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OCTOBER 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, Nov 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



Ross Davidson and his sister Carol, were at tonight's meeting to thank and give recognition to the club for the BPSA Community Living Fishing day.

Ross presented the club President Jim Martell a scrapbook of Community Living fishing day photos. The scrapbook has room for more club photos.

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin October 2014

Monthly BPSA minutes October 2014 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday October 30, 2014 with 33 members present. The Club President Jim Martell asked if the September 2014 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. Leigh Grigg's name was incorrectly spelled and his area code should have been 519. A motion to adopt the amended minutes of the September meeting by James McKane seconded by Dennis Morison carried.

Guest Speaker -

Ross Davidson and his sister Carol from Community Living presented the club with a picture album of this years fishing on the pond day and expressed their deep appreciation of the effort BPSA members contribute to make this day special for the clients of Community Living and their families.

New Members / Guests- none

Correspondence -

- Leigh Grigg has offered BPSA the use of a heated tent for the Wiarton Willy weekend. Jim will confirm that we will use it in conjunction with archery demonstrations, serving hot chocolate, BPSA conservation efforts and youth activities.
- Jim McKane presented BPSA with an Ontario Flag provided by Bill Walker.
- Jim also had a petition in support of the Common Sense Firearms Act that Larry Miller will take to Ottawa. This Act will simplify firearms regulations and put controls on the independent introduction of additional regulations by the Chief Firearms Officer.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott - October

Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer

Feeding Fund	\$ 3575
Receipts	\$ 1475
Expenses	\$ 2066
Ways and Means balance	\$ 915

- George Mallard presented BPSA with the proceeds, \$206, raised from a 50/50 draw from the Jim Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament.
- Mel reported donations of \$860 to BPSA, in remembrance of John McGill.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Jim McKane seconded by Phil Henderson 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 3

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Karen Van Nest- tel. 519.378.3339

Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com n/r

- The Butts will be moved and stored beside the back stop.
- The Tuesday indoor shoots will shut down for the two coldest months in the winter
- Karen, in Argentina did well enough to earn silver and bronze medals in two events.

Bulletin - Phil Henderson

Phil had mailed out 48 September bulletins.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch n/r

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.
- An annual domain registration cost of \$54 has been paid

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.
- BPSA Rainbow Trout fingerling stocking, in September and October, at Gleason Brook and Colpoy's Creek 39,300 each and at Barrow Bay 15,400.
- Volunteers are required on Sunday November 16 2014 at 9am to clean the hatchery
- Currently on hand in the hatchery is 33,000 Rainbow Trout.
- Water flow is currently 24 gpm..
- Fay Welsh donated two complete rod and reel down rigger fishing poles that were her deceased husband Paul's. A couple of suggestions for there 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 November meeting as to there end use.
- There was a fall mouse invasion in the hatchery. Ray spent \$50 in mouse baits and traps to bring it under control.

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

- The FMZ meeting will be November 29th in Sudbury.
- Denis is looking for communications from individuals or BPSA that indicates whether fishing success in Colpoy's Bay is improving or deteriorating. Comments from Stu Paterson, Ray Marklevitz, Carl Schroeder, Jerry Beaver and others all indicated that marking fish on fish locators and success in catching fish was down this year. The principal reason in their opinion is that

commercial fishing nets well in excess of 300 meters in length were set along the shores and across the Bay.

- As we no longer collect eggs from Gleason and Colpo's Creeks we have lost statistical data as to fin clipped verse natural reproduction fish. SSA collect this data for Rainbow and Salmon during the Salon Spectacular. Someone is going to ask SSA collects this data to BPSA for fish caught in Colpo's Bay.

Handgun Club: AI Hunter

- Handgun rim fire shooting is Monday and Wednesday's at 7pm. And center fire on Wednesday afternoons.
- Extra Range and Range Safety Officers have been added to accommodate new handgun shooters to club handgun safety and range rules.
- Again this year two competition teams have been formed.

