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JUNE 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, June 25th 2009. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 or e-mail bpsawiarion@hotmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

Special Event Calendar 2009

Kids Day (Fishing)	July 11 (4:00pm)
Pork & Beef BBQ	July 12 (4:00pm-7:00pm)
Community Living Fish Derby	Sept 20 (2:00pm fishing)

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin May 2009

Monthly BPSA minutes May 2009 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday May 28, 2009 with 29 members present.

A minutes silence was held in remembrance of long time member Don Barton who passed away this month.

David Morton of Howdenvale introduced himself as a new BPSA member.

Club President David Leggatt asked if the April meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the April meeting, by Marlene Burnett seconded by Ed McArthur carried.

Guest Speaker -none

Treasury: Mel Urbshott

• Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund	\$3198
• Receipts	\$1929
• Expenses	\$6493

Membership: Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2009 is currently 239. OFAH membership is 59.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Brian Hughes - A committee chairperson for archery to replace Brian is required.

Bulletin: David Leggatt / Kat McCulloch

- The monthly bulletin printing had several extra copies. We need a volunteer to look after the job of Bulletin editor and publisher.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch N/R

Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- The Rainbow eggs in the hatchery have eyed up.
- Hatchery water flow is 31 gallons per minute
- We need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. Please call Bruce Mallard if you can provide some support.
- Mike Lutman called the MNR Ministers office May 11, 2009 to complain about the slow progress on the need to extend fish sanctuaries on Colpoys bay to protect spawning Rainbows.
- Mel Urbshott was told by a Lake Huron commercial fisherman that they found Ducks, Perch and Whitefish in the stomachs of recently harvested Lake Trout.

Lake Huron Stewardship Council: Dennis Morrison

- The Lake Huron and Georgian Bay Stewardship Council met Saturday May 9, 2009. Not a whole lot was achieved; however Dennis found out from Andy Todd from Peterborough that some reorganization changes, to Recreational fishing, can be achieved directly through the MNR Minister via a "variation order" in as little time as 3 to 6 months. Possibly this route could speed up the extension of the Colpoy's creek sanctuary.
- First Nations attendance and participation in the meeting is also a conservation positive.

Handgun Club: Kelly Lang

- The weekly handgun shoots will start again in September.
- The competition group won the southwest region.

Youth Programs: Rob and Krista Quesnel / Paul Porier
N/R

Native Affairs: Ray Reidel N/R

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson.

Stu attended the OFAH zone H May meeting. Some of the major topics and presentations were:

- Gun Registry –There are currently two Bills in Ottawa to abolish the expensive and useless long gun registry. The Toronto Sun poll recently suggested 84% of respondents supported scrapping the registry. Mike Reader suggested that registry does nothing to prevent those convicted of violent crimes from obtaining illegal firearms but rather targets law abiding citizen gun owners. The auditor general also has stated that there is no study to show the gun registry has had any impact on gun crime statistics.
- Coyotes continue to be a growing problem in towns, cities and rural areas with losses of pets and livestock. Hunters are encouraged to help control coyote populations.
- Zone H has approved \$1000 bursaries to 3 young students studying flora and fauna, one of the winners is Erin Ipsen of Wiarton
- The next zone meeting is August 9, 2009, hosted by Barrie District Hunters and Anglers at their clubhouse and includes a camp out and barbecue.
- Questions concerning the legality of electronic rifles which do not qualify as muzzle loaders should be directed to Paul Mullin 705-725-0340.
- The BPSA will host the January 2010 Zone meeting at our clubhouse.

- The OFAH Terry Quinney issued a Media Release re black bears when one had to be tranquilized and relocated from a Peterborough City park adjacent to a school and a residential area. These potential dangerous bear/human conflicts are escalating, in 2004/5 at 8,547 to 2008/9 at 12,645. The OFAH continues to support an early season bear hunt that would help to reduce these conflicts. You are asked to report and or send pictures of bear/human conflict situations to the OFAH

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Stu would like to extend a special thank you to Cindy Waugh, Dave Baxter, and Jim McKane for their significant effort in obtaining derby fund-raising raffle prizes. The BPSA membership would like to also extend that thank you to Stu and Nancy who made the prize drive so successful.

Property: Carl Berfeltz N/R

- David Leggett reported that the Lions Club will have a barbecue June 18 at our club house and will support our conservation programs with a \$250 contribution.

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester/Ted Wilford

- The road into the park has been graded and the dock installed at Isaac Lake.

Scheduling: Carl Berfeltz

- The 2009 scheduling to date is on the board.

