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APRIL 2015 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, Apr 30th, 2015. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors Jim Martell 519-534-2502 or e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

April 11, 2015 is the day for the 6th Annual Kemble Maple Syrup Tour and Art Sale

New evening event-Contrà Dance with music by Scatter the Cats, Kemble United Church Sanctuary 7:30 pm. Call to reserve tickets 519-371-9128

This is an opportunity for the public to visit several local farms and see different ways Maple Syrup is produced in the Georgian Bluffs. Set ups range from a homemade evaporator processing sap from 35 taps, for personal consumption, all the way up to Miners Maple Syrup Products with 6200 taps on a vacuum system and using reverse osmosis. There are lots of animals to meet along the way including elk, sheep, livestock guardian dogs, border collies, chickens and highland cattle to name a few. New this year is a new high efficiency electric evaporator at Regal Point and new further processing facility at Miners Maple products. The tour stops are open from 9 to 4.



The well received Art show and sale is returning and is now in the Kemble United Church so you can enjoy at the same stop as your meal. A fantastic all day maple infused meal is included in the one price passport. Menu items include pancakes, peameal bacon, pulled pork, home baked beans and more!

Visitors from past tours tell us they really enjoy the fabulous food, visiting the different farms, the friendly people they met along the way and seeing the different ways Maple Syrup is made.

Your tour passport allows you to choose your route as you visit producers and enjoy the meal included in the low passport price.

Kitchen is open from 8-3.

Passport Prices: Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$10, under 6 free

Family Passport; 2 adults and their dependent children under 12 \$40.

The Kemble Maple Syrup Tour and Arts in the Church is a Fundraising and Community Building Event for the Kemble Sarawak Zion Keppel United Churches.

For passport sales

locations please visit www.kembleunitedchurches.ca

or call 519-372-6580



BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin April 2015

Monthly BPSA minutes March 2015 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday March 26, 2015 with 25 members present. The Club President Jim Martell asked if the February 2015 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. The hatchery reported fish stocked for 2014 was erroneously shown as 214 thousand but should have been 114 thousand. A motion to adopt the amended minutes of the February meeting by Dennis Morton seconded by Bill Nafziger carried.

Guest Speaker -none

Chris Davis and David Gonder participated at a March 10th special meeting to review the 2015 lake forecast. The meeting was well attended by 43 BPSA members and there was a good Q & A period. A report of the meeting is posted on the web site.

New Members / Guests-

Paul and Steve Doig a father and son team from Hepworth attended the meeting. They are interested in hunting and fishing and were interested in BPSA activities.

Correspondence -

Treasury - Mel Urbshott – February

Roy Hamilton Memorial

Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund	\$ 3576
Receipts	\$ 2450
Expenses	\$ 1486
Ways and Means balance	\$ 1360

A motion by Brian Allen to approve Stu Paterson's expenses \$854 to attend the OFAH Annual General Meeting, as the BPSA representative, seconded by Al Hunter carried.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Al Hunter seconded by Ray Marklevitz carried.

Membership - Forbes Symon: fpsymon@sympatico.ca
tel 519 534 1726

Memberships can be dropped of at 363 Hunter Street or the BDO office 663 Berford Street

Adults: 79 Family 32 Youth Total 111

This is a reminder to send in your 2015 dues.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Karen Van Nest- tel. 519.378.3339

Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com

- The Tuesday indoor shoots and outdoor shoots, when weather permits, will return

Bulletin – David Morton

David mailed out 55 March bulletins.

Note- Stu Paterson's mailed copy incorrectly spells his name as Patterson.

Envelopes sent to American BPSA members are being returned as they require additional postage of \$0.13@

Web Site: Kat McCulloch n/r

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.
- Kat and Jim are working at including templates of standard forms on the web site.

