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FEBRUARY 2011 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, February 24th 2011. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 or e-mail bpsawiarnton@hotmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

Monthly BPSA minutes January 2011

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday January 27, 2011 with 36 members present. Cub President David Leggatt asked if the November meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the November meeting, by Carl Berfelz seconded by Al Hunter carried.

Guest Speakers – Jerry Kwicinski and Lynette Mader from Ducks Unlimited Canada and John Morton

- Ducks Unlimited representatives had slide shows of their involvement since 1938 in the preservation and development of wetlands and adjacent upland areas across Canada as well as the annual life cycles and requirements to successfully raise waterfowl. They want to start a DUC chapter in Wiarton to raise funds, get local land owners involved in projects on their land, and work to develop habitat throughout the Bruce. DUC currently have 144,000 members in Canada.(contact 1800-665-DUCK or wwwducks.ca).
- Steve Mader, a BPSA member, is the principal organizer in the establishment of the local chapter of DUC. He is looking forward to growing the chapter and will; be holding a fund raising dinner and auction. Steve can be contacted at 519-534-9023 or desi@nvoisp.com.
- John Morton had a slide presentation on the Shallow Lake restoration project. This 1500 acre site could be a major project in the area. John and others have over the last 24 years have taken all the necessary Environmental Impact Studies and legal action to secure the lake area property as a Conservation site. They are now trying to raise money for the repair of the

earthen berms that will hold back water from the karst sink holes that annually drain the lake from 600 to only 50 acres. The repairs would then hold the lake at about 300 acres in July and August. This would restore it as excellent wildlife habitat.

New Members- N/R

Treasury - Mel Urbshott – December January n/r

- Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund \$
- Receipts \$
- Expenses \$

Membership - Larrilee Leckie

Paid membership for 2011 is 89.

- Karen Van Nest will temporarily handle Larrilee's duties.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery - Karen Van Nest- tel. 534-9527

Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com

- The archery group will shoot every Tuesday and Friday 6:30 to 8:30

Bulletin – Gloria Berfelz N/R

Web Site - Kat McCulloch

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.

Fish Committee - Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- BPSA sent 5,000 yearling Rainbow Trout to Barrow Bay

on November 28, 2010.

- We have 25,000 Rainbow in the hatchery that will be fin clipped in February.
- We received 33,000 Brown Trout eggs and 30,000 have hatched.
- Ray has completed the MNR paper work for 200,000 rainbow and 30,000 Brown Trout eggs for 2011.
- We need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery; however these volunteers must be members of the club for insurance and liability protection. Please call Bruce Mallard if you can provide some support.

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

Dennis reported that a combined FMZ 13 and 14 meeting, in Port Severn, was held Saturday November 27, 2010, due to short notice only 13 representative members attended. The MNR presented their last 10 year program of Lake Trout rehabilitation. They plan to make this species the dominant one in Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, by increasing their stocking from 2 to 4 million per year.

- The next meetings for FMZ 14 is March 5, 2011 and for FMZ 13 February 12, 2011.
- The annual Hatchery meeting for clubs in our area is in Kincardine February 19, 2011

Handgun Club- Kelly Lang - Al Hunter

- The regular handgun shoots are every Monday and Wednesday evening at 7pm. Centre fire is Wednesday afternoon at 1pm New members are welcome.
- The competition group is currently in first place for the Western Ontario Handgun League.
- BPSA is hosting a Cowboy Shooting Event Sunday February 20, 2011. Registration starts at 9:30am. Western attire is required for all cowboy/girls. Some requisite guns will be available for participants that would like to try shooting. A \$5.
- Gunnutz meeting will be held at the Owen Sound Revolver Club Saturday February 5, 2011 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Sydenham Swap Meeting is at the Sydenham club on Sunday February 13, 2011 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Youth Programs - Rob and Krista Quesnel / Paul Poirier

- Special youth shooting program started January 16, 2011 and will run every other week on Sundays at 1:00 pm. If any member has a special outdoor or other skill or interest (fishing, hunting, trapping, survival skills, map reading, birding, wood carving, knife building, etc.) they would like to share with our youth group, please

contact Rob or Krista Quesnel.

- Paul is unable to run the Sunday Youth Archery program this year. Unless some other member in the club would like to volunteer to coordinate the program the only archery available will be Tuesday and Friday evenings at 6:30 pm. *(Since January meeting took place Youth Archery is now back on, see page 3)*

Native Affairs - Ray Reidel -N/R

O.F.A.H. - Stu Paterson

- Stu plans to attend the OFAH annual general meeting, in the GTA, March 17-19, 2011. Stu will solicit prizes for the fishing derby and kids fishing day as well as represent the club in any discussions. As in past years the BPSA will cover his expenses.

