



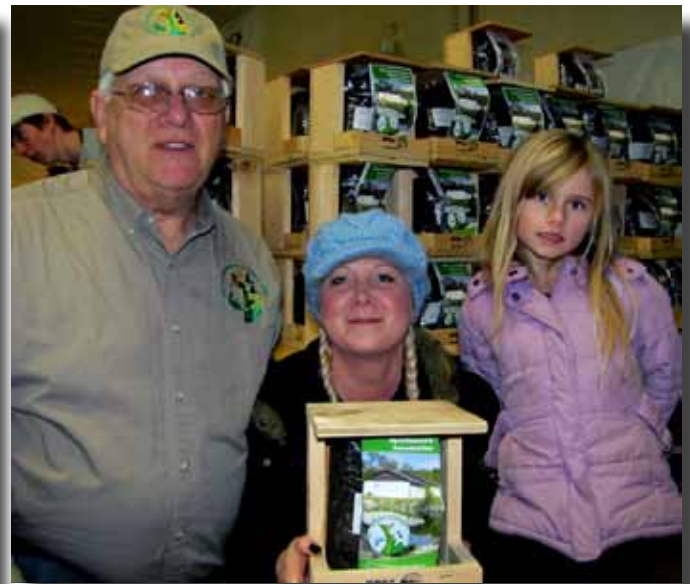
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MARCH 2014 NEWS AND VIEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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, March 27th, 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

Third year for conservation groups feeder giveaway for kids



At the 2014 Wiarton Willie Festival, Grey-Bruce youngsters were encouraged to appreciate nature and the great outdoors. During Wiarton Optimist KIDS FUN DAY at the Meeting PLACE, two leading conservation groups were handing out, at no charge, bird feeders and seed. Children 12 and under were thrilled to receive the feeders which were built by club members. Included were 2- pound black-oiled sunflower seed packs donated by Doug Gilkinson of Bayshore Country Feeds In Owen Sound. More than a hundred feeders were presented to enthusiastic youngsters. It was the third year the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association and the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association worked together on their "FREE FEEDERS FOR KIDS" project.



BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin February 2014

Monthly BPSA minutes February 2014 The regular monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday February 27, 2014 was cancelled due to inclement weather A substitute meeting was convened with several BPSA members on Monday March 3rd. Club President Jim Martell asked if the November 2013 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the November meeting by Stu Paterson seconded by Carl Berfelz carried.

Guest Speaker none

New Members / Guests-

Correspondence –

- Stop the Drop- Glow "Great Lakes. Our Water" www.stoppedthedrop.ca (Background-2 pages)
- Contact the web site for more detail on planned meetings and activity. A meeting will be held at Georgian Yacht Club in Owen Sound Saturday March 22 at 3pm.

Treasurer - Mel Urbshott – December - February

- Roy Hamilton Memorial Deer Feeding Fund \$ 3476
- Receipts \$ 2007
- Expenses \$ 1828
- Ways and Means balance \$ 580

The Treasurer's 2013 financial records were independently reviewed by Karen Van Nest and Don Elliott with Mel Urbshott's assistance on January 20 2014. All receipts and disbursements were identified categorized and neatly recorded in ledgers. This annual independent audit is required by Federal Statute for non profit organizations.

A motion by Al Hunter seconded by Gord Smith to approve the February Treasury report carried.

Membership - Larrilee Leckie / Forbes Symon:

2014 paid membership

BPSA - Adults: 49 Family 55 Junior 2

Total members ?

Archery - Adults: Family: Junior :

Handgun - Adults: Family: Junior:

Membership buttons are available at Bob Bell's Spirit Rock Outfitter & Motel and at Cindy Waugh's barber shop as well as in the clubhouse.

- There are 8 new members in 2014 that had not paid in 2013.

Committee Reports and Discussions

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

- Indoor hours are Juniors 6-7 and Seniors 7-8.30 pm

- Thank you to Ken Barrett and Justin Weather for maintaining archery programs while Karen and Phil were traveling to tournaments.

