

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

**June 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**

On Wed |June 21/23 GBHA Club will be hosting our monthly dinner meeting. A delicious ***pork roast*** dinner with all the fixings will be prepared by Chef Pamela and her crew. 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.***

**Adopt-A-Road**

Kudos to North Simcoe Signs.  They donated 2 double sided corplast signs  (16” x 24” or so) that say ‘Georgian Bay Hunters & Anglers’.

The Vindin Street roadside cleanup went well, we had 10 volunteers and the rain started 10 minutes before the end. Volunteers included Jared Daley, Warren Pawlikowski, Hardy Kueppers, Laurie VanZeyl Kueppers & grand daughter Dahlia Murton, Gil Knapp, Tony Li, Patrick Burston Bill Loucks (aka goat whisperer) & myself.  We collected 26 bags of garbage between Harbourview Dr. & highway 93 including 1/2 exhaust system, couch cushion, 8’ PVC drain pipe, 39 AA batteries, 2 bikes, salad bowl, bucket, empty needle & lots of Tim Horton’s coffee cups.  It was a wet but good day.

Cheers all, Rob

**Outdoor Range Clean Up Day**

Despite the weather we had a good turn out of volunteers. This included Tony Li, Norman Burton, Chuck Edwards, Mike Weimer, Nathan Hewitt, and Gord Fountain.

We were able to redo all the backing boards and replace rubber as needed. Some "tweaking" on two of the benches was done. This should make it easier for shooters to get their muzzles outside the house

Note that the last rubber we purchased has held out very well. It is also a Canadian Product

Thanks

Larry J Ferris

Ferris Hunter Safety

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**TV Donation**

Special thanks to Cheryl Yakem for making an appreciated donation of a brand new 50-inch tv. This donation will be used put to good use in our newly renovated basement hall. It will assist in educational and recreational videos. And once we have our internet available, we will be able to have tv programing as well. On behalf of the club’s members Cheryl, we thank you greatly.

**GPS, Map & Compass Course Cancelled**We were scheduled on Saturday April 22 2023 a GPS, Map and Compass Course. This program was cancelled due to the lack of interest at this time. This is an unfortunate occurrence as in the past it has been a well participated and appreciated program. GBHA wish to thank Jacek Wojcik for offering to present this program. We hope that we will have enough interest the next time it is offered. If anyone is interested, please contact the club via email to have your name put on a list for next program.

**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. Alan Wheeler has been recording hours in the past and Craig Lalonde has come forward to assume this role. Please, make sure that you forward your hours to Craig as follows: craiglalonde@hotmail.com

Thank you, Alan Wheeler

**Bylaws Changes**

The Board of Directors have reviewed the bylaws and have some written changes they are recommending. These revised bylaws have been sent out. At this meeting they bylaws will be read over and then voted upon by the membership present. If anyone else has any changes they wish to present in writing to the Board of Directors please ensure they are submitted prior the June 21, 2023 meeting.

**Clubhouse Renovations**

It was decided to wait until after the June General Membership dinner meeting to start the upper hall renovations. We will be doing some drywall repairs and painting the walls and ceiling tiles.

We would like to thank Norman Burton and his wife Mara for volunteering their time to complete some of the electrical upgrades in the clubhouse. With these upgrades we have installed USB charging stations. This type of volunteering has help keep the club on its project budget for renovations in preparation with our 100 Year Anniversary and it is greatly appreciated. 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 June 05 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 gbhaclub@yahoo.ca

**Sportsmen’s Memorial Awards**

With the Turkey season complete and fishing seasons opening up we are asking each of you to 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 such as bird weight, beard length and spur size (with pictures) if anyone is out fishing remember to record the length, girth, weight of your catch and send a picture to Chuck Edwards @ 1-705-529-8871 (chuckles@csolve.net)

**Updated Contact Information**

If you have changed your contact information (ie email address) please notify GBHA asap, thanks.

**Internet Connection**

Did you ever think you would see the day that GBHA clubhouse would have the internet connection available for members?! The internet has been installed, and will be available for use starting in September. On behalf of GBHA Club Joe Belcourt would like to give a huge thank you to all the volunteers that stayed and toughed it out in this rain to help with the project. Many thanks to;

Chuck Edwards, Rob Burston, Mark Zimmerman, Norman & Mara Burton, [Jared Daley](https://www.facebook.com/jared.daley.31?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZUaq7FJlAq-TjX5_mXypJjvRZYyc3Qu5wuj59e5wQmQDqgbgJQsbwZaHsnqs1aIVQg4Not2LVBJ_ij4K-ByFAYBy60iVDNUXJKxMan_2G3_NZ_X5JZID2dgpGjeGOHMIwhqNCFqhpqObCwUNjURGWnRi_bfW9Hvf8jpU3sWGTdnBrWDJxrSurLBEgzjj78P42U&__tn__=-%5dK-R), Warren Pawlikowski, Mike Weimer and Kevin Richards, and a huge thank you to Peter Lumb and Darren Lumb for donating your time and mini excavators to dig and bury the line. Job well done by all thanks everyone. GBHA would like to thank Joe Belcourt for chairing this project

**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

**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 Inc 100 Year Anniversary Swag**

At our next general membership dinner meeting and events, 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 (prices to be announced) and we will have our new club vests available for purchasing and sizing. Not only will we be having the swag on sale, we will be having tickets for our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Dance but 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.

