

Fur, Fins and Feathers



November 2023

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, Nov 30th, 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

VIP Guest Visit Results in OFAH Affiliation



Kim Staples and Angelo Lombardo of OFAH, Carl Jones & Al Sutter of BPSA

Two guests visited the BPSA hatchery and their visit turned out to be historic for our club. It happened on September 28th the night of our first fall BPSA general membership meeting.

Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters Executive Director Angelo Lombardo and Kim Staples, the OFAH's Member Services Manager, toured our hatchery with BPSA President Carl Jones and Hatchery Manager Al Sutter.

After the tour Lombardo told our members "you folks have something special here, your fish stocking program and all the other conservation projects you do are something to be proud of, make sure you work hard to protect what you have."



Lombardo also said he was *“totally impressed with your continuing efforts to engage youngsters in what you do, that’s important because they are the future of conservation groups like BPSA.”*

Staples and Lombardo outlined the mandate and scope of OFAH. It has 725 Affiliated Clubs and over 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters. It is a major lobby group and has been representing the interests of anglers and hunters for over 95-years. As a federation, it offers its members liability insurance (\$5 million per member) and extra coverage for the directors/executive. It provides members with the Ontario Out of Doors magazine, a number of federation online information services, and discounts on merchandise with several companies and insurance brokers.

BPSA Director Al Sutter told the meeting our association benefits directly from OFAH through the Community Hatchery Program (CHP) which OFAH operates with funding from the Province. CHP designates where Ontario funded monies will be apportioned. Their grants provide approximately one-half of our hatchery’s operating funds. Al attributed much of our hatchery operation’s success to the Community Hatchery Program.

OFAH VOTE:

Later in the meeting we discussed the possibility of BPSA officially affiliating with OFAH with the federation insurance coverage for members a main selling point. After discussion, Stu Paterson moved that BPSA should affiliate with OFAH as a member club, effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Kat McCulloch and was carried unanimously.

With OFAH affiliation, ALL BPSA members must become OFAH members. We discussed our 2024 membership rates. Family membership as an OFAH affiliate provides liability insurance for children up to 25 years of age as long as they live in the same household. Our Youth membership fee for BPSA will remain unchanged at \$25 a year. BPSA Vice President Kelly Lang’s motion was unanimously approved that BPSA would move forward with OFAH affiliation for 100% of our membership with Adult fees at \$90 and Family at \$115 and Youth at \$25. The new membership rates include BPSA and OFAH fees and will provide our members with insurance that BPSA President Carl Jones noted “assures us that all members including the kids are covered without our members having to pay extra for family coverage and our volunteers will be covered when taking part in all BPSA activities.” Carl added “it’s a WIN - WIN, there are no negatives for the future of BPSA by affiliating with OFAH.” And the next step in this process?

BPSA Membership Directors Marg and Jerry Beaver, who researched this affiliation move, will coordinate with OFAH head office to work out details of the switch to affiliation, which takes place at the start of 2024.

BPSA boasts the longest running Community Fish Hatchery in Ontario. The 300-member non-profit volunteer-based club, was established in the sixties to “enhance and protect fish and wildlife.”

by Stu Paterson – Director Zone H OFAH

Wildlife Apple Tree Project planned spring of 2024

2023 apple tree program was a great success. We will run it again if there is enough interest. Anyone wanting apple trees email Ray Marklevitz at ray.marj.m@gmail.com or fill out sheet at club house.



Hypothermia Lesson

It took place at the October BPSA monthly meeting. The class was conducted by Debbra Gibson a former paramedic, Canadian Coast Guard Rescue Specialist and BPSA member. Debbra knows a lot about this subject. In fact this is a subject that we should all know more about, considering we will soon be ice fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, or skating.

So what is HYPOTHERMIA?

"Hypothermia is a condition involving a low body temperature, usually below 35c (95 °F). Shivering, pale skin, unclear speech, and a fast heart rate can be signs of hypothermia. It is a medical emergency. The stages of hypothermia range from mild to severe. Even the mild stage is an emergency, and a bystander should call 911 if they notice its signs. While waiting for help to arrive, first aid treatment entails getting the individual to a warm, dry place and removing any wet clothing."

Gibson told us "a severely hypothermic person is very fragile, their body can no longer support itself..heart failure is a very real risk."

And that "hypothermia doesn't develop for 30 minutes or more even in ice water. It will lead to unconsciousness and drowning if the dunked person doesn't stay above the water."



The former first responder reviewed the many stages of hypothermia and left us with what she called "a major take-away from what we know about cold water immersion."