Bulletin – Phil Henderson

- Phil mailed out 50 bulletins in December. For our members who have address changes, please provide your updates to the membership secretary.
- Karen Van Nest will follow up with Karen and suggest that she purchase a laser printer and get BPSA to pay for it, may reduce the cost of printing the bulletin, in the future.

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 30,000 Rainbows left in the hatchery. They are in good shape and will be fin clipped Wednesday April 9th at 1pm and 7pm. Signup sheets will be available at the March meeting
- The water supply in the hatchery is 19 gpm.
- BPSA received 28,100 Brown Trout eggs. They have hatched and are now in the 17 foot tank.
- Gord has the completed MNR three licenses 1)to collect eggs 2)to run the hatchery 3)to stock fish.

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

- The joint FMZ 13&14 meeting February 7-8 in Pt. Severn was a challenging drive due to the weather. Items on the agenda included:
 - MNR wants clubs feelings on multiple lines when fishing offshore. Discussions and consensus of BPSA members at the 3/3/14 meeting was that Georgian Bay regulations should be the same as the main Lake Huron basin (fishermen should have the opportunity to use 2 rods but should not have to pay an additional fee).
 - The local SON Agreement. The Governance Committee has met and are looking into Structured Decision Making
 - Revised Lake Trout rehab plan. The final plan is going to EBR Posting (A10 year plan that will be revised annually). There will be no stocking in the Main Basin. Total stocking decreased from proposed 2.4 million down to 1.6 million with the focus on southern Georgian Bay.
 - Begin establishing a Walleye Management Plan for Georgian Bay and Lake Huron.

- Next meetings: Great Lakes Fishery Commission annual meetings March 24-26 in Windsor FMZ 14 meeting April 5 in Parry Sound OFAH Hatchery Meeting April 12 in Owen Sound FMZ 13 Meeting April 13 in Owen Sound
- The Fish Committee met on Sunday February 9th to discuss the path forward on the new MNR three licensing requirements. (See the last item of the hatchery report).

Handgun Club: Al Hunter

- Weekly shooting is Mon. & Wed. evenings at 7:00 PM and centre fire on Wed. afternoons at 1:00 PM. New shooters always welcome.
- The Team A of the 2 competition groups is near the top of the inter club competition while team B is struggling.
- The ventilation system has been updated. Government auditors will have one last review this spring.
- A CFO inspector requested a new sign on the entrance gate. This has been done.
- A Cowboy shoot is scheduled for Saturday March 15th at 9.30am Cost is \$15 and includes a great lunch.
- The Handgun Club are hosting about 30 Georgian College students from their police foundations course to practice their shooting skills on the range on Thursday, March 20, 2014. This is for many of the students a first time to fire a hand gun. The students pay \$10 which essentially covers the Bursary that we provide annually.

Don Elliott the BPSA secretary asked to be provided with the minutes of the semi annual Hand Gun meetings so they may be included with the annual BPSA records.

Youth Winter Programs January- April:

Firearms -Rob and Krista Quesnel 519-935-2444

Archery- Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson 519-378-3339

- This program commenced January 12, 2014. A special winter youth program registration will be implemented to ensure that all participants are insured under the BPSA insurance program. In addition the registration form will be revised to read \$15 for one youth and a \$30 maximum for 2 or more youths.
- Youth awards BBQ is tentatively set for Sunday April 13th at 1pm.
- Currently there are 19 youths signed up in the program.

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson Report for BPSA members re. OFAH January, February, March 2014 includes wrap of zone H OFAH MEETING IN MIDLAND attended by BPSA reps. Stu Paterson/Dennis



Morrison

1. First a reminder to check the expiry date of your outdoor card. The MNR is no longer sending reminders to renew. Cards expired December 31st and many have not yet renewed. It takes about 20 days to receive your new card if you applied for it by phone or on-line. You can't legally fish or hunt without it. MNR officers laid several charges in January against anglers who had not renewed because they forgot to check their expiry date. If you go to a service Ontario office to renew, they will give you a temporary license, which makes you legal until you get the real one in the mail.

