

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

**October 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 Wednesday October 25, 2023 GBHA Club will be hosting our monthly dinner meeting. A delicious Rib dinner with all the fixings will be prepared. 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.***

**Volunteers Needed**

Every month we see the same volunteers selling raffle tickets and dinner tickets at our monthly dinner meetings. We would like to compile a list of people interested in volunteering to help sell tickets at our dinner meetings. If you are interested, please email gbhaclub@yahoo.ca so that we can use this list to arrange volunteers for each dinner meeting.

**Treasurer Position Required**

GBHA's current Treasurer Mr. Jamie Kennedy will be resigning from his position as our clubs treasurer for personal reasons. We will be accepting any applicants interested in volunteering for this position. GBHA would like to thank Jamie for his dedication to this position and appreciate him staying on until a replacement is found.

This position does require some time to learn and experience with Quick Books bookkeeping is an asset. Should a replacement not be found it will leave the Board of Directors no choice but to hire an outside firm to deal with our bookkeeping needs.

For further information on what the position holds, duties and responsibilities please contact Bruce Dunn at gbhaclub@yahoo.ca.

**Membership Drive**

Lets try something different this year and be ahead of everything. Here are the dates and times when Membership drives will occur.

* Oct 25, club dinner
* Nov 5, 1-3
* Nov 15, club dinner
* Dec 6, 6-8
* Dec 16, 10-12
* Jan 17, club dinner
* Jan 28, 12-2

**Catch and Keep fishing**

The upper pond was stocked with fish for the 100 year anniversary. Members can fish in the pond, but please note that it is $5 per fish, and there is no catch and release. All fish that are caught must be kept and paid for. Etransfers can be sent to gbhaclub@gmail.com. If sending an etransfer, please make sure you include what the etransfer is for. Alternatively, you can pay at the monthly dinner meeting.

**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).

**Christmas Market**

We will be hosting our Christmas market on Saturday December 9 from 10-3 at the club house. We are looking for vendors for the event. If you are interested, please contact Leslie Edwards at cheynataussies@gmail.com

**Fun Array of Hunting and fishing Activities With the Canadian Sportswoman Society (CSS)**

Our good friends at the CSS continue to offer amazing group activities. These events take place in various locations throughout Southern/Central Ontario, and are open to the public. Some events are women only, but they do also offer co-ed, and youth events/contests. Here’s a list of what they have available in October, and registration is now open. Click the links below for more information and to register.

**Women's Events**

Women's Waterfowl Hunt - Saturday, October 14th to Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Women's Pheasant Hunt - Saturday, October 21st to Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

**Co-Ed Events**

Co-Ed Waterfowl Hunt - Friday, October 13th to Saturday, October 14th, 2023

Co-Ed Pheasant Hunt - Friday, October 20th to Saturday, October 21st, 2023

**Youth/Family Events**

Youth Squirrel Tournament - October 1st to 30th, 2023

Spaces are limited at these event, and the CSS' events always sell out, so be sure to register early!

For a full list of events, information, and to register, you can visit their website at <https://www.canadiansportswomansociety.ca/events> and follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianSportswomanSociety> and Instagram @canadiansportswomansociety

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

**GBHA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

With the fall hunting seasons fast approaching, we wanted to remind everyone that we are still looking for members to step up as mentors. We are looking for folks who are willing to share their knowledge with other (adult) club members that are newer to hunting, and who are looking to benefit from the experience of established hunters. If you are interested in being a part of this in any way, please 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 hours**

Thank you to everyone that have submitted volunteer hours so far, for recording and tracking. This is a reminder to please submit any time to me, when you spend your time volunteering for club related activities/business. This information is important as we use this information 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 Lalonde via email at craiglalonde@hotmail.com

**2024 Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) Ontario Firearm Calendar Raffle, and Midland Ducks Unlimited Waterfowl Raffle**

The Midland DU Committee wants GBHA members to know that we currently have wo great raffles available.

First, we once again have the DUC Firearm Calendars available for 2024. As always, during this raffle, a gun is given away each week in 2024 . . . That's 52 guns given away!! NEW FOR 2024, there are also 12 additional monthly draws for $500 cash added to the calendar. As always, there are only 5000 calendars printed, they are only available in Ontario, and they are only $50 each. 2024 is the most exciting year yet, with firearms being given away from brands, such as; Stoeger, Benelli, Tikka, Sako, Beretta and Franchi. Firearms range in value from $505 - $3500 each, with over $82k in guns/cash being given away.

These sell out quickly every year, and you can only get them until November (or until they're gone!!). The list of current winners for 2023 (and past years) can be found at, <https://www.ducks.ca/places/ontario/ontarioguncalendar/>

The second raffle the committee has available is a waterfowl hunting package. Tickets are only $20 each, and the draw will take place on October 30th, 2023. There will be one draw, and the lucky winner will receive a limited edition DUC Tri-star Cobra 12 gauge shotgun, 4 boxes of Kent’s ammunition, 4 dozen Real-Geese Silhouette Goose Decoys, and a set of Goose and Duck calls . . . that’s a value of over $1200!! These tickets are only available locally through committee members.

For more information on either of these raffles, or to purchase calendars/tickets, please contact Craig Lalonde at craiglalonde@hotmail.com /(705) 427-3542. You can also find the Midland DUC committee on Facebook and Instagram.

**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

**Volunteers Appreciation**

I can not remember a time we have been so busy around the clubhouse as we have this year! Between project work, monthly meetings, separate events, rentals, major renovations inside and outside the clubhouse and the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Event.