"PLEASE JUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET OR A FLOAT SUIT...it will let you survive the first minute when you are most likely to die of drowning or a heart attack. It will buy you more time for rescuers to find you and help you"

more on HYPOTHERMIA here:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/hypothermia-survival-cold-water>



2023 Archery

Many people have made the 2023 archery program a success. Thirty-five mainly young archers signed up for the season. Thank you to all that helped get everyone signed up. A special thanks to Donna and Paul Maginnis for their teaching and guidance, even when they weren't feeling their best. Thank you as well to Bill Slot and Brydon Shiels who turned out every week to help with shooting and equipment. Its been a pleasure for me to watch these young archers "hone" their skills. I've never met more friendly and kind people! Our young archers will be recognized at the BPSA December Pot Luck. Thank you to AL for his knowledge and patience. I think everyone had fun and are looking forward to next season.

Brenda McLean
2023 Archery Coordinator



Warton Remembrance Preparation

It took a small army of volunteers to prepare the Warton Cenotaph for Remembrance Ceremonies.

Much of the display had been re-built, including a new backwall. The work done by a talented team from Cape Croker. Now the final touches were needed.

Volunteers with the Warton Royal Canadian Legion Branch ...and the conservation group the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association did the work.

The volunteers picked up small crosses at the Warton Library. Each cross bearing the name of one of our own who died for our country.



Under the direction of Legion official Joe Vanderzand, the volunteers lined up the crosses in alphabetical order. There are two Remembrance events in Warton this year. The first is on Friday morning where wreaths will be laid. The second at 11am on the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Remembrance Day is commemorated on November 11th each year and marks the end of World War I in 1918. It is also known as Armistice Day. The day is set aside to remember the fallen on both sides in World War I.



Remembrance Day is a federal statutory holiday in Canada. On Remembrance Day, Canadians pause to honour the men and women who have served and continue to serve

Canada during times of war, conflict, and peace. More than 2,300,000 Canadians have served and more than 118,000 made the ultimate sacrifice.



The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. In the run-up to Remembrance Day, replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to provide assistance to veterans.

The reason that the poppy is worn for Remembrance Day is due to a Canadian physician and poet who noticed how quickly poppies had grown over the graves of soldiers who had died during the Battle of Ypres. This symbolism of the blood-red flowers was beautifully captured by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae in his 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was apparently discarded by McCrae but was found by soldiers who sent it to a London-based magazine named Punch.





In 1921, people began wearing the poppy three years after the war ended. For the centennial observance of Remembrance Day in 2021, the Royal Canadian Legion released a commemorative replica of the original fabric pin from 1921.

November 11th marks the signing of the armistice or “peace agreement” between the Allies and Germany at Compiègne, France.

The armistice took effect at eleven o’clock in the morning - the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.”

BPSA Remembrance 2023



A youth member of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association laid the club’s wreath at the 2023 Wiarton Remembrance Day observance. Evalyn Thompson was one of a dozen BPSA members who took part in the downtown commemoration, at the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

The grade seven student said she was honoured to be part of this important service and was “proud to be representing this respected conservation group as well.”

More than fifteen-hundred people gathered in downtown Wiarton for the annual Cenotaph Remembrance ceremony. Dozens of wreaths were laid representing a wide array of businesses, clubs, charitable organizations, municipal governments, veterans associations and families of veterans.

Most of the cenotaph had recently been re-built, including a new backwall. The stone work was done by a talented team from Cape Croker. The BPSA and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 208 volunteers added the final decorative final touches.

by Stu Paterson





Christmas Social

*Come to our club Christmas Social
Sunday, December 17th 1:00pm.*

*Pot-luck, come socialize,
eat and be merry.*

Archery awards will be given out.

*Early Bird Membership Draw
will take place at 2:00 pm.*

Get your membership in today!



Membership renewals are due by Jan. 31, 2024

Some of the benefits of OFAH are listed below:

- \$5million EXCESS Members personal public liability insurance coverage (valid anywhere in Canada)
- \$5million Accidental Death & Dismemberment policy
- \$3,000 Accidental Dental Expense
- \$2,500 Lyme Disease indemnity for diagnostic expense.

Family Coverage includes youth up to age 25. Discounts at the following stores by showing your card: **Peavey Mart, Mark's Work Warehouse, The Brick, HunterCourse.com, BoaterExam.com, and more.**

By getting your membership renewal in by December 17th qualifies you to be entered into our early bird draw which will be held at the club house Christmas social event.

We have several great give aways ranging in price from several \$200 - \$50.

We can't stress enough how important it is to have your membership renewal in by the end of the year. While we have always had a grace period, with our insurance being renewed by

March now, any delays past then means we end up paying for your insurance twice. We want to avoid this.

Membership forms are available on our website too.

(www.bpsportsmen.com) and at the club.

