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JULY 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, Sept 25th, 2014. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors Jim Martell 519-534-2502 or e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

BPSA Members stock 10,000 Salmon at Oxenden

On Mon. June 16/2014, twenty members of the BPSA were called out on short notice to stock 10,000 salmon in Gleason Brook, Oxenden. The salmon were raised by the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association (SSA) at their hatchery just south of Owen Sound. BPSA members had an early morning and worked with a member of the SSA to remove and load the young salmon from SSA tanks when the water temperature closely approximated that found in Gleason Brook. The SSA has shared salmon with the BPSA for some years and the BPSA has helped the SSA out by providing Rainbow Trout for the Owen Sound areas in times of need and also helps in erecting the Giant tent for the SSA Salmon Spectacular every year. Both clubs continue to work together to help assure a vibrant local fishery. The stocking is the end result of hundreds of volunteer hours at both clubs.



BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin June 2014

Monthly BPSA minutes June 2014 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday June 26, 2014 with 24 members present. Dennis Morrison asked if the May 2014 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the May meeting by Jim McKane seconded by Al Hunter carried.

Guest Speaker – none

New Members / Guests-

Correspondence –

Gail Shea P.C. M.P. Minister of Fisheries and Oceans sent a letter of thanks to Dennis Morrison for BPSA participation and contribution to the April 11 2014 Asian carp Round table held in Owen Sound. She also noted that the federal Government provided \$17.5M in 2012 for measures to protect the Great Lakes from this threat. The Federal Government is also committed to the completion of regulatory proposals that would prohibit the import, transport and possession of live aquatic invasive species in Canada.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott – April

- Roy Hamilton Memorial Deer Feeding Fund \$ 2443
- Receipts \$ 513
- Expenses \$ 1308
- Ways and Means balance \$ 703

Mel reinvested a 3 year and a 1 year GIC that were maturing at a rate similar to the previous ones.

Fish derby tickets sales \$ 280

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Dave Morton seconded by Ken Barrett carried.

Membership - Forbes Symon:

Adults-67 Family-57 Youth-7 Youth Program-22
Total-155

New 2014 memberships 18

Prior year membership 2013 total 176

Larrilee and Dave have sold their home on Mallary Beach and are moving to Port Dover to be closer to family. Larrilee expressed her enjoyment at being able to volunteer with the BPSA and members present thanked her for her support. Forbes Symon has volunteered to be the chairperson for Membership.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Karen Van Nest- tel. 519.378.3339 Email kvn10x@bell.net n/r

Bulletin – Phil Henderson

Phil had printed 55 bulletins for May and mailed out 51.

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.
- Salmon 15 thous. ,from SSA, stocked at Oxenden June 16, 2014
- Yearling Rainbow have been stocked at Oxenden 11,320, Colpoys Bay 16,820, and Barrow Bay 5,000. This completed the 2013 year class stocking at 102,640.
- Currently on hand in the hatchery are 20,000 Brown Trout fingerlings and 125,000 Rainbow fry.
- Water flow is currently 15 gpm.
- BPSA received a donation from the Home Schooling Group after their hatchery tour.
- IMPORTANT. Sign up sheets for volunteers to put up the SSA Salmon Spectacular tent August 20 and take it down September 1st 2014 [8am] were at the meeting. We would like to have 20 to 25 volunteers for each event. John McGill is the organizer of the activity if you were unable to sign up at the June meeting, please call John 534-3416.

Fish Management Zones-13 Lake Huron-14 Georgian Bay Stewardship Councils: Dennis Morrison

- The joint FMZ 13 & 14 meeting was held June 14th in Owen Sound. The agenda include the following presentations:
- Updates on Multiple Lines Discussion.
- Dr Mark Ridgeway Cormorant Study Presentation. A surprise finding was that the Aqua Culture on the North shore of Lake Huron is contributing to maintaining Cormorant populations even though the Americans have had significant success through firearms shoots to reduce their numbers.
- David Fielder Michigan DNR Lake Huron main basin Walleye research
- Walleye -Technical Report Review and Discussion, Management Plan Structure, and Commercial Fishery Stock Status. The Americans are installing tracking devices on some Walleye in Saginaw Bay and then planting Ping recorders in various locations in Lake Huron including between Manitoulin Island and Tobermory.
- Planned 2015 Lake Trout Stocking is being moved from Point Clark to Mary Ward Shoals off Meaford in Georgian Bay.
- The next meeting will be in September.

Handgun Club: Al Hunter

- Summer shooting dates are every Wednesday, alternating between after noon and evening.
- SSA will have “Autumn Thunder” a cowboy shoot Saturday September 20th. Registration starts at 8:30am. Entry fee is \$25 which includes a great lunch. Interested observer spectators are welcome.

