



Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Inc.

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December 2022

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.

No December Dinner Meeting

There will be **NO** December General Membership Dinner Meeting. Dinner will resume in January 2023.

Donation to Salvation Army Christmas Food Bank Drive

GBHA Executive decided to make a donation of a \$400.00 gift card to the Salvation Army Food Bank to put towards the Christmas Food Bank Drive. As well a private donation of a \$25.00 gift card was donated to this cause.

Food Bank Donations

With our upcoming Christmas Market being our last event prior to Christmas we are asking that each of you please keep in mind those that will not have enough for their tables and bring a non-perishable item (or cash gift card to purchase needed items) for our local food bank. Dan Gardner will be setting up a box for all donations and will ensure they get to the food bank on time for the many Christmas Dinner tables in need of assistance.

Remembrance Day Wreath Presentation

GBHA Club would like to thank all our members to joined us in the presentation of a Remembrance Day Wreath at the Cenotaph on King St in Midland. We will never forget them! Pictures available on our Facebook page.

Donation Appreciation

GBHA would like to thank Brampton Brick of Hillsdale, for their donation of interlock brick we are going to be using at our new entrance way. Many thanks as well to Bill Dunn for arranging this donation.

Indoor Range Usage

Indoor range use has been postponed until January 2023. We apologize for any inconveniences; we will post the dates in the January bulletin.

Project Mapleseed

We had spectacular weather at our Project Mapleseed! We'd like to thank Carl, Denis, and Warren for coming out and congratulations to Carl for getting his Rifleman's patch on the first time of asking! Special thank you to Craig Lalonde for helping with set up and tear down and to Russ, Adrienne, and Kelly from Project Mapleseed for making the long trip over here and making the event possible. Be sure to keep an eye out for next year's Mapleseed! Thanks Jared Daley GBHA's club would like to send a special thank you to Jared Daley for chairing this great event.

Snow Removal Volunteering

GBHA club have Ed Brabant Construction doing our snow removal of the parking lot and driveway. On occasion we have asked for volunteers to do the snow blowing at the range and the clubhouse for emergency exits and walkways. With this past snowfall we wanted to thank Jamie Kennedy who came out at last minutes notice and dealt with the snow blowing around the clubhouse, it was greatly appreciated Jamie, thanks again.

Fish Hatchery Building

It has come to our attention that the old Fish Hatchery Building's condition is not favorable or safe for usage or renovation. We will be dismantling this shed, but first we would like to make a list of volunteers to assist (approx. 6-8 volunteers would be needed). It was suggested to do this demolition during the winter as to cut down the potential for contracting poison ivy! If you are able and interested in volunteering for this demolition project, please email the club gbhalcub@yahoo.ca. Once we have enough volunteers, we will set up a date for the project.

Christmas Market Holliday Gift and Craft Show VENDER SPACES SOLD OUT!

This event is now sold out of vendor spots! Participant entry is free, but a non-perishable donation for the local food bank would be greatly appreciated. Leslie would like to have a few volunteers to help set up on *Monday December 05*, *2022*, *at 6:30 pm*, as well she will need a couple volunteers the day of to help run and clean up from this event. This Christmas Market Holiday Gift Show being presented at our clubhouse Saturday December 10, 2022 from 10 am till 2 pm. For more information, please contact Leslie Edwards @ 705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com

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.

2023 Memberships and Renewals

This year we have a new Membership Chairperson, Leslie Edwards. She will be at the upcoming dinner meetings and events to receive applications and renewals for membership. We have posted our renewal forms on our website and payment can be done by etransfer (gbhaclub@gmail.com) please ensure when doing an etransfer you include that the etransfer is for a membership renewal. This will assist in our accounting. As well we will be electronically sending our membership renewal attachments for each member to download, fill in and send back. Hard copies will be mailed out to those who still are receiving hard copy bulletins. Along with the renewal form, will be the waiver for 2023. Please download it, fill it out and return with the renewal form.

For those whom are interested in coming to the clubhouse to renew their membership or submitting their membership applications, Leslie has arranged to be at the clubhouse on Sunday December 04th 1:00 pm till 3:00 pm, and again Thursday December 15th 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm. **T-shirt sales will be available on these dates!**

We ask that everyone when bringing in your forms that they be completely filled out. 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.

