

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.

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**July 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 Dinner Meeting**

There will be no dinner meeting in July.

**Passing of John “Chub” Lavigne**

We are sorry to announce the passing of John” Chub” Lavigne. John has been a long-time member of GBHAs and will be sadly missed by the membership. John was often at the clubhouse with his wife Loreen. As per his wishes, Cremation and a private family gathering will take place. The family is at peace with memories of a life well lived and knowing Chub has what he has longed for, together again with the love of his life – their Mother!

Our deepest condolences to Johns family and friends.

**Annual Steak BBQ and Corn Roast**

On August 16 2023 GBHA Club will be hosting our Annual Steak BBQ. Steaks will be available for $25.00 per plate with corn on the cob and wedged potatoes as sides. We hope to see you all there to join in another fine meal. Please don’t forget guests are always welcomed. This year Joe Belcourt will be chairing this event and will be looking for a few volunteers to assist him. Should you be able to assist, please contact Joe Belcourt @ joebelcourt@hotmail.com or call him @ 705-427-2065

**Please Note:**

* We ask that participants DO NOT bring their own food to BBQ. With people having food allergies we would not want anyone to have a reaction to other foods being prepared on the same grill as the supplied food. If questioned as to what was served, we would be able to respond quickly and safely by knowing our menu.
* Please DO NOT bring pets to dinners unless they are a proven service pet.

**Volunteer Needed**

As Dan Gardner has stepped down from the Board of Directors, he has agreed to continue with the position of Event Planner with one condition, he has help! Dan Gardner, will be assisted by Reid Belfry but we require another member to step up and help out with this choir. For more information on this volunteer position please contact Dan @ 705-527-0447 or dlgardiner@bell.net

**Volunteer hours**

We have been asking for your volunteer hours so that we can record and use them as a sign of involvement from our members 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 as follows: craiglalonde@hotmail.com

**Bylaws Changes**

The Board of Directors have reviewed the bylaws and the revised bylaws were sent out. The bylaws were read over and then voted upon by the membership present at the June meeting.

**Clubhouse Renovations**

Please watch for emails asking for volunteers to help out with the facelift to our main hall. We will be doing some drywall repairs and painting the walls and ceiling tiles. If anyone wishes to volunteer for any of the upper hall renovations, please contact Bruce Dunn at gbhaclub@yahoo.ca.

**100-year Anniversary Committee Meeting**,

GBHA will be holding our next meeting Monday July 10 2023 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcomed to join this committee to plan and oversee all the events and activities for this celebration. Please contact Bruce Dunn for more information or to offer suggestions. 705-528-2709 bdunnwithit@rogers.com

**GBHA Club Inc 100 Year Anniversary Swag**

We will be selling our 100 Year Anniversary T-shirts (same price as our regular shirts) and we will also have our 100 Year Anniversary Crests and buttons all on sale. Not only do we having the swag on sale, we will be having tickets for our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Dance $20.00 per person and our draws as well with a grand prize being a Kayak Fishing Package, this celebration event and dance will be held Saturday September 16 2023.

**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

**GBHA Club Vests**

GBHA club vests are now on sale. These vests are being sold at our dinner meetings and events. These vests are on sale for $75.00 each.

**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.

**Name The Clubhouse Halls Contest**

We have officially closed this contest. Thank you to all the participants who submitted an entry. A winner for each hall will be unveiled at our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration on Saturday September 16 2023. Thanks again to all participants.

**National Range Day**

What a perfect day it was for National Range Day! Days like this are what shooting is all about. Safe, simple, fun, and tons of smiling faces. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who made this day possible – and big thanks to the Huronia Handgun Club for helping us run the pistol range. In total we welcomed about 50 people to our club this Saturday to provide them with their first shooting experience. There were lots of kids who came out, and seeing the smiles on their face as they pulled the trigger and fired their first shots is a feeling like no other. Some of them couldn’t be pulled away! It was also amazing so see so many women come out and give it a try! Truly an unforgettable experience.

GBHA Volunteers:

Lori Cain, Mike Crawford, David Dalrymple, Larry Ferris, Frank Handerek, Nathan Hewitt, Franz Klingenschmitt, Lynne Lane, Wes Lane, Warren Pawlikowski, Greg Taylor, Mike Weimer.

Huronia Handgun Club Volunteers:

Luca Angilletta, Ross Downey, Colleen Porter, Ernie Reid.

And special thanks to the Severn Sound Environmental Association who came out to spread awareness of invasive species!

See you all again next year!

**Air Cadet Award**

GBHA’s Club President (Greg Edwards), and First Vice President (Joe Belcourt) were pleased to be invited to 724 Midland Lion’s Royal Air Cadets 60th Annual Ceremonial Review on Saturday June 3, 2023 to present the Marksmanship Award. GBHA has sponsored this award for some time now and are pleased to do so.

It was a great ceremony to attend and very impressive to see the number of youths involved in the Air Cadets. This organization offers so many opportunities and has great success. We hope great futures for these participants and look forward to attend next year’s ceremony to present the award again.

**James Townes Memorial Bursary**

The Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers are happy to offer the James Townes Memorial Bursary Program. Originally established in 2012, this bursary 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. The Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers commitment is an award of $2,500.00 per year, for a possible maximum duration of four years ($10,000.00). Payment will be made directly to the post-secondary institution to specifically assist with tuition fees.

The bursary is available to students graduating grade 12 from Georgian Bay District Secondary School, Elmvale District High School, St. Theresa's High School, or Ecole Secondaire Le Caron.

**Pollinator Garden**

A special thanks to Brenda Weimer for the donation of the flowers for the new pollinator garden by the fish pond.

**Range Orientation**

Jared Daley has been contacted by new members to do an orientation to gun use on the range for new beginners. If interested, please contact gbhaclub@yahoo.ca

**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).

**Editor’s Note:**

It is officially summer! I hope that all of you have been able to get out and enjoy the outdoors - going camping, hiking, or fishing! With the entire summer ahead, be sure to get outdoors and enjoy it!

This past month there were many events that relied on volunteers to make them run smoothly, including National Range Day, the Youth Expo and the building of the pollinator garden. Thanks to everyone that was able to come out to help out! All of our events rely on volunteers – these events could not happen without them. Our club has many members and we know it is difficult for some to volunteer but it is greatly appreciated when they do. There are currently a few options for volunteering – helping with event planning or helping with the 100th year anniversary committee.

Thanks everyone,

**Hannah Edwards - Bulletin Editor**

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