I am sure most of the membership is tired of hearing the call for volunteers. But reassure they were needed for good reasons. We have 600 members, and we seemed to always get the same dedicated members who find the time to come out and chip in to make it possible to get the task at hand completed. Without these volunteers, the club would have to pay contractors to come in and complete the tasks at a cost. A cost we can not afford without consequences such as huge membership rate increases!

I for one am very appreciative of these volunteers stepping up and helping out and I hope each of the members of our club appreciate their hard work. These volunteers never complain, just keep asking what is next and get the job done.

Through the volunteering I have had a great opportunity to get to meet many new members and catch up with the ones I know. This is part of what the club is about the comradery to gather for the betterment of our club.

These volunteers spent countless hours helping with property maintenance, gardening, electrical work, plumbing, drywalling, painting, carpentry, housekeeping, masonry work, construction skills/labor, but most of all their friendships and support.

GBHA would like to thank the volunteers below for their help with the various projects: Dan Gardner, Gord Fontain, Mark and Pat Zimmerman, George Stevenson, Dave Smith, Richard Carriere, Bill Loucks, Ken Langley, Walker and Heather McKay, Norm and Mara Burton, Greg and Leslie Edwards, Mike and Brenda Weimer, Chuck Edwards, Leslie Stunden, Barry Martin, Sterley Stubbings, Dan Wilson, Robert Capling, Stephen Ott, Rick Witusik, Larry and Janice Ferris, Don Gostick, Tom Irvine, Dawson Smith, Andrew Adamek, Michael McLean, Scott Strong, Calvin King, Adam King, Ed Brabant, Matt Weissflogg, Hannah Edwards, Tori Edwards, Bruce Dunn

Thanks everyone for all your hard work, Bruce Dunn

**Renovations**

Many of you have noticed the renovations we have completed. We still have a few more to get done but we are also planning of moving forward in the near future and planning more for next year. Over the past year, we have fixed all our structural issues/block repairs, painted the exterior, graded the driveway and parking lot, installed internet in the clubhouse, installed a new designated smoking area and a new front entrance. That’s just outside!

Inside, we completed electrical upgrades, removed old paneling in basement, installed strapping and pine boards to the basement, painted the remaining walls, and ceiling tiles, Chuck Edwards and his daughter Sherilyn Edwards volunteered to design and paint the doors in the lower hall to match the décor and look amazing, we installed metal wall covering around the lower hall bar and a complete renovation to the lower bar area with included new plumbing and cabinetry donated by Greg and Leslie Edwards and custom décor to assist the bartenders. Most of this work downstairs was completed by Greg Edwards, Leslie Edwards, Chuck Edwards, Hannah Edwards, Tori Edwards, Sterley Stubbings and Matt Weissflogg, plus a few other volunteers.

Upstairs we painted the upper hall changing the color, installed the missing trim pieces, painted the ceiling tiles, cleaned the vents, windows and blinds.

As well we painted the front entrance landing, upper hallway, and lower landing and all the doors! Rearranged the trophy cases and installed new signs around the hall.

Listed below are the contractors hired to complete the specialize projects. GBHA is very grateful and appreciative of the following contractors who not only gave the club a great deal on pricing and or also volunteered some of their time, materials, and equipment to get the job done. Many thanks and appreciate to:

**Contractors**

Matt Weissflogg of M. Weissflogg Masonry, 1-705-321-6035

Ed Brabant of Brabant Construction, 1-705-427-2074

Ryan Jeanotte of Jeanotte Painting, 1-705-427-7653

James Robitaille of Penetang Quality Products, 1-705-549-2509

Peter Roper or P. Roper Construction, 1-705-715-6359

Mike Duquette of Revive Your Floors, 1-705-543-9965

Calvin King of Kingsmen Builders Inc, 1-705-734-8043

Greg Edwards of Edwards Custom Cabinets, 1-705-835-6846

Norm Burton of Burton Electrical Technical Inc., 1-705-529-9402

I apologize if I have forgotten any names but thank everyone for their dedication and hard work.

**Name the Hall Contest**

GBHA would like to thank all participants in the Name the Hall contest we held this year. We had some really great names put forth and reasons for them. The Board of Directors and the 100 Year Committee were all given an opportunity to see the name submissions and voted on the names for the halls.

GBHA would like to congratulate David Dalrymple for his submissions. Both his submissions were voted as winners:

Upper Hall is now named the Angler's Cove

Lower Hall in now named the Hunter's Lodge

**100 Year Anniversary Celebration Event and Volunteers**

On Saturday September 16 2023 we celebrated our 100 Year Anniversary. This was a huge milestone for our club and our heritage. As our records were destroyed by fire years ago, we were not able to pin point the date the club started but we knew the year. Being that it was about our history and our heritage it was decided that it would be rather appropriate to celebrate this event on the National Hunting, Trapping, Fishing Heritage Day.

The day’s celebration needed volunteers, all we had to do was ask and they come forth and they were there all day and night for any reason needed. They all assisted to making the events, activities, exhibits and presentations successful for all the participants of the day that came out to experience interests we all share as a club and see what we offer to the community. As well they were able to visit the history behind the club, its origin and our future. Other exhibits were available for viewing inside and outside of the clubhouse with a few activities around the property.

We were especially honored to receive recognition of our 100 Years of Heritage with plaque from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) presented by Angelo Lombardo and a plaque from OFAH Zone H representatives Mike Evers Chair of Zone H and Wayne Foregrave past chair of Zone H. Adam Chambers was also on hand to congratulate our club on our 100 Year Anniversary.

We would like to thank Ontario Fur Managers, Ferris Hunting Safety Training, Ducks Unlimited, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, Wye Marsh, MNRF, OPP, SSEA, GBHA Bursary Committee, GBHA Junior Club for their exhibits and the