

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

**February 2023**

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 Meeting Date Change**

GBHA’s next General Membership Dinner Meeting will take place on **Wed February 22 2023**. A Chicken and Rib dinner will be served up by Chef Pamela and her helpers. We will be having two guest speakers; Adam Chambers our local MP and Wes Winkel O/O or Elwood Epps Sporting Goods and President of Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA) both will be on hand to speak about the Bill C-21, the changes in this bill and the effects. The doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will begin to be served at 6:30 pm. Volunteers will be needed in the kitchen. **Cash Sales Only!**

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE OF NEXT MONTH’S DINNER. AS OUR CHEF PAMELA IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR OUR REGULARYLY SCHEDULED DATE.**

**100-year Anniversary Committee Meeting**,

GBHA will be holding a meeting Wednesday February 01 2023 at 07:00 pm to form a committee to plan and oversee all the projects and events for this day. Please contact Bruce Dunn for more information. 705-528-2709 gbhaclub@yahoo.ca

**2023 New Members Mandatory Range Orientation**

On Saturday February 04 2023 at 10:00 am, GBHA will be hosting a range orientation session for new members. We will have an introduction to the club, a discussion of range safety rules, range opening and closing procedures etc. This will be an outdoor session so please dress accordingly.

Should any members wish to attend as a refresher please contact Larry. Leslie Edwards will be on hand to answer any membership questions and hand out membership cards and pins.

Please notify Range Chairmen if you are not able to attend and to reserve your attendance. please contact Larry at 705-529-6364 ferris.larry51@gmail.com You will need to leave your name, phone# and or email address so you can be contacted should there be any changes to this event.

Thanks Larry Ferris Range Chairmen

**Membership Drive and Renewals**

Our Membership Chairperson Leslie Edwards will be at the clubhouse Saturday Feb 04/23 at 10:30 to receive membership applications and renewals. She will be available until 12:00 noon. Anyone showing up please bring forms completely filled out. Please have exact cash or cheque ready. Etransfers can be done to gbhaclub@gmail.com. Renewal forms, new applications and waivers will be available at this time. For more information please contact Leslie at 705-333-0615.

**Please Note:**

***\*Membership RENEWALS are now only accepted October 1 - February 28 annually. \****

***\*NEW Membership applications are accepted January 1 - February 28 annually. \****

***\*E-transfers payments are available at******gbhaclub@gmail.com\****

**Failure to make renewal payment by the end of February results in a surcharge. Renewing members will be charged a $40.00 surcharge for each membership. This late fee payment for renewals will only be open until the end of March.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Any member who has not paid their dues by said date shall be deemed, delinquent and therefore forfeit their membership in the Club. Should membership be forfeited, it can be renewed when membership opens in the following November for the next calendar year at the “new member rate” which includes a $40.00 surcharge for the first year.

**For identification purposes your PAL number or a government issued identification will be mandatory, even for renewals.**

**Indoor Gun Range Use**

**Pistol Night**

Continuing on Monday nights Larry Ferris will be hosting Pistol Night from 6:30 pm till 8:30 pm. Larry will be looking for volunteers to help out.

**Long Gun Night**

On Tuesday nights Mike Wiemer will be chairing Long Gun Night from 6:30 pm till 8:30 pm. Mike will be looking for volunteers to help out.

Please check website and or Facebook page for any cancellations. For more information, please contact Larry Ferris at 705-529-6364 [ferris.larry51@gmail.com](https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/3?.intl=ca&.lang=en-CA&.partner=none&.src=fp&activity=uh-mail&pspid=2142623533&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9sb2dpbi55YWhvby5jb20v&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAFOykMfOPEKSdEP0qar1sRqf6ew45Hp20T3Kh2kAUb7EIHc5a0D1edmdjsxlHmQbsJUJVcdSl5mpM28txfIxJy4_NotXVQaomwEKzw29oCZpGgRuYQBEoQP6SNkCF41urAQ1xTQJ679v8p30w5EuB8g4rldg6ww1FWWx7GGUXw4O#about:blank) or Mike Weimer at 1-705-529-9353 or m2bweimer@gmail.com

**Ladies Night Indoor Gun Range**

Tentative dates have been set up for a Ladies Night at the range. This will be an evening our female members can come out to use the indoor range. Mike Crawford will chair these evenings. He has sent up tentative dates for Feb 02 & 23/23, and March 09, 23/23 and April 06/23 as the last evening for the indoor Ladies Night. These nights will run from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm. For more information or to volunteer to assist please contact ***Mike Crawford 1-705-529-6705 or******Michael.w.crawford@sympatico.ca***

**Trail Conditions**

With thanks to Mike Crawford our trails on the clubhouse property are in great shape for use, many enjoy snowmobiling, horseshoeing, skiing or hiking but we ask you to please be careful of dead falls and limbs hanging.