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. THIS FUNCTION IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! Students' feeding the fish is a great way to contribute towards achieving their 40 hours of community service work, required for high school graduation. The students however must be a BPSA member or accompanied by a BPSA member.
- The Brown Trout eggs received, in January, have hatched with very few losses.
- Currently on hand in the hatchery is 30,000 Rainbow Trout. They will be fin clipped on April 8th. We need 25 to 30 volunteers for each of the afternoon 1pm and evening 7pm events.
- Water flow is currently 24 gpm.
- There has been a problem with a hatchery tank drain plug not sealing. A temporary fix has been made but additional modifications might have to be done in the spring.
- Paul Sutter arranged the return of the Brown Trout egg shipping containers to the MNR in Ste Saint Marie.
- Ray has sent in the application for the hatchery license.
- There will be a hatchery managers meeting at BPSA on Saturday April 18th sponsored by the OFAH.
- Jerry Beaver is a mew member of the Fish Committee.
- Fay Welsh gave BPSA through Ray 2 complete rod and reel down rigger fishing poles that were her deceased husband Paul's. BPSA will have a silent auction of these rods for anyone interested. Sealed bids marked ROD AUCTION can be mailed to the club, or handed in at the March pr April meetings, or the revised May 24th awards presentation, at which time the successful bidder(s) will be announced. The rods are in the club house for viewing and some bid envelopes are attached. Bid on the rods individually as the Sirius rod is marginally better than the Strike Force rod.

- Dennis has submitted a funding application to the LCOB for \$4 thousand to help cover the returned property tax cost.
- Dennis is currently attending the Great Lakes Fish Committee meetings, March 24-26, in Michigan. The Provincial Government will pick up costs.

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

- The meeting originally scheduled for March has been postponed.

Handgun Club: Al Hunter

- Handgun rim fire shooting is Monday and Wednesday's at 7pm. And center fire on Wednesday at 1pm.
- New shooters are encouraged to participate but should contact Al or other hand gunners to ensure that the necessary safety instructors are available at the range.
- There are currently 70 handgun members
- Competition Teams are doing well. BPSA Team 1 is in first place again this year.

Youth Winter Programs January-April:

Firearms-Rob and Krista Quesnel 519-935-2444

- Al Hunter reported that he was extremely pleased at last weeks hands on firearms cleaning that each youth accomplished under the safety officers.
- The awards presentations will be in April'
- The final activity will be a Trap & Skeet shoot in May at North Grey.

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

OFAH report March - April 2015

1. At the annual OFAH meeting I chatted with Lois Deacon, of the MNRF, Director, Enforcement Branch

(705-755-3249

www.ontario.ca/conservationofficer).

Lois said when I introduced myself "Stu I know who you are". She must read our newsletter. I said to her "Lois if Tinkerbell landed on my shoulder right now and granted me one wish, it would be to have Tinkerbell tell me what penalties if any, have been laid against commercial anglers in our region, who repeatedly break the



terms of the SON commercial fishing agreement". She replied simply "you know I won't answer that". So there remains a curtain of silence over the issue of enforcement of the SON agreement and what happens when the rules are broken. Our members and other citizens of our region have reported dozens of cases where the rules of the SON agreement were broken. We are still waiting two years later, to hear what penalties have resulted.

2. In the OFAH annual fisheries report re. the SON agreement:

"The OFAH will continue to monitor and raise questions about the implementation and enforcement of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation MNRF commercial fishing agreement signed in 2013. OFAH members have expressed concerns with commercial harvesting activities, illegal harvest and the status of fish stocks in Southern Georgian Bay".

3. We are reminded to call the MNRF Tips Line if we see any infractions involving both the recreational and commercial fisheries.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



4. The fisheries report also talked about the crisis with commercial over harvest of Lake Nipissing walleye. The fix says the Federation, lies in full government intervention involving regulation and enforcement, to ensure harvests are appropriate and sustainable for that body of water.

