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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, Oct 30th, 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

Community Living Day another great success. Thanks...



BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin September 2014

A minute of silence was held in remembrance of John McGill. John was a long time active member and volunteer who loved to hunt and fish. His continuous regular participation at monthly meetings and financial support for prize draws will be missed. A memorial service will be held at the Whitcroft Funeral Home in Wiarton on October 4th from 1-3 pm. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers a donation to the BPSA would be appreciated.

Monthly BPSA minutes September 2014 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday September 25, 2014 with 26 members present. The Club President Jim Martell asked if the June 2014 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the June meeting by AL Hunter seconded by James McKane carried.

Guest Speaker – Lee Grigg a coordinator for the Wiarton Willy Festival has applied for a grant to help defray out of pocket costs to run free to the public, winter outdoor programs with emphasis on youth activities. He has already lined up some experts but is looking for additional volunteers to run programs such as: chain saw carving, canoe building, winter camping and cooking, ice carving, ice fishing, dog sledding, archery, aboriginal crafts, snow shoeing, Bruce Trail walks, bird identification, Igloo building, local foods, astronomy, scavenger hunt, orienteering, snowball fight, ice hockey, etc. The idea is to get the kids interested in physical and interesting activities rather than just playing computer games. If you have a suggestion or would like to volunteer please call Lee at 509 270 8041.

New Members / Guests- Lincoln Leudke a retired farmer and his wife Karen recently moved to a new home on the north side of Spry Lake next to the Outdoor Education Center. Lincoln enjoys hunting and fishing and became a BPSA member tonight. He has two 12 foot steel gates that BPSA could have if we could use them.

Correspondence – none

Treasury - Mel Urbshott – July - September

- Roy Hamilton Memorial Deer Feeding Fun \$ 3575
 - Receipts \$ 5124
 - Expenses \$ 4843
 - Ways and Means balance \$ 812
 - Donation received Lorne and Debbie Gray \$1,125.00
- Beef and Pork BBQ profits were \$1620

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Dave Morton seconded by Carl Berfelz carried.

Membership - Forbes Symon: n/r

Adults: 67 Family 57 Youth 7 Youth Program 22
Total 155
New 2014 memberships 18
Prior year membership 2013 total 176

Committee Reports and Discussions

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

- Archery indoor shoots started last week
- Indoor shoots will shut down for the two coldest months in the winter

Bulletin – Phil Henderson

Phil had mailed out 61 June bulletins.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch n/r

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.
- The web site posting bill of \$54.10 was given to the treasurer and a domain registration cost of about \$20 should be received in the near future.

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.
- The Brown Trout were stocked in July
- 25,000 Rainbow fingerlings were stocked in each of Colpoys and Oxenden creeks.
- Currently on hand in the hatchery are 50,000 Rainbow fry.
- Water flow is currently 13 gpm.
- BPSA had 26 volunteers to help put up the SSA Salmon Spectacular tent and 12 to take it down. A special thank you to John McGill who has organized this project for many years and all who supported the job. SSA also recognized in their magazine the support of BPSA volunteers and the conservation efforts of the two clubs working together.

Fish Management Zones-13 Lake Huron-14 Georgian Bay

Stewardship Councils: Dennis Morrison

- There were no FMZ meetings over the summer months. The next one will be November 29th in Sudbury.
- Dennis and James McKane attended the American Fisheries Society multi day conference in Quebec City this summer. Representatives and presenters and attendees from all over the world were there. The Ontario MNR had a presentation on their Discreet Choices Report. Dennis brought back a binder that showed the schedule of the hundreds of presentations that were running in 15 different conference rooms simultaneously. A couple of presentations that Dennis

found very interesting were on the reintroduction of the American Eel and cisco as a baitfish to replace Alewives.

- Dennis also attended on September 20th an OFAH sponsored Community Hatchery Program held at Guelph University. Most of the local clubs had 2 or 3 representatives. The purpose of the workshop conducted by a veterinarian doctor was to provide hatchery personnel with the ability to identify common fish diseases and the correct preparation of specimens for analysis. Hatcheries have to develop this expertise, as the MNR will no longer provide this service. We have to develop are own skills or sign a contract with the doctor at Guelph. Dennis brought back a lot of literature and equipment to perform necropsy analysis. One suggestion that will be reviewed by the Fish Committee is to purchase a good microscope that will permit improved analysis of diseases and if tied to a computer and projection capability could be used to inter face with OFAH personnel and other hatcheries and or as an assist for local teaching or information demonstrations. A motion to compensate Dennis for his out of pocket expenses and mileage by Stu Paterson seconded by Jim McKane carried.
- Dennis reported that the MNR has given the OFAH a budget of \$225,000 to replace old MNR CFWIP program that provide \$80,000 directly to community hatcheries. (I guess the old administrative cost must have been significant).
- Dennis is looking for any Commercial Fishing Agreement infractions or problems that he can take to the next FMZ meeting.

