



# BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

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## FEBRUARY 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, March 26th 2009. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 e-mail or e-mail rkmcc@gbtel.ca

### Special Event Calendar 2009

<b>Spring Fish Derby members &amp; guests</b>	May 8th to noon May 10th
<b>Spring Fish Fry members &amp; guests</b>	May 10th (2:00pm)
<b>Kids Day (Fishing)</b>	July 11 (4:00pm)
<b>Pork &amp; Beef BBQ</b>	July 12 (4:00pm-7:00pm)
<b>Community Living Fish Derby</b>	Sept 20 (2:00pm fishing)

and other activities. Prizes can also supplemented by local sponsors. Dinners average about 200 people, range 65 to 350 people, cost \$50 for single and \$75 for couple. All proceeds from the dinner go to the National Federation. The federation will also help to run local programs and fund raisers and any proceeds from these activities stay with the local chapter. One idea raised by BPSA members was to talk with all the area sportsmen associations to see if we could join together to form a chapter as you really need about 20 to 25 active people to make a Chapter successful. John McGill won the range finder draw prize that Tammi provided.

### BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin February 2008

Guest Speaker Tammi Faulk spokesperson for the National Wild Turkey Federation accompanied by Jim Rance Provincial Director and Jack Palyne VP Canada both from Midland talked to the membership about establishing a Wild Turkey chapter in our area. Their concern is that the federation is spending about \$10,000 a year, from their super fund, in the Owen Sound area through Jody Scheifly of the MNR while the area is not contributing to the fund. The Federation has spent about \$650,000 in Ontario in support of conservation projects and activities to introduce new hunters and enhance hunting opportunities in Ontario. A Chapters principal fund raising event is to host a dinner once a year. The Federation provides the bulk of the prizes and data on how to run the dinner, auction

Monthly BPSA minutes February 2009 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday February 26, 2009 with 34 members present. Club Vice President David Leggatt asked if the January meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion by Jim McKane seconded by Ted Wilford to adopt the minutes of the January meeting was carried.

### Treasury Mel Urbshott

• Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund	\$3198
• Receipts	\$1476
• Expenses	\$3153

### Membership Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2009 is currently 185. Just a reminder that 2009 dues are overdue. The OFAH membership costs are adult \$32, family \$43, youth with magazine \$21.50, youth with no magazine \$13.50.

OFAH membership dues should be submitted prior to the March 1 2009 to obtain the association discount.

### **Committee Reports and Discussions**

**Archery:** Brian Hughes N/R

**Bulletin:** David Leggatt / Kat McCulloch

- E mail files are in good shape. Monthly bulletin submissions must be received by electronic mail by the 10th day of the month to be included in the bulletin. David commented that the complete bulletin is not sent to the recipient but rather a notice that it is now on the BPSA web site.

**Web Site:** Kat McCulloch N/R

**Fish Committee:** Ray Marklevitz

- We currently have 26,000 Rainbows in the hatchery. They will be fin clipped Monday March 2 2009 at 7 pm.
- The 30,000 Brown Trout look great. Ray was called through the MNR by someone who asked a lot of questions related to their environmental assessment regarding stocking of Brown Trout in the Great Lakes.
- Ray received a reply to his inquiry, to the MNR, re the effect of adjacent quarry operations on our water supply for hatchery operations. Essentially the report said that current operations do not affect us and that most of the shortage was the result of drought conditions.
- We need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. Please call Bruce Mallard if you can provide some support.
- Gord Smith Ray Marklevitz and Dennis Morrison will attend a regional hatcheries best practices seminar in Owen Sound on Saturday February 28, 2009.

**Lake Huron Stewardship Council:** Dennis Morrison

- The Lake Huron and Georgian Bay Stewardship Council is being realigned to tie in with the Fisheries Management Zones ( FMZ 's ). The frequency of the meetings will also be reduced from 4 to 6 per year down to only 2. The current council, which is chaired by Dennis, covers FMZ's 13 and 14. The new alignment will require one chairman for Lake Huron and another for Georgian Bay. The next meeting in April will determine who will be the chairs for each area. Our association's major interest is in Georgian Bay and would like to see Dennis be the Chair or Co-chair for this FMZ.

**Handgun Club:** Frank Hutter

- Frank Hutter reported that any one interested is welcome to come out any Monday or Wednesday evening.
- The competition group are still in 1st place in the south west region.

