



# BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

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## MAY 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, June 26th, 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 Competition Teams come in First and Second in the WOHL.

BPSA Team 1, Western Ontario Handgun League Champs and Runner Up BPSA Team 2, celebrated a dinner together with spouses in April. Great year shooters.



On Thursday, May 22, 2014, BPSA members transported 5,000 yearling Rainbow Trout from the club hatchery to Judge's Creek at Barrow Bay. Members from the Barrow Bay Fishing Club met our members and both clubs worked together in stocking the trout in Judge's Creek. The Barrow Bay stocking program has become a yearly event with positive results in the local sport's fishery. Members from Barrow Bay Fishing Club pitch in with our hatchery operation every year and this is just another great example of area clubs working together to help improve our local fishery.



## BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin May 2014

Monthly BPSA minutes May 2014 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday May 29, 2014 with 23 members present. Dennis Morrison asked if the April 2014 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the April meeting by Al Hunter seconded by Dennis Morton carried.

**Guest Speaker** – none

### **New Members / Guests-** Art Camp

Art is from Kitchener, is avid fisherman and has a home in Howdenvale.

### **Correspondence** –

Larry Miller provided BPSA a couple of complete binders on invasive species including carp, insects, plants- ect. The binders were developed and reviewed at recent meeting attended by conservation clubs and other community stakeholders. The binders are available in the clubhouse for your review.

### **Treasury** - Mel Urbshott – April

- Roy Hamilton Memorial Deer Feeding Fund      \$ 3476
- Receipts      \$ 2198
- Expenses      \$ 3960
- Ways and Means balance      \$ 584

Fish derby and dinner revenue was dinner \$410, draw prizes \$247, derby tickets \$ data available next month. Pickeral filets cost \$874, but only \$374 worth used for the fish fry the balance will be used for the Community Living fishing day.

A motion by Ken Barrett to approve travel mileage of \$275 to pick up the fish filets and prizes carried.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Al Hunter seconded by Ken Barrett carried.

### **Membership** - Larrilee Leckie / Forbes Symon: 2014 membership

BPSA - Adults:	80	Family	66	Junior	15
Archery - Adults:		Family:		Junior :	
Handgun - Adults:		Family:		Junior:	

### **Committee Reports and Discussions**

**Archery:** Karen Van Nest- tel. 519.378.3339 Email kvn10x@bell.net

- Two ethfoam butts at \$116 @ have been purchased and Phil made up wooden stands.
- Summer outdoor shooting is Tuesday at 6pm Juniors 7pm Adults.

- Archery is investigating the options of an outdoor ground level shooting platform, to provide a flat and stable base. Options include quarry stone, sidewalk slabs, concrete or wood.
- Thank you's to Ken Barrett and Justin Weatherhead for assisting the program.

### **Bulletin** – Phil Henderson

Phil had printed 55 bulletins for May and mailed out 51. The bulletin was 8 pages again this month. It was suggested that in order to control the cost of printing and mailing the bulletin. we should try to limit the bulletin to six pages.

### **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.
- There are currently 22,000 fin clipped Rainbow in the hatchery. We will attempt to stock then on Saturday.
- Rainbows were stocked at Oxenden, Colpoy's and Barrow Bay on Sunday April 27th.
- 2014 Rainbow eggs have eyed up, volunteers including 5 from Barrow Bay pick dead eggs on this past weekend.
- Water flow is currently 24gpm.

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

- The next joint FMZ 13 & 14 meeting will be June 14th in Owen Sound. Dr Mark Ridgeway will have a presentation on the subject of cormorants. The MNR will review Walleye plans. Dennis will again express BPSA top three priorities enforcement, cormorants, and the Commercial Fishing Agreement.
- Dennis also has a copy of the package on invasive species from Larry Miller.

### **Handgun Club:** Al Hunter

- Summer shooting dates of every other Monday and Wednesday will start in July.
- Twin County Bounty Hunters shoots and special programs are ongoing at the Sydenham Sportsmen's facility.

### **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

- Youth trap day was a success May 12th at the North Grey Bruce range.

**Native Affairs:** n/r

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson

1. OFAH welcomes the launch of the federal government's 252-million dollar commitment to preserving Canada's natural heritage. The program is called the National Conservation Plan. Its aim is to provide a more co-ordinated approach to conservation efforts across the country. It will enable Canadians to conserve and restore land in their own areas, and make it easier for us to connect with nature.

