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DECEMBER 2014 NEWS AND VIEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Meetings are the last Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton. Next meeting, Jan 29th, 2015. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors Jim Martell 519-534-2502 or e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca



President's Message December 2014

Merry Christmas. The BPSA had a great social November 22nd glad we could see so many members. The fish was delicious and so were all the other dishes presented. Thanks for the good meal and fellowship.

We are grateful to all those who participate in our club events.

Doing conservation projects and the fish hatchery are part of why we are a club. The handgun club, archery are additional activities we want to promote to our community. We encourage the community to join our club.

We will likely have to remit municipal assessment taxes in 2015. Grants will become harder to receive. We must seek more partnerships if we want to receive tax breaks. The town has informed us that new provincial regulations may prohibit them from giving us a property tax break.

Our club is in good shape with many members renewing their memberships early. So if we have to pay local taxes we will have funds on hand.

I am still asking for suggestions for a club conservation project. This could be an opportunity to improve a stream, provide livestock fencing beside a stream, environmental improvement. The ideas are out there we just need to focus on

one. Presently, we are making progress on the flow of information from the MNR and we have some info on the Fish Study currently underway in Colpoys Bay.

Members of the S.O.N., University of Guelph research team and the MNR are sharing the results of their study with us. This is positive and a step forward.

I want to thank Chris Davis of the MNR for sharing info available from his office. Fish stocking and the health of our bays are important. The sport fishery is an economic driver for tourism in our area. We must continue to remind our friends and neighbours of our commitment to conservation.

At our November meeting we had a very informative presentation from Saugeen Country Honey: David and Erika Schuit on the health of bees (pollinators) and the devastation caused by a new insecticide. So folks if you have a topic and a presenter we would love to have them for one of our club meetings. We hope to have MNR's Craig Todd speak on the Junior Ranger program early in the New Year.

We wish you all a prosperous 2015 and some quality family time in the weeks ahead. Merry Christmas

*Yours in Conservation,
Jim Martell, President*

Youth Shooting Program

January 11th, 1:00 pm.

Every other Sunday till April.

Important to teach them safe shooting practices and have fun at the same time.

Cost \$15.00

Contact Rob and Krista

Quesnel at 519-935-2444 for more info.

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin November 2014

Monthly BPSA minutes November 2014 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday November 27, 2014 with 34 members present. The Club President Jim Martell asked if the October 2014 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the October meeting by James McKane seconded by David Leggatt carried.

Guest Speaker -

Jack Doherty the Vice Chair of OFAH zone H and a member of SSA addressed the BPSA motion for the OFAH to support an independent study on the decline in recent years on the sports fishing success in Colpoy's Bay. He suggested that the initial motion should be withdrawn and resubmitted with specific documentation of the actual decline. He also highlighted the advantage if all BPSA members also became members of OFAH and then BPSA could be recognized as an associated club. Several BPSA members acknowledged the great work that OFAH does for conservation: however, several long time OFAH members discontinued their membership when OFAH did not support our fish conservation recommendations in Colpoy's Bay and changed their policy where all BPSA members must also be OFAH members to be an associated club. It was pointed out that if everyone had to belong to the OFAH we would lose a lot of our membership. The cost to be a OFAH member is \$38 with the magazine and only \$12 without the magazine. As many of us as possible should join OFAH.

Erika and David Schuit presented a slide show highlighting the impact of Neonicotinoids, a recently developed and heavily used powerful pesticide (7000 times as deadly as DDT). This pesticide affects insects (including bees), birds, fish and mammals. The continued use of it will decimate bee populations and consequently this will mean that fruit and vegetable crops without pollination will crash. The chemical producers Bayer and Sygenta say that there is no health hazard to humans. The federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has had temporary approval on this product since the late 90's: however, it has in the last 3 or 4 years been applied to virtually all grain seeds, which is when bee populations in adjacent fields have crashed. Some Countries in Europe have already placed bands on the use of Neonicotinoids, and Ontario is looking at controls starting in 2016. The Schuit's and other owners of Apiaries have lost most of their hives and Queen breeding stock. They are looking for support from the public at large to write the PMRA, Health Canada, and Federal and Provincial MP's and MPP's to suspend the use of these products.

New Members / Guests-

Wayne and Annette Musselman from Hepworth joined BPSA this evening.