**Clubhouse Renovations**

Basement renovations have been progressing rather well. We have completed the demolition and have jumped into the recovering of the walls with the pine boards. We will be moving forward to complete this process in the near future as well we will be painting the ceiling tiles and some electrical work. This project would not have been possible had it not been for the following volunteers; Tom Irvine Sterley Stubbings, Matt Weissflog, Mike Crawford, Don Gostick, Craig Lalonde, Rob Burston, Mike Weimer, Chuck Edwards, Jared Daily, Warren Pawlikowski, Ziad Almoussawi, Tori Edwards, Hannah Edwards, Bruce Dunn, Ken Langley, and especially Chuck Edwards and Greg Edwards. The basement is really shaping up and looks fantastic.

**Electrical Quotes**

We are looking for electrical quotes for the hall renovations. If anyone with in the club is willing to submit a quote, please contact Bruce Dunn at 1-705-528-2709 or gbhaclub@yahoo.ca for a list of electrical updates.

**2023 Junior Club Memberships**

GBHA’s Junior Club is accepting registrations for the Junior Club.  Anyone who is currently a member of the Junior Club, as well as those interested in joining, are required to complete a registration form with us. Membership to the Junior Club is free for any youth (4-16 years) that are part of a **GBHA family membership**, but registration is required.  Non-GBHA members are also able to join, with a paid family OFAH membership plus an annual fee of **$25 per child**.

Please contact Karl Gostick at gbhajuniorclub@gmail.com 705-716-1612 with any questions, or to make sure you are on our email list.

**GBHA Club T-Shirts**

GBHA will be now selling club t-shirts at our dinner meeting and future events. These t-shirts will have our new logo on the front, 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. Thank you to Mike Weimer and Allen MacDonald for stepping up and chairing this task. For more information or specific ordering or purchasing shirts please contact Mike at 1-705-529-9353 m2bweimer@gmail.com or Allen MacDonald at 1-705-795-4402 allenmacd@gmail.com

**Memorial Plaque**

GBHA is looking for anyone who has record of fallen members in our past. We are hoping to have a plaque made to honour these past members and are looking for names of members who have passed so we can develop a list of names for the plaque. If you have the name, years of membership, etc it would be appreciated. Please forward to Larry J Ferris 705-529-6364 ferris.larry51@gmail.com

**“Bring a Guest to Dinner” Draw**

GBHA had our draw for two free dinner tickets for a member to use at any regularly priced General Membership Dinner in 2023! This does not include special events such as the Sportsmen’s Memorial or the Steak BBQ and Corn Roast in 2023. The draw was held and congratulations to Darren Kitchen. GBHA would like to thank all participants for bringing in new faces as guests to our clubhouse. We hope you enjoyed the draw and we look forward to presenting the draw again next fall.

**Sportsmen’s Memorial Dinner**

On Wed Jan 18 2023 GBHA hosted their annual Memorial Dinner and Awards dinner. This dinner was celebrated with a tasty roast beef dinner with a warming beef barely soup, it was really nice having a change of soup, looking forward to seeing soup on the menu again.

During this evening we opened the meeting with a memorial to our fallen and honorable mentions of past members or people whom have had a strong influence on our club and its members.

We honored Don Marcellus, Robert Bocock, Graham and Diane Patchell, and Don Edwards. A moment of silence was taken by all present to reflect upon the friendships we enjoyed with each individual.

We apologize if we missed anyone but it is difficult to mention those, we are unaware of. We ask that if anyone is aware of a member, past member and or honorable mentions to please forward it to our club.

After the meal we went onto our business as usual and of course handed out our awards. Each recipient received a beautiful wood carved plaque and a $25.00 gift card from Cabela’s. Here is a list of this year’s award winner:

1. Best Pike- Josef van der Veen 36.5 in

2. Best Speckled Trout- Dan Wilson 1.14 lbs. 13.5 length x 8inch girth

3. Best Walleye- Leslie Edwards 27 inches caught from kayak

4. Best Largemouth- Janice Ferris 5.56 lbs. 20.5x 14.5

5. Best Lake Trout – Greg Edwards 30lbs plus

6. Best Deer -Frank Hendereck

7.Turkey-Mike Weimer- 23 lbs. 9-inch beard x2 1-inch spurs

8. Lloyd Wilson Award- Most Active New Member - Tony Li

9. Harold Kettle Award-Most Active Member in Conservation-Rob Burston

10. Merit Award- Member who displayed the most Dedication and Service to club last year- Jarrod Daley

11.Outstanding Dedication Award- Member who displayed the most longstanding Dedication and Service to club – Ed Malkin

**New Award 2023**

12. GBHA Leadership Award- 0Member who displayed the most Dedication to Leadership, Education and Advancement and the Junior Club -Karl Gostick & Annette Hollinger

13. Moose No Entry for 2023

14. Bear No Entry for 2023

GBHA would like to thank all members who entered submissions for judging and we encourage everyone to continue next year. As well we would like to give a big thanks to Chuck Edwards for chairing the awards presentation and Calvin King for assisting with the evening.