Youth Winter Programs January-April:n/r

Firearms-Rob and Krista Quesnel 519-935-2444

/ 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. The annual meeting of Zone H OFAH is coming up on Saturday November 15. It starts at 10 am and will be hosted by the Georgian Bay Anglers & Hunters at their clubhouse at 3175 Ogdens Beach Road Midland.



The Friday night November 14 features a hospitality room and the trading of fishing and hunting stories. The annual zone awards banquet is Saturday evening the 15th. I choose not to attend the hospitality room nor the annual banquet. Dennis will accompany me to the annual meeting on November 15th. I have room for 2 others if you would like to join us.

2. The OFAH welcomes Ottawa's plan to reduce the administrative burden on legal, law-abiding firearms owners. The Minister of Public Safety made the announcement. The plan will streamline licensing and eliminate needless red tape for gun owners. Your Federation has worked with the minister to encourage the federal government to make these and other common sense changes.

Here is the OFAH link for further info

<http://www.ofah.org/news/OFAH-welcomes-common-sense-approach-firearms-licensing>



Mike Evers Jr and OFAH Zone H Chair Wayne Foregrave.

3. Mike Evers Junior, who lives near Barrie, is keeping up a family tradition. His dad was a MNR conservation officer for 19 years and serves on the zone executive as Wildlife and Forestry chair and 2nd vice chair.

Mike Jr. is taking the Fish & Wildlife Technician course at Fleming College in Lindsay. He has received a zone H bursary which is helping him with his studies. (pic 2 people) At this latest zone meeting he was presented with a cheque by Zone H Chair Wayne Foregrave.



At the meeting Mike Junior gave a great talk about his experiences while working with what's now called the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry).

He was involved with the banding of geese along the James Bay flyway. He talked about encounters with polar bears. He always carried a shotgun while in the field. The zone currently supports 3 students with bursaries and each payment goes out after their half term marks are received.

4. Something for the young folks. A youth pheasant hunt is slated for November 15th at the Hullett Marsh. Teens aged 12-15 who have successfully completed the Ontario Hunter Education Course and are part of the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program can take part.

Contact the Tavistock District Rod & Gun Club for more info. Or visit

www.loop-perthhuron.ca and click on Youth Pheasant Hunt and another link to this hunt

<http://www.loop-perthhuron.ca/youth.html>

5. The OFAH is considering organizing a Coyote Hunting Workshop for Grey-Bruce. The session will include speakers who will discuss problems farmers have with livestock losses and crop losses from wildlife. There will also be a session on coyote calling and a session on preserving coyote fur. The tentative date for this workshop is January 17, 2015. Admission only ten dollars. No location yet.



6. Zone H OFAH memberships remain high at 11,243. Province wide we have 83,381 members.

7. From the zone H wildlife-forestry chair – Deer tags. Because of our severe winter there are fewer deer tags handed out. Province wide the number of tags issued is down by 15-thousand.



8. Moose tags. The OFAH is asking for new aerial surveys in some MMU's. These surveys will confirm that populations are way down. Moose tags have been chopped in many areas due to population drops. In the Kirkland Lake area the number of tags issued is down by 95%.

9. And a reminder the OFAH supports the current study in Grey-Bruce checking deer kills for chronic wasting disease. Mark Gibson of the MNR and his crew are here now. They are looking for brain-tooth and throat samples from your kill. He is in charge of six crews that will test nearly 500 animals. The UPI gas station in Ferndale is one of the depots where samples can be dropped off. Test areas include Grand Bend, Port Elgin, Collingwood, Shelburn, Owen Sound and Wiarton and Tobermory.

10. And a good item in the Globe about drones and hunting. The OFAH is represented.

Here is the link <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/how-hunting-drones-are-being-regulated-out-of-the-sky/article20506117/>

Property –Ron Snelling

- The lawn mower has been winterized.
- The heater in the basement water tank area has been activated.

