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OCTOBER 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, October 27th 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

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin September 2011

Monthly BPSA minutes September 2011 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday September 29, 2011 with 28 members present. Club President Tim Lahey asked if the June meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the June meeting, by Al Hunter seconded by Phil Henderson carried.

Guest Speakers - N/A

Correspondence -

- Tim received an inquiry from Kari Gunson a Road Ecologist with MOT. She is doing a study on where and how effective the Turtle Crossing signs are.
- Tim Ainsley sent about 150 photos taken at the Community Living Day. These as well as others have been forwarded to Kat for inclusion in the newsletter and the web.
- Hart Hill an MNR Conservation Officer out of Owen Sound will probably be the Guest Speaker in October.
- Invoices for \$68.79 related to web hosting and domain has been paid by Kat. Mel will reimburse her.
- Ruthann Snelling sent a card of appreciation and a cheque for \$200 for the BPSA support in manning gates at the Fall Fair.

New Members- N/A

Treasury - Mel Urbshott - July - September

- Roy Hamilton Deer Feeding Fund \$ 3476
- Receipts \$ 6866
- Expenses \$ 7099

July BBQ profits \$2320.

Membership - Larrilee Leckie n/r

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Karen Van Nest-

tel. 5349527 Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com

- There will be no planned archery in October, however if you would like to shoot call Karen or Phil 519.534.9527. Indoor archery starts in November, Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm.
- Karen thanked the Sept. 18 work party including Dave Jessop, Tim Lahey, Carl Nuttall, Stan Schade, and the Kreig family, who moved and repaired the outside and inside butts.

Bulletin - Gloria Berfelz

- Phil Henderson has volunteered to handle the printing of the newsletter and delivery to Community Living.
- Tim has an email list and will handle the electronic distribution.

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

- Volunteers stocked 50,000 Rainbow to Gleeson Brook at the falls in Oxenden
- John McGill and Dennis Morrison thanked the volunteers who set up and took down the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular tent and helped in the food and beverage areas.

- The faulty water shut off valve at the exit of the smallest tank was replaced by Carl, George, Gord and Don
- Bruce Mallard needs volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. If you can help, please call him at 519 534-1274.

Fish Management Zones-13 Lake Huron-14 Georgian Bay

Stewardship Councils: Dennis Morrison

- Dennis advised that the FMZ zone 14 scheduled meeting has been canceled as the Lake Trout stocking program has yet to be finalized. The last meeting was back in February.
- The MNR had originally agreed to a practice of providing voluntary hatcheries with a quota of stocked Rainbow and Salmon rather than reducing the number of eggs that can be collected. The loss on eggs collected can be occasionally significant, while the losses on fingerlings is normally relatively low. The hatcheries could cull the small fish to get to the approved stocking levels. Dennis has now received communications that will reduce the number of Salmon eggs to 110,000 that volunteer hatcheries in Ontario can collect. It would appear that the MNR plan is to squeeze out the Salmon and Rainbow programs and push their Lake Trout agenda.
- Many Michigan State hatcheries have been shutdown due to cut backs on Federal funding. The only exception is on two rivers where Native treaty rights will not permit the cancellation of stocking programs.

Handgun Club- Kelly Lang

- The Handgun Club Family Day was enjoyed by the limited number of participants. Next year earlier and better advertising of the event should improve the participation.
- The provincial government conducted a range and premise review of the BPSA facility. They initially wanted a third party monitoring of the facility. This would be very expensive and impossible without communication lines. We may be able to satisfy their improved security demands by installing a better alarm system and camera monitoring of the facility. They also wanted to have the youth target rifles registered to an individual and not stored in the invulnerable safe as well as eliminating on site storage of ammunition. The latter two conditions are impractical and this was explained to the bureaucrats.

