

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

**December 2021**

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.

**Celebration of Life for Henry Weimer**

The Weimer would like to announce there will be a Celebration of Life for their father Henry. Henry was a very long-time member of our club; all are welcome to come and celebrate his life and share memories with his family and friends. This celebration will take place on Sunday December 05 2021 from 01:30 till 04:00 pm.

**GBHA Junior Club**

Please watch for post and announcements of this and all Junior Club activities, or for further information please contact Karl and Annette Gostick at gbhajuniorclub@gmail.com 1-705-716-1612

**Donations**

Many thanks for the kind donations of approximately 12 boxes of shot gun ammunition from Wayne Stewart and John Salvalagio who donated 1000 rounds of 22 ammunition. This ammunition will be used for our events and with the Junior Club. Everyone knows that ammunition can be expensive and at times hard to get, again we thank these gentlemen for the donations.

**2022 Memberships and Renewals**

GBHA Chair Elyse Birnie has updated the renewal form and membership applications. These forms are available as a link on our website [www.gbhuntersandanglers.com](http://www.gbhuntersandanglers.com) , with etransfers available to gbhaclub@gmail.com. As well the form will be attached to bulletin emails.

For those whom are interested in coming to the clubhouse to renew their membership or submitting their membership applications, GBHA’s has arranged dates for this to be completed at the clubhouse.

We will be following social distancing rules and protocols. Masks will be made mandatory to wear. We ask that participants enter the front entrance and then once the process is completed, we ask that you leave through the hall exit using the ramp system.

We also ask those who will be paying by cash to bring the exact cash required, cheques made to Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Inc.

The second membership drive will be held on **Sunday, November 28th** 10:00 am till Noon.

Printed forms will be available.

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

**General Membership Dinner Meeting**

Our next General Membership Dinner Meeting will be held **Wednesday December 01 2021**. Please note the date of this dinner, it is not scheduled on our regular monthly date as we had to re-schedule to work with our Chef Claude’s schedule.

**PLEASE NOTE** **the Following Restrictions will be in place**;

1. Masks will be mandatory.
2. Proof of vaccination will be mandatory or a Negative Covid Test 48 hours prior to the event
3. social distancing will be in place,
4. Covid Screening will be completed
5. contact information will be collected before entering.

***These are the government regulations we must follow!*** Failure to comply with these government regulations will lead to denial of entry. Failure for our club to follow these restrictions and regulations could result in our club losing our Liquor License and receiving large fines!

Our bar will be open, but drinking can only happen at your table.

Masks will be mandatory to wear everywhere except while sitting at your table.

We will be calling each table up one by one, plates will be served in the kitchen as usual, again you must wear your mask while up from your table. GBHA Executive appreciates each members and guest co-operation and understanding.

**GBHA’s current policy is this:**

For indoor events such as the upcoming PAL Courses, Monthly dinner meetings we require either proof of double vaccination or, should an individual not be vaccinated, he or she must provide proof of a negative Covid test taken within 48 hours of the event.

In addition, social distancing and masks must be worn unless the activities of the moment such as eating prevent it.

Masks may be removed while sitting at the tables, once getting up for any reason, masks must be worn.

We have no rules or policies other than those set out by the Government and detailed above. Your support and understanding is always appreciated.

**Indoor Gun Range**

Mike Weimer and Mike Crawford will chair the use of the indoor gun range during the winter months. The range will be open only to .22 cal or smaller, hand guns, rifles will both be permitted. These chairmen will be looking for volunteers to assist with these evenings. The indoor range will be opened on Tuesday nights starting **Dec 07 2021 from 07:00 pm till 09:00 pm**, should the demand arise for a second night it will be discussed and possibly added pending volunteers.

For more information, please contact Mike Weimer at 1-705-529-9353 or m2bweimer@gmail.com or

Mike Crawford at 1-705-529-6705 michael.w.crawford@sympatico.ca

**General Conservation Reminders**

As always, I invite all members to please contact me with any info you come across for conservation related efforts in the area.

Also, if you are involved with any conservation projects (with other organizations, on your own properties, etc.) please share any stories/pictures so that we can keep everyone updated on the types of efforts our membership is making. I can always be contacted at (705)427-3542 (text or call) or at craiglalonde@hotmail.com

**Mandatory Range Orientation**

GBHA will be hosting a range orientation session on **Sunday December 19th 2021 at 10:30 am**. 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.