Please be patient with this year's process, it is Leslie's first year of chairing this position and it will be a learning experience for her as well. Also, she will be looking for an assistant at dinners and membership drives. Please contact Leslie Edwards @ 705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com if you are interested in assisting.

Thank you, Leslie, for stepping up to chair this position.

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

Clubhouse Repairs

Repairs and renovations have begun to the clubhouse. Matt Weissflogg removed the old canopy covering the entrance way. This is preparation of our new front entrance renovation. In the near future we will be removing the paneling in the lower hall and new wall coverings will be applied. This will take place sometime after the Dec 10/22 Christmas Market. Volunteers will be needed, please watch for notices via email and or our website and our Facebook page.

FISHING EQUIPMENT DONATION

We have received a case of new rods and reels in memory of Jim Bamford.

Jim, a long-time friend and 54-year hunting partner of Alan Wheeler, and was involved in fishing, fish hatcheries, from his childhood. In later years, Jim worked with the Ministry of Natural Resources as an advisor and also volunteered as a member of Metro East Anglers promoting fish hatcheries through Toronto, including his own on Parkview Golf Course through the 90's. He had a love of sharing his passion for the outdoors, hosting fishing days for children at his private trout pond and raising fish in tanks at a local school to stock nearby lakes.

GBHA Club plan to use some of the rods as door prizes at our Sportsman's Memorial Dinner on January 18th, and some for our silent auction at the April 15th Conservation Wild Game Dinner and Fundraiser. The proceeds from the sale at our Conservation Dinner will be put toward replacement of targets for the Jr Club Archery Range. The balance of the rods and reels will be used as prizes at the North Simcoe Youth Conference (Hopefully June 10th 2023 with Covid behind us)

This is a wonderful gift, and our Junior Members will enjoy these rods for many years

Internet Services

GBHA is will be beginning to install internet services connected at the clubhouse to assist in our security systems and for the use by our members while at the clubhouse. This month Joe Belcourt will be getting the internet line installed in ground, then to the building. For more information please contact Joe Belcourt @ 705-427-2065, joebelcourt@hotmail.com

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

Sportsmen's Memorial Dinner

GBHA Club will be hosting our Sportsman's Memorial Dinner on Wednesday January 18/23. 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 Chuck Edwards or Calvin King by December 18 2022.

LOYD WILSON AWARD; For most active new member

HAROLD KETTLE AWARD; Most dedicated to conservation

MERIT AWARD; Member displaying most dedication and service over the past year

OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AWARD; Member showing dedication and service to the club over the years

For our next Sportsman's Memorial Dinner, we are going to do something new and exciting. As any other year, we will be presenting members with our annual Service and Fishing/Wild Game awards.

BUT new for this year, we will also be awarding recipients with gift cards*. We want to celebrate the achievements, of our fellow members, from the previous year, so please be sure to nominate someone you feel is deserving of one of our service awards, AND don't forget to enter your fish and wild game entries (from the 2022 season) to be judged. Service award nominations, 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 Chuck Edwards @ 1-705-529-8871 (chuckles@csolve.net) or Calvin King @ 1-705-734-8043 (cktaxidermy@gmail.com) by December 18, 2022.

*maximum of one gift card per person (in the event that someone is the recipient of multiple awards).

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

Chef Pamela will be serving a tasty Roast Beef Dinner with all the fixings! 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!

"Bring a Guest to Dinner" Draw

GBHA will be having a draw for two free dinner tickets for members use that can be used for 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 will be held at the Sportsmen's Memorial Dinner 2023 Thank you to all the members who brought guests and good luck in the draw.

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.

Ladies Night Indoor Gun Range

Tentative dates have been set up for a Ladies Night at the range. Mike Crawford will chair these evenings. He has sent up tentative dates for Jan 19/23, 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*

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!**

Range Officer Training Program

GBHA Range Chairman Larry Ferris has the final draft together for the Range Officer program. We will be offering this program in January of 2023, dates to be announced in January bulletin. Please contact Larry Ferris at 705-529-6364 ferris.larry51@gmail.com if you are interested in signing up for this course, the cost and dates to be announced.

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

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

Bingo Shift Volunteers Request

As we move closer to our amalgamation with North Simcoe Anglers and Hunters, we need to be prepared to fill in Bingo Shifts and Angel Gate Gaming in Penetang. We will need six volunteers (two committed so far) and it is our plan to have appropriate training completed so that we are ready to volunteer in January.