It is a constant challenge to improve these awards and increase participation. Please forward any concerns or comments to gbhaclub@yahoo.ca to help us with this process. We hope to see more entries again next year.

**Turkey Shoot**

GBHA will be hosting the Turkey Shoot in the spring of 2023, date to be announced. Yes, volunteers will be needed. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Crawford 1-705-529-6705 or Michael.w.crawford@sympatico.ca.

**Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) program and Hunter Safety Courses**

Larry Ferris will be hosting a PAL and Hunter courses in 2023. For more information on other dates, costs of programs and or to register please contact Larry at 705-529-6364 ferris.larry51@gmail.com Larry will take your name for upcoming courses. **Pre-registration is a mandate!**

**Conservation Updates**

On February 11th we are once again teaming up with the Marl Tiny Matchedash (MTM) Conservation Association, as well as members of other H&A and conservation groups, to monitor duck nesting boxes at the Tiny Marsh Provincial Wildlife Area (https://youtu.be/kfEfXr1te8U). We will be meeting at 9:00 am, at the Marsh Interpretive Centre at 500 Tiny Flos Townline, north of Elmvale. It will be very important to dress appropriately for the weather. We will be accessing these sites by walking over the iced-up marsh, if conditions permit. If ice conditions do not allow us to access these areas, we will look at postponing the event.

We try to do this annually around the same time, as a way to celebrate World Wetland Day, which is February 2nd each year. Check out the following links for more information on World Wetlands Day, the importance of and benefits provided by wetlands, and duck nesting boxes.

If you would like more details, and/or would like to volunteer for the day, please contact Craig Lalonde at craiglalonde@hotmail.com or text/call (705)427-3542

https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/

https://www.ducks.ca/stories/wetlands/five-major-ways-duck-habitat-is-helping-you/

https://www.ducks.org/conservation/waterfowl-research-science/build-a-wood-duck-box https://youtu.be/Eu7hh8\_b2W4

https://youtu.be/rWYGdCtJjBw

**Co-Ed Intro to Turkey Hunting Seminar**

The GBHA has once again partnered with the Canadian Sportswoman Society (CSS) to bring you the "Intro to Turkey Hunting" seminar.  Unlike last year’s event, which was women only, this year will be a CO-ED event.

This event is geared toward introducing folks to the world of turkey hunting.  Whether you are brand new or a seasoned hunter already, this day is sure to be a fun and informative one, with something for everyone (apprentice hunters are welcome).  This event takes place on Sunday April 16th, 2023, from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, right here at our Club.

The cost to join is $70 per person, and includes: lunch, refreshments, use of equipment, ammo, and giveaways. Topics will include Turkey tactics, archery basics, shotgun basics, blind set ups and hunting scenarios.  There will also be some great door prizes and raffles.  Space is limited to 25 guests, and the CSS' events always sell out, so be sure to register early! They will be holding 5 seats for our GBHA members until February 17th, and after that all seats will be open to the public, so don’t delay

You can register online at www.canadiansportswomansociety.ca and follow them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/CanadianSportswomanSociety and/or Instagram @canadiansportswomansociety

Please contact Lori-Anne Horst at (226) 923-0193 if you have any questions.

**Woodlot Management**

Our Woodlot Management Chairman Matt Wiessflog has had a couple of volunteers come forth to help out and is **still looking** for any experienced volunteers to assist in the clearing of trees on our property. He is proposing to mark the trees this fall and then begin clearing in the spring, but would like to set up a team in advance to prepare for this task. Volunteers of all aspects will be appreciated. As well Matt will be looking at the aspect of wood sales. If interested in volunteering please contact Matt Weissflog @ 705-321-6035or email the club @ gbhaclub@yahoo.ca.

**NEW GBHA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

In the spring, we reached out to the membership, asking for anyone that was interested in being a mentor to reach out to us. This was in response to hearing from new members, who are new to the hunting and fishing lifestyle, indicating that they have had a hard time learning the ropes and were looking for opportunities to learn.