Please notify Range Chairmen if you are not able to attend and reserve your attendance. Franz Klingenschmitt franz@bell.net or 705-543-0463, or Mike Crawford @ 1-705-529-6705 michael.w.crawford@sympatico.ca Text messages preferred! 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 Franz Klingenschmitt and Mike Crawford

Range Chairmen.

**Rifle Package Draw**

Daryl Styles owner operator of Huronia Locksmith (1-705-529-2559) has made a donation to GBHA.

In memory of Daryl’s daughter, “Ashlie” he has donated a new Browning Lever Action 30-06 rifle with 120 rounds of ammunition.

This memorial donation was made so that the proceeds can be used as a fundraiser for conservation projects.

This package also includes a new scope and mounting rings (not mounted) as well a cleaning kit.

The draw will be made at the 2022 Sportsman’s Memorial Dinner Wednesday January 19 2022. Daryl and his wife Kerry are invited to this dinner as guests and will make the draw that night.

**This prize package is worth approx. $2400.00.**

Tickets are now on sale and will be sold for $20.00 each with a limit of 150 tickets available.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Joe Belcourt at 705-427-2065, joebelcourt@gmail.com.

Payments can be made with credit card or debit with Joe or etransferred to the club at gbhaclub@gmail.com

Please call or notify Joe with your contact information for the tickets, once etransfers have been completed.

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

Larry Ferris will be hosting a PAL and Hunter program on the week end of **Sat January 08 and Sunday January 09 2022**. For more information on other dates, costs of programs and or to register please contact Larry at 705-529-6364 ferris.larry51@gmail.com

**OFAH Conservation Lottery**

OFAH Conservation Lottery tickets are now available on line [www.ofahlottery.ca](http://www.ofahlottery.ca) . Early bird final draws December 09 2021 and final grand prize tickets available until December 31 2021. Tickets are $20.00 each or 3/$50.00

**Ladies Intro to Turkey Hunting**

The GBHA has partnered with the Canadian Sportswoman Society (CSS) to bring you the "Ladies Intro to Turkey Hunting" seminar.  This event is geared towards introducing women 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 Saturday April 23rd, 2022, from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, right here at our Club.  The cost to join is $60 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!

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.

Matt 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 @ 705-321-6035 or email the club @ gbhaclub@yahoo.ca.

**2022 Sportsman’s Memorial Dinner**
GBHA Club will be having the Sportsman’s Memorial Dinner on Wednesday January 19/22. This is a regular Wednesday night dinner so that our membership can take the evening to remember our fallen members and honorable mentions.

As well we will celebrate the accomplishments of our club and its members.

Should any member wish to nominate a member for an award please notify Calvin King by December 18 2021.

Should anyone have any wild game entries to be judged, or any anglers who have an entry to be judged, please forward the information such as length, girth, weight and a picture to Calvin King @ 1-705-734-8043 cktaxidermy@gmail.com.

Wild game donations will be greatly accepted and appreciated as they will be used for Hors D’oeuvre served prior to dinner.

Tickets will be sold at the door for regular price. Doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Cash Sales Only!

**Editor’s Note:**

The snow has fallen giving us all a stark reminder that the great white blanket is coming, weather we like it or not! For some they are fortunate to head to warm locations, but for others we tend to stay home and battle the treacherous conditions Old Man Winter can bring. Travel safe snow birds!

For the rest of the winter dwellers take some time to remember to put away all your outdoor equipement from the summer fun to ensure that it is in good condition for next years activities. As well be sure to renew all your permits and licenses, and to fill out all your surveys for your hunting experiences!

With the winter comes Christmas, a time to gather and spend time with loved ones and sharing gifts! Please do not forget that there are many others that will not be fortunate to have visitors at Christmas, have a hot meal to go to or have gifts to give! Please take the time to think of others that maybe in this situation, make a donation to a food or toy drive, visit a relative or an old friend.

It will all be appreciated, and you will feel good for doing it!

The Executive of GBHA would like to thank each and everyone one of our members for being so supportive and understanding during the ongoing pandemic. The executive has been working very hard and have tried many different ways to resolve issues. It has not been an easy situation for any of us to deal with the pandemic on a personal level, but to take the time to ensure the club is still up and running on top of it all has also been a challenge at times.

It has all been greatly appreciated.

So, let’s all have a Very Merry Christmas, and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Stay Safe, Stay Well!

***We Wish You All a Very Merry Christmas***

***and Happy New Year’s!***

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

 **THE “BUY N SELL” WILL ONLY BE**

**POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE**

[www.gbhuntersandanglers.com](http://www.gbhuntersandanglers.com)