Correspondence -

- Stu Paterson received a letter from Walter Oster Chairman of the Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows stating that the approved 10 year program of supplying rods, reels and fishing tackle packages for the Kids Fishing Day has been successfully completed. BPSA will send a thank you letter to Walter for all his past support.
- Bill Walker forwarded a copy of a news release from Jeff Yurek MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London warning that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry is planning on a new service fee that will be charged on all outdoor cards, hunting and angling licenses and transactions in the province of Ontario. This will result in some cases in an increase of as much as 23%. It is unbelievable that anglers and hunters have to pay for the Ministry mismanagement of our resources (decrease in moose populations, decrease in fishing limits, lack of enforcement of some commercial fishing regulations, etc.)
- Chris Davis MNR, Assessment Program Supervisor, LHUGLMU, sent Jim Martell a follow up letter for information on the current fish study in the bay being conducted by Dr. Neil Rooney, University of Guelph and of interest to SON and is being done in cooperation with them. Chris will follow DR. Rooney and forward the result of the study to BPSA
- Al Hunter provided a copy of the Minutes of the Annual Handgun Club Meeting -April 2014. It will be filed with the other BPSA meeting minutes.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott - October

Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe	
Winter Deer Feeding Fund	\$ 3575
Receipts	\$ 521
Expenses	\$1229
Ways and Means balance	\$1045

A motion by Stu Paterson seconded by Larry Parker to pay annual dues of \$75 to the Great Lakes Sports Fishing Council, carried. Please contact Stu or Dennis if you want to be the recipient of their regular reports.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Tim Lahey seconded by Ken Bennett carried.

Membership - Forbes Symon: fpsymon@sympatico.ca
tel 519 534 1726
Memberships can be dropped of at 363 Hunter Street or
the BDO office 360 Berford Street
Adults: 68 Family: 58 Youth: 29 Total: 155
Prepaid 2015 memberships 7

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Karen Van Nest- tel. 519.378.3339

Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com n/r

- The Tuesday indoor shoots will shut down for the two coldest months in the winter
- Archery will close December 23rd.

Bulletin – Phil Henderson

Phil had mailed out 47 October bulletins 55 were printed.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch n/r

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.

Fish Committee-Hatchery: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- Bruce Mallard needs volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. If you can help, please call him at 519 534-1274.
- Ray thanked the 10 volunteers who did a spectacular clean up job in the hatchery on November 16th.
- Currently on hand in the hatchery are 33,000 Rainbow Trout.
- Water flow is currently 22 gpm.
- Fay Welsh gave BPSA through Ray 2 complete rod and reel down rigger fishing poles that were her deceased husband Paul's. A couple of suggestions for their use would be to have a silent action to raise funds or to have them as prizes for the spring fishing derby. We will make a decision at the January meeting as to their end use.
- Water tests for suspended solids and phosphorous are good.
- We will probably fin clip in March.

Fish Management Zones-13 Lake Huron-14 Georgian Bay

Stewardship Councils: Dennis Morrison

- The FMZ meeting will be November 29th in Sudbury.
- Dennis has found out that many of the volunteer hatcheries have hatchery licenses for more than one year. The exception appears to be the Midhurst District. He will try to have our license change.
- Dennis will ask if the OFAH will fund the microscope purchased for health analysis of hatchery diseases.
- The new Upper Great Lakes Manager is Ken Lacroix.

Handgun Club: Al Hunter

- Handgun rim fire shooting is Monday and Wednesday's at 7pm. And center fire on Wednesday afternoons.
- BPSA received a donation of \$60 from the Greenaway family as an appreciation for BPSA's Community Living Fish day on the pond.
- A new 22 rifle competition has been initiated by several clubs. BPSA will host the shoot one week a month. The next one at BPSA is December 6th at 7pm. The cost is \$5 for a set of targets and participation is open to any BPSA member
- The hand gunners will continue to purchase separate liability NFA insurance.
- Frank Hutter is reviewing all the safety procedures.
- Upgrades will be made to the shooting port area. The green sound dampening padding will be replaced.
- A vacuum cleaner has been donated (thanks Frank Hutter) for use in the club house.

Youth Winter Programs January-April: n/r

Firearms-Rob and Krista Quesnel 519-935-2444

- The winter program will start on January 11, 2015 at 1pm.

Archery- Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson 519-378-3339 Volunteer replacement required for 2015

Native Affairs: n/r

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson

1. OFAH Hosting Information Sessions on Asian Carp Threat

PETERBOROUGH—

With voracious appetites and rapid reproduction rates, Asian carp currently pose one of the greatest threats to the biodiversity of the Great Lakes. An Asian carp invasion would jeopardize the Great Lakes' \$5-billion fishery and decimate native fish populations.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), home to Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program, is hosting a series of Asian carp information sessions to inform the public about the latest federal and provincial responses to this invasive species.

