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PSAH NEWSLETTER

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2007 PSAH Executive:

President	John Coles	(3)	378 2973	Range Officer	(1)
Vice-Pres.	Paul Butler	(1)	746 1529		1st year of 2 year term
Past Pres.	Chuck Frail	(1)	378 2788		(2)
Secretary	Bob Mitchell	(2)	342 5264		2nd year of 2 year term
Treasurer	Bob Bradey	(2)	746 5660		(3)
Directors	Barney Woodward	(2)	746 5731		Appointed for 1 year term
	Doug Meadows	(1)	746 7287		
	Al Kuzmyk	(3)	746 8674	Deputy Range Officer	

Our elections on Feb. 7th. will change the above.

Meetings: On the 1st. Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. at the Clubhouse on Brooks Rd. Members will be notified by e-mail if and when, a change of location is required.

Membership:

We had 135 members at the end of 2007. We now have in 49 "good standing" so far in 2008.

2008 Current Fees:

Individual	OFAH \$ 35 + PSAH \$ 40 = Total *\$ 75*
Family	OFAH \$ 45 + PSAH \$ 40 = Total *\$ 85*

PSPC Members: Remit \$ 155 or \$165 (PSPC \$35 + CSSA \$45 + applicable Total PSAH) to Doug Meadows and he will send the \$ 75 or \$ 85 as necessary to PSAH.

2008 Membership fees for PSAH are due in January regardless of the expiry date shown on your OFAH card. It is doubly important that PSAH and OFAH memberships are current as **our insurance and By-Laws require both to be valid for your 2008 PSAH membership to be in good standing!** Hence, **make sure that your OFAH membership expires sometime in 2009.**

Members who hold their OFAH membership as an individual or through another club, should show us their valid card, membership number and affiliated Club each year. As shown above, your PSAH fee is \$40. (If your OFAH membership expires so does your PSAH membership, automatically!)

A few members who joined in the last couple of months of 2007 need only to remit the OFAH portion of the fees to make sure it carries through to 2009. Check with the Secretary.

Members who renew their membership by the February meeting will have their names entered in a draw for a print of their choice from our supply.

E-Mail, Addresses & Phone Numbers: Do we have yours? Are they current? Let the Secretary know! **Some of our e-mails are being returned as undeliverable.** E-mail addresses help us to reduce our mailing costs and enable us to notify members quickly of any changes or new items of interest. Members receive the latest minutes and newsletters via e-mail. (You even get extra jokes!)

Hunter and Education and Firearm Safety Courses: Anyone interested in these courses, or challenging them through writing the exam, as required for firearms certification and an Outdoors Cards with hunting privileges, give Jovan Priljeva at 378 1768, Gary Jennings at 378 2360 or Gerry Haarmeyer at 375 5618 a call.

Gerry has a course scheduled for Mar. 7, 8 and 9.

Firearm Licences: Members should check their firearm licence to see that it hasn't expired. **This is particularly true for POLs as once expired, they can not be renewed!** If it does, you then must take and pass the course for a PAL or challenge the exam. Make sure that your address hasn't changed so that you can receive proper notification. You can contact the Firearms Centre at Central Processing Site, PO. Box 1200, Miramichi, New Brunswick, E1N 5Z3 or phone 1 800 731 4000 or visit their website > www.cfc-cafc-.gc.ca < to check on your status, make enquiries or make changes.

Web Site: We are in the process of setting up the Club's website at "www.pсах.org" with links to other organizations of common interest. Check us out! You can now reach us through the regular "Google" search.

Partnering with Northern Ontario Studies: We are in contact with a High School teacher, Kelly Cameron, who wishes to set up a course in Northern Ontario Studies. This will involve partnering with PSAH to offer Hunter Education and Firearm Safety Courses and getting the students participating in some of our conservation projects. (Tree planting, Wood Duck Boxes, Deer Yard Management and associated surveys) The course will likely be offered in the winter/spring session of 2009. Our support will involve facilities, manpower and finances. Kelly is now a member of PSAH.

Events:

- 1) OFAH: - 80th. Annual and General Meeting and Fish and Wildlife Conference: Toronto - Mar. 13 - 15, 2008
- 2) Ducks Unlimited: Annual Dinner and Auction: - Thursday, April 3, 2008. Call Trish Hamer at 746 1022
- 3) Crane Hill Gun Club: Gun Show - Sun. April 27
- 4) The Victorian Rifleman Provincial Shoot - May 3, 2008 Orillia Gun Club
- 5) Tree and Shrub Planting. May 3
- 6) Annual Yard Sale: June 7

Programs: Do members have any suggestions as to topics and / or speakers at our monthly meetings? If so pass them along to any of the Executive so that they may be included in the agendas and make the meetings more interesting and informative.

- a) Feb. 7th. Annual Meeting & building of Wood Duck Boxes. Pres. John asks that as many members as can, come out and participate in the election of officers. Please put your name forward as willing to stand for office.
- b) Mar. 6th. ?

OF AH. Provincial Directors-at-Large Elections: Gerry Haarmeyer, (one of our members) has been successful in his re-election to the Provincial Board of Governors of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Congratulations Gerry.

Wood Duck Boxes: January, February and early March is the time to install new boxes and inspect and maintain those that are established. Check on past use, clean out old shavings and replace with new. Also one can be more specific on location through the use of GPS readings. Eggs are dull-white to cream-coloured and oval shaped. Those of a merganser are round like a ball. There will likely be boxes available for members, at no cost, after our building project in February.

Go online to > <http://www.ducks.ca/resource/general/wetland/nestbox.html> < to get an instructional PDF regarding Wood Duck Boxes. (Siting, building and maintenance) We will also try to put this information on our website.

Members are asked to submit a report on past and new boxes! A reporting form is available.

OF AH Lottery: Al reports that to-date, we have sold over 200 books! Members are asked to return stubs and money or any unsold tickets to Al as soon as possible so that all of our supporters can be entered in the Early Bird Draws! Our success is again due in large part to the efforts of George Green in selling tickets at the Mall.

Firearm Verifiers' Course: This past month some of our members took part in an upgrading of the Firearm Verifiers' program. Anyone transferring ownership of a firearm will have to have it certified by a verifier. Ulrich Kaltz and Tim Ord attended the upgrading of their qualifications.

Ahem:

While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice.

"What do you think?" I asked. "Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?"

"Better get a bikini," he replied. "You'd never get it all in one."

Subject: The Lottery

A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!"

The husband said, "Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?"

"Doesn't matter," she said. "Just get the hell out."