



BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

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JANUARY 2009 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, January 29th 2009. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 e-mail or e-mail rkmcc@gbtel.ca

URGENT NEED FOR PEOPLE TO FEED FISH Bruce Mallard 519-534-1274

2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE BY Dec/ 31/08

OFAH membership information for next year should be available late in Dec.

**Youth rifle shooting begins Jan. 11, 2009 at 1:00pm
Youth archery begins Jan. 18, 2009 at 1:00pm**

**Handgun club meeting January 12th, 6:30pm.
Handgun club openers: 2009 schedule is on the web and posted at the club.**

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin December 2008

Monthly BPSA minutes December 2008 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday December 18, 2008 with 24 members present.

Club President Mike Lutman asked if the November meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin.

A motion by Henry Smith seconded by Ted Wilford to adopt the minutes of the November meeting was carried.

Meeting Speakers

For the January meeting, the speaker will be Rob Gibson, Enforcement Supervisor, MNR.

For the February meeting, the speaker will be Tammy Falk, regional director, Wild Turkey Federation

Treasury: Mel Urbshott

• Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund	\$3198
• Receipts	\$1150
• Expenses	\$1165

Membership: Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2009 is currently 51. Just a reminder that 2009 dues are now payable. The OFAH membership costs information should be available early in the new year.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Brian Hughes N/R

Bulletin: David Leggatt / Kat McCulloch
• E mail files are in good shape.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch N/R

Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz

- We currently have 25,000 Rainbows in the hatchery. They will be fin clipped in the new year.
- The Spring Creek Brown Trout eggs are hatching.
- Hatchery water flow is great.
- We desperately need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. Please call Bruce Mallard if you can provide some support.

- The MNR Brown Trout eggs 31,000 were received December 17, 2008. They are very small, 290 to the ounce, but in good shape with minimal loss in transport.
- The Community Living Newsletter had some great pictures from their fishing day at the hatchery pond.

Lake Huron Stewardship Council: Dennis Morrison

- The December 8, 2008 had 8 members and 6 MNR attendees. Major topics included;
- The water all around the Bruce Peninsula is designated as a rehabilitation area for Lake Trout. The MNR have been stocking about 2.1 million year old Lake Trout every year.
- The MNR had good participation on the discrete fish stocking survey. The preferred species were Walleyes. Current studies show Walleyes as the dominant predator out numbering Salmon 2 to 1.
- The MNR are reporting that natural Salmon reproduction is significant enough to maintain lake populations. They are suggesting that Salmon and Rainbow stocking programs should be discontinued. Dennis was adamant in his position that local sport clubs hatcheries should not be shut down as they are positive entities in their local communities. Discussions at our meeting tonight highlights that most of the BPSA members never fish specifically for Lake Trout but rather fish for Salmon, Rainbow or Brown Trout and or Walleyes when available (Walleyes are not normally available in Colpoys Bay due to deep cold water). Mike Lutman will send a letter to Dave McLeish and cc Minister Cansfield outlining BPSA concerns and recommendations on this matter.

Handgun Club: Kelly Lang N/R

Youth Programs: Frank Hutter / Paul Porier

- Youth shooting program will start January 11, 2009 at 1 pm.
- Youth archery program will start January 18, 2009 at 1pm. Ray Marklevitz brought in the recurve bow and arrows donated to the club, by the late Paul Welsh.

Native Affairs: Ray Reidel

- There is currently no known commercial fishing in the bay.
- The Commercial Fishing Committee is working on a letter to send to the MNR outlining the need for openness, enforcement, sports fishing concerns, and other measures that should be taken into consideration to protect fish stocks.

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson attended the OFAH Zone H December 2008 meeting. Some of the major subjects covered were:

- Ontario Out of Doors magazine has been purchased by OFHA from Rogers Publishing.
- MNR has updated ice hut regulations. Many Anglers can now take advantage of the portable ice huts (a tent made of cloth or synthetic fabric less than 7 sq. meters) that are now legal and do not require registration.
- MOE John Gerretsen is not responding to volunteer fish hatcheries request for relief from fees and permits for water use and disposal.
- OFAH tested the TIPS line and found that it was really inefficient. They are going to suggest that the money spent on TIPS would be better used to hire additional Conservation Officers.
- The OFAH Annual General meeting is March 19-20 2009 in Mississauga. A motion by Al Hunter to have Stu attend this meeting, representing the BPSA, was seconded by Ray Marklevitz and carried.