The OFAH is leading five information sessions in communities that could be negatively affected by an Asian carp invasion. Sessions have been held in Windsor and Niagara Falls.

All sessions start at 6:30 p.m.

December 2 - Sault Ste. Marie, Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel

February 3 - Toronto, Gladstone Hotel

February 11 - Peterborough, OFAH/Mario Cortellucci Hunting and Fishing Heritage Centre

2. The OFAH and MNRF remind us to call the MNR tips line if we see a sports angler or commercial anglers breaking the rules. The tips line 1-877-847-7667 (1-877-TIPS-MNR) or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Be sure to include information on the exact location of the violation, date and time of the violation, and a description of the individuals and vehicles involved. Timely and accurate information will help conservation officers in apprehending violators and protect your natural resources.

3. At the zone H annual there was a discussion re. a Fishing Study for Colpoy's Bay.

4. Under Native Affairs:

There was a discussion re. Metis and First Nations hunting deer and moose in Northern Ontario even in Game Preserves. There seems to be a large over-harvest situation involving both groups and the quote is "the MNRF is doing nothing". This is one reason behind the apparent crash of moose populations in some "wildlife management units". Another quote "rarely are charges laid when there is Metis poaching". And if charges are laid they rarely stick. It is the belief of many OFAH executive members that there are "two standards" for hunters in Ontario one for non-Natives and non-Metis and another standard for Natives and Metis. It was also reported Metis and First Nations rarely report their kills.



5. OFAH continues to make sure your federation will be an "Intervener" in the legal processes involving the Algonquin Land Claim and the Williams Treaty. It is the federation view that many of the ancestors of claimants were nomadic in the 16-17 and 18 hundreds and had no continuity of living on the land included in this claim. So they do not have a right to claim this as ancestral territory.



OFAH Government Affairs Director Greg Ferrant reported MNRF fish and wildlife biologists are now studying the implications of the Algonquin land claim. If the Algonquin claim agreement in principal carries through to a deal, he predicts all public parks and lakes will become private and

restricted. 150-thousand acres of Ontario Parks will

be lost if the AIP stands. He says the good news is that the feds show no hurry in signing off on the agreement in principal.

6. There was a report by the OFAH wildlife biologist about Aboriginals harvesting elk in the Lake Huron North Shore Elk Restoration area.



So here we have an attempt to restore elk populations, and natives are killing them and not reporting those kills. The biologist said he has had no satisfactory response from MNRF that this problem has been rectified or, if the MNRF

even had any idea how many elk were killed in this elk-restoration area.

6. Greg Ferrant reminded us of the Ontario Bill that will result in fines for poaching that will estimate the value of each animal poached. Example.....you kill a moose out of season and you will be fined 25-hundred dollars and assessed a 10-thousand dollar penalty for restitution.

7. Zone H OFAH now has 11,274 members up slightly over last year. Our federation is considered among the most effective and influential lobby groups in Canada.

8. Feral HOGS - wild boars have been spotted in Eastern Ontario. So if you see one in our neck of the woods, listen up. The Ministry is asking you to harvest any you see and report those kills. OFAH supports this call as these animals can be dangerous. They are very tasty if cleaned and cooked properly.



9. **OFAH Coyote Workshop**, January 17, 2015. At the Elmwood Community Centre. 9:30 am. Cost \$10.00 pre-registraion/\$20.00 at the door. Lunch provided. Agenda:

- 1) Problems for livestock industry caused by coyotes
- 2) Coyote Biology
- 3) Calling Coyotes
- 4) Hound hunting Coyotes
- 5) Walking and Driving Coyotes
- 6) Trapper to talk about fur handling



The contact at OFAH is ~ Chris Godwin at chris_godwin@ofah.org

10. Your Zone H OFAH executive has been returned to office including Jack Doherty of the Sydenham Sportsmen as Native Affairs and Fisheries Chairs and Wayne Forgrave of the Barrie Anglers and Hunters as Zone Chair.

11. The next Zone H OFAH meeting is January 11, 2015 at the Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers clubhouse in Midland.

Property – Ron Snelling

- Ron thanked all the volunteers who provided, split, transported, and stored the winter wood supply.

Rankin Resource Group- Larry Isbester-

- Larry will attend the next meeting but indicated that there is currently little activity.

Scheduling: Ron Snelling-

Events are on the board and in the bulletins.