5. I came away from the conference re-energized about our causes. Sustainability, fair sharing of our resources such as fish and wild life, habitat rehabilitation, creating more hunting and fishing opportunities, species enhancement and re-introduction. The list goes on. Mostly we were reminded that we work to make sure there are enhanced moose, deer, elk, duck, and all kinds of sport fish populations for our grandkids to enjoy.



6. Renowned conservationist Shane Mahoney was one of the key speakers. Shane reminded us that over the last 125 years in North America, anglers and hunters have led the way in preserving and enhancing wild life, fish, the land and the air.



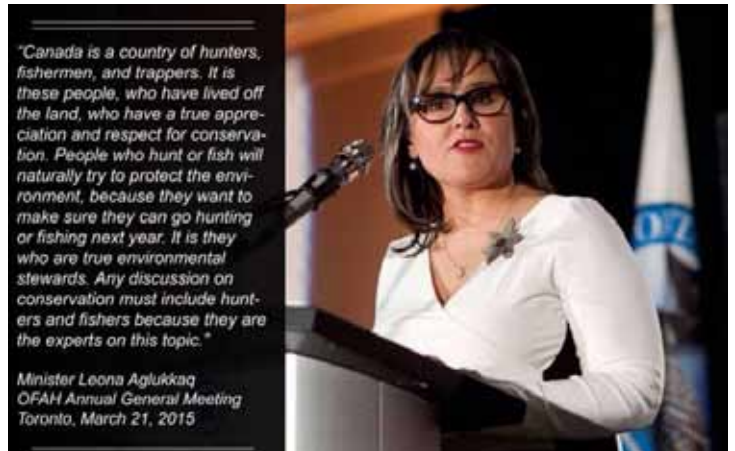
These are all things that matter to society. Now he says we face our greatest crusade of all. To make sure with climate change, that our natural resources are preserved for the future. The public he says think all our wildlife happened by accident. We know the preservation of elk, bison, and wild turkeys happened because of meetings like the OFAH annual conference I attended. Meetings where caring people got together and mapped out a plan and went forward and accomplished great things. Mahoney reminds us anglers and hunters have been the brains behind so many conservation successes. He advises us to spend less time talking among ourselves. Instead he says go out, talk to the general population, and convince people to join us in work that will ensure our wild creatures will thrive long into the future.

7. Larry Miller MP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound riding, (and a BPSA and SSA member) was recognized at the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Larry was honoured with a special award at the OFAH annual convention. He was one of three MP's to get the nod from this organization which is considered one of Canada's most effective lobby groups. Larry was praised for his support for conservation clubs in our region such as the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen, Sydenham Sportsmen, and the Barrow Bay Anglers. Several delegates at the meeting from our riding commented that Larry understands the issues that affect us and are important to our conservation movement.



OFAH PHOTO- left to right - Greg Farrant Dir. OFAH Government Affairs, Bob Sopuck MP, Dauphin-Swan River, Manitoba, Candice Bergen MP Portage-Lisgar, Manitoba, Larry Miller MP, Angelo Lombardo OFAH Executive Director.

8. Federal Cabinet Minister Leona Aglukkaq, Minister Northern Development and the Environment impressed the delegates. Her speech showed she understands the value to society of the work done by OFAH member groups. She said she totally understands that "ANGLERS & HUNTERS ARE THE BEST CONSERVATIONISTS"



9. There was a call in the OFAH annual fisheries report for a ban on the sale of products that use plastic microbeads. There are several brands of facial scrubs, body washes, and toothpastes that contain the tiny beads. The beads bypass treatment plants and are dumped into our lakes and rivers to kill off fish and aquatic ecosystems.

10. Jack Doherty the Zone H Fisheries Chair and Native Affairs Chair and I had a productive meeting with the Ontario Conservative MNR critic.

Jeff Yurek, MPP (Elgin—Middlesex—London) was given a full briefing on all the issues facing our clubs. So when one of those issues comes up in the legislature, he and MPP Bill Walker should be able to more effectively represent our interests.