Our plan is to complete three bingo shifts per month and this will require two people per shift. With enough volunteers, each person will do one shift per month. It is extremely important that when you volunteer for a shift, that you attend that shift, or, if life causes you to be unable to attend your shift, you will contact our Volunteer Coordinator (yet unnamed) to arrange for the backup person to attend. Dress Code. GBHA will provide an appropriate golf style collared shirt with our Logo embroidered on the left front of the shirt. This must be worn at all times while volunteering at Angel Gate. See rules below.

So that you know what is expected of you as a Volunteer, please see below the rules for Bingo volunteers. Any questions please direct to Alan Wheeler at acwheeler66@gmail.com

Volunteer Roles Reference Sheet

Angel Gate Charity Association – Delta Bingo Penetanguishene

Updated – September 2022

Welcoming guests as they arrive and thanking guests for supporting their charity as they depart.

- o Typically done before and after active bingo sessions, as customers will be busy/focused on bingo.
- o Have some basic knowledge of how your charity uses its funds raised through bingo, this helps players better see the impact Delta Bingo has on our community.
- o Socialize when it is appropriate; create good memories for our customers!

Assisting masked guests with showing their face for the security camera for 3 seconds.

O If a customer is wearing a mask, they must lower it to show their face to the cameras above the main customer service desk. Volunteers can help direct this process.

Circulate the gaming floor to support Delta Bingo customer service staff

- o Main bingo room to the lounge and cabinet games rooms. Be available to direct staff to help with any customer concerns.
- o Direct staff back to the customer service counters when a customer is waiting because the staff have briefly stepped away from the counter.
- o Help distribute raffle tickets when asked.

Assist players with information on programs, events, games, and promotions as needed

- o Help hand out promotional ballots or assist new players with some basic information on games.
- o If a volunteer recognizes that a player is new to bingo, they can escort them to a manager or the front counter for more information and assistance.

Assist players with the technology basics of the electronic gaming in the centre as needed

o Covered in the online training. Volunteers can direct a staff member to solve any non-basic issues/concerns with machines.

Assist staff with keeping the environment clean.

- o Picking up *used* paper bingo products, empty cups, cleaning screens, recycling, waste bins, etc.
- o Volunteers can use clean, dry cloths to buff out any fingerprints or palm prints from the screens on the cabinet games. Cloths can be obtained at the front desk, just ask a staff member.
- o Volunteers cannot use chemical cleaners as we do not conduct WHMIS training.
- o Help tuck in chairs neatly and make sure walkways aren't obstructed.
- o Volunteers may be asked on occasion to sweep leaves and debris from the front entry.

Food service is currently unavailable and volunteers do not call back numbers at this location.

Conservation Updates

There is still no conservation planned for the month of December at this time, but keep an eye on your emails and the Club's Facebook page in case we do plan something after this bulletin goes out. Looking forward to the winter months, we will be preparing for our annual work to maintain and monitor the duck nesting boxes around the Tiny Marsh and Matchedash Bay areas. Dates an times will be announced in the next bulletin.

As the winter weather continues, the topic of feeding wildlife (especially white-tailed deer) often comes up. With any human interventions, there are a number of things to be cognizant of, as there is always a potential to have a negative impact (regardless of the intentions). In an effort to help, people will often introduce foods, such as corn, alfalfa, various mixes, etc. The sudden availability of these foods, especially in large quantities can actually cause more problems, including digestive upset and even death. Providing supplemental feeding can also lead to increased density of deer in an area, leading to other issues, including; increased predation, the spread of disease and parasites (such as Chronic Wasting Disease), and human-wildlife conflict (property damage, vehicle collisions, etc.). If you do choose to provide additional food sources, there are some things to consider.

Moving into the season, a deer's diet adapts to eating their winter browse, which includes buds and twigs of woody plants. The best way to help deer through particularly difficult winters, is to make their natural browse more readily available. Practices such as "hinge cutting" brings the twigs and buds of larger trees down into a range where the deer can reach them. This can be done in the winter, but keep in mind that you do not want to go out into an area and stress the deer more with your presence and disturbance to the area, especially in extreme winter conditions.

