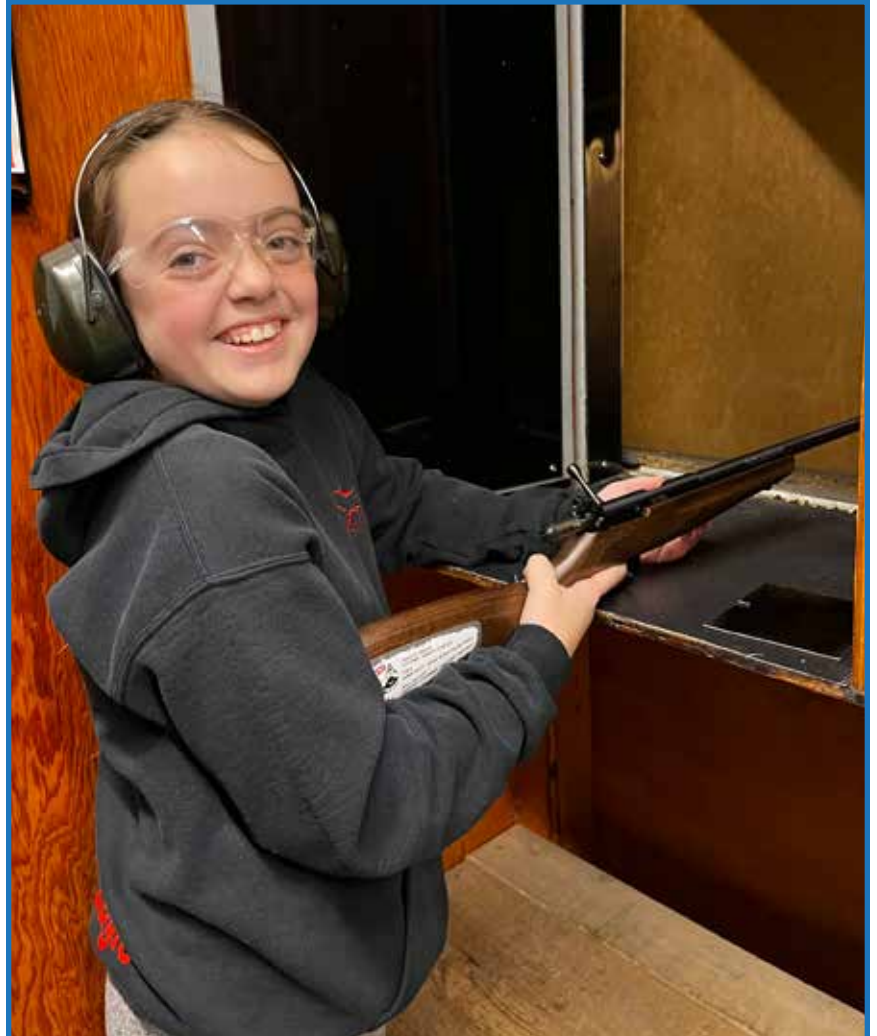
# 2023 Youth Firearms Safety Program is up and running.



The BPSA has been providing a six-week Youth Firearms Safety Program for over 20 years. The goal of the program is to safely introduce community youngsters to the safe handling of firearms in a controlled and fun setting. The BPSA provides single shot “right size” .22 rifles along with eye and hearing protection for all the participants and they are supervised by one-on-one experienced safety officers who mentor and ensure safety measures are in place at all times.

Krista and Rob Quesnel head up the program where the youngsters are graded on scores and Safety. On Sunday, January the 23rd. We had 24 youngsters signed up and went through an introductory orientation followed by two range sessions each. Bullseye and novelty targets are used to help keep the interest high. They are scored on their safety and on their accuracy. Awards will be given out at the end of the 6 weeks. Not too late to sign up.

The BPSA indoor range is inspected and approved by the office of the Chief Firearms Officer (O.P.P.). Are the participants having fun? A picture is worth 1,000 words.  
Al Hunter







# Fur, Fins and Feather Recipes

## HAWAIIAN VENISON

- 1 pound venison steaks
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 to 3 green peppers
- 1/2 cup pineapple chunks

Cut steaks into 1-inch cubes, cover with flour, and brown in hot fat. Add water and salt and simmer until tender. Clean peppers, cut into 1-inch squares and boil 10 minutes. Then drain. Add pineapple chunks and pepper squares to browned meat. Pour

Hawaiian sauce (below) over meat mixture and simmer 5 minutes. Serve over Chinese noodles or cooked rice. Serves 4-6.