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

1. The deadline for entries for the zone H OFAH annual awards is midnight October 15. Your president and I have been trying to set aside time to work on our nominations on your behalf. Jason Foregrave of the Barrie Hunters and Anglers is in charge of these awards which can lead to an award at the provincial OFAH level.
2. Annual meeting Zone H OFAH Saturday November 18 & 19, 2011 at Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers in Midland.
Our zone now has nearly 11,000 members and has the most members of all zones
3. At the latest OFAH meeting there was a lot of talk about the new fish way at the Maple Hill Dam on the Saugeen River. It is near Walkerton. This dam had a fish way built in 1986 that wasn't working. The new fish way has had a major impact enhancing natural spawning and natural reproduction of fish in the Saugeen. OFAH was one of a dozen partners that raised more than \$30,000 to pay for this fish way. Our zone H donated \$5,000 towards this project.

The OFAH Fisheries Chair reports this fish way has had a "magnificent effect on the fishery" helping salmon, rainbow and brown trout to reach colder water upstream from Walkerton, where they can thrive.

The Saugeen has become even more important to BPSA as it has become the source of the spawn and eggs we use in our hatchery. The Lake Huron Fishing Club and the Ontario Steelheaders now BPSA partners in our fish stocking, were major players in completing this successful fish way project. They have gone out of their way to help us out.

4. There are concerns the Ontario Government is pulling away from the current Ontario Stewardship model and that is seen as causing serious problems for clubs like ours. Ask Al and Dennis and Ray and they will tell you the stewardship program has been fabulous for volunteer conservation clubs helping us get all kinds of projects done. So talk to the politicians...send letters explaining how valuable this program is. One quote was "they are pulling away from a fabulous program."
5. From Paul Mullin a safety trainer in zone H "if the federal long gun registry ends...the province may require you to register your long guns". He advises as soon as the Harper folks scrap the federal registry, tell the feds you want all copies of paperwork dealing with your guns returned to you. Mullin says "this is your right as a Canadian citizen"...He also says "if

you have hand guns don't let your permit lapse as the guns will be seized by the cops.

6. There was a discussion about the MNR plan to double lake trout stocking to 4 million and cutting salmon stocking. Dennis Wiseman president of the Sydenham Sportsmen told me at the Salmon Spectacular if our 3 clubs... BPSA and the Lake Huron Club want to get together a protest letter on this "someone will have to spearhead it". Al Wilkins told me his club the Lake Huron Fishing Club is totally against the MNR laker plan. The MNR and Mr. McLeash the ministry Great Lakes Manager seem to be ignoring anything anyone has said against the MNR laker plan. And the MNR now says any volunteer club that wants to get into fish stocking must undergo an environmental assessment hearing, which is not an inexpensive process. The Bluewater Anglers have expressed major concerns about the MNR stocking 4 million lake trout. This club feels this plan will defeat its stocking program of Chinook, browns and rainbow trout. Also OFAH reps from Sudbury and Manitoulin are expressing great displeasure about the MNR lake trout plan.
7. There's a new walleye tracking study under way in Lakes Huron and Erie. Each fish in the study has two external tags and one internal transmitter. If you catch one of these fish you will get a \$100 reward if you return the transmitter with information on the size, location and time of your catch. Note don't freeze the transmitter!
8. And a provincial committee committed to enhancing fisheries in the Great Lakes is congratulating the McGuinty government. Why? Well the government has decided to defer development of offshore wind turbines until the issue is studied to determine how turbines affect fish and the fishery. The group is called the Committee of Canadian Advisors to the Great Lakes Fishery. It has one OFAH rep and reps from commercial, recreational and public fishery interests. The committee is nominated by the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and appointed by the Federal Minister of Fisheries. One of the things the committee has been demanding is environmental assessment hearings for each proposed windmill project.

Property: Carl Berfelz –

- Carl is looking for the loan of a 3 inch post driver so we can replace some rotted wooden posts, around the pond, with steel ones.
- Please tell Carl if you want to borrow any club tables or chairs. It would appear that a few are missing. Please return them if you forgot to.