I will have much more next month on the OFAH 2015 annual conference.

Stu Paterson OFAH member reporting for BPSA.

Property –Ron Snelling

There will be a spring clean up when weather permits.

Rankin Resource Group- Larry Isbester- n/r

Scheduling: Ron Snelling-

Events are on the board and in the bulletins.

Special Events: the tentative dates for special events in 2015 are:

• Wiarton Willy Festival

Saturday January 31st- Jerry and Marj Beaver, Wayne and Annette Musselman and Phil Henderson and Karen Van Nest. They had a roaring fire, and demonstrated winter outdoor activities including ice fishing and archery as well as serving hotdogs and hot chocolate.

Sunday February 1st –Ron Robb and Shane Ruther SSA, Gord Smith and Don Elliott BPSA distributed bird feeders with 2 pounds of bird seed in each feeder.

• Family Day Holiday- Don Elliott – February 16, 2015 - 12 - 2 pm.

• Awards Presentation and Potluck Dinner-Don Elliott

The presentation of awards has been changed from April 4th to May 24th , the Fish Fry Dinner. Many members were unable to attend as April 4TH falls on Easter weekend and the club house is used for other activities on the next two.

Award winners for 2014 are:

Fish Salmon	19.6#	Stu Paterson
Rainbow	19.9#	Jerry Beaver
Brown	3#	Bill Nafziger
Pickrel	5#	Ron Snelling
Moose	68 5/8	Bill Nafziger
White Tail	106 7/8	Ray Reidel

• Fish Derby – Jack Seatter May 22- 24, 2015.

• Fish Fry – Ken Barrett May 24, 2015 2:00-4:00pm.

The derby and diner previously scheduled for May 15-17th fell on the May long weekend so these activities have been delayed one week.

• Kids Fishing Day- Don Elliott-Saturday July 4, 2015 4-9pm

There is a change of venue for this event. This year it will be held at the BPSA club house and the children only will be fishing on the hatchery pond. BPSA members are encouraged to invited quests with children, to further outdoor activities for youngsters. BPSA will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream. Participants are encouraged to bring additional, salads, favorite dishes, deserts, or snacks for the lunch after completion of the fishing. Ray indicated that there are a significant number of Rainbow in the pond and possibly some Brook trout can be introduced for the event.

• Beef and Pork BBQ- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison- Sunday July 12, 2015 from 4-6:30 pm. th.

• Community Living-Fishing on the Pond – Sunday September 20, 2015 2-7pm.

• Potluck Dinner – Saturday November 21 2015. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Wildlife: AI Hunter

- Britney Neidzielskiac and Jeff Bowmans (MNR) from Trent University trapped, radio collared, and monitored wild turkeys in Northern Bruce Peninsula starting January 2012. They found that females were at the greatest risk during spring nesting and brood rearing periods. 72 % of the turkey deaths were from Mammalian Predation (16 Coyote, 1 Fisher, 1 Black Bear, 2 Human, 1 drowning, 4 unknown). They found the overall survival rate of turkeys was 95%, which is excellent.
- The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is conducting a review of the rules and regulations concerning operating off-road vehicles, including ATV's. Join in and provide your comments or suggestions prior to April 13th at web site <http://ontario.ca/b8h8>.

Awards: Don Elliott-

- Entry forms are available on the wooden tray in the club house or on line on the website.
- 2014 award winners are listed under special events.

Old Business

- The TSBP advised that they make every effort to reduce sewage discharge into the bay and even truck effluent to the lagoons during extreme rain events.
- Bill Nafziger will arrange a guided tour, for BPSA members, of the work done on Spring Creek, for some time in late May or early June. About 10 members at tonight's meeting indicated an interest in the tour.