This is something you can also make a project of throughout the year. If you have property with a wooded area, you can selectively remove trees/shrubs to help create more open space. This can allow more sunlight to reach the forest floor, resulting in new growth, and therefore more food within the reach of deer and other species. You can also look into planting other beneficial plant species to provide additional food sources. There are commercial products that are meant for the creation of food plots, but it is always best to use more natural practices and native species, to avoid introducing or spreading detrimental invasive and/or non-native species.

There are countless resources online to learn more about the do's and don'ts of winter feeding. Here are a couple good ones.

https://deerassociation.com/provide-emergency-winter-deer-food/

 $\underline{https://www.ofah.org/wp\text{-}content/uploads/2015/04/MNR\text{-}Guidelines\text{-}deer_winterFeeding.pdf}$

https://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/conserva/feed-deer.asp

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

GBHA Swag!

GBHA now have the large **OFAH crests** for sale for the price of \$15.00 each. **Hats** are \$15.00 each or 2/\$25.00, **crests** are being sold for \$5.00 each, **vests** can be purchase for \$45.00 each. These vests are a great way to display your badges and buttons of your achievements. Vest, hats and crests will be sold at the dinner meetings or by contacting Bruce Dunn @ 1-705-528-2709.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in the draw for the grant we applied for. During this process we were able to discover a few suggestions for our club to work on for further possibilities to be successful in this application process. This will be a work in progress, and it will continue! Thank you very much Ken Langley for your dedication to this time-consuming process in attempting to acquire funds to

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

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 every five years. Information Bulletin: Mandatory Smart Serve® Recertification Will Begin July 1, 2022 | Alcohol and Gaming

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

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

Wild Game Dinner
GBHA's is planning on hosting a Wild Game Dinner in April 15th 2023. Joe Belcourt has volunt to chair the 2023 Wild Game Dinner. Joe will be looking for many volunteers to assist in the production of this event, canvassing for door prizes, receiving wild game donations etc. For more information or if you are interested in making any donations of prizes, migratory birds, wild gam meats, or volunteering in anyway, please contact Joe Belcourt @ 705-427-2065, joebelcourt@hotmail.com Tickets will be on sale at starting January 2023.

WILD GAME DONATIONS WILL BE NEEDE AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Woodlot Management
Our Woodlot Management Chairman Matt Wiesesflog ha GBHA's is planning on hosting a Wild Game Dinner in April 15th 2023. Joe Belcourt has volunteered production of this event, canvassing for door prizes, receiving wild game donations etc. For more information or if you are interested in making any donations of prizes, migratory birds, wild game

WILD GAME DONATIONS WILL BE NEEDED

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

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

Editor's Note:

With the Christmas season upon us, we are all preparing for the festive season. Ensuring we have all the gifts bought, food prepared and decorations up! It can be a very busy time of the year for us all. Especially for the executive board members. Not only are they all getting ready for their own Christmas but they remain very dedicated in keeping the club going.

It has truly been an honor to sit on a board for so long with so many different members and get so much completed and maintained. This dedication continues on into the New Year!

The New Year brings many monthly tasks for each board member but we are now moving forward with day-to-day business, we have some huge renovation projects that will begin in the near future.

But there is something even bigger we are planning! We will be moving forward with our planning for our 100 Year Anniversary! 100 years, wow! To think this little club started as a hunting club up in Cognashene then progressed its way to our current location with over 400 members! Something to be very proud of!

An event of this size will require a dedicated group of volunteers to form a committee to lay out the plans and the execution of this event. We will announce a date for a meeting to form this committee in the January bulletin.

These meetings will be used to develop a committee and take suggestions and ideas of how to celebrate our heritage of what we as a club are about. This ceremony will be held on the National Hunting Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day, Saturday September 16 2023.

We ask many times for volunteers through out our year for many different reasons, all in flavor of improving our club and or our community. Without volunteers we would not have made it to 100 years! We thank all those over the years whom have unselfishly come forth and assisted in may different ways, it has and will be greatly appreciated.

Remember folks that as the year ends, take some time to check your permits and licenses to ensure they do not expire. It appears that the renewal process is slower than in previous years so do not hesitate, renew your licenses and permits and hunting reports now!

We ask that while you're out preparing for your festive season, please remember to help those who will not have this year by donating toys, food or cash where needed! It will go along way for so many!

Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Executive and Chairpersons would like to wish each and everyone of you 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

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