## Hawaiian Sauce

- 2 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
  - 1/2 cup pineapple juice
  - 1/4 cup vinegar
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 2 1/2 t. soy sauce
- Combine ingredients and cook until sauce thickens.

submitted by Al Hunter

## TURKEY FINGERS

Wild turkey can be as tough as you know what.... This is the best way I have found to cook it. Cut turkey breast into long 1 to 1 1/4 " strips. Pound the strips with a meat hammer. Dip in egg then bread crumbs. Fry in lots of butter or oil. Cook till done. Dip in your favorite dipping sauce. Very tasty.

submitted by Kat McCulloch

Fins, Fur and Feathers wants your wild game and fish recipes.

How do you cook your venison? Moose or bear?

What all do you eat from your animal?

Turkey, duck, grouse, geese? How do you cook it?

What about the fish you catch?

How do you cook your salmon or rainbow?

Fry, broil, BBQ, fish chowder?

We want to share your ideas and great recipes with your fellow BPSA members.

Email to [bpsportsmen@gmail.com](mailto:bpsportsmen@gmail.com)



## Removing the "Y" Bone form a Pike

Is is important to keep the pike cool after being caught. Fillet and freeze or eat, as soon as possible. The flesh loses flavour and gets mushy quickly in warm weather. (That's why these fish taste best when caught in winter.) Pike should be 1kg. or larger for your first attempt at this deboning method. Begin by removing the filled from the fish in whatever manner your prefer. I like to cut the pelvic (belly) fins first, slit the belly open and removed entrails. Cut from belly to neck just behind the gill, cover and then lay the knife flat and run it along the back bone, removing fillet at the tail section. Do not strip the skin from the fillet at this time.

Now, we are at #1 of the six part illustration. Each sequence is a view of the removed filled laying skin-side-down and an even view on the left showing the location of the "Y" bone inside the flesh. Starting with a sharp knife, remove the rib bones by slipping the knife just under them, starting at the top of the head and, working down and towards the tail. Locate the ends of the exposed "Y" bones by lightly scraping your knife across them so that they are better exposed to view.

#2 Using the sharp fillet knife, gently cut downward just above exposed "Y" bones, until you

feel blade touch bone again. Work towards tail end. By lightly running knife in this cut, you can hear and fell it running along the bones.

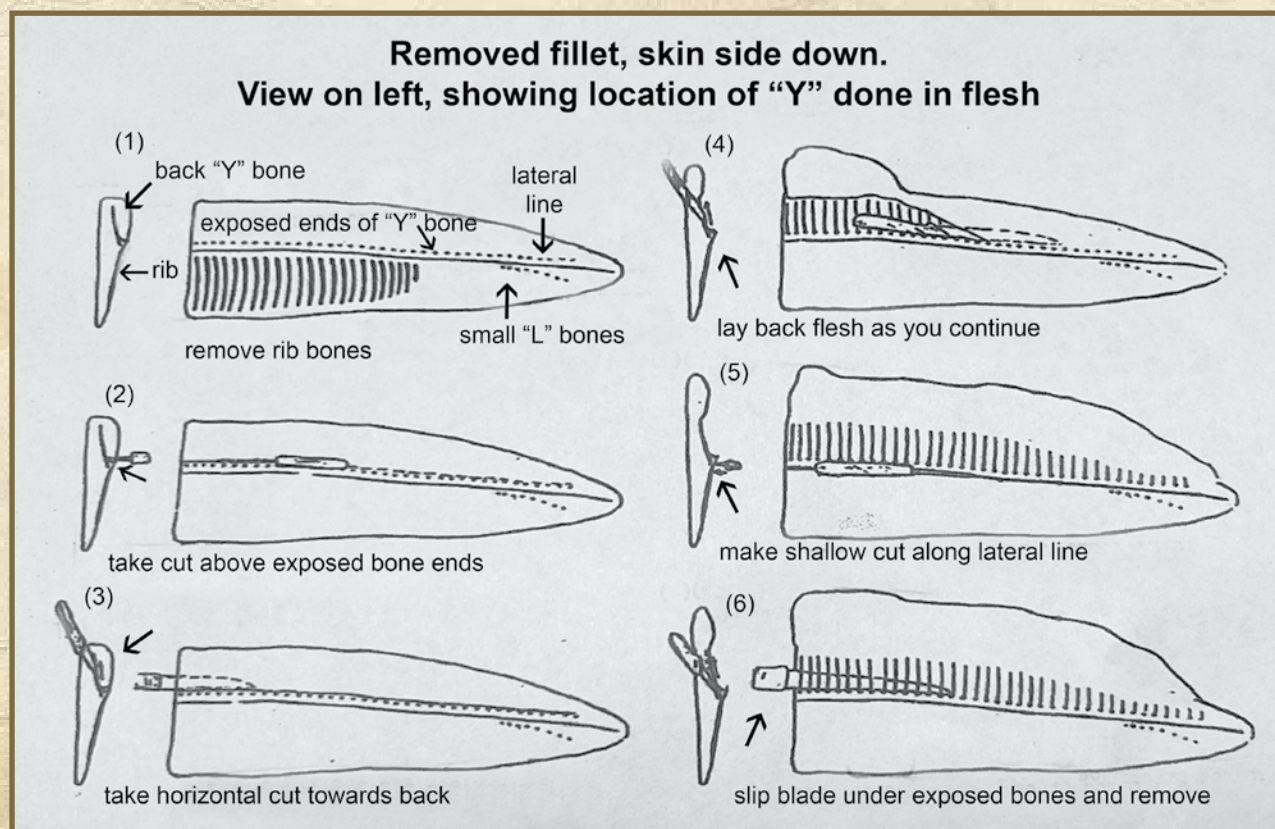
#3 Starting at head end, insert knife into cut, pushing it along "Y" bone towards back until it lays flat. Continue to slide knife along long part of "Y", but do not cut through the top of the back.