Property: Carl Berfelz

- The snow slid off the roof.

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester/Ted Wilford

- There was no meeting this month.

Scheduling: Carl Berfelz

- The 2009 scheduling board will be set up in the new year.

Special Events:

- A meeting to discuss 2009 special events will be convened January 22, 2009 in the clubhouse at 7:30 pm.

Ways and Means: Ted Wilford N/R

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- Al is faced with numerous problems trying to get washed stone in Gleason Brook, mostly due to the time of the year (cold weather). He is still trying to have the project completed by year end.
- Tammy Falk is the regional director of the Wild Turkey Federation. She will make a presentation at our February 27, 2009 meeting.

Awards: Ted Wilford

- All entries for 2008 must be entered by the end of January 2009.
- The awards banquet was planned for April, it will probably be Saturday April 18, 2009. Tickets will be \$20 and sold on a first come basis, after satisfying award winners and trophy sponsors. There should be room for about 50 people.

Old Business:

- Mike reported that he has had no replies or contact on the subject of the Sutherland or Everest Quarries.
- Ted Wilford has BPSA calculators for sale at the club meetings or at Outback Tackle.

New Business:

- The BPSA needs a replacement for the President by March 2009. If you can serve in this capacity, please contact Dave Leggatt, Mel Urbshott, or Don Elliott.
- Ted reported that the new Hunting and Fishing licenses are available at Outback Tackle

Winners of Draw Prizes

Fish Crisp	Ted Wilford, Stu Paterson, Ed McArthur
Fish Lures	Dennis Morrison, John McGill, Jim McKane, Carl Schroeder
CD	Murray Garniss
Elk and Fish Prints	Carl Berfelz, Ray Reidel, Ray Marklevitz
T shirt	Ed McArthur
Sauerkraut	George Berfelz

A motion by Ron Snelling to adjourn was seconded by Stu Paterson and carried ending the December 2008 meeting at 8:40 pm.

*Some highlights of 2008
Happy New Year*



President's Message

The old year is gone, the new year is upon us. I hope that 2008 was a good year for everyone. I would like to wish all a happy and prosperous 2009.

The hunting season is now over. I hope all have had an enjoyable and successful season. Please make sure all racks have been entered with Ted for the Association awards by January 31st.

The association needs volunteers! My term as President ends with the March 2009 general meeting. Therefore the nomination committee (Dave Leggatt, Mel Urbshott, and Don Elliott) is now open for nominations for Association President. If you or someone you know would make a good President, please contact a member of the nomination committee.

There is an urgent need for volunteers to feed fish. Fish feeding is a short term commitment. It requires approximately 1 hour a day (any time of day) for a 1 or 2 week period. If you can commit the time for this worthy cause please call Bruce Mallard at 519-534-1274 or Ray Marklevitz at 519-534-0402.

The following is a list of upcoming guest speakers:

JANUARY

Robert Gibson; MNR Supervisor Upper Great Lakes Enforcement

FEBRUARY

Tammy Falk; regional director Wild Turkey Federation

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B.P.S.A. Membership Application
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Please complete this application form and forward it with your remittance in the form of a personal cheque or money order to the above address. Do not Mail Cash. New members may also submit their applications to Ray Marklevitz at Davis-McLay Real Estate or Ted Wilford at Outback Tackle in Warton. Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31st.

The current membership chair is Larrilee Leckie (lleckie@live.ca).

Please accept my application for Membership into the Association.

Circle one: Adult- 40.00 Family- 45.00 Youth- 10.00 (21years and under)

Please print complete address (including RR# if applicable)

Name: _____ **Partner's Name** _____

Mailing Address _____ **RR#** _____

City _____ **Province** ____ **Postal Code** _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____ **Summer or Cell #** _____

*If Youth member give age () date of birth day/month/year _____

Please check: Best time to call: Day Evening Weekend

What are your outdoor interests?

Fishing Trap Shooting Archery Camping Hunting

Target Shooting Canoeing Other _____

I hereby certify that as a member in the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by the Rules and regulations as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

Signed _____ Date _____ Year _____

New membership Renewal O.F.A.H.

Paid by: Cheque \$ _____ Money Order \$ _____ Cash \$ _____