The plan will expand opportunities for hunters and anglers. The federation welcomes the fact that over the next 5 years, 50 million dollars will be set aside for wetland restoration, 50-million will help restore species and their habitats and 37-million will strengthen marine and coastal conservation. See MP Larry Miller to find out how BPSA can access some of this money and launch our own projects under the National Conservation Plan.

This is a link re. this new plan

<http://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2014/05/15/national-conservation-plan>

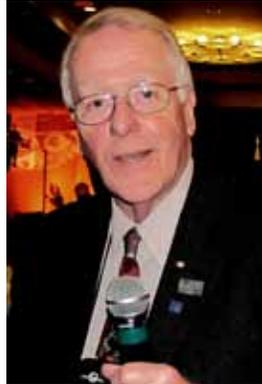
This is a link to a report that suggests some weaknesses in this plan

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/national-conservation-plan-ignores-national-parks-wilderness-1.2652391>

2. In an editorial in the latest Ontario Out of Doors the new OFAH President has a warning. Glenn Rivard of Thunder Bay says anti-hunting and anti-fishing groups continue to mount slander campaigns against hunting and fishing.

He notes there is mounting public and political pressure to cut government spending on fish and wildlife programs. Rivard says we must continually remind our political representatives that hunting, fishing and trapping are Canadian Heritage Pursuits. He suggests we must keep trying to convince people in our big cities of the importance to us of our hunting and fishing heritage.

In his words "urbanization is disconnecting more and more people from nature and this is resulting in a diminished understanding and appreciation for hunting and fishing".



3. The OFAH and MNR 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)



4. The OFAH Government Affairs/Policy Committee in its annual report has reminded us that unlimited and unregulated harvest of fish and wildlife will lead to depletion of our resources and will lead toward collapse. It states...."our federation will continue to pay close attention to issues such as the Algonquin Land Claim, The SON Fishing Agreement, the Williams Treaty court case, Lake Nipissing's commercial gillnet walleye fishery, and the aboriginal harvest of elk north of Manitoulin and near Bancroft".

There were several references at the OFAH annual meeting to Lake Nipissing where native over-harvest referred to as "un-regulated commercial gill net harvesting" has put the lakes walleye fishery in crisis mode. One speaker was less optimistic than last year suggesting Lake Nipissing walleye populations will never rebound.

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

**BPSA 2014 Prize Team wrapup**

In a weak moment 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. Old favourites Lund Boats, Lucky Strike, Wiarton Home Building Centre, Karen's Creations, Grey Bruce Upholstry and the Canadian Sportsmen's Show were back helping us with donations.

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.

On to victory !!!! Stu Paterson 2014 BPSA Prize Team

**Property** –Ron Snelling n/r

Thanks to Dave and Eric for cutting the grass.

Rankin Resource Group- Larry Isbester- n/r

**Scheduling:** Ron Snelling- n/r

Events are on the board and in the bulletins.

**Special Events:** the special events for 2013 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 A lot of members purchased derby tickets but the catch success rate was abysmal.
- Fish Fry – Ken Barrett May 11, 2014 2:00-4:00pm. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults and children under 12 are free. Attendees had a great tasty meal. Ken thanked everyone that volunteered to make the day a success. Consideration of delaying the date by a week or two for 2015 will be considered.
- 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.
- 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 Diner – Saturday November 22 2014. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

**Wildlife:** Al Hunter

- Jody Scheifley called Al regarding the possibility of BPSA help on a Walleye study on a creek running into the south end of Isaac Lake, on the Rankin system.
- Jody indicated to Al that their analysis of deer bone marrow consistency on deceased animals showed that by the end of the winter the deer were significantly stressed especially in northern areas and Manitoulin Island where the starvation and predation death toll was 75%. In our local areas the deer survival rate was good but the forecast is that many stressed does may have aborted their 2014 fawns.
- Deer tags for our hunting area for 2014 will remain similar to 2013; however there will be tag reductions of 60% to 75% in Manitoulin and northern areas
- Chronic Wasting Disease has not been a problem in the local hunting area; however it is south and west of us. MNR would appreciate hunt camps to call them to test animals they harvest during the 2014 hunt.

**Awards:** Don Elliott-

- Entry forms are available on the wooden tray in the club house or on line on the website. Please enter the completed forms for the fish you caught this year, and the weights of your spring and fall turkey prior to December 31 2014, and the scores of your moose and deer racks after the 30 day drying period.