2. Small dogs and cats make an excellent lunch for coyotes. With all this deep snow these small animals are easier for the coyotes to see and catch. Take care; keep looking around when your pet is outside. Several cats and small dogs have been taken in a number of towns in our zone including Kincardine where the coyotes have been seen wandering busy streets in daylight.

3. Native Affairs – nothing to report.

4. OFAH head office reports there are 49 active land claims in Ontario. Across the country something like 800 land claims are under discussion. In each case according to OFAH President Blackwell, 1st nations refused to discuss fair sharing in harvesting of fish and game. At the September OFAH Native affairs advisory committee meeting we learned the Algonquin Land Claim would provide a cash settlement to 1st nations folks of 300-million dollars plus 117,500 acres of land. The natives are studying the Algonquin Land Claim Agreement in Principle.

OFAH President Bill Blackwell of Port Elgin was at the zone meeting.

He has promised to visit every OFAH Zone during his term. He emphatically stated that stakeholders such as property/cottage owners, camp and other business owners, anglers and hunters have not been consulted... not included in the talks leading up to this agreement in principle. The province of Ontario has not been an ally for OFAH on this file...but the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT seems to be our only ally he said. He asks "300 million for 10-thousand people, is it fair"?

Blackwell stated that first nations reject our OFAH version of conservation. He said we will wait and see how conservation is written into the final deal. Wait and see if fair-sharing is taken



into consideration` `.

5. OFAH Fishing Committee members wonder with the huge amounts of money being handed to 1st nations to settle claims, can Ontario taxpayers afford to spend all that money?

The Chippewas of the London area recently received 300-million dollars. They say they will use the money to buy private property near their reserve land.

Reports indicate our neighbours the Chippewas of Nawash are enjoying their share of a separate deal, the 300-million dollar Coldwater settlement. The Cape received about 30 million.

6. Matt De Mille the OFAH fisheries biologist has been monitoring the implementation of the SON Commercial Fishing Agreement. He reminds us it essential to report 1st nation fisheries activities in Owen Sound and Colpoy's Bay.

He is very interested in knowing if there are any more nets laid without markers and nets that are longer than allowed under the agreement. So we must continue monitoring and reporting. Email me the info outlining the infraction and call the MNR Tips line. With the spring rainbow spawn coming soon this is vital to the health of future rainbow trout populations.

7. OFAH has been monitoring the Nipissing fisheries, commercial and sports. We know 1st nations have an active commercial walleye fishery in Lake Nipissing. Now we learn the prime catch in 2013 in Nipissing was smallmouth bass. Tourist operators and outfitters were showing stress related to a very limiting slot and possession limit for walleye. In fact the walleye fishing has dropped badly and some operators have closed shop. At the same time the band called the Dokis 1st Nation, have reduced the mesh size of their nets in order to take smaller walleye. So there appears to be no end to the walleye sports fishery crisis in Nipissing.

8. The OFAH Fisheries Committee is discussing the use of multiple lines for sports anglers in the Great Lakes, barbless hooks, and the impact of fishing derbies on sports fish stocks. OFAH has had input from anglers in South West Georgian Bay who want to use two lines like anglers on Lake Huron.

9. The Zone fisheries chair said he wanted details on regional hatcheries for each zone meeting. Dennis and I asked him to check the BPSA newsletters where Ray reports regularly on the status of our hatchery fish.

10. The number of folks taking hunter education in Ontario increased by 25 % last year. We now have over 25 thousand new hunters trained last year compared to 21

thousand in 2012. This is an all time record.

11. This fall look for a new program called NASP. It involves archery and teaches respect for our resources and how to better concentrate while hunting. It will involve kits going into schools, each kit worth 3 thousand dollars. I suggest Karen call OFAH and find out about it. Page 3 of the latest Ontario Out of Doors Angler & Hunter section has more info on the National Archery in the Schools Program. Bill Blackwell sounded very excited about it but could not tell us any more other than it involved grade seven and up youth and that in the US, 10 thousand young people are taking part. Internationally there are 12-thousand schools involved in 10 different countries. NASP worth checking out.