#4 Continue layering back cut meat to expose the bone.

#5 Make a shallow cut along the lateral line.

#6 Now, bring the blade under the exposed bones, removing them as you work towards the tail end. On large fish, make a slit to the skin along either side of the "L" bones. Remove skin and pull out cut strip of "L" bones. You now have a boneless pike fillet because the thick back portion of the flesh has been slit by removing the "Y" bone. You have a fillet that is almost an even thickness throughout. If freezing, place the fillets in a plastic bag with water. I use empty mild bags cut open at one end. They are strong and will hold enough fillets for 4 people. When using, that, place in non-metal container and cover with beer. Marinate for at least 2 hours. Remove and pat dry. Prepare by whatever method you prefer and the fillets will taste almost fresh!

*submitted by Ray Marklevitz*



# BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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## 2023 General Membership Form



**PLEASE PRINT YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS AND ALL FAMILY MEMBER NAMES**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Fire Number/PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>BPSA 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP:</b> | <b>ADULT</b> | <b>\$60</b> | <b>FAMILY</b> | <b>\$75</b> | <b>YOUTH (Under 18 years old)</b> | <b>\$15</b> |
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**NOTE:** The above membership also includes NFA insurance. Please read the policy for full details.

I hereby certify that as a member of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the constitution and by laws of the association (BPSA), I also acknowledge my personal information including names, address, phone numbers 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 purposes and photos may be taken for BPSA purposes unless the camera-person is notified otherwise.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership application form and payment (cash or cheque) are accepted at the monthly meetings, mailed to BPSA at the above address, or to Marje/Jerry Beaver 519-534-5725, 109 Wilson Drive, Georgian Bluffs. The form can also be downloaded from the BPSA website, completed, saved and emailed to BPSA, with an e-transfer to bpsportsmen@gmail.com. (This option does not apply to new handgun applications)

**Note: Memberships expire on December 31. Please be sure your membership is renewed by that date.**

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| <b>ARCHERY FEE</b> | <b>ADULT</b> | <b>\$40</b> | <b>FAMILY</b> | <b>\$65</b> | <b>YOUTH (Under 18 years old)</b> | <b>\$15</b> |
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**HANDGUN CLUB : TO RENEW FOR HANDGUN CLUB SEE 2ND SHEET TO BECOME A MEMBER EMAIL BPSA AT ABOVE ADDRESS. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE MAIN CLUB TO JOIN THE HANDGUN CLUB**

SUPPORT OUR CLUB BY DONATION ONLY. (I do not want to join at this time) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT CASH OR CHEQUE</b> | <b>\$</b> _____ |
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### CLUB INVOLVEMENT (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Hatchery         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising       | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Maintenance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervising Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events     | <input type="checkbox"/> Help Stock Fish     |

### This section for BPSA administration only

Renewal ☐ New Membership ☐ Membership Card ☐ Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2023 Renewal Handgun Membership



**Note : YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE MAIN CLUB TO JOIN/ RENEW.**

**PLEASE PRINT YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS AND ADD FAMILY MEMBERS THAT SHOOT\*.**

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Fire Number/PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fees:- ☐ Adult \$85 ☐ \*Family \$95 ☐ Youth \$15

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \$

**Note: Memberships expire on December 31. Please be sure your membership is renewed by that date.**

**HANDGUN CLUB:** For payment options see main membership form

**NEW HANDGUN members must apply in person or email BPSA, and successfully complete an orientation program.**

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Renewal ☐ New Membership ☐ Membership Card ☐ TOTAL \$

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