

Fur, Fins and Feathers



June 2023

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, Sept. 28th, 2023 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

Fish Catching Joy West of Wiarton



There were squeals of delight around the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) pond on the Sunday, May 28th. Approximately fifty youngsters 12 and under, participated in the BPSA 2023 Kid's Fishing Day Derby. The event is a part of a tradition that's played out each spring to the delight of parents and enthusiastic youngsters' participants. Like any fishing experience there were lulls in the action. But on several occasions, there were cries of "I've got one" and the excitement of the fight was on.

The largest rainbow trout was caught by Hayden Maisonneuve a hefty 5.6 pounder which won Hayden one of two beautiful bicycles awarded as prizes. Hayden is the grandson of BPSA veteran Ray Marklevitz. Ray was asked if catching fish was in the family genes? He replied "Hayden is a good fisherman he often out fishes me.....its mostly luck but he does well, we're proud of him."



Second largest fish at 5.2 pounds was caught by Grayson Gunson seen here with BPSA member Gord Smith.



Also among the top five was Lincoln Meigs with his 4.8 pounder.



And Slayter Butt with a rainbow trout of the same size 4.8 pounds.

The kids fishing action was at the BPSA club's headquarters which includes a state-of-the Art Fish Hatchery with pond and clubhouse. This club has been stocking fish since the sixties and have added over 100,000s of fish annually to Grey-Bruce waters. BPSA volunteers put in more than 1500 hours a year raising and stocking fish to benefit our sports fishery.



Due to space limitations this derby was limited to fewer than sixty participants.

(Derby co-ordinator Kevin Harders commented on the effort BPSA puts forth to encourage youngsters to get outdoors and get involved with fishing and other similar hobbies that give the kids a better understanding of how mother nature works)

Harders paid tribute to and thanked the twenty volunteers who made this event go ahead like clockwork.

All participants received a prize. Hot dogs and drinks supplied by BPSA. Sponsors of the 2023 BPSA KIDS FISHING DERBY Day included:

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- Bree/Jack/Will "Weir Farms"



Check the smiles on the faces of those involved in this derby and you are convinced that it was a success. As one parent observed "this derby could mark the first fish caught by some of those taking part. These kinds of events can create lasting memories for everyone, and that's something special."

by Stu Paterson

Youth Trap Shoot was a **blast**.

Rob and I would like to thank North Grey Bruce Rod and Gun Club for once again hosting a trap shoot for the kids. Special thanks to Gary, Jack, Jim and Murray from NGB Club. Thank you to Ed and Richard for coming out as well. We had 9 kids be able to make it and they all did well. We were impressed by all the kids from the ones who weren't



going to shoot who did, to the ones that tried a gun with a little more kick than they liked, then went back to a smaller gun and continued to shoot, even with the sore shoulder/arm. Most of the kids hit at least one clay bird which is impressive.



This years winner was Wyatt Zwambag and when all the other kids were done and gone Wyatt and Rob had a little shoot. I think Wyatt shot most of the clay birds then as well! Great Job everyone Hope to see you all next year.

Rob and Krista Quesnel

Stocking more **rainbow**



May 13/23 Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen volunteers loaded up the stocking tank at the hatchery with 3588 rainbow trout yearlings, weighing approximately 29.06 grams each. Club members, along with a couple of (who were they) released these rainbows into Judge's Creek at Barrow Bay.



Another trip back to the hatchery, where volunteers sized more rainbow trout and loaded the stocking tank again with 2806 yearlings weighing approximately 37.2 grams each, this time releasing these ones in Colpoy's Creek by the bridge at Colpoys Bay.

Beautiful weather for releasing day and nice to take a few minutes afterwards and watch these yearlings find a spot along the edges of the river banks.

By Karen Thomas



You can't see me...

Bill Easton, a former Professional Wildlife Manager and Control Specialist got this great photo on his trail camera. We had to share.



Collecting **Rainbow** Eggs



BPSA members met representatives from Lake Huron Fishing Club at Denny's Dam on several occasions anticipating a bountiful harvest of rainbow eggs. Unfortunately, limited fish in the holding cage didn't produce the numbers we were hoping for — in total we only retrieved 25 to 30 thousand viable eggs hatching at this time. Our annual allotment is 150,000 eggs

The "ripe" fish were relieved of eggs and sperm (milt) before being released unharmed.

The eggs and milt were transferred to the BPSA Hatchery where the eggs were fertilized, treated with disease prevention chemicals, counted and placed in a special trays.

Special thanks to the members of the Lake Huron Fishing Club who devote their time to ensure BPSA and other area clubs secure the eggs so vital to their hatchery operation's success.

The attached photos show club members working the egg retrieval process.





Long time member, Ray Marklevitz teach Lachlan Harders how to safely remove eggs.

Archery

Archery opened on May 23rd and our club now welcomes 32 archery members. It was a very busy night getting everyone settled into the proper equipment size and learning safety rules. We have a great group of youth and adult members this year. We are still working on target shooting for accuracy in the field ranges before heading into the 3-D range.



We have brought out the 3-D targets into the field to add interest to the evening. The ground hog, beaver and the turkey all took a beating with some consistent great hits. We have 3 students needing volunteer hours for high school, they will be involved in teaching the younger ones and assisting with getting the 3-D trail up and ready. Thanks to all of you. This is a great help for us.



We now have three adults interested in assisting with the program. They are just now learning what goes on and all that is involved in keeping the program going. The welcome letter to new members along with the stickers has been well received.

Thanks to Marje and Jane for helping out the first couple of night with registration. Thanks to Al for coming out to help and many thanks to the guys for making the fields look so great.

by Donna Maginnis

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2023 General Membership Form



PLEASE PRINT YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS AND ALL FAMILY MEMBER NAMES

Names: _____

Youth: _____

Address/Fire Number/PO Box: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal/ZIP Code: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

BPSA 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP:	ADULT	\$60	ADULT/SPOUSE/ PARTNER	\$75	YOUTH (Under 18) Inc. Insurance	\$20
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NOTE: The above membership 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 etransfer 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.

ARCHERY FEE	ADULT	\$40	FAMILY	\$65	YOUTH (Under 18 years old)	\$15
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SUPPORT OUR CLUB BY DONATION ONLY. (I do not want to join at this time) \$ _____

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CLUB INVOLVEMENT (check all that apply)

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