Handgun Club: Al Hunter

- Handgun rim fire shooting has returned to Monday and Wednesday's at 7pm. And center fire on Wednesday afternoons.
- The Health Department has provided a copy of its findings related to lead contamination. Lead levels, in the range, are within safe levels during .22 rim fire activity but is slightly elevated during center fire. While the levels are somewhat elevated, the exposure is for a short period of time, unlike a workplace contamination where individuals are exposed for the whole day. Very low lead levels were detected on the surfaces in the main club house with the exception of the carpet at the entrance. The report will be studied before the club decides on what or if any additional safe guards will be put in place.
- WHOL: BPSA as the winners of last years competition will be hosting the WHOL pre season meeting on Sunday October 5th at 11am. The club will supply a BBQ lunch for all attendees.
- Autumn Thunder Cowboy Shoot was held at the SSA range on September 20th. Lots of cowpokes turned out

in the rain for a great day. Autumn Thunder is hosted by the Twin County Bounty Hunters. Kat has lots of photos that she has posted on the Twin County Bounty Hunters's web site.

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

September 2014 OFAH

Zone H report – Stu Paterson for BPSA

Includes material from zone H summer meeting in Barrie

There was discussion at the summer meeting about continuing infractions of the SON Commercial Fishing Agreement. These infractions have been taking place in what's called quota management areas 5-6 and area 5-8. These two areas take in the three islands at the mouth of Colpoy's Bay as well as Owen Sound and most of Colpoy's Bay.

Much of the discussion focused on the "Cloak of Secrecy" or "Climate of Secrecy" on the part of our Ministry of Natural Resources when it comes to information about native commercial fishing. We are waiting to find out from the MNR

- if the fishing boat that worked from the Colpoy's Dock for most of the last year...the Wheeler, the one that has broken so many of the rules of the agreement....we're are waiting to know if that boat has been fined for breaking the rules.

- There were reports that the captain of that boat has been punished for laying nets longer than allowed under the agreement... For having no or improper markers on both ends of his nets and



For placing nets in areas forbidden by the agreement.

Usually reliable sources suggested this captain was fined and banned from Colpoy's Bay for a period of time. However so far we are unable to confirm what action if any has been taken against this rebel commercial angler. I have suggested to MNR folks if and when any action is taken against commercial anglers who break the SON agreement, the MNR should hold a news conference to publicize this big news.

We also don't know if the MNR, the OPP, Cape Croker Police or the band has initiated these penalties for

the large number of infractions this boat and its crew committed. Now we hear this same angler has returned to fishing our region saying he is now willing to play by the rules...this is the same fisherman who told one of our members last year quote “ there are no rules that I have to follow ”.

OFAH reps welcomed this from our MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker sent a letter to the new Minister of Natural Resources asking if our native anglers are living up to the terms of the agreement. Walker says he has had promises in the past that updates on the SON agreement would be provided...but all he has heard is silence.

Walker said in the letter that it is reasonable to ask how many fish and what types of fish, our commercial anglers are catching. He said folks along Colpoy's Bay alerted him to very large and unmarked nets laid in the water, which violated the fishing agreement. This Wheeler boat was very active near Oxenden and Caframo in Colpoys Bay in the days just before the 2014 Salmon Spectacular. Several witnesses reported seeing this boat again break the rules of the agreement at that time.



At the zone meeting there was reference to the MNR spy plane doing regular flights over Colpoy's Bay and Owen Sound. There were three people on board. A young biologist hired to study the fisheries...sports and commercial...the pilot and a rep from the first nations or the MNR.



During the Salmon Spectacular those on board reported 450-to 500 boats on the water each day taking part in our exciting recreational fishery. One Mallory Beach resident reported during the derby “the MNR plane is still wasting our money flying over now he can go back and say nobody is fishing because sports fishing is on the decline...” and again “ if there were some fish out there some people would actually fish.... funny how none of the people running for council ever talk about the importance of our lost tourism from the drop in sports anglers”

Delegates at the meeting were reminded to call the MNR tips line if anyone sees an obvious infraction of the commercial fishing agreement.



One speaker revealed one case where sports anglers were caught this year in a ghost net in Colpoy's Bay ...He warned “they can be killers if you get caught in a net... leave them alone...it is illegal to touch them or try to pull them up”.

And during the Chantry Derby he reported sports anglers got caught in commercial nets in Inverhuron Bay...again no one hurt.

It was revealed - The President of the Lake Huron Fishing Club had a meeting with the ex chief of the Saugeen First Nation. We were told the meeting was to clarify what each side expects under the commercial fishing agreement. The ex chief supposedly promised to work with the Lake Huron Club.

Dennis Wiseman Hatchery Manager with the Sydenham Sportsmen reports his club is getting away from stocking fingerlings. He says it makes much more sense to keep the fish until they become yearlings as yearlings have proven to have a much better survival rate when stocked when they are much larger.