Special Events:

- Jack Seatter and Stu Paterson - Fish derby May 8 - 10, 2009 was a successful event even though there were few fish caught.
- Jim and Martha Martell - Derby Fish Fry May 10, 2009 from 2-4 pm. It was a great event, the food was outstanding, profits were \$532 due to draw prize ticket sales. Martha thanked all who made the afternoon great.
- Don and Ed Elliott- Saturday July 11, 2009 Kids fishing day, at the Elliott cottages on Sky Lake, 342 Huron Road Red Bay. Fishing is 4-6 pm followed by prizes, hot dogs, ice cream and whatever anyone else would like to bring to make it a fun afternoon and evening.
- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison – Pork and Beef Diner Sunday July 12, 2009 at the club house from 4-7 pm.

- Ray Marklevitz- Community Living fishing on the hatchery pond Sunday September 20, 2009 2-4 pm. followed by a fish fry dinner. All BPSA members are encouraged to come out and participate as well as enjoy the dinner.

Wildlife: Al Hunter N/R

- Cathy Dodge MNR biologist has confirmed a CFWIP grant of \$1000 for Gleason Brook stream rehabilitation. Washed river stone will be added to the creek between July 1 and September 15, 2009.

Awards: Ted Wilford

- The 2008 awards banquet was held Saturday May 2, 2009. It was also a great success. Net profits were \$2 after costs for food \$576, trophies \$159, and prizes \$60.
- This year the awards are open to members for fish caught anywhere in Ontario, if document by an outfitter or other official. There will be new categories for women and random draw weights for all fish entered.

Trophies are for	Entry locations
Rainbow Trout	
Brown Trout	
Lake Trout	
Salmon	Howell's Fish or
Smallmouth Bass	Outback Tackle
Largemouth Bass	
Pike	
Perch	
Deer	Ray Wardrop 519-934-3152
Moose	
Spring Turkey	Outback Tackle
Fall Turkey	

- The 2010 dinner will follow a new format as Carl is unable to be the chef even after considerable arm twisting. The awards dinner and presentations next year will accommodate 70 people and will cost \$15 except for members that regularly attend at least five {5} meetings or are volunteers who will only pay \$5. Ted will have a book that will include members that attend monthly meetings and organizers of activities such as special events, egg collection, egg picking, fish feeding, fin clipping, stream watch, youth activities, property maintenance, tent raising, fish stocking, etc are asked to supply the names of these volunteers.
- Ted has received an electric smoker as a fund raiser prize. Tickets are available for \$2 each. The draw will take place in June.

- We would welcome any items donated as draw prizes to raise funds for BPSA programs.

Old Business:

- Mike Lutman has had continuing contacted with Colin MacDonald re our request for sanctuary extensions at the mouths of the two local creeks. The BPSA received letters from Bill Murdoch and also from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula that support the extensions of these sanctuaries.
- Henry White confirmed that the BPSA will host a hatchery tour and lunch for 28 Gateway Haven residents on June 1, 2009. A similar tour and lunch for about 20 Kelso Village residents will be later in June
- The BPSA is still looking for members to fill the positions of Vice President, and Bulletin Editor.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

New Business:

- Irene Wood from camp Selah, on Berford Lake, would like to have some one with archery skills from BPSA help training these skills to their staff. David Leggett will contact Paul Poirier to see if he or someone in the archery group will help.
- Steven Marklevitz will present the results of his fish study at the June meeting.
- Ducks Unlimited Canada who provided a fleece vest and blanket for our fund-raising raffle would like the BPSA to host a meeting for members, youth groups, or other interested residents of Bruce County who would be interested in the installation and maintenance of wood duck boxes. DUC would provide expertise and a trainer for this meeting. Ed McArthur has agreed to respond to the letter and develop a group and or plan for such a training session. The Ducks Unlimited Canada contact is Michael J. Williams tel. 705-790-3567 e-mail mwilliams@ducks.ca
- Dave Baxter extended congratulations to Stu for his media article included in Ontario Out of Doors magazine. There were some great pictures of some of the 2009 award winners.
- Next week BPSA will pick up, from the Sydenham Sportsmen, salmon for stocking in Colpoy's Bay.
- Dennis Morrison reported that only 15 people, 5 of which were BPSA members, attended the meeting that presented the findings of the Joint Commission on Great lakes water levels. If you are interested in this contact Dennis at libby@bmts.com

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod and Reel	Carl Schroeder
Lures	Jim McKane, Mary Lou Armstrong, George Garton
Sausage	Marlene Burnett
Chile Sauce	Art Elliott
Ice fishing tip ups	Dave Morton, Mel Urbshott
Hats	Ed McArthur, Mel Urbshott

A motion by David Leckie to adjourn was seconded by Stu Paterson and carried ending the May 2009 meeting at 9:05 pm.