New Business:

- BPSA were approached to draft a letter to the TSBP requesting their support in ensuring that the airport is kept functioning as an airport. BPSA will not submit a letter as it might not reflect the views of all members. Individuals are however encouraged to express their personal views to the town representatives.
- Jim had a meeting with Steven Crawford a biologist from the University of Guelph. Steven advised that he would be working with 5 students for the next 5 or 6 months, every day in the bay. He has acquired a sophisticated Hydro Sonic Device from the US Navy. It is state of the art and can take pictures of individual fish , and view activity in the water. The university students will be on the water 10 to 12 hours a day, survey all water levels net fish and analyze fish gut contents. They would like to interview and survey local sports fishermen as well in order to collect data on their fishing activities in the bay and their catch. The results of the study will be available to our club. This is a great opportunity to work with knowledgeable scientists and detail what is really happening in the bay. In conjunction with this study Jerry Beaver

is developing a sports fishing work sheet detailing your personal fishing activity. All BPSA members are encouraged to complete their fishing history for the year. Jerry will collect the data at the end of the study period and establish a computer data base to be shared with Steven.

- Henry White commented on his thoughts that the decline in part of fishing success for Lake trout, Perch, Rainbow and Salmon since the 1940's is in part due to sports fishermen over fishing especially during spawning runs and the fact that there is no closed season on some species during spawning periods.
- Brian Allen commented that one of his Stokes Bay neighbours last year retrieved several dead big Pike discarded by commercial fishermen. He commented that there are now very few fish left in the bay. He was only able to catch one small 5-inch perch while ice fishing over a 16-hour period.
- Jim reminded everyone that his two-year term as President will end at our April meeting. You are asked to make nominations or stand for election, at the April meeting, for the following functions:

President
 Vice President
 Archery
 Hatchery Manager and Assistant
 Native Affairs
 Wildlife

In addition, to the above executive or committee chairperson functions you can nominate or run for election for any of the other activities not shown above.

The next BPSA meeting will be Thursday April 30, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod & Reel	Jerry Beaver
Survival Kit	Henry White
Jam	Gord Smith
Tackle box	Stu Paterson
Video	Ron Snelling
Lures	Paul Harris, Gord Smith, George Berfelz
Fish Crisp	Dennis Morton, Ian MacGregor, Al Hunter, Murray Garniss
Line	Ray Marklevitz
Hat	George Mallard
Fishing Kit	Mel Urbshott, Martha Martell

A motion by Stu Paterson to adjourn carried, ending the March 2015 meeting at 9:45 pm.

Presidents message

Our March meeting was well-attended and good discussions. As noted in minutes we have an opportunity to participate in surveys, comments and observations of our fishing experiences with students from the University of Guelph. A study of Colpoys Bay will start at ice out. Biologist Dr. Steve Crawford of the University of Guelph will lead this study. We are happy to participate and cooperate with their work and look forward to their findings. In essence, we hope to get a snapshot of the health of Colpoys Bay.

The BPSA constitution is supposed to have an election of officers, every 2 years terms. This means executive's holding office need an endorsement from the membership to continue in their position. For this reason, an election shall be held in April. Please stand for a position if interested and you feel you will make a contribution to enhance our club toward conservation.

The position of Club President is open for members to be nominated and stand for election. I am willing to stand for re-election. This election fulfills the constitution and club bylaws. So members please stand and let your name be nominated and hold a position on our club executive. The organization chart has a few gaps. Thanks to the hard working directors who have assisted in running our club, I hope they will remain.

Our club is pleased to host the Hatchery Managers conference in April sponsored by the OFAH. Lots of activities are ahead for our members so please review the calendar of events. Thanks to member Dave Morton for stepping up to fill the need for a bulletin chairman. Thanks to Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson for all their efforts. We wish Karen success in her continuing competitions.

Our next Club event is the fish derby and fish fry and will include the awards presentation held May 24. So finally, please come to next meeting and nominate members for positions on our BPSA executive.

*yours in conservation,
 Jim Martell, President*

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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 _____
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** 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.