OFAH reps in our zone are still working on re-instating public access to the shale fishing areas near Craigleigh Provincial park. The Ontario government closed access to the beaches apparently not realizing thousands of shore anglers use the beach to catch rainbow trout year round. This appears to be part of the Ontario government's policy of stopping public access to public land.

OHAH zone H is donating 35-hundred dollars to support archery in schools in Port Elgin and Hanover. No one from Warton applied to be part of this NASP archery program. NASP stands for The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) now sweeping across North America.

The OFAH will lead Ontario's first NASP program, starting with a NASP teacher certification program and at least 10 pilot schools this fall.

“We believe this exciting curriculum-linked, in-school archery program has the potential to spread across the province, enabling thousands of Ontario youth to benefit from the knowledge, skills and character building archery presents,” said Angelo Lombardo, OFAH executive director. “Through this program, the OFAH will be embarking on its largest youth-education program in its 86-year history.”

What began as a pilot program in Kentucky in 2001 has become an international success story now boasting nearly 12.5 million youth participating each year in 12,000 NASP schools in 10 different countries. Two more Grey-Bruce schools will join the program next year.

The OFAH is monitoring a plan to stock cisco in Lake Huron hoping it will replace the alewife. Look for more in the future about a major cisco stocking program. Perch love cisco. Lakers, Chinook and rainbow trout feed on cisco...and feeding walleye often prefer cisco even if perch are nearby.



Due to continuing concern about the spread of chronic wasting disease, Grey-Bruce will host a major CWD testing program during this fall's deer hunt. The disease surrounds us in New York, Michigan and Iowa...New York has had 7 cases within 140 kilometres from the Canadian border. Six crews will be around here looking for samples from your deer kill. The UPI gas station at Ferndale is one of the depots involved. So is the Lake Huron Rod and Gun Club. So far only one case of CWD has been confirmed in Ontario at the Toronto zoo where a deer died of it. Chronic wasting disease is similar to mad cow disease and is believed to be spread by animals in game farms such as the one at Griffiths Island.

The next Zone H OFAH meeting is at the Midland Anglers and Hunters clubhouse. The date is November 15. The session will include election of officers for 2015.

Respectfully presented by Stu Paterson OFAH member

Property –Ron Snelling n/r

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. A good event with 23 youngsters participating.
- Beef and Pork BBQ- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison- Sunday July 13, 2014 from 4-6:30 pm. It

was a great fund raiser and Dennis thanked all the volunteers that helped to make it successful.

- Community Living-Fishing on the Pond – Sunday September 14, 2014 2-7pm. Another great community event. A special thank you to all BPSA members who participated around the pond, parking, setup, food preparation and serving and cleanup. A special thank you to Bob Bell for supplying the worms and Dave Nixon for providing the Music.
- Potluck Dinner – Saturday November 22 2014. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

There is nothing special happening.

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. Many anglers during the Salmon Spectacular were upset that it took up to an hour to launch their boats, essentially due to the west side dock sitting on the shore when the town should have had it installed, if it was interested in supporting local tourism.

New Business:

- Equipment rebuilding the break wall at the north end of the Wiarton Marina has been vandalized and consequently no trespassing signs have been posted. When the project is completed which has been funded by the Federal Government, the BPSA wants to ensure that Larry Miller's promise to permit public use of the facility for anglers.

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

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod & Ree	Mel Urbshott
Kids pool	Dennis Morrison
Jam	Dennis Morrison
Motor cycle cover	Carl Berfelz
Dog bed	Jerry Beaver
Deer whistle	Mel Urbshott
Lures	George Berfelz, Lincoln Leudke
Fish Crisp	Jon Janell, Dennis Morton, George Mallard, James McKane, Ian MacGregor

A motion by Dave Morton to adjourn carried, ending the September 2014 meeting at 9:45 pm.

President's Message

Here we are again in our fall club season. Thank you Dennis Morrison for chairing club meetings while we were away. We had good turnouts for the club functions in these last few months. Our club events Family fishing day, Pork and Beef BBQ, Salmon Spectacular tent raising, and Community Living family day. Many club members participated and gave of their time to make these events a success.

Our hatchery program continues to be well run and stocking program is on track. Thanks Gordie and Ray hatchery managers and the fish feeders, stockers and fish committee members. We have planned some guest speakers for our future meetings. Plan on attending as these are worthwhile. Help out when you can and plan to attend the club social in November.

Enjoy the fall with the colours, and change of season. Hunting is coming up and so is winter; be prepared. The Health Unit has made comments about our lead management program possibly a model for the province. A report is available and club members should be aware of the good work done by the members of our gun club. yours in conservation.

Jim Martell, President

More Community Living Fishing day pics!



BPSA Twin County Bounty Hunters shooting up the range at Autumn Thunder

