



Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Inc.

I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS A CANADIAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM WASTE,
THE NATURAL, RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY, ITS SOILS AND MINERALS, ITS AIR,
WATERS, FORESTS AND WILDLIFE.

MIDLAND --- ONTARIO

January 2024

***In the spirit of giving, a donation box will be permanently set up
In the clubhouse for the local food bank, donations are greatly appreciated by many all
year long.***

Next General Membership Dinner Meeting

On Wednesday January 17, 2023 GBHA Club will be hosting our Annual Sportsmen's Memorial dinner meeting. A delicious dinner of Prime Rib with all the fixings will be prepared. We hope to see you all there to join in another fine meal. Please don't forget guests are always welcomed. Doors will be open by 5:00 pm and dinner will begin serving at 6:30 pm. Volunteers will be needed in the kitchen.

Please remember we have a hamper out for food donations for our local food bank, we all know how tuff it is out there for some people and how much the food costs have risen. Any help of non-perishable donations would be greatly appreciated.

Designated Smoking Area

Please take note that we have built a designated smoking area at the side of our front entrance of the building. We have provided motion detection lighting, a bench to sit on, and a designated container for cigarette butts. Please be respectful by keeping this area clean and to use this designated area to keep the front entrance smoke free and clean of cigarette butts. Snow will be removed when needed from this area for usage during the winter months. Your appreciation is greatly appreciated.

Designated Accessible Parking

Historically we have had the front three parking spots located at our front entrance as the designated accessible parking for patrons with visible parking permits. We have not had a chance to post our designated accessible parking signage directly in front of our clubhouse. Please be respectful and leave these three spots for patrons with visible parking permits to use. We will be posting signs in the near future and do not want anyone to be caught parking to be susceptible to a parking ticket!

Please be respectful and leave these three parking spots open for permitted users.

Membership Drive

Membership renewal has started for 2024. This year, we are encouraging members to fill out their membership forms online on the website. All members who submit their forms from the website will be entered into a draw for a GBHA club T-shirt and Mug. If unable to fill membership forms out online, they can be filled out and submitted at the Clubhouse on the following dates:

- Jan 17, club dinner
- Jan 28, 12-2

If sending payment for membership via Email transfer, please include your name in the notes section of the email transfer.

Smoker Raffle

GBHA is raffling off a huge BBQ Smoker Package. This Raffle will be drawn on January 17th 2024 at our sportsman Memorial Dinner. Tickets are 1 Ticket for \$5.00 or 5 Tickets for \$20.00. If you would like to purchase tickets please email Joe Belcourt at JoeBelcourt@hotmail.com.

Sportsmen's Memorial Awards

With fishing seasons opening, we are asking that each of you remember to make note of your harvest for the awards at our Sportsmen's memorial Dinner. Please don't forget to enter your fish and wild game entries (from the 2023 season) to be judged. Forward the information (i.e. length, girth, weight) and a picture to Chuck Edwards @ 1-705-529-8871 (chuckles@csolve.net).

Zone H Meeting

Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers was asked to host the next OFAH Zone H quarterly meeting. This meeting will be held January 14 from 10 am until 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served for a small donation. All are welcome to attend.

Community Engagement/Prone Shooting Bench

The club is looking for your input! We are considering modifications to the outdoor range shooting hut to facilitate shooting in the prone position and we would like to know if this is something that the membership would like to have. The survey is 5 questions long and should only take 1-2 minutes to complete. Make your voice heard and submit a response to the survey by following the link: [Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers | Community Engagement](#)

Bingo Volunteers

The Bursary Committee has had volunteers working at Bingo in Penetang to earn funds to support the James Townes Memorial Bursary. This Bursary was originally established in 2012 by the North Simcoe Hunters and Anglers. It offers significant financial support to a student wishing to pursue a post-secondary level diploma or degree program and who would otherwise have difficulty attaining this goal. Since January we have been earning an average of \$2300 per month to go towards supporting the bursary. We are looking for more people who want to volunteer a night or two a month to help out at Bingo. Volunteering for bingos is a commitment - it is not just once and a while venture. The job comes complete with a shirt and name tag. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Robert Capling at caplingr@hotmail.com for more information.

Volunteers Needed

Every month we see the same volunteers selling raffle tickets and dinner tickets at our monthly dinner meetings. We would like to compile a list of people interested in volunteering to help sell tickets at our dinner meetings. If you are interested, please email gbhaclub@yahoo.ca so that we can use this list to arrange volunteers for each dinner meeting.

Catch and Keep fishing

The upper pond was stocked with fish for the 100 year anniversary. Members can fish in the pond, but please note that it is \$5 per fish, and there is no catch and release. All fish that are caught must be kept and paid for. Etransfers can be sent to gbhaclub@gmail.com. If sending an etransfer, please make sure you include what the etransfer is for. Alternatively, you can pay at the monthly dinner meeting.

GBHA Mentorship Program

Winter is setting in, and most of the hunting seasons will be wrapping up soon. Before we know it, the spring seasons will be approaching, and not to mention, ice fishing will be here in no time. With these in mind, we want to remind everyone that we are still looking for members to step up as mentors. We need folks who are willing to share their knowledge with other (adult) club members that are newer to hunting and/or fishing, and who are looking to benefit from the experience of established individuals.

If you are interested in being a part of this in any way, please reach out to either Craig Lalonde at (705)427-3542 (text or call) or email craiglalonde@hotmail.com or Janice Ferris at someonenolongerfishing@gmail.com

Volunteer hours

Thank you to everyone that continues to submit their volunteer hours, for recording and tracking. This is a reminder to please submit any time to me, when you spend your time volunteering for club related activities/business (this means ANYTHING related to the club). This information is important as we use this information when requesting grants or, in explaining what we do and who we are as an organization. This is very important to GBHA. When you volunteer in group activities, the group leader will record your name and hours but if you singularly volunteer for dinners or events, we ask that you provide your hours to us. Please, make sure that you forward your hours to Craig Lalonde via email at craiglalonde@hotmail.com

GBHA Club T-Shirts

GBHA club t-shirts are selling rather well. These T-Shirts are being sold at our dinner meeting and events. These t-shirts are available in all sizes and in either dark blue or grey colors. T-shirt pricing for small to xl is \$20.00 each, 2x to 4xl is \$25.00, larger sizes will be special order. We will be ordering all sizes up to 4 xl to have on hand for fitting and will take orders when needed. For more information or specific ordering or purchasing shirts please contact Mike at 1-705-529-9353 m2bweimer@gmail.com

Canadian Sportswoman Society's (CSS) Intro to Turkey Hunting Seminar

The GBHA and CSS, will once again be teaming up, to bring back this popular even in 2024. Registration is not yet open, but the date is confirmed for April 6th . More details will be made available in the future, so please watch your bulletins, and follow the GBHA and CSS social media pages for future announcements. This is also a reminder that all ranges are closed that day, as they are used for this event. You can find the CSS on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianSportswomanSociety> and/or Instagram @canadiansportswomansociety

Notifications of Fallen Members

GBHA Board of Directors, would appreciate notification of the passing of any previous and current members so we can pass on our condolences and notifications to our members. Please notify Leslie Edwards @ 705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com

Thanks everyone,

Hannah Edwards - Bulletin Editor

Please check out our web site www.gbhuntersandanglers.com for Club news and updates or “like us” on Facebook.