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester- n/r

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 12 noon to 2:30pm.
- Fish Derby – May 6-8, 2011.
- Fish Fry – May 8, 2011 2:00-4:00pm.
- Kids Fishing Day- July 9, 2011 4-9pm.
- Beef and Pork BBQ- July 17, 2011 from 4-6:30pm.
- Community Living Fishing on the Pond – September 18, 2011 2-7pm.
- Potluck Diner – BPSA members and Families Saturday mid November 2011 at 6:00pm. 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 down rigger rods has been included in the draw that will take place in November.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- Al and David Leggatt attended the August 18 invitational review of the opening of the new MNR research vessel Explorer One, price tag of \$5 million, which is docked in Owen Sound harbour. It is a 65 foot vessel with all the latest electronic equipment, continuous 24 hour operating capacity and housing for the 8 man crew, as well as the best available trawling equipment.
- Grant McAlpine of the Lake Huron Club thanked Al for the invite to our BBQ. They were impressed with our facility, and will keep us informed about the possibility of fish monitoring equipment at Denny's Dam

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 obtain access to the hatchery please weigh your catch with your own scales, complete the form and mail it to BPSA at PO Box 548 Warton, Ontario NOH 2T0.

Squash
Fishing Videos

Dennis Morrison
Phil Henderson, Bob Sarver,
George Garton 2, Ian McGregor

A motion by Carl Berfelz to adjourn carried, ending the September 2011 meeting at 9:30pm.

Old Business:

- Volunteers for the positions of Vice President, Membership, OFAH, Fish Fry, and Wild Life are required, anyone who would like to volunteer for any of these functions or know someone who would be a good candidate are asked to contact Mike Lutman or Tim Lahey
- We need someone who would be interested in coordinating the ordering of BPSA logo clothing, that Ted previously handled. One possibility as a source is through Ram Trophies. If any one has other sources, we would appreciate your input.
- The executive meeting of August 3 to review the possible purchase of some of the adjacent Hepburn property, about 3 acres, culminated in the decision that the cost of \$43,000 plus other closing costs was beyond our current ability to complete the purchase. A note was sent to the Hepburn’s communicating our appreciation of their consideration for the BPSA to acquire the property and if the price was significantly reduced, we would still be interested.
- The old expired Commercial Fishing Agreement has still not been released and probably won’t be until after the new one is signed.

New Business:

- A Motion by Kelly Lang seconded by Mel Urbshott to continue the reciprocal arrangement with the North Grey Bruce Club to periodically use each others outdoor and indoor ranges carried.
- The Sutherland quarry expansion has been approved by the Niagara Escarpment Commission and Grey County with few exceptions to the original proposal.
- Mel Urbshott will order the 2012 club pins from Ram Trophies. They will show the BPSA logo and the year
- Tim will not be here for the October meeting.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod and Reel	George Berfelz
Hat	Ed McArthur
Hat Rack	Don Robb
Jam	Don Robb 2
Lures	Martha Martell, Phil Henderson, Al Hunter 2, Mel Urbshott 2
Fish Crisp	Dave Morton, Al Hunter, Ian McGregor, Art Elliott, John McGill
T shirt	Dennis Morrison
Hooks	Stu Paterson, Dennis Morrison, Don Robb



HURON EXPLORER I

On August 16, 2011, Dave Leggatt and Al Hunter represented the BPSA at the christening of the “Huron Explorer I” in Owen Sound. Many dignitaries from the MNR, Owen Sound and Michigan were present for the occasion. The Huron Explorer I is the new MNR Lake Huron/Georgian Bay fisheries assessment vessel and her home port will be Owen Sound.

The Huron Explorer I is 20 metres in length with an approx. 7 metre beam. She is equipped for trawling and gill netting and has state of the art electronics. She is powered by a CAT diesel and has a bow thruster and a CAT powered diesel generator.

The Huron Explorer I is the sister ship to the Ontario Explorer which was commissioned some time ago and is berthed at Glenora on Lake Ontario. Data gathered by these vessels will be shared with our U.S. partners. These vessels were built at a total combined cost of five million dollars by Hike Metal Products of Wheatley, ON.

President's Message – October 2011

Every event that this club puts on not only makes me proud to be a member, but also that you asked me to serve as your President!!

The Beef & Pork BBQ on Sunday July 17 was a huge success! There were approximately 325 paying customers, and we turned away a few latecomers after running out of some food items. The weather was great, and everyone had a wonderful time. Congratulations to the team that organized and ran this event.