12. The last US plant that made lead shot has closed. So the end is closer to lead shot and lead weights for fishing.

13. It seems OFAH will be well represented on the new Federal Firearms Committee. Bill Blackwell says the committee will focus on hunting in Canada, which has always been a priority of the Harper government. He may be the Ontario rep on that Firearms committee.

14. On Nature Conservancy lands OFAH wants to make sure they allow hunting and fishing on them. Many of these lands require you to belong to OFAH to use them for hunting and fishing.

15. On the recently announced limited spring bear hunt. President Bill Blackwell advises, get out and hunt bears in areas now designated. In his words `if you don't take advantage of this change of heart by the province, we may again lose the right to hunt bears in spring`. It's the old "if you don't use it, you will lose it".

16. The next Zone H OFAH meeting is set for 10 am April 6, 2014, at the Sydenham Sportsmen's Clubhouse in Georgian Bluffs. This is your chance to learn and to have input, give feedback on Federation policies and issues that affect fishing, hunting and conservation in Grey-Bruce.

17. I will represent BPSA, OFAH members at the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters in Mississauga. If you have a burning question you want me to ask of the Deputy Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, please email it to me. So far I am focusing on the issue of fair sharing, which 1st nations don't appear to believe in, while "fair sharing" is a way of life among members of our volunteer conservation groups. I may try to work in our concern over the lack of enforcement against our commercial anglers who have

routinely laid nets that are longer than allowed under the 2013 SON Fishing Agreement.

18. I will email any breaking news stories to our president and some executive BPSA members as I did last year, when the MNR handed several fish stocking related tasks to the OFAH.

Stu Paterson February/March 2014

This is the OFAH news release urging hunters to comment to the MNR on the return of this limited hunt – Spring Bear Hunt to Return Ontario government seeking public comment on return of spring bear hunt

Fifteen years ago, politics trumped science when the Conservative government caved into pressure from big city animal rights extremists and cancelled the spring bear hunt. Although Ontario has a healthy and sustainable bear population, those responsible for the 1999 cancellation of the hunt are lobbying the provincial government again to try and block the spring bear hunt pilot project. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is calling on northern residents to help us make sure that these animal rights extremists don't win.

Some northern communities are on the brink of experiencing a spring bear hunt for the first time in fifteen years. The Ontario government has finally listened to the concerns of northerners and proposed a pilot project that will see a spring bear hunt occur in eight wildlife management units in 2014. While the partial reinstatement of a hunt is a positive step, we believe that all of bear country deserves to experience the benefits of a spring hunt. The OFAH has worked tirelessly over the past fifteen years to restore the hunt, but we need your help.

Please go to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry at www.ebr.gov.on.ca and enter the code 012-0981. Click on 'submit comment' and express your support for the spring bear hunt.

Ontario's spring bear hunt was a proven and sustainable wildlife management tool used to assist with the maintenance of bear densities at levels that minimized dangerous encounters with people. The spring hunt was particularly important for reducing male bear densities (70% of the total spring harvest) to help lessen cannibalism and aggression on other bears, decrease the number of moose calves and deer fawns killed by bears, and minimize problems with people.

"The spring bear hunt was an excellent example of a sustainable use of a renewable natural resource that offered enormous benefits for the residents of Ontario," said OFAH Executive Director Angelo Lombardo. "Nowhere was this more evident than in northern Ontario communities, where the hunt provided wholesome food, valuable hides, rewarding experiences for thousands of hunters, and generated over \$40 million annually to help

sustain hundreds of local businesses and associated jobs."

Please take a few minutes and express your support for the spring bear hunt.

With over 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 720 member clubs, the OFAH is the province's largest nonprofit, fish and wildlife conservation-based organization, and the VOICE of anglers and hunters. For more information, visit www.ofah.org.

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Provincial Manager, Fish and Wildlife Services

705-748-6324 ext 242 Mark Ryckman

Senior Wildlife Biologist, 705-748-6324 ext. 239

Property: Ron Snelling

- The sewage line to the septic tank froze and blocked the line. Jim Martell arranged to have the line water blasted February 18th. Unfortunately it has frozen again. Rob Thomas cell 374-4683 has been contacted to clear it again. When the weather breaks a long term solution will be investigated.