International Great Lakes Study with support from the International Joint Commission website: www.iugls.org
Those who want to comment can do so via the e-mail address: comments@iugls.org or via the mailing address of:

Int'l Upper Great Lakes Study
234 Laurier Ave., W., 22nd Floor
Ottawa, ON
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Deadline for comments is July 1 2009

Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association 2009 Spring Derby-Fish fry

24 youngsters aged 14 and under got a treat at the recent Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association Spring Fishing Derby awards and Fish Fry. The kids got free rod and reel kits compliments of the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show. The kits are part of a major push to get more youngsters outdoors away from computer games and tv sets.



Another 40 rod-reel combos from the same source, will be awarded as prizes during the BPSA "Kids Fishing Day" event July 11. Sportsmen's Show Chair Walter Oster and our Wiarton based club are dedicated to recruiting children and teaching them how to fish and appreciate outdoors recreation. The 450 member BPSA is attracting more youngsters to angling as well as showing them the conservation work we do to improve and enhance fish and wild life.

Its obvious that without sponsors and volunteers conservation clubs such as the BPSA could not operate.

We wish to thank not just our volunteers, but all our individual and corporate sponsors who made the 2009 BPSA Spring Fishing Derby a success: - Backwoods Premium Rods Canada, Bill Murdoch, MPP, Caframo Ltd., Canadian National Sportsmen's Show, Ducks Unlimited, Elliott's Garden & Bakery, Fletcher Sports, Full Circle Massage Therapy, Giant Tiger, Gilberts Shoes, Great Cuts Barber Shop, John Craig Memorial, Josie's Fashions, KSAM Tackle Inc. - Horned Booby Lures, Larry Miller, MP, Lucky Strike Bait Works Ltd., Lund Boats Canada Inc., McCormick Canada - Fish Crisp, Ministry of Natural Resources, New Orleans Pizza, Northern Confections, Outback Tackle, Paradise Tans and Day Spa, Pioneer Petroleums, Plano Tackle, Pure Fishing Canada, Red Fish Blue Fish, RT Auto, Sawicki, Joe/Paterson, Stu, SHAMWOW, Silver Fox Lures, Stewart, Gary - Wood Crafts, Sullivans Butcher Shop, Thirty Something, Tigwell Marine & Cycle, Wiarton Golf Club, Wiarton Marina Ltd. and Wiarton Video.

Submitted by Jim McKane, 2009 BPSA Fishing Derby Prize Co-ordinator

Don Barton recently passed away. He was our chairman or president of the handgun club for a number of years. He worked hard to always try to do the right thing, and he was a stickler for detail, any detail. He traded stories and experiences and was quick for laughter. He also liked to argue, and when proven wrong, he he could let it go for now, but it might come up again later. He spent a lot of time at the club, and we believe he enjoyed every minute of it. He had a lot of illness, but he soldiered on and he could joke about it. He was that way the last I talked with him at his home. We had a good talk and some laughs. That is how I will remember Don. He will be sadly missed by all.

by Kelly Lang, Handgun Club President

A message from the president

I don't have much to say this month but I do want to say a big thank you to our team who are looking after the sanctuaries on the two creeks. I had a chance to meet with them and Dave McCleash and Dave Gondor at the two creeks as to what we want to develop for sanctuaries was discussed. I really hope it will proceed further than just talk this time.

For all you turkey hunters I hope you had more success than I did. I had a big tom come out behind me and scare the you know what out of me just before he took off into the bush. I don't know if I spooked him or what but that was as close as I got to getting one. Maybe there will be a Thanksgiving turkey in my future.

I want to remind all of you of the Pork & Beef BBQ coming up July 12th. This is one of our biggest fund-raisers so please come out and help or at least come buy a ticket and eat.

July 11th is the kids day fishing at Don Elliot's on Sky Lake. I haven't been able to attend this event but from what I hear it is a great day especially for the kids. Don't forget those kids are where we will draw our future members from. Teach them to fish and they will love the outdoors.

September 20th sounds like a long way off but that is the Community Living Fish Day. If you have never been to this event it is a hoot. They have so much fun fishing and then with the fish fry after. Sometimes I wonder who has the most fun the Community Living people or the volunteers.

There are still various projects going on in the back ground with MNR and in other areas. I will keep you posted as things develop.

We have a speaker for the next meeting, Steven Marklevitz who will be telling us about the study he did with our fish from the fish derby a couple of years ago. He said there are some interesting things to report regarding our areas of fishing.

See you all, hopefully, at the June meeting on the 25th.

Dave Leggatt
President BPSA

Spring has sprung into summer



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 \$ _____