



BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

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NOVEMBER 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, November 24th 2011. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors Tim Lahey 519-270-6672 or e-mail bpsawiarnton@hotmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

Monthly BPSA minutes October 2011

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday October 27, 2011 with 24 members present. Past President Dennis Morrison asked if the September meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the September meeting, by Al Hunter seconded by Ron Snelling carried.

Guest Speakers – MNR Conservation Officer Hart Hill @ 519-376-8433, E-mail. hill@ontario.ca provided an overview of his 11 year history with the ministry and answered several questions from the floor. Dustin Veenhof a Fish and Wildlife Technician with the MNR @ 519-371-6843, E-mail dustin.veenhof@ontario.ca also gave his MNR background & history. He has worked with Al Hunter in the past on Gleason Brook studies. In the spring of 2012, Dustin will be doing a Pickerel spawning study in the Boat lake area. He needs about 6 volunteers to help with the study and had a sign up sheet at the meeting. If you were not at the meeting and would like to participate please call Dustin or sign up.

New Members - Richard Gawel
Barrie Youngblut

Correspondence – Nothing to report (n/r)

Treasury - Mel Urbshott – October n/r

- Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund \$ 3476
- Receipts \$ n/r
- Expenses \$ n/r

Membership - Larrilee Leckie

- Paid membership for 2012 is six. OFAH dues probably will not be available until early 2012. Forbes Symon has agreed to help Larrilee when she is away in January through March 2012. To help simplify the record keeping it would be appreciated if every one would pay their 2012 BPSA dues before the middle of December 2011. The OFAH dues could be paid later when the price is established.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery - Karen Van Nest @. 534-9527

Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com

- Normal shoot nights return for November and Juniors are most welcome

Bulletin – Phil Henderson n/r

Web Site - Kat McCulloch n/r

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

Fish Committee-Hatchery - Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- Bruce Mallard urgently needs volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. If you can help, please call him at 519 534-1274!!!!!!
- The water flow in the hatchery is excellent at about 40 Gallons /minute

- There are currently 45,000 rainbows in the hatchery that were recently sized and separated between the two tanks. We will retain 30,000 and raise them to a full year class, 5,000 will be sent to Barrow Bay and another 10,000 will be stocked in Colpoy's Bay in mid November.

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

- FMZ 13 Lake Huron meeting originally scheduled for October 15 was deferred as the MNR want to put forth their Lake Trout Plan with is still not completed. Dennis is considering calling a separate volunteer only meeting to discuss the committee member's ideas and concerns.
- FMZ 14 meeting has also been delayed, and there has not been a meeting since January 2011.

Handgun Club- Kelly Lang /Al Hunter

- Handgun shooting is Monday and Wednesday evenings as well as center fire handguns on Wednesday afternoons.
- Several new members including more women have joined the club.
- The first competition shoot will be Sunday November 6 in Owen Sound. On November 3 at 7pm the BPSA handgun club will have a rating session to determine the classification of shooters.

Youth Programs - Rob and Krista Quesnel / Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson –n/r

- Programs will restart in January 2012

Native Affairs - Ray Reidel –n/r

O.F.A.H. - Stu Paterson / James McKane

- James McKane has agreed to help Stu on this committee.
- The new Provincial Minister of Natural Resources is Michael Gravelle, representing Thunder Bay-Superior North and with him Forestry will return to the MNR
- There has been a major diving duck die off in southern Nottawasaga Bay, especially Wasaga beach. The MNR and OFAH have been involved and are helping with the clean up. Individual property owners are however responsible for clean up of their shoreline property. This type of die off has occurred in the past in the lower Great Lakes and is probably the result of a Type E Botulism outbreak. You can still harvest fish and waterfowl from Ontario Lakes and local health units advise that proper cooking and handling of food eliminates the botulism toxin. Dispose of any dead fish or birds in a safe manner and do not let your pets eat washed up raw meat of

any dead fish or birds as they may be susceptible to the botulism. A dead sturgeon, duck and cormorant were found on the shore near the mouth of Gleason Brook. Stu reported this to the MNR's Dave Gonder and he will investigate.

- Bill C-19 to amend the Criminal Code and Firearms Act has been introduced. It will when passed eliminate the long gun registry. Anti-gun, opposition parties and the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs are claiming that the abolishment of the registry will rob police of a valuable tool to keep track of guns in Canada. OFAH director Mike Reader said "nothing could be further from the truth" as the President of the Canadian Police Association noted that police have sources of information and data that enables them to keep track of what they consider to be firearms threats.

Property - Carl Berfelz –

- The rotted wooden posts, around the pond have been replaced with steel ones.

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester

- The group recently had a general housekeeping meeting
- Deb Diebel continues as the Chairperson and is doing a great job.
- The Junior Rangers are installing "You are Here" signs along the watershed.
- The BPSA have been asked to adopt the Isaac Lake road as a volunteer clean up project. Several members agreed to help and Larry will organize the activity next spring.

Scheduling - Carl Berfelz n/r

- All scheduling to date is on the board.

Special Events - All the 2011 special events are complete. The BPSA appreciates and would like to thank every one that contributed to their huge success.

