

MAY 2024

Next meeting June 27th. Address: 611 North Acres Road, Warton bpsportsmen.com

HUGE Thanks to Lures N Lines



Winner of the 16' Mirrocraft, 30hp Tohatsu, Loadright Trailer is Shawn Coleman for top rainbow weighing 13.12 lbs

The Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby has now reached its 4th year. This year, we raised \$8250 for the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen Association Hatchery.

The derby committee is overwhelmed by the continued growth of the derby each year. We can only attribute this amazing growth to the support of our sponsors. The overwhelming sponsorship support from our community has been nothing less than outstanding. All of our sponsors are dedicated to the conservation of recreational sport fishing and truly show their support with generous donations.

The Derby continues to generate thousands of dollars each year. These funds have gone directly back to hatchery programs and stream rehabilitation in our community.

In its first 4 years, the derby has generated just over \$54,000, and we have given away \$27,000 in cash and prizes. Most importantly, we donated over \$27,000 to the conservation of recreational sport fishing hatchery programs and stream rehabilitation. These much needed funds go directly back to hatchery programs and stream rehabilitation in our community. Its amazing to see the Community supporting its own communities fishing future.

The Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby's mandate for is simple: Creating awareness and recognizing the importance of our Community Hatchery Programs. It definitely looks like we are off to a good start.

A BIG Thank you to Tigwell Motorsports. Bill Tigwell & Mike Carson, owners of Tigwell Motorsports, are proud to support the Hatchery Programs in our community. We greatly appreciate their generosity. As a title sponsor, they had a large impact in assisting the giving away of a Boat Motor & Trailer package this year.

Top Rainbow Trout

16' Mirrocraft, 30hp Tohatsu, Loadright Trailer.

Shawn Coleman - 13.12 lbs

2nd Place Rainbow - \$1000

Gary Fischer - 9.98 lbs

3rd Place Rainbow Trout - \$750

Hunter Rankin - 8.70 lbs

Top Brown Trout - \$1000

John Debrincat - 10.62 lbs

Top Lake Trout - \$1000

Tim Colborne - 13.96 lbs

Top Youth - \$1000

Lucy Jensen - 9.58 lb Lake Trout

Top Salmon - \$1000

Jerry Pynn - 9.84 lb



Gary Fischer - 9.98 lbs. 2nd Place Rainbow

In addition, all top anglers received a free Shark Cannonball, compliments of Mike and Barbara LaFond.

by Kevin Harders



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John Debrincat - 10.62 lbs. Top Brown Trout.



*Lucy Jensen - 9.58 lb. Top Youth Lake Trout.
Lucy wants to buy a unicorn with her winnings.*



Tim Colborne - 13.96 lbs. Top Lake Trout.



Jerry Pynn - 9.84 lb. Top Salmon.

2024 Derby Sponsorship list

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Josie's of Warton*



The 4th Annual Lures and Lines Spring Trout Derby was a huge success. On behalf of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association I would like to thank Kevin ,Dianne and family. and the Derby committee for all the hard work and long hours, and all the sponsors that make this such an amazing event. The incredible donations this derby provides to our hatchery program is vital for our operation and allows us to improve the facilities for our fish, members and community. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and supported this derby.
Great Job!

Alan Sutter, Hatchery Manager

Fin Clipping a family gathering



On Wednesday, May 1st was our annual Rainbow Trout fin clipping day. We had a lots of help at both the afternoon and evening shifts. Some of the rainbow we clipped that day have already been stocked at Gleason Brook and Barrow Bay. The remaining yearling Rainbows in the hatchery will be stocked before the end of June.

Thank you to everyone who was able to help, the job was done in record time.

by Alan Sutter



Rainbow Trout Stocking - Gleason Brook

On Saturday May 4th we had an amazing member turn out to stock 6400 of our freshly fin clipped yearling Rainbow Trout into Gleason Brook. Its was great have so many new members help us get the job done.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help and thank you to Vaughn and Merla Johnstone for allowing us access to their property to stock these fish.
by Alan Sutter





Rainbow Trout Stocking - Barrow Bay

Saturday May 11th we stocked just over 2800 of our yearling Rainbow Trout at Barrow Bay. We had lots of help from many local Barrow Bay residents and several members of the former Barrow Bay Anglers Association.

by Al Sutter





Bill Easton's Fisher Presentation



Guest speaker, Bill Easton, a retired Professional Wildlife Manager and Control Specialist gave a great talk about fishers. Bill had been our guest months ago and he came prepared tonight to speak about fishers. Fishers were introduced onto the Bruce Peninsula in the 1980's by the MNR in large part as a control for porcupines, as the fisher is the only major predator of the porcupine. The weasel-type animal is very aggressive, a very agile climber, and pursue their prey into hollow trees or burrows in the ground. They are 20-25 inches long and can weigh 15 pounds. They are now trapped for their valuable brownish-black fur, which is especially fine in the female. Bill accompanied his address with a slide-presentation and brought a mounted fisher to show us the animal, a couple of fisher skins, and a skull to demonstrate their canine teeth. As he finished his address, Bill accepted questions from the audience. It was a very interesting 35-minute session.