**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 and channel, and accessibility to facilities.
- John Grant a representative for Nature Conservancy of Canada called Don Elliott as a follow up to last months letter requesting financial support to purchase 2200 acres in North Bruce Peninsula. I left a message on his telephone service that BPSA members discussed the possibility of our support and the consensus was that the BPSA does not have financial resources to support their request; however, individual members that are interested are encouraged to contribute. John can be reached at 1 877 343 3532 ext 225
- The group developing a BPSA public relations Media letter expressing our concerns of the inequitable sharing of fish stocks between commercial and sports fishermen, the lack of enforcement of the terms of the Agreement, boating safety, and the potential impact on tourism and economy of the area will be deferred to avoid jeopardizing implementation of Structured Decision Making.

**New Business:**

None

The next BPSA meeting will be Thursday June, 26 2014 at 7:30 pm.

**Winners of Draw Prizes**

Rod & Reel	Mel Urbshott
Gift certificates	
-Pinkertons	Gord Smith
-Frank Hutter PAL	Jon Janell
-Gilbert shoes	Don Rudd
Pickled beets	Dennis Morrison
Fan	Gord Smith
Shirt	Brian Taylor
Lures	Carl Berfelz, Ken Barrett, Don Elliott
Fish Crisp	Jerry Beaver

A motion by Karen Van Nest to adjourn carried, ending the May 2014 meeting at 8:45 pm.

## Conservation Club Celebrates 2014 Spring Derby

Salmon, rainbow trout and walleye were the favourite catch during the 2014 Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association Spring Fishing Derby.

Trout, salmon, and walleye winners included Ray Marklevitz, grandson Hunter Maisonneuve, Ron Snelling, Murray Garniss and Wayne Croft.



The weather was a huge improvement over last year when temperatures were so low it snowed and hailed, the power was out just before the awards event, and few fish were caught. This year more fish ended up in live wells under sunny skies as favourable winds allowed us to stay longer on the bay. At our clubhouse we wished moms a "Happy Mother's Day" to the tune of Happy Birthday and enjoyed a fine lunch featuring walleye and scrumptious homemade desserts. Ken and Jan Barrett did very well in their second year of handling the derby awards fish fry, taking over from Martha and Jim Martell in 2013. Derby chair Jack Seatter had solid help from the folks at Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge which hosted weigh scale services and donated several prizes.

Because we are well respected for our conservation work, we had success attracting sponsors again this year to support our derby and other BPSA events. Corporate and individual donors are aware that our club operates the longest running community-based, sports fish-stocking program in Ontario.

The following sponsors are helping support BPSA for 2014:

Fletcher Sports, The Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge, The Green Door Restaurant, The Toronto Sportsmen's Show, B.L. Carpenter Enterprises - Plano Tackle Boxes, Thomboys Power Sports & Equipment, Wiarton Home Building Centre, Sadler's Home Hardware, Tigwell Marine & Cycle, Wiarton Video, Revell Real Estate Brokerage, Lund Boats/Brunswick Corporation, Caframo, Gilberts Shoes, Silver Fox Lures, Larry Miller MP, Bill Walker MPP, Hair Solutions, HOTFISH Lures-Action Fishing Adventures/Boat Cruises, Karen's Creations, Baywest Toyota (Owen Sound), Lucky Strike Baitworks, Frank Coletta - Bruce Peninsula Realty, Fish Crisp - McCormick Canada, Wiarton Marina, Paterson Media, The Co-operators Insurance Agency (Wiarion), Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Pinkerton's Auto Supply, Staples (Owen Sound), Ram Trophies & Sportswear (Wiarion), TD Canada Trust (Wiarion), Josie's Fashions, Alex Milne & Associates boat cleaning products, Elsie's Diner, The Source Express (Wiarion), Rankin River Trading Company, Giant Tiger (Owen Sound), Home Depot (Owen Sound), Deals (Owen Sound), Tender Corporation - Afterbite, Frank Hutter - Firearms Safety Course, Maurice Sporting Goods, Grey-Bruce Upholstery, Georgian Shores Marina (Owen Sound), Great Cuts, Ace N'JJ's Tackle Shop (Walkerton), Lyman Lures, TSC Stores (Owen Sound), McKenzie's IDA Pharmacy, Horned Booby Lures, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.



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## 2014 Membership Form Rev 2013/10/19

**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

TOTAL \$

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Archery Fee- Adult -** \$40  **Family-** \$65  **Youth-** \$15   
**Handgun Fee- Adult -** \$45  **Family-** \$55  **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.**

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, 2014. Questions regarding BPSA membership or BPSA membership cards may be directed to Larrilee Leckie ([larrileeleckie@gmail.com](mailto:larrileeleckie@gmail.com)) (519-534-0377)

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ (please inform BPSA if this changes)

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.