**Youth Programs:** Frank Hutter / Paul Poirer

- Youth shooting and archery programs are in full swing with about 60 and 40 youths respectively participating to date.
- The Family Day open house on February 16, 2009 was a great success as at least 60 visitors toured the hatchery, watched and participated in youth archery activities, and watched a presentation on BPSA community youth activities and conservation programs.

**Native Affairs:** Ray Reidel

- There is currently no commercial fishing activity in the bay, as it is frozen.

**O.F.A.H.:** Stu Paterson. Attended the OFAH Zone H February 2009 meeting. Some of the major subjects covered were:

- MNR are advising that winter deer feeding in our area is not necessary at this time.
- Your next chance for input into the Ontario Moose Program Review is March 26 in Owen Sound, at the Bayshore Community Center, 3rd Avenue East, room 1900 4pm to 9pm
- OFAH is fighting to ensure hunters and anglers have access on forestry roads to publicly owned lands.
- Turkey hunting starts April 27 2009. The Zone is asking the MNR to consider a standardized start date of April 25 except if it falls on a Sunday.
- Bobcat sighting in Hullet Marsh. The MNR is interested if you have any pictures of big cat sightings.
- The Zone would like our club to host the January or March 2010 Zone meeting. Please contact Stu if you would like to be a volunteer to coordinate and host this event.
- The next Zone meeting is Sunday March 8th at the Midland clubhouse of the Georgian Bay Anglers and Hunters.
- OFAH is working with the Canadian Wildlife Services to explore the possibility of a Sandhill crane hunt.
- The Prime Minister, Steven Harper, will be the guest speaker on the Saturday evening at the Toronto Sportsman Show.

**Property:** Carl Berfeltz

- The snow has pulled away much of the eaves trough on the hatchery. It will be repaired or removed in the spring.
- Carl has hired a young lady to clean and wash the floors and bathrooms in the club house.

**Rankin Resource Group:** Larry Isbester/Ted Wilford

- The Rankin River Osprey nest fell down this winter.

**Scheduling:** Carl Berfelz

- The 2009 scheduling to date is on the board.

**Special Events:**

- Jack Seatter and Stu Patersn - Fish derby May 8 until noon May 10, 2009. Entry fee is \$5. Entry forms will be included in the January bulletin one copy is to be kept by the participant and one copy to be handed in to the club or Outback tackle. The weigh scales will be open at the club house 10-12 am and 9-10 pm. The early bird draw will be at the April BPSA meeting.
- Jim and Martha Martell - Derby Fish Fry May 10, 2009 from 2-4 pm. Cost is \$8 per person with children 12 and under free. Members with their last names starting A-L are asked to bring a salad and M-Z a desert. Draw prize tickets will only be sold to people who have entered the Derby or have purchased a Fish Fry dinner.
- Kids fishing day, Don and Ed Elliott- Saturday July 11, 2009 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 what ever anyone else would like to bring to make it a fun afternoon and evening.
- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison - Sunday July 12, 2009 at the club house from 4-7 pm. Additional detail will be provided in latter bulletins.
- 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

- Al has applied for a Community Fisheries grant from the MNR to provide washed stone in Gleason Brook.
- Al discussed the Town of South Bruce Peninsula plans for a proposed, 10 year, Blue Water Park improvement in Wiarton at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million. Details of the proposal are available on the town web site on the Committee of the Whole meeting for February 17, 2009 or contact Al. The general feeling of our association is that the estimated cost of the planned work is grossly under stated and the

proposed building of a new dock and boat launching facility is not necessary.

**Awards:** Ted Wilford

- The 2008 award winners are Junior- Derek Sporbeck, Jacob Mallard Seniors- Carl Schroeder, John McGill, Stu Paterson, Frank Hutter, Mike Lutman, and Ed Elliott. Top ticket sellers are Ted Wilford, Don Elliott, Bruce McNeil, and Carl Berfelz. Your complementary awards dinner tickets are available from Ted at Outback Tackle.
- The awards banquet will be Saturday May 2, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be \$20 and sold by Ted on a first come basis, after satisfying award winners and trophy sponsors. There should be room for about 50 people.