- Family Day Holiday- February 21, 2011
- Fish Derby – May 6-8, 2011,
- Fish Fry – May 8, 2011,
- Kids Fishing Day- July 9, 2011,
- Beef and Pork BBQ- July 17, 2011,
- Community Living Family Fishing on the Pond – September 18, 2011 2-7pm. Ray Marklevitz reported that the event was a real success. The club purchased and released 111 trout weighing 2 to 2 & 1/2 pounds at a special reduced cost of \$120. The anglers caught 25 fish with 4 being in the range of 5 to 6 pounds. The fish were filleted and sent home with the anglers. We used 55 pounds of Pickerel fillets purchased from Purdy's (cost \$400).

There was a general discussion as to whether there should be a minimum dinner fee to cover basic expenses. Most members thought that the event was a great public relations activity and well worth the cost and suggested that no specific dinner price should be identified. Other alternatives suggested were a voluntary donation box, and Richard Gawel said he would approach his Union to see if they would make a donation of \$1,000 to cover this cost and some of the other youth food and beverage costs.

- Potluck Diner – BPSA members and Families Saturday November 19 2011. Social time from 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. The club will provide the 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.
- Fund-Raiser-Nature Quilt made by Mother's Fabrics. Ruthann Snelling has tickets for this quilt at a cost of \$5@. Tickets will be available at club meetings. In addition to the quilt, a second and third prize of downrigger rods has been included in the draw that will take place in November.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- The Provincial Government has provided most of the funding and has already set up the fish monitoring equipment at Denny's Dam. We will advise when the online web location is known. In addition another portable system might be purchased that can be moved to various other locations.
- Salmon are currently running in many of the local area streams.
- The MNR will be capturing Wild Turkeys in Northern Bruce, in January 2012, for relocation. BPSA will be asked for volunteers for this activity.

Awards - Don Elliott

- Awards entries can be submitted in the following categories: Deer, Moose, Wild Turkey, Perch, Speckled Trout, Brown Trout, Large Mouth Bass, Pike, Chinook Salmon, Lake Trout-Back Cross, White Fish, Rainbow Trout, and Small Mouth Bass.
- In an effort to improve participation for 2011, a copy of the entry form was included in the May bulletin as well as permanently on the web site. Preferably, the weigh scales in the hatchery should be used, however if you are unable to access the hatchery, please weigh your catch with your own scales, complete the form and mail it to BPSA at PO Box 548 Wiarton, Ontario NOH 2T0
- All 2011 entries should be submitted by January or early February 2012 at the latest.

Old Business -

- Volunteers for the positions of Vice President, Fish Fry, Property and Wildlife are required, anyone who would like to volunteer for any of these positions or know someone who would be a good candidate are asked to contact Mike Lutman or Tim Lahey
- No response to our letter regarding the Hepburn property has been received.

New Business:

- The aerial photograph of the BPSA site was not purchased.
- A Mayor's Conservation Dinner will be held on Wednesday November 16 in Owen Sound for 6 or 7 of the surrounding communities. The price is \$100. Please contact John Lumes if you are interested.
- Dennis contacted Dave McLeish to follow up on the Privacy Commissioners successful court ordered release of the old Commercial Fishing Agreement. He has not received a reply.
- Tim sent a picture of large Rattlesnake on the deck of a friend's home in Arizona where he and his wife are vacationing. It was curled up outside an open sliding door and they almost stepped on it.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod and Reel	John McGill
Duck Call	Ray Marklevitz
Hats	Roger Armstrong, Al Hunter, Lorne Fletcher
Moose Call	Brian Taylor
Jam	Lorne Fletcher
Lures	Ed McArthur 2, Don Elliott 2, Brian Taylor 2, Richard Gawel, Roger Armstrong, Murray Garniss
Fish Crisp	John McGill, Bill Nafziger 2, Richard Gawel, Gord Smith, Don Elliott
T shirt	Ron Snelling
Hooks	Dennis Morrison, George McGuire
Squash	Dennis Morrison
Fishing Videos	Ed McArthur, George Berfelz 2
Cut Bait	Ken Barrett, Ed McArthur, Barrie Youngblut
Drink can	Ray Marklevitz
Knife sharpener	Murray Garniss
Bag	Barrie Youngblut

A motion by George McGuire to adjourn carried, ending the October 2011 meeting at 9:20pm.

President's Message – November 2011

We just returned from Arizona, so this will be brief.

Thanks to Dennis for chairing the October meeting in my absence.

And thanks to Forbes Symon for volunteering to assist Larrilee with the Membership duties while she is away during the Winter months, and Jim McKane for assisting Stu Patterson with the OFAH liason.

Please note that a past member, John Watson, passed away recently. His obituary was in the recent Wiarnton Echo, and is available on their website.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the annual Pot Luck dinner on Saturday November 19. Be sure to get your tickets for the Quilt and downrigger draw that will take place!

Tim Lahey

Youth Shooting program starts on January 15th 2012.



Come out and enjoy safe, educational and fun sport. Safety training starts at 1:00pm. Everyother Sunday till April. Contact Robert and Krista Quesnel at 371-5678 or show up on Sunday Jan 15th.

Youth Archery program starts on January 22nd 2012.



Come out and enjoy a great sport. Starts at 1:00pm. Everyother Sunday till April. Contact Karen Van Nest at 519-534-9527. Karen is an active Canadian Para-Archery Team Member and Phil has the required instructor certifications for archery.

Attention all Handgun Members

Fall meeting November 30th at 6:30 pm. Come out and find out any changes for next coming year. If you want, you can pay your 2012 membership fees that night. Memberships must be paid by end of the year.

More great Community Living Fishing on the Pond photos.



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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 _____