Property - Carl Berfelz

- Snow removal has been great and the piles are building up.

Rankin Resource Group - Larry Isbester n/r

- Scheduling: Carl Berfelz
- All scheduling to date is on the board.

Special Events: Initial scheduling and data for 2011 special events:

- Family Day Holiday- Don Elliott February 21, 2011 12 noon to 2:30pm. Open house for the hatchery, range and clubhouse in support of the TSBP. BPSA would like to demonstrate to the Youth of the community the wonderful world of outdoor recreation and the benefit of preserving and protecting fish, wildlife, and conservation of the environment. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.
- Fish Derby - Jack Seatter-May 6-8, 2011. Entry fee to the Derby is \$5. Entry forms will be in the February bulletin or at the regular BPSA monthly meetings. The early bird draw will be at the April meeting.
- Fish Fry -Martha and Jim Martell?- May 8, 2011 2:00-4:00pm.. Cost of dinner is \$8. for adults, \$5 for children and under 12 free. Dennis will contact Purdy's to buy 80 lb. of pickerel (half for this event and the balance for the Community Living Fish day}. BPSA members A-L are requested to bring a dessert, and M-Z a salad.
- Kids Fishing Day-Elliott's cottage- Saturday July 9,2011 4-6pm. for fishing followed by hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream that will be provided, attendees can bring any other supplemental food, beverages or goodies they would like. Location is on the backside of Sky Lake, turn off Huron Rd. at #342, at Red Bay.

- Beef and Pork BBQ-Dennis Morrison and Murray Garniss?- Sunday July 17, 2011 from 4-6:30pm. This is a fund raiser and open to the community. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, and children under 5 free.
- Community Living Fishing on the Pond –Ray Marklevitz and Gord Smith?- Sunday mid September , 2011. Fishing 2-4pm. and dinner at 4pm.
- Fish Fry and Potluck Diner – BPSA members and Families Saturday mid November, 2011 at 6:00pm. The club will provide the fish, fries, tea and coffee while members will bring whatever other dish and beverage they want, as well as their own plates and cutlery, to be environmentally friendly.

Wildlife - Al Hunter

- Al requested member input at the November meeting on the status and success from their deer hunt. He received very little input but through his personal experience and contacts with other hunters, he was able to send a status report on January 11, 2011 to Jody Scheifley at the MNR. Al summarized deer, coyote, and bear trends, concerns, health and hunting success in Areas 82A, 83A and 84. Kathy Dodge and Jody contacted Al and thanked him for the input.
- Members are encouraged to keep an eye on the deer herds in their wintering areas and report any signs that the deer are stressed or starving due to this years heavy snow.

Awards:

- Remember - to make the program successful all members are requested to record their harvests on the application forms in the hatchery after weighing fish and turkeys or scoring heads or racks.
- We still have been unable to locate any of the 2010 completed forms on turkey harvest or early fish entries. We would like to know if someone knows where they are; if they cannot be located, I would encourage successful hunters or anglers to contact Don Elliott or complete another form if they have a record of the weight. Mike made up more blank forms that are available in the hatchery. The only recent trophy contest records on file are from Bill Nafziger (moose), Jacob Mallard (Pickerel and Pike), and Rachel and David Mallard (whitetail).
 - Awards Banquet will be a potluck dinner on Saturday April 16, 2011.

OFAH dues

Family : \$44.50
 Youth (under 21) with magazine : \$30.00
 Youth without magazine: \$6.00

Old Business :

- Mike Lutman sent a letter January 11, 2011 to various Government personnel regarding the status of a BPSA request to extended sanctuaries in Colpoys Bay to protect spawning Rainbow. A four page response from David McLeish said that for a whole bunch of reasons the MNR will not accept our request. No further action will be taken at this time until there is another FMZ meeting or there is a change in the Provincial Government this fall.

New Business:

Winners of Draw Prizes

DUC -Door Knocker	Al Hunter
Pepper Mill	David Leggatt
Glass cooler	Ed McArthur, Al Hunter
Rod and Reel	John McGill
Fish Crisp	George Mallard. Gord Smith, Bruce Mallard, John McGill
Pickerel	Rob Quesnel, Ken Barrett, Brian Taylor
Jam	David Leggatt
Hat	Jack Wilmont

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn carried, ending the January 2011 meeting at 10:30 pm.

Junior Archery Program

Thanks to Janet & Steve, Don, Ken, Karen and Phil, the Junior Archery Program will be resuming on Sunday March 6, 1:00-3:00pm.

Any interested juniors, or any adults wishing to enroll their children or assist with the program, please contact one of the following:

Janet Moore-Weatherhead: 519-534-4956

Karen Van Nest: 519-534-9527

Tim Lahey: 519-371-1683

Note that participants must be Junior members of BPSA for insurance purposes.