***Copeland’s Forest Invasive Garlic Mustard***

On May 7th a group of GBHA members, joined by members of the Copeland Forest Friends, enjoyed a morning of pulling invasive Garlic Mustard and disposing of it. Doing this helps protect the natural biodiversity of this expansive forested ecosystem. We almost made it to the end without being rained on, but weren't quite that luck. A big thank you goes out to our club members (John, Melissa, Emily, Dani, Karl, Annette, Craig and Caleb) for all of your hard work.

**National Range Day**

National Range Day is a day created to recognize the 2.3 million licensed gun owners who responsibly, legally, and safely own and use firearms in Canada. Last year, we celebrated by opening our range to the public to provide new / inexperienced shooters with their first “range day”, and we are happy to say that we will be doing the same thing again this year! It operates very similarly to the Youth Expo, with guests starting out with an air rifle before working their way up to 22 rifles, then 22 pistol and finally firing a shot out of a 20 ga shotgun at a duck / turkey decoy. Club members are encouraged to attend and bring as many guests as they can!

\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* We are requesting donations and volunteers to help out with National Range Day on Saturday, June 3rd. We will be needing RSOs, BBQ staff, and greeters. For donations, we are looking for ammunition (22lr - high velocity preferred, and 20 ga target load or birdshot) and decoys to help keep operating costs to a minimum for this event, so that we can keep the event free to the public. If you are able to volunteer or donate, please contact Jared Daley at gbha.nrd@gmail.com or 289-257-6221.

**Outdoor Ranges Closed**

The outdoor gun range will be closed Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th 2023 as it will be used for our National Range Day event. The range will re-open at the completion of the course. Your co-operation and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

The outdoor gun range and archery will be closed Friday June 09th 2023 from 1200 pm utill Saturday June 10th 2023 at 7:00 pm. The ranges will be used for our Youth Expo Day event. Your co-operation and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

**North Simcoe Youth Expo**

The GBHA Junior Club is hosting the 2023 North Simcoe Youth EXPO, chaired by Janice and Larry Ferris. Our North Simcoe Youth Expo will be on Saturday June 10th 2023. We need approximately 50 or more volunteers. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to help with this amazing event. The youth's registration forms will be sent out in March 2023. It does fill up quickly. This is an open event and will be held on Saturday June 10th, 2023 at our Clubhouse. Limited spaces available do not be disappointed. Volunteers for the day would be appreciated; this is also a great opportunity for any students requiring Volunteer hours for school. Fee is $25.00/child.

Please contact Janice at 1-705-529-6364 someonenolongerfishing@gmail.com

**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**

Since 1974 when our clubhouse was built, we have always referred to our two halls as either the upper hall or the lower hall! With this year being as significant with our 100 Year Anniversary we have decided to have a contest to name these two halls with appropriate titles!

This contest will run until June 30 2023. The new titles for the halls will be announced at the 100 Year Anniversary Ceremony. Please remember there are two halls to be titled. The two winners will receive one free dinner voucher to be used at a regular dinner at the clubhouse, one free club t-shirt each of your choice of color and a 100 Year celebratory club crest.

To enter, email the titles you have chosen for the two halls, and a brief explanation why you think it would be appropriate for the hall, to the club at gbhaclub@yahoo.ca . Please include your full name and contact information. Good luck to all entries.

**Annual Steak BBQ and Corn Roast**

GBHA’s will be hosting their annual Steak BBQ and Corn Roast on **Wed Aug 16 2023**. For the cost of **$25.00** you get to pick your own steak, BBQ it yourself and enjoy the baked potatoes, buns and salads!

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 any participants **DO NOT** bring their own foods to BBQ. With people having food allergies we would not want anyone 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. As well we ask that participants **DO NOT** bring pets to dinners unless they are a proven service pet.

**Editor’s Note:**

*I wanted to introduce myself to the members who may not know me. I am Hannah Edwards, and will be the new Bulletin Editor. I started as a member of the Georgian Bay Get Outdoors Club when I was a kid, and have been a member of the Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers for the last 8 years or so. I am looking forward to providing everyone with their monthly update!*

*Thanks everyone,*

***Hannah Edwards - Bulletin Editor***

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