Rankin Resource Group- Larry Isbester- n/r

Scheduling: Ron Snelling-

Events and club house usage are posted on the bulletin board.

Special Events: the special events for 2014 are:

- Family Day Holiday- Don Elliott – February 17, 2014 - 12 - 2 pm. We had a great turn out. The club was a beehive of activity with special thanks to Karen and Phil with the archery tutoring for 45 youngsters. Ray and Gord also had a steady stream of hatchery visitors. All the children were able to take home a fishing lure thanks to Lucky Strike Lures and the winners of the rods and reel sets from the Toronto Sportsmen Show were Madison Bain and Chantel Rigby. Costs incurred for food, ice cream and beverages was \$100.73. A big thank you to all the other BPSA members who showed up to make this town sanctioned event successful.
- Awards Presentation and Potluck Dinner-Don Elliott April 5thrd 2014,- Social – 5:00 PM, dinner 6:00 PM.
- Fish Derby – Jack Seatter May 09 - 11, 2014.
- Fish Fry- Ken Barrett May 11, 2014 2:00-4:00pm.
- Kids Fishing Day- Don Elliott-Saturday July 5, 2014 4-9pm.
- Beef and Pork BBQ- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison- Sunday July 13, 2014 from 4-7 pm.
- Community Living-Fishing on the Pond – Sunday September 15, 2014 from 2-7pm.
- Potluck Diner – Saturday November 22 2014. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.
- Family Handgun Day-Kelly Lang Saturday September

27, 2014. from 10am to 4pm.

Wildlife:

- The Bald Eagle nest platform on Sky Lake tipped during this winters storms. The eagles have already returned, in February, and have started to rebuild a new nest in an adjacent tree.
- Several emaciated deer have been reported on the Bruce and are falling prey to carnivores. A Motion by



Carl Berfelz seconded by Gord Smith to initiate deer feeding carried.

Awards: Don Elliott-

- As there is limited access to the hatchery blank forms and the mail basket is now in the clubhouse. If anyone has a blank of the form could you run some copies and also set up a blank form on the web site which should make it easier for members to access and print them in their own home. Please set up a form section on the website with a copy of the award form.
- 2014 award winners are: Winner

Category	Score	Senior	Junior
Salmon	13.75#		Hunter Masonneuve
	8.5#	Christine Janelle	
Rainbow	10.5#	Jon Janelle	
Pike	8.5#	Judy Nafziger	
Moose	106 1/8	Judy Nafziger	
Deer	97 7/8	Mike Lutman	

Old Business:

- The town of SBP (Karen) again asked if the BPSA and SSSA would participate in the Warton Willy festival, on February 2 2014, by supplying bird feeders to youngsters. SSA supplied all the precut wood to build 100 bird feeders. The feeders were assembled at the SSA workshop by Ted Furness, Shane Ruther, Ron Robb, Bob Hunt, John Morneau, Ken Barrett, Ray Marklevitz, Carl Berfelz, and Don Elliott. Bay Shore Country Feeds (Doug Gilkinson) supplied 2# bags

of sun flower seeds for each feeder. BPSA and SSA volunteers then distributed all the feeders and seeds on February 2nd at the Propeller Club. The town has asked if we could do some thing similar for 2015. We agreed that we would participate next year: so if you have any idea as to what we could build, please forward your suggestion.

New Buisness

- BPSA requires volunteers for the positions of Vice President and Wildlife Chairperson.
- Stu Paterson and Al Hunter will initiate a proposal outlining docking, retaining walls and dredging improvements for Blue Water Park and present it to town officials.
- Jim requested that the Fish Committee develop a letter that would request the OFAH to explore the possibility of having a post graduate student(s) study water quality, fish habitat, stocking data and recommendations that would be independent of local First Nations studies prior to the signing of the next Fishing Agreement.

A motion by Carl Berfelz to adjourn carried, ending the delayed February 2014 meeting at 1pm.

Family Day at BPSA



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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

Signed _____ Date _____

TOTAL \$

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

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

Name _____
 Street/Fire Number/P.O. Box/RR _____
 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.