E-transfer is available as well as cash and cheque payments. You can e-transfer to bpsportsmen@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Marje at 519-534-5725 or jerrybeaver7@yahoo.ca.

If you are already a member of OFAH, by recording your membership # and expiry date on your club membership renewal form, they will adjust your OFAH membership. A new card will be issued to you with the new date shown on your card.

Due to the cost of OFAH insurance you will notice a rise in our membership fees. We have tried over the years to keep our fees down; however, we feel it's time we make sure our club and members are covered. We hope you understand as we make this important change in our club.

BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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2024 Handgun Membership Renewal Form



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 _____

Name 3 _____

Address/Fire Number/PO Box: _____

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

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

1 Pal #		Expiry	
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2 Pal #		Expiry	
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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 at the club house or email BPSA at bpsportsmen@gmail.com and successfully complete an orientation program.**

This section for BPSA administration only

Renewal ☐ New Membership ☐ Membership Card ☐ Date application received: _____

TOTAL \$

Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ E Transfer ☐ Amount Rec'd: _____ Date entered on spreadsheet: _____

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2024 General Membership Form



PLEASE PRINT YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS AND ALL FAMILY MEMBER NAMES

(Use back of page if needed)

Names: _____

Youth: _____

Address/Fire Number/PO Box: _____

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

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

BPSA 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP	ADULT	\$90	FAMILY includes kids up to 25	\$115	YOUTH (Under 25) Inc. Insurance	\$25
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NOTE: The above membership includes OFAH Membership & Insurance and a digital copy of Ontario Out of Doors
I prefer a paper copy of Ontario Out of Doors at an additional cost of \$18.00 ☐

OFAH MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ **OFAH EXPIRY DATE:** _____

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 by the BPSA for its 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 are accepted at the monthly meetings, mailed to BPSA at the above address, or call Marje/Jerry Beaver 519-534-5725. 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)

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THERE WILL BE A \$25.00 LATE FEE CHARGED FOR ANY MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED AFTER JAN 31/2024

ARCHERY FEE	ADULT	\$40	FAMILY	\$65	YOUTH (Under 18 years old)	\$15
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**HANDGUN CLUB : TO RENEW FOR HANDGUN CLUB OR TO SEE INFORMATION TO BECOME A MEMBER
PLEASE SEE PAGE 2**

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

TOTAL AMOUNT CASH OR CHEQUE	\$ <input type="text"/>
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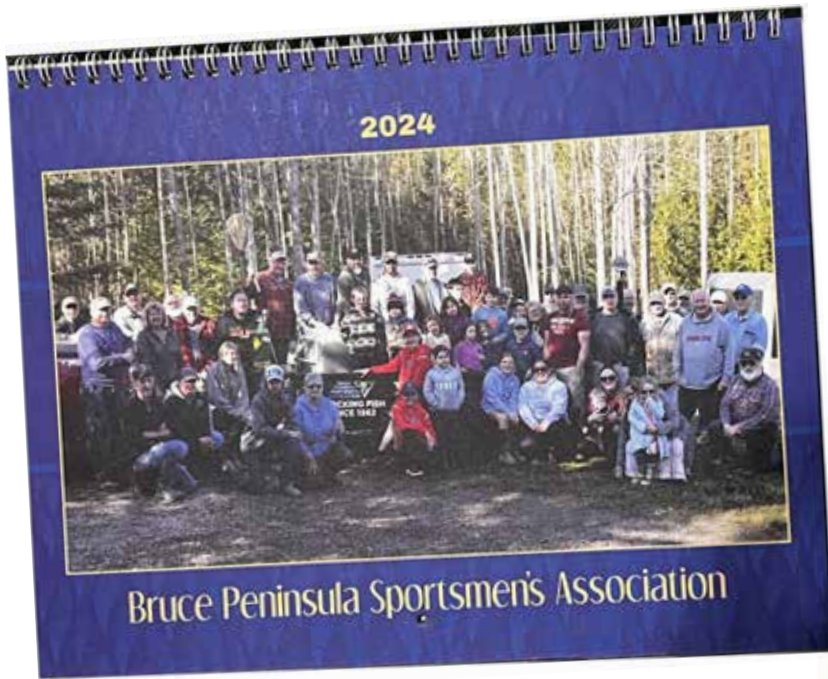
CLUB INVOLVEMENT (check all that apply)

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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 |

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Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ E Transfer ☐ Amount Rec'd: _____ Date application received: _____
Date entered on spreadsheet: _____

BPSA has 2024 Calendars for sale!



Get yours at the
club or Wiarton
Home Hardware

\$25

BPSA has new fun T-shirts



We will have hoodies
for sale too!

Great Christams presents
Get yours at the club

\$25