Youth Winter Programs January-April:

Firearms-Rob and Krista Quesnel 519-935-2444. Archery-Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson 519-378-3339. Volunteer replacement required for 2015. Please contact the President if interested.

Native Affairs: n/r

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson

1. Georgian Bluffs Mayor Alan Barfoot tells me he has received no response from the Natural Resources Ministry to his letter to the Minister.



In the letter he complained about the boundaries set out in the SON fishing agreement and the lack of consultation with fish stocking groups leading to finalizing the agreement. These are complaints about the SON agreement brought up at several OFAH meetings over the last year including the annual OFAH meeting in Mississauga.

2. The New Natural Resources Minister for Ontario: The Natural Resources portfolio is once again in the hands of a northwestern Ontario MPP with the appointment of Bill Mauro as Minister of Natural Resources.



Mauro was sworn in as part of the new provincial cabinet. “We’re particularly pleased with Bill’s appointment, and, Bill GETS it,” said Glenn Rivard, president of the OFAH. Rivard said it’s best when the natural resources portfolio is handled by a northern minister. However, he doesn’t agree with ministry policy on existing rules governing hunting tags for moose, issued by the MNR. “This year we experienced a large cut in moose tags due to some problems within the moose population, and we’ve had discussions with Bill about that,” he said. John Kaplanis, executive director of the Northwestern

Ontario Sportsmen’s Alliance, is also pleased with Mauro’s appointment, saying that he is also looking for Mauro to help change how the moose population is managed by the province.

Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy says First Nations look forward to working with Minister Bill Mauro on meaningful consultation. Kaplanis said Mauro is taking over a ministry facing serious financial pressures. “I’m sure that Minister Mauro is going to discover that there will be a few issues that he may not be very popular on when he makes decisions on them.”

While pleased with Mauro’s appointment, Regional Chief of Ontario Stan Beardy said there are many outstanding issues he plans to take up with the new minister soon.

“We cannot continue to have conflicts on the ground, we have to find a way with the Ontario government to make sure that our people have our homes protected as much as possible,” he said. Beardy added he is also looking for agreements that will provide employment for First Nations people.

“I think it’s exciting, I think a lot of people in our neck of the woods certainly view this very much as a northern ministry, and I think they’ll be, hopefully, they’ll be excited, I hope, to have a northern member in the ministry again,” Mauro said after the swearing in.

3. As Dr. Terry Quinney starts his much-deserved retirement after 26 years at the helm of the OFAH fish and wildlife department, the Federation welcomes Matt DeMille to the job.



DeMille has taken over as manager of fish and wildlife services. DeMille comes to the position with a wealth of experience and knowledge. He has a Master of Science Degree in Biology and since joining the OFAH in August of 2010; he has been a huge asset to the Federation. He has held previous OFAH positions as land use specialist, fisheries biologist and assistant manager of fish and wildlife services. DeMille and his family have enjoyed a long tradition of hunting and fishing throughout Ontario. His knowledge of issues affecting anglers and hunters, his leadership and the quality of his work have been exemplary over the past four years at OFAH head office in Peterborough. The Federation congratulates DeMille who took over his new role on June 9.

MATT DEMILLE has been very helpful in liaising between clubs like ours and the MNR over the implementation of the commercial fishing agreement for our region. Matt is continuously seeking input from us on the front lines of rule breaking by first nations. He wants us to feed him the latest information.

He has continuing concerns re. fair sharing of our fish resources, by-catch by 1st nations anglers, provisions allowing safe sports fishing in the dark, and a lot more with references to the massive over quota reports reported by these commercial anglers in the past. So many GTA folks say "oh leave the commercial anglers alone". The bottom line is they have a very poor conservation record.

In an email just before our June meeting Matt reported on a meeting he had with Bruce Bateman of the MNR Fish and Wildlife Services Branch.

They discussed the large number of complaints about infractions of the SON agreement that occurred in Colpoys Bay this spring. Cape Croker Police handled the complaints. There was no confirmation that the fishing crew in question had been fined or penalized by banning them from fishing Colpoys Bay, as had been reported to a neighbour of mine by an MNR employee.

Bateman also told Matt that the MNR and Cape Police were doing joint patrols checking out commercial anglers in our region. Both Cape Croker Police and the MNR have been very secretive on details regarding enforcement and on the outcome of their investigations into commercial folks who broke the rules of the agreement this spring.

Demill says he will soon follow-up with Batemen on science based concerns the OFAH has with the agreement and on any news on the enforcement front.

It remains very important for sports anglers to report any infractions of the law or the agreement to the MNR Tips Line.

Here is the information. Please call the MNR tips line if you see a sports angler or commercial anglers breaking the rules. The tips line 1-877-847-7667 (1-877-TIPS-MNR)

BPSA would also like you to email me at stupaterson@hotmail.com about possible commercial angler infractions, which I will report on at zone meetings of the OFAH.