After Bill finished his program, Pres Carl expressed our appreciation for Bill's address and presented a BPSA thermal glass to Bill. He then announced a small 15-minute break for a coffee and tim-bits, before reconvening for our business portion of the meeting.



Archery is a back!

With some helping hands, this Archery season got off to a great start Tuesday evening. We welcomed back some familiar faces as well as lots of newcomers. Claire Gibbons received her well deserved recognition for last year's safety award. The weather co-operated and everyone enjoyed the evening. A good early start to the archery season and we continue to invite anyone interested to come out and "give it a try. Thank you everyone for the amazing support I felt for the first night of archery. It was great to see some folks return and some newcomers to the sport. I will continue to try and make this season fun and challenging.

by Brenda McLean



Claire Gibbons receiving 2023 Safety Award



BPSA Handgun Club Rifle Report

We currently have 12 people shooting competition in the WOHL. The Competition team ended the 2023-24 season on April 29th. We didn't do that well this year. Younger shooters too busy to make it out. Leaves the older ones trying to get points. We concluded the last shoot of the season, Monday, April 29th with a "BANG" up Finale serving Pizza.

Al Hunter and Kat McCulloch also presented Rob and Krista Quesnel with a hoodie and fun T-shirt as a thank you for years of running the youth program.



The Pilot Rifle Program has been a huge success to BPSA. Both the Ladies and Youth Shoot programs sparked interest from individuals and families who have since joined the Club to continue with sport shooting. Plus asking main BPSA members if they like to join in the rifle program.

We signed up a total of 24 who participated in the Rifle Program. It ran second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning Jan 23rd.



The last shoot was Tuesday April 23rd. Scores were tallied for both Supported and unsupported

Unsupported 1st place

John deJong with an 85

BPSA Hoodie

Unsupported 2nd place

Randy Lipskie with an 82

BPSA T-Shirt

Supported 1st place

Gary Tessier with a 98

BPSA Hoodie

Supported 2nd place

Dan Trafelet with a 96

BPSA T-shirt

Draw Prize *Jen Belanger Cooler Cup*



John deJong 1st for Unsupported



Randy Lipskie 2nd for Unsupported



Gary Tessier 1st for Ssupported



Dan Trafelet 2nd for Supported

On Sunday, April 28 we hosted a Fun Shoot open to all Rifle Shooters. We had nine participants shoot five regular targets plus a try at a novelty dart board.

Scores tallied revealing our winners. Meat prizes were purchased from Sullivan's Butcher Shop.

Unsupported 1st place

Kat McCulloch 480 Meat

Unsupported 2nd place

Randy Lipskie 368 Meat

Supported 1st place

Margot Doerr 434 Meat

Supported 2nd place

Alison Gibson 420 Meat

Door Prize

Jill Curtis Meat

Hot Dogs were prepared and served by Alison Gibson and Karen Thomas.

During the course of the shoot Jill Curtis from Great Lakes Hearing offered her services for personal ear protection. Many Thanks to Jill. Anyone wanting custom hearing protection look her up.

With the success of our Youth, Ladies and Rifle programs we have worked with Andy Crawford who has held Firearms Safety Courses at our clubhouse for those wishing to get their PAL. Rifle fun league will start up again in the fall.

*by Jane Thibideau
and Kat McCulloch*



Invasive Species Management

Four BPSA members joined 8 volunteers from the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club at Wright's Cres entrance to the Bruce Trail for an afternoon "Periwinkle Pull Party" on May 6th. Deb Gibson, Lesley Radman and Eric Barker dug and pulled Stu Paterson photographed the proceedings.

A beautiful ground cover many of us enjoy in our gardens, periwinkle is harmful to native plant species outcompeting trilliums and lilies for space on the forest floor while exuding a scent which inhibits some insects.

In many ways this mimics the effect of zebra and quagga mussels, lampreys and gobies in our lakes and waterways.

The Bruce Trail Club has a programme which tries to eliminate invasive plants from the immediate area of the trail. It is a very difficult project starting with occlusive tarps on the plants for two years, pulling the roots by hand and occasionally resorting to weed spraying.

BPSA has been collaborating with the PBTC for several years with bootscrubber installation and our youth will be helping with tree planting at Vanishing Stream this month.

These cooperative projects benefit the natural world and the community at large while affording us an opportunity to spread the word about our BPSA.

by Eric Barker





Another **Boot Scrubber** Installed at Dyers Bay

Chris Thomson and Eric Barker were hard at work early May. This latest installation is on Bruce Trail, south side of road, across from Bowman parking lot.