Special Events: the tentative dates for special events in 2015 are:

- Family Day Holiday- Don Elliott – February 16, 2015 - 12 - 2 pm. BPSA approved and is committed to support the TSBP if they want us to hold this event. We would serve hot dogs and ice cream, have hatchery tours and hopefully archery demonstrations.
- Awards Presentation and Potluck Dinner-Don Elliott April 4, 2015 social – 5:00 PM, dinner 6:00
- Fish Derby – Jack Seatter May 15- 17, 2015.
- Fish Fry – Ken Barrett May 17, 2015 2:00-4:00pm.
- Kids Fishing Day- Don Elliott-Saturday July 4, 2015 4-9pm.
- Beef and Pork BBQ- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison- Sunday July 11, 2015 from 4-6:30 pm.
- Community Living-Fishing on the Pond – Sunday September 13, 2015 2-7pm.
- Potluck Dinner – Saturday November 21, 2015. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm. We had 41 participants who shared great food and informal social comradeship. A special thanks to Murray for frying the fish and chips and Ken and Jen in the kitchen and all their other volunteers.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- The MNR Ferndale sampling stations for CWD had only 2 specimens as of the close of the rifle deer hunt on the 5th day.
- Jody would also like to get some feedback on your thoughts on the deer shoot this year. You can contact him directly or call Al on your observations.
- The Spirit Rock Conservation area signage that restricts the use of the area to hiking and picture taking are still in place. Apparently it only applies to

a designated 500 meter area. Hunters are allowed to use the balance of the property.

Awards: Don Elliott-

- Entry forms are available on the wooden tray in the club house or on line on the website.
- Moose and Deer racks must be dried 30 days prior to scoring. George McDougall at G&D Products, 1550 Superior Street Owen Sound will score racks if presented during business hours week days 9 to 6 and or Sunday noon to 4pm. Tel. 519 376 1699.

Old Business:

- Al Hunter again talked with Tom Gray about Blue Water Park concerning safety, rebuilding the west side dock, dredging the launch channel, and accessibility to facilities but had no positive response. Al will follow up in the early spring and after the new council is installed.

New Business:

- Dennis obtained approval to hold a hatchery managers meeting sometime in April 2015 at the BPSA club house for a follow up to the fish disease work shop (the initial meeting was at the University of Guelph).
- The Colpoys Bay lake study is potentially on hold. The general feeling expressed is that the MNR should be the ones that should be conducting this type of study and in reality know the reason for the decline in fish populations in the bay especially since the Fishing Agreement allowed commercial fishing in the bay
- Jim asked if anyone in the club had conservation ideas or projects and locations that BPSA members could work on in the next couple of years. Suggestions include tree planting on streams, fencing to restrict livestock, spawning beds or structure on inland lakes. Please come forward with your suggestions.

The next BPSA meeting will be Thursday January 29, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod & Reel	Jerry Beaver
Fan	Larry Parker
Jam	Tim Lahey
T shirt	Gord Smith
Hat	Gord Smith
Lures	Paul Harris, James McKane, Larry Parker
Fish Crisp	Jerry Beaver, Carl Berfelz, Ian McGregor
Motor cycle cover	Don Elliott
Gift certificate	Martha Martell, David Leggett

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn carried, ending the November 2014 meeting at 10:50 pm.

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2015 Membership Form Rev 2014/11/17

BPSA Membership Youth- \$15.00 (under age 18) **Date of Birth:** _____
Adult - \$60.00
Family- \$65.00 Membership includes these members of my family:
 PRINT NAMES IN FULL 1: _____ 2: _____
 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____

I hereby certify that as a member of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by Rules and Regulations Set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association

Signed _____ Date _____ **TOTAL**

Archery Fee- Adult - \$40 **Family- \$65** **Youth- \$15**
Handgun Fee- Adult - \$60 **Family- \$70** **Youth- \$15** **TOTAL**
Winter Youth Programs - Youth - \$15 Paid at the start of the program

Memberships can be mailed to the address above. **Do NOT mail cash.** **TOTAL**
 Membership applications with payment (cash, cheque, money order) are accepted at practice night or at the monthly B.P.S.A. meetings.
 Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31, 2015. Questions regarding BPSA membership or BPSA membership cards may be directed to Forbes Symon (fpsymon@sympatico.ca) (519-534-1726)

****Please print your complete mailing address**

Name _____
 Street/Fire Number/P.O. Box/RR _____
 City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____
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 Phone _____ Summer or Cell _____

BPSA Reference: Date application received _____
 cash cheque money order amount rec'd \$ _____
 adult family youth new membership renewal
 wallet card given mailed data entered on spreadsheet _____

** From time to time we take photos of our members and post them in our newsletter or on the BPSA website. It is your responsibility to inform the member with the camera if you do not wish photos to be published. Parents can sign release forms for children's photos. Please be aware that names will be forwarded on to a third party for insurance purposes.