- The sewage line heater will not be activated until probably January or February dependent on the severity of the winter.
- There was a discussion on the requirement for winter fire wood. Ron indicated that only 2 cords remain in the wood shed and that we should purchase 6 or 7 cords as he thought that someone new should supply the wood or we should pay for it. The final decision was that the Elliott's would supply the split wood after the deer shoot. Bruce Mallard will drop off his 7 ton trailer at Don's and he and volunteers will split the wood, fill the trailer and Bruce will haul it back to and dump it at the wood shed for other volunteers to stack.

Rankin Resource Group- Larry Isbester- n/r

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.
- 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 4-6:30 pm.
- 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. We have enough Pickerel fillets for about 50 or 60 folks that Murray Garniss will deep-fry that day. This means that attendees for the dinner do not have to bring a meat dish, but rather only vegetables, salads, and or desserts.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- Jody Scheifley (MNR) advised that a new case of CWD has been found in Ohio. The MNR will set up 6 stations to sample 500 heads this year in Ontario. The closest one to us is at Ferndale, other locations can be obtained by looking at the MNR web sight.
- Jody would also like to get some feed back on your observations regarding deer numbers (especially does & fawns) this year. You can contact him directly or call Al on your observations.
- Ray commented that the Spirit Rock Conservation area has new signage that restricts the use of the area to hiking and picture taking. Hunting has always been allowed in local conservation areas. Previous attempts

to restrict hunting in this area has been over turned. Jim will contact Paul MacKenzie, the TSBP conservation representative to have him get the signage changed by the Conservation Authority.

Awards: Don Elliott-

- Entry forms are available on the wooden tray in the clubhouse 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 Sundays noon to 4 p.m. Tel. 519 376 1699.

Old Business:

- Al Hunter called Tom Gray about Blue Water Park concerning safety, rebuilding the west side dock, dredging the launch channel, and accessibility to facilities. They plan to have a follow up meeting.

New Business:

- Concern has been expressed about the lack of following protocol requirements associated with leaving the clubhouse. On four recent occasions the following has not been done:
 1. To ensure the alarm is activated, the door must be closed, the code punched in and then the Red locked sign must appear on the panel. You then open and lock door to exit the facility.
 2. The coffee pot has not been turned off.
 3. The bathroom doors have been left open. In cold weather the doors must be closed to reduce electricity costs, as only the bathrooms need to be heated.
 4. The electric heating has been left on.
 5. The blinds should be closed.
- Bill Nafziger thanked BPSA on behalf of the Spring Creek Anglers for the use of the fish stocking trailer. He also reported that they have placed thousands of tons of river stone in the Sauble River and that the spawning fish are using the areas already.

The next BPSA meeting will be Thursday November 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rods & Reel	Murray Garniss, Don Elliott
Kids pool	Dave Baxter
Jam	Bruce Mallard
Boot Covers	Ken Barrett
Clock	Carl Schroeder
Hat	George Berfelz
Lures	Dave Baxter, Stu Paterson(2)
Fish Crisp	Dave Baxter, Larry Parker, Dave Morton, Al Hunter
Pickle Beets	Don Elliott
Tackle Box	Al Hunter

A motion by Mel Urbshott to adjourn carried, ending the October 2014 meeting at 9:45 pm.

President's Message

Hunting season is underway. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable time during the rifle season. Our club has enjoyed many events this year. Thanks to the volunteers who participate and assist in making these events successful every year. Well now we are encouraged to participate in the oncoming Wiarton Willies festival. We have accepted the offer of the igloo enclosure. We need to host an event that reflects our clubs activities and goals. Some have suggested winter camping displays, ice fishing and some archery. We need a person who will head up an archery program later in the year. A person who is willing to complete forms and paperwork will also be helpful to garner government grants and awards is also needed. Apparently there is federal and provincial money available for those willing to apply for and complete the projects. An example is stream rehabilitation or waterway enhancements. Something to think about and get behind. We have talked in the past about doing fish surveys and lake studies.

*Happy Hunting
sincerely,
Jim Martell, President*

Forbes Symon is celebrating his Birthday on Saturday, Nov 22. Patricia will bring dessert so all can celebrate at our Potluck Dinner Social. Come around 5pm, with dinner at 6:00pm. Come out and celebrate with us.

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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 _____
 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.