Then on September 18 the Community Living Fishing-on-the-Pond event saw well over 100 Community Living clients, family and caregivers enjoy a perfect day of fishing, followed by a delicious meal served up by BPSA volunteers. There was much hooting and hollering and cheering and jumping with joy, as gigantic rainbow trout were wrestled from the pond by excited anglers! The organizers of this event, and the entire club, can be justly proud of what was accomplished that day.

The Handgun Family Day on Saturday September 24 was not as well attended as we hoped, but those who came out certainly had a good time. Thanks to Karen and Phil for once again pitching in to offer archery as an extra activity. The event is open to all club members and friends, so be sure to mark it on your calendars next year and come out for another friendly club activity.

We are still looking for people to serve as Vice President, or as Chairs of the committees for Membership, the Fish Fry, OFAH, Wildlife, and Property. Thanks to Phil Henderson for taking on the job of Newsletter Printing and Mailing!

The situation with the Membership position will soon be critical, with Larrilee being away during the especially busy time in the New Year (January through March). Of the several unoccupied positions, this is the most important for the ongoing operation of the club. Surely someone in the club has the basic skills and some free time to take on this essential job, to ensure that membership renewals and new applications are processed, dues collected, and OFAH and Insurance fees paid. Larrilee and I will provide whatever assistance is required to make the task easier.

A big "Thank You!" to Kat McCulloch for the excellent job she does compiling, editing and producing the Bulletin! It is always accurate, comprehensive and colourful, and I am confident that members are kept well-informed of what the club has accomplished and what it is planning.

I will not be able to attend the October 27 meeting. Dennis Morrison has kindly volunteered to chair the meeting. Please don't give him a hard time!

I have confirmed that Hart Hill, Conservation Officer, and Dustin Veenhof of the MNR will be guest speakers at the October meeting. They will give an informal presentation on who they are, what their jobs entail, and discuss with you how they and BPSA can work together on important projects.

Tim Lahey

Sky Lake near Warton

Bobbers were bobbing, fish were biting, and everyone was cheering at the annual Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association "Kids Fishing Day" event. The club's philosophy is "get em hooked early" so we were thrilled at the large turnout at Elliott's cottages on Sky Lake. There were hefty bass caught, some over 4 pounds, as well as cute perch. But it isn't all about catching fish. What really matters is getting the young folks outdoors, away from TV, video games and texting.

BPSA president Tim Lahey says "We just want to teach kids about fishing and encourage them to get outdoors. Nothing makes you happier than seeing youngsters catch their first fish and get hooked on the sport for life." Says Lahey "Toddlers to teens are the future of the conservation movement". It's a thought echoed by a major sponsor of our Grey-Bruce club. Walter Oster, chair of the Toronto Sportsmen's Show says when we get kids involved and enthusiastic, there's a good chance they will realize they must carry on the conservation work of volunteer community groups like the Bruce Peninsula club. Oster says "today's young people are the future guardians of our fish and wildlife." The Toronto Sportsmen's Show donated a large number of rods and reel kits which were used as prizes at the BPSA derby. Other sponsors included Elliott's Garden north of Warton.

The Sky Lake tournament coincided with the province's Family Fishing Week which allowed license free fishing across Ontario from July 2 to July 10. Don and Sandy Elliott and other members of the Elliott clan along with BPSA members, helped make our "Kids Fishing Day" and the barbecue that followed a very special event.



Handgun Family Day on September 24th



Community Living Fishing on the Pond on Sunday September 18



Fish stocking in Gleason Brook

On Sept. 7/11, members of the BPSA stocked 50,000 Rainbow Trout raised at the club hatchery in Gleason Brook (Oxenden). Creek temperatures have returned to the comfort range required by the trout and good water flow enhance the survival rate for the young trout

Another 50,000 Rainbow's remain at the hatchery and will be stocked after putting on some size. The trout being stocked were raised from eggs collected at Denny's Dam with the help and support of the Lake Huron Fishing Club and Ontario Steelheaders.





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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 _____