



BRUCE PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

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JANUARY 2012 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, January 26th 2012. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors Tim Lahey 519-270-6672 or e-mail bpsawiarnton@hotmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

*Wishing all a
Happy New Year*



There never seems to be enough space in the Newsletter for all the great photos taken at the many BPSA events throughout the year, plus many are worth repeating to remind us of our accomplishments, so Kat put together a Special January Edition to give you a retrospective on 2011, and a timely report on the presentation of our donation to Lake Huron Fishing Club.

Membership Fees: Due to an increase in the cost of obtaining Liability Insurance through NFA (raised from \$10 per person to \$15 per person in June 2010), and a requirement that we remit this fee for every BPSA member in order to qualify for Club-level Liability insurance, following discussions with BPSA Executive and Board members we are raising the Individual membership from \$40 to \$45, the Junior membership from \$10 to \$15, and changing the Family membership to \$15 per additional person beyond the first Individual membership. This will be effective with the January Newsletter you are receiving, along with a revised Membership Application Form.

If you have already paid your dues for 2012 at the old rates, that is OK - consider it a bonus for paying early. These increases are necessary to ensure that we have all members (and the Club) covered for liability, and also to ensure that we are covering the full costs of the insurance. We will try to answer any questions that you may have at the January 26th meeting.

Please note that we must report the names of all insured persons to the NFA, so it is important that you record all family member names on your application/renewal form. Members are also joining either the Handgun or Archery that they submit they membership application and payment to the person in charge of that activity.

We have two guest speaker topics for January 26th: Mike Hahn and Al Wilkins from Lake Huron Fishing Club will talk about their hatchery operation, and Lloyd Mohr of the MNR will speak on "Commercial Fishing on Lake Huron".

Thank you, Tim Lahey, President



On Dec. 29, 2011, members of the BPSA met with Al Wilkins, the President of the Lake Huron Fishing Club (LHFC) at the Pt. Elgin LHFC Hatchery. BPSA President Tim Lahey, ably assisted by Santa Claus (AKA Ray Marklevitz) and hatchery volunteer Gord Smith presented Al Wilkens with a cheque for \$ 5,000. to help offset increasing LHFC Hatchery costs. The LHFC stocks over a quarter million Salmon and 60,000 Rainbow trout in the waters of Lake Huron as far north as Pike Bay and east to Barrow Bay. Other BPSA members present included, Stu Paterson and Al Hunter.



The LHFC has partnered with the BPSA in Rainbow Trout egg collection at the Denny's Dam (Saugeen River) site. This one time donation is just another example of conservation minded clubs working in harmony for a common goal (Improving and maintaining our world class sports fishery).

On Feb. 16/11, twenty-five members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA), young and not so young fin clipped 25,000 Rainbow Trout fingerlings at the BPSA hatchery. Fin clipping is performed in order that the BPSA and the MNR can identify the year class trout stocked from our hatchery. These fingerlings will be released later in the spring when they have increased in size.

The BPSA has stocked well in excess of four million Rainbow and Brown Trout in the waters of Colpoys Bay and elsewhere in our area over the years. The hatchery program stocks approximately 100,000 trout each year to help maintain a vibrant public fishery and to support natural reproduction. Members have contributed thousands of hours to this vital conservation work.



Freeze Fest

On Saturday, July 9th, Larrilee & David Leckie along with Jim McKane setup a booth at Freeze Fest to promote our Club from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival committee provided four magnetic fishing rods, a little pool and prizes for youngsters to win when they caught a fish.



Rainbow Trout fry in Colpoys Creek in July

Members of the BPSA stocked 88,000 Rainbow Trout fry in Colpoys Creek.



Archery Program



In April Handgun Club hosted a firearms training session for Police Foundations of Georgian Campus in Owen Sound.



2011 Junior Archery Group



In February Family Day a big hit



2011 Youth Shooting finish up the shooting season at the North Grey Bruce shotgun range.



Community Living Fishing on the Pond photos in September



Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen enhance Colpoys Bay fishery in May

Members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association were out in full force on May 12 to stock 25,600 healthy Rainbow Trout yearlings in Gleason Brook at Oxenden and Colpoys Creek. Members used a "bucket brigade" to ferry the young trout from Grey Rd. 1 to the stocking site downstream.



Fish stocking in Gleason Brook in September

On Sept. 7/11, members of the BPSA stocked 50,000 Rainbow Trout raised at the club hatchery in Gleason Brook (Oxenden).



Stocking Gleason in June

In December an excited Cindy Titus picked up her winning quilt.



Handgun/Archery Family Day on September 24th

On Nov. 20/11, members stocked 15,000 feisty Rainbow Trout at Barrow Bay and Gleason Brook (Oxenden) to help supplement natural reproduction in area waters.





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2012 Membership Form Jan 6th/2012

Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31st.

Please accept my application for:

BPSA new membership

Renewal

Adult \$45 Additional Family members ___ @ \$15 per person = \$_____

Junior only \$15 (under 21) (*Specify all family members & youth DOB back of form*)

Archery new membership

Renewal

Adult \$40 Family \$65 Pay per visit (\$3)

Handgun new membership

Renewal

Adult \$45 Family \$55 Junior \$15 (under 21)

I hereby certify that as a member of the BPSA, I will abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

Signed _____ Date _____

Mail your application to the above B.P.S.A. address or drop off at the club with a personal cheque or money order. **DO NOT MAIL CASH**

Please print your complete mailing address (include fire number & RR#)

Name (s) _____

Family names: _____

Address _____ RR# _____ Fire # _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

E mail address _____

Phone _____ Summer or Cell # _____

Are you a member of another group? please circle: OFAH , OAA , CSSA , NFA , Other
_____. Include membership # _____.

** From time to time we take photos of our members and post them in our newsletter or on the BPSA website. It is your responsibility to inform the member with the camera if you do not wish photos to be published. Parents can sign release forms for children's photos. Please be aware names will be forwarded on to a third party for insurance purposes.

For Reference: Date application received _____
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Adult Family Youth
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