Please note that there will be NO junior archery on Sunday Feb 20, as this date was previously rescheduled for a Cowboy Action Shoot at the club. But come out to watch that if you would like to see a really fun shooting sport!

Also, the Archery group will be at Family Day (Monday February 21 12:00-2:30pm), to demonstrate archery and offer an opportunity for anyone interested to try it out!

Tim Lahey, V.P.

Vice President's Message – Tim Lahey

President Dave suggested that I introduce myself through the Newsletter to those of you who have not yet met or seen me at meetings, or elsewhere.

I live in Owen Sound, with my partner Irene Enns. I am semi-retired, having worked as a self-employed computer consultant, systems analyst and programmer since 1974.

My interests/hobbies include astronomy (and science in general – I started out to be a Physicist), various shooting sports (especially black powder), old motorcycles and firearms, home renovations, gardening (I move rocks and trees for Irene), music, archery, etc.

I have previously served on the board or executive of some other clubs in the area, most recently the Owen Sound Revolver Club, of which I am still a member, and I am also a member of Sydenham Sportsmen's Association.

One of the things that most impresses me about BPSA is the open and democratic manner in which the club conducts its meetings, and the friendly and supportive atmosphere of the membership.

I look forward to helping out in whatever ways I can.



Kids shooting program ever other Sunday. Bring our kids out for a safe instructional shooting program.



President's Message for February:

At this time there isn't much to report on for BPSA. The gun club is functioning and our shooting team is doing well. Last I heard they were in top place.

The fish in the hatchery are doing well and Ray will be doing a fin clipping Wednesday Feb. 16th. I sent an email out on this. All are welcome to help out.

The youth shooting is going well although the rifle shoot is down in numbers this year but the kids (and leaders) are having fun. There is also a women's shoot on the same evening of the kids rifle shoots. The youth archery was slow in getting going this year due to lack of leaders but it will start up March 6th at 1:00. Thanks to those who took the bull by the horns and got this going again.

There will be a Family Day outing at the club house on February 21st from 12:00 until 3:00. Hot dogs, Tim bits, pop and displays for those who come out. There will be tours of the hatchery and an archery demonstration. A big thank you to Don Elliott in organizing this. Anyone who wants to come and help is most welcome. If you have things to display that would be of interest please bring them along and we will set up a table for you.

The next event for the BPSA will be the Mother's Day fish tournament. Things are under way for this and it looks like it will be another fun outing. Hopefully the weather cooperates this year for those who want to go out fishing.

Unfortunately Stu Patterson will not be able to attend the Annual OFAH meeting in Mississauga this year so we are looking for a representative from the association to attend. You need to be a current member of the OFAH to vote at the meeting. We will pay travel and mileage for the event. This also includes a free pass to the Sportsmen's Show on the Saturday. If you are interested please contact me ASAP. So we can get you registered and make sure you have accommodations. This all takes place March 16-19th. The Wednesday evening is a get together and I think a dinner. The meetings start on the Thursday. You can reach me at 519-534-5915 or leggattd@sympatico.ca.

There is an article in this bulletin from Tim Lahey our VP who will be taking over as president from me very shortly. Many of you have met Tim but the article should give you a better chance to get to know him.

When Tim takes over we will then be looking for a new VP. Hopefully it doesn't take a year and a half to get one like it did last time.

A reminder to all you who are ice fishing to be safe on the ice. If you catch anything worth while make sure you enter it in the Awards Draw. Forms are in the hatchery when you need them.

Dave Leggatt BPSA President

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B.P.S.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31st. Payment is requested by December 31st.
Membership applications with payment

- are accepted at the monthly B.P.S.A. meetings.
- can be mailed to the address above. **Do not Mail Cash.**
- can be dropped off at 'Great Cuts' (downtown) or 'Mother's Fabrics' (north hill)

Please accept my application for membership in the BPSA as (check one)

Adult-40.00 **Family-45.00**

Youth (21 or younger) **-10.00** **Date of Birth** _____

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 _____

****Please print mailing address (including fire number and RR# when applicable)**

Name _____ Partner's Name _____

Address (include fire number) _____ P.O. Box ____ RR# ____

City _____ Province ____ Postal Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____ Summer or Cell # _____

What are your outdoor interests? Fishing Trap Shooting Hunting
Archery Camping Target Shooting Canoeing Other _____

Questions regarding membership and membership cards may be directed to Larrilee Leckie
(lleckie@live.ca) (519-534-0377)

For Reference: Date application received _____

cash cheque money order amount rec'd \$ _____

adult family youth

new membership renewal O.F.A.H. (rec'd _____)

wallet card given mailed spreadsheet data entered on _____