4. OFAH executive Director Angelo Lombardo has promised your federation will continue to work with the MNR on the fishing agreement with safety and conservation front and centre.

So far many OFAH members say there have been no satisfactory response from MNR re:

- 1- the lack of consideration in the SON agreement for incidental catch
- 2- the fact the commercial folks are allowed in the heavily boated and heavily sports fished bays
- 3- the total allowable catch by commercial anglers in our region
- 4- the sharing of data collected by the commercial anglers. info not shared with sports groups that stock fish
- 5- the lack of consultation with groups like ours, the Sydenham club and the Barrow Bay and Lake Huron clubs.

5. Outdoor writer Jeff Heldson has written an informative article in OOD mag on Lyme Disease which can affect any of us as we are more outdoorsy than folks in the GTA

<http://www.oodmag.com/hunting/dont-get-ticked/#comment-761>

OFAH President Glenn Rivard was featured in a great article on the spring bear hunt in the Toronto Star. You are allowed to steal some of his lines if you are confronted by any anti hunter type folks.



This is the link to the article http://www.thestar.com/news/insight/2014/06/14/a_bear_hunter_defends_ontarios_spring_bear_hun.html

8. Cabela's Canada will officially open the doors of the new Barrie store on Thursday, July 10 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by company executives and special guests.

The celebrations will begin at 10:45 a.m. The 70,000-square-foot store, which is near the intersection of Highway 400 and Mapleview Drive in the Park Place Shopping Centre, will be the first Cabela's to open in Ontario.

It is expected to employ approximately 200 full time and part time employees.

- See more at: <http://www.oodmag.com/guns-and-gear/cabelas-sets-date-barrie-store-opening/#sthash.N7ZDaNf8.dpuf>

Friend of hunting Amanda Lynn Mayhew has announced she is now a rep for Cabellas. She is best known as a promoter of women in hunting and fishing...



she did the “women in the outdoors” seminar the last two years at the Toronto Sportsmen’s Show and is based in Grey-Bruce near Durham.

9. The next zone H OFAH meeting is coming up August 10 in Barrie. I will try to attend on behalf of BPSA OFAH members.

Stu Paterson – Paterson Media - for the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association

PBSA 2014 Prize Team wrap-up

In a weak moment this past winter, I decided to try to get a few prizes for our club to service our derby and other events. We ended up with about 55-hundred dollars worth of goods. I only charged mileage for half of the driving I did prize getting.

New sponsors this year included Elsie’s Diner, Home Depot, Staples.

Three lure manufacturers respect BPSA so much they came to my door with product to give away as prizes. They were Hotfish, Silver Fox and Horned Booby.

Two uniformed MNR conservation officers also came to my front door. I thought I was in trouble...but no. They were delivering a bunch of goodies for use as prizes including MNR Tips Line pens and stickers.

Old favourites Lund Boats, Lucky Strike, Warton Home Building Centre, Karen’s Creations, Grey Bruce Upholstery, Josie’s Fashions, and the Canadian Sportsmen’s Show were back helping us with donations for our Kids Fishing events.

Thanks to Prize Team members Jim McKane, Dave Morton, Ron Snelling and Frank Hutter for their help.

I suggest our BPSA headhunters search for a new “prize getter” to serve the 2015-16 season.

Property –Ron Snelling

- Thanks to Terry Liverance for bringing stone for the driveway and in front of the hatchery.
- Thanks to Murray Garniss for installing a wheel on the front gate
- Thanks to Dave and Eric for cutting the grass and adjusting the gate to the pond to make it easier to open

Rankin Resource Group- Larry Isbester- n/r

The dock on Isaac Lake is not currently in place. Dave Weir uses a tractor to put it in place due to its weight: however it is often dislodged by individuals to be used as a raft fishing platform. Would the Rankin group consider a small permanent stone or concrete dock.

Scheduling: Ron Snelling-

Events are on the board and in the bulletins.

Special Events: the special events for 2014 are:

- Family Day Holiday- Don Elliott – February 17, 2014 - 12 - 2 pm.
- Awards Presentation and Potluck Dinner-Don Elliott April 5, 2014 social – 5:00 PM, dinner 6:00
- Fish Derby – Jack Seatter May 9- 11, 2014. Stu Paterson thanked all the great sponsors that supported the derby. Jim McKane has sent out thank you letters to the sponsors and personally hand delivered these to all the local businesses and contributors. Both members commented on how well the BPSA activities are received in the community.
- Fish Fry – Ken Barrett May 11, 2014 2:00-4:00pm.
- Kids Fishing Day- Don Elliott-Saturday July 5, 2014 4-9pm. At Sky Lake entry at 342 Huron Road. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and ice cream will be provided. Attendees may bring any other food, snacks, and or beverages they want to. Stu asked if attendees would please send a brief Email thank you to the Toronto Sportsmen Show website for supplying the fishing rod packages.
- Beef and Pork BBQ- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison- Sunday July 13, 2014 from 4-6:30 pm. The cost for the dinner is \$15 and children under12 is \$7.
- Community Living-Fishing on the Pond – Sunday September 14, 2014 2-7pm.
- Potluck Dinner – Saturday November 22 2014. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- The MNR will be sending letters to all hunters in our area [WMU’s 82-85] who have applied for deer tags requesting your support to supply deer heads to test for Chronic Wasting Disease. Hunters missed by the roving crews during the rifle hunt can take the heads to an MNR freezer depot that can be located through MNR website, www.ontario.ca/CWD. [Fawns are not required]
- Remember antler less deer applications must be submitted before July 1st.
- Massasauga Rattle Snakes are now protected by both Federal and Provincial Governments. Significant fines can be leveled at individuals and contractors who harass, capture, kill, buy or sell them.

Awards: Don Elliott

- Entry forms are available on the wooden tray in the club house or on line on the website.

Old Business:

- Al Hunter and Stu Paterson still plan to meet with Tom Gray and Don Crain of TSBP to review Blue Water Park concerns ,safety, rebuilding the west side dock, dredging the launch channel, and accessibility to facilities.

- The Ted Willford Bursary, \$200, sponsored by BPSA was awarded this year to PSDS high school student David Shouldice.

New Business:

- Jim McKane tried to get someone, at our June meeting, interested in organizing a STOP THE DROP presentation for our area, but no one volunteered. He commented that currently this year the water level is higher due to the severity of last winter but all experts forecast a continued drop of water levels in the Great lakes. Individuals can lend their support to the organization by contacting their website www.stopthedrop.ca.
- The Hepworth Anglers Club has potential openings for new members. If you are interested please contact Bill Nafziger.
- Don Elliott for Jack Seatter requested, for the Chinook Classic Chantry, a \$100 day prize at Pike Bay. This was expanded to an additional \$100 for Bob Bell's new weigh station in Wiarnton, if desired.

The next BPSA meeting will be Thursday September, 25 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod & Reel	Larry Parker
Pickrel fillets	Ken Barrett, Dennis Morrison, George Berfelz
Pickle beets	Ron Snelling
Fan	Murray Garniss
Gift bag	Don Robb
Life Jacket	Gord Smith
Lures	Bill Nafziger, Jerry Beaver, Gord Smith, Stan Schade
Fish Crisp	Mel Urbshott, Stu Paterson, Dennis Morrison

A motion by Stu Paterson to adjourn carried, ending the June 2014 meeting at 9:15 pm.



Children had a great time at Kids Fishing day on July 5, at Sky Lake. Thank you.

President's Message

Summer is here well even tho it's been very cool so far. The club seems to be ticking along with many helpful people making things run smooth.

Remember, the Beef and Pork BBQ this weekend Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison are hosting this event. Thanks to the Elliott's for there efforts to host the family fishing day at Sky Lake. Perhaps, we can have more members out next year.

I hope someone will step up and continue our successful archery programs. I would like to thanks Karen and Phil for the dedicated and enthusiastic promotion of archery in our club and our community.

Many thanks to our prize committee for their efforts to promoting our club in the community. The community responded by supplying so many prizes. Membership chairs Larilee and Dave need to be recognized for their contributions supporting membership. Thanks so much. We hope your enjoy your new community.

I would like to recognize Stu Patterson for his media contributions, the article he submits to the Wiarnton Echo is very informative and keeps BPSA newsworthy. Thanks Stu.

Also the editorial efforts of a few members should be recognized, Al Hunter, Karen VN and of course Kat are doing a fine job.

I wish everyone a pleasant summer and hope you catch lots of fish, shoot all of your targets, and score as often as you can.

We are open to new members helping on the prize committee, volunteer you will be welcome. Stu and Jim, Ron, Frank and Dave would appreciate more members on board. Our club can influence change. We just have persevere be vocal, write letters and vote. Policies that remain underfunded and lacking good direction are some areas we can influence Queen's park. As Stu reported Moose tags will be in shorted supply this year so what rationale did the MNR use for that decision?

Colin Dobell of "Stop the drop" continues to write me asking for an opportunity to speak our club. I will see if we can invite Colin to a meeting in the fall.

Members please make this club your best effort to volunteer for activities you enjoy. If you shoot come out and support our handgun club, if you fish support our derbies.

As a member we need to see you and have you get involved. So don't be a hermit get out an meet the rest of us.

The club is what you make it so there.

cheers,

Jim Martell, President