**Old Business:**

- Dave reported that he has had no replies or contact on the subject of the Sutherland Quarry.
- A copy of the peer review report was received for the Everest Quarry, about 30 pages. The proximity to Spring Creek is very significant and will have to be reviewed further prior to any permit approval.
- The Federal Government commitment, through Department of Fisheries and Oceans, to make improvements to the break wall adjacent to the Wiarton Marina was scheduled in February 2009 for the inside of the structure and in June 2009 for the outside. To date nothing has been started and gates block access to the structure.
- The BPSA is still looking for members to fill the positions of Vice President, Bulletin Editor, and Youth shooting coordinator.

**New Business:**

- Dave Leggatt will be the new BPSA President in April 2009.
- The Town of South Bruce Peninsula received a reply from the MNR rejecting their request to have commercial fishermen use drop trap nets rather than gill nets.


**Winners of Draw Prizes**

Ice Fishing Rod and Reel	Dave Leckie, Lorne Mallard
Trilene line	John McGill
CD	Don Elliott, George Mallard
Rod and Reel	George McQuire
Lures	Ray Reidel, Carl Berfelz, Dennis Morrison, Dave Leggatt, Forbes Symon
Sausage	Henry Smith
Turkey Video	Krista Quesnel

## Next Meeting:


The next meeting will be at the club house on March 26, 2009

A motion by Stu Paterson to adjourn was seconded by Al Hunter and carried ending the February 2009 meeting at 10:35 pm

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## The Antlerless Deer Draw Deadline



Starting in 2009, the deadline for applying to the Antlerless Deer Draw will be **June 30**.

This earlier deadline will enhance customer service and ensure timely delivery of deer validation tags to hunters.

**Tips for Hunters:** the telephone application system will allow you to both purchase a deer licence and apply to the antlerless validation tag draw in one phone call. You may use the telephone application system from April 1 to June 30 by calling 1-800-288-1155, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. There are numerous benefits to applying to the draw by telephone including:

- User friendly system
- Limits potential for data entry errors
- Entry into the draw is confirmed
- No postage required

## Friends in Conservation:

This is my first chance to speak in my official position as the new president of the BPSA. I don't officially take over until the end of the March meeting but since our President is away I will do the report this month.

I am looking forward to becoming the new president for the next two years. Having said that I am expecting a lot of help from directors and members. I will be conducting the meetings but will need people to find speakers and to do much of the letter writing. Those sitting on committees for fish, MNR and others have agreed to stay on in those areas. This will make a seamless transition for these areas.

I was excited to see the interest at our last meeting about the National Wildlife Turkey Federation. There were more questions than presentation, all the questions being well answered. As you can see there was some interest of joining with other clubs in our area to possibly form a chapter here. Al Hunter has agreed to follow up with contacting the clubs and finding their response.

Again thank you for the honour of allowing me to serve as your new president.

Yours in Conservation  
David Leggatt



Children from the shooting program. Will continue till April.

# BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION FISH DERBY 2009

For the BPSA members and their guests only

Fri. May 8 – noon Sun., May 10, 2009. Cost \$5.00 per angler

Derby Ticket purchase: **Derby ticket must be purchased day before use**

Derby tickets can be purchased:

- February, March April general meetings
- Outback Tackle Wiarton
- By returning BPSA copy of ticket below with cheque to PO Box 548 Wiarton ON NOH 2T0

## Fish weigh-in scales at hatchery:

- Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm and 9:00pm to 10:00pm
  - Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm and 9:00pm to 10:00pm
  - Sunday 10:00am - 12:00pm
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- Fish must weigh 2 lb. or more and be Salmonid to be entered.
  - Name, fish weight and time entered recorded for hidden weight draw.
  - Anyone wishing to donate their fish for the fish fry can do so at the weigh scale.

**Note:** men's and women's draw tickets for the fish fry will be available at the weigh scale.  
Cost is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

## Prizes:

- Early Bird prize drawn at April BPSA meeting from derby tickets purchased before or during meeting.
- Hidden weight draw prizes (maximum one per person). If there is a tie, then the earliest fish entered wins.
- Prize(s) drawn from derby tickets sold.
- Only derby ticket holders (including Children) eligible for hidden weight prizes.
- Draw ticket (purchased) prizes alternate men and women ( maximum 2 per person)
- Must have purchased derby or meal ticket to be eligible to purchase draw tickets

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**B.P.S.A. Membership Application**  
**Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association**  
**Box 548,**  
**Warton ON, N0H 2T0**  
**www.bpsportsmen.com**  
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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_