We are happy to say that we have heard from a few of you, expressing your interest and willingness to take a mentorship role in whatever way possible. We want to say thank you for this, and want to ask that anyone else that is interested in being a mentor, OR being put in touch with a mentor, please reach out to us. You can 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 Bartenders**

GBHA’s Bar Chairman is looking for certified bartenders who are interested in volunteering at events or dinners. *As well, paid events*. A copy of your certification will be required, please contact Sterley Stubbings @ sterleystubbings@gmail.com or call 1-705-529-5776.

**Attention Smart Servers**

The AGCO is introducing a five-year term for all new and existing liquor training certifications. This means that anyone involved in the sale, service, delivery, or sampling of liquor, or who takes liquor orders from customers must complete the [Smart Serve training program](https://smartserve.ca/) every five years.   [Information Bulletin: Mandatory Smart Serve® Recertification Will Begin July 1, 2022 | Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (agco.ca)](https://www.agco.ca/bulletin/2021/information-bulletin-mandatory-smart-server-recertification-will-begin-july-1-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Nov-29-2021-LLCA-Info-Bulletin&utm_source=Envoke-Nov-29-2021-LLCA-Info-B&utm_term=Information-Bulletin%3A-Liquor-L)

**GBHA MEMBERS VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

We realize that for some Members of GBHA that timing of our events, dinners, clean up days etc. do not always line up with our members availability, and timing.

We have been asked by some members if there are things that can be done to Volunteer separate to events and dinners. The answer is most certainly yes!

Please send an email to gbhaclub@gmail.com with the subject header Volunteer Hours and ask what current tasks are where you may offer your volunteer hours. There is always a myriad of tasks around our Club and grounds that can be done by you and within your own time frame.

Once you have completed your volunteer hours, simply send a note to Alan Wheeler who will record your hours for the month/year. Thanks in advance!!

Should anyone not be able to make it out for volunteers’ events to fulfill your hours please contact Alan Wheeler @ 705-828-1095, or email acwheeler66@gmail.com. ***Please update your volunteers’ hours monthly. Send information to*** ***gbhaclub@gmail.com*** ***with volunteer hours in the subject line.***

Thank you, Alan Wheeler, Treasurer, Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Incorporated

**GPS, Map & Compass Course**
On Saturday April 22 2023 Jacek Wojcik is preparing to present a GPS, Map and Compass Course. This program has been available in the past and each participant stated they really enjoyed it and found it very insightful. The program’s cost is $25.00. Please etransfer to gbhaclub@gmail.com and include your name and request to register to this program.

**2023 Conservation Wild Game Dinner**

We are fortunate to be able to host our **2023 Conservation Wild Game Dinner** again this year on April 15th 2023. We have missed the last two d/t pandemic restrictions. In order to make this truly a wild game dinner, we rely heavily on donations from you, our members. Please check your freezers. If you are able to donate **any** meats from deer, moose, bear, squirrels, or any waterfowl, we would really appreciate your help.

We need to receive wild game donations no later than March 1st and are more than willing to pick up at your home. Please contact Joe Belcourt joebelcourt@hotmail.com or 705 427 2065

Thank you, we look forward to your donation. Volunteers will be also needed for this event. Please contact Joe if able to volunteer in anyway.

Tickets are limited and are now on sale for $50.00 per ticket. Please contact Leslie at 705-333-0615.

**ANY TYPE OF MEATS AND OR**

**WILD GAME DONATIONS WILL BE NEEDED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**Backwoods Custom Rods Discount**

Just a reminder that all members are entitled to endless discounts for Backwoods Custom Rods-Made in Canada. [www.anglersadvantage.ca](http://www.anglersadvantage.ca)

**Beekeeping and Hive Care**

If anyone from the club or Junior club is interested in Beekeeping and Hive Care, please contact Sterley Stubbings @ sterleystubbings@gmail.com or call 1-705-529-5776.

**Editor’s Note:**

Spring will soon be in the air! Not only will the seasons be changing, we will be having many changes in the clubhouse, around our property and of course within our executive. We have planned many projects in preparation for our 100 Year Anniversary. But we are also gearing up for things such as Constitution changes and Executive Nominations and Elections.

We have an amazing group of volunteers that spend endless hours of volunteer time in the preparation of projects, events and day to day business. Many of these individuals have been doing it for many years and yes some are considering stepping down! In order to keep the forward motion we need to bring in new members to the executive to pick where others have left off and keep the club moving forward. Having our past executive around makes a great reference for many tasks at hand. We encourage the membership to think about stepping up to have their names nominated. It can be very satisfying to see the club grow and expand as it has in the past. The future is endless, we just need to have the leadership to guide the club along the way.

Please don’t forget to send a Valentine to that special person in your life!

**Bruce Dunn - Bulletin Editor**

Please check out our web site [www.gbhuntersandanglers.com](http://www.gbhuntersandanglers.com) for

Club news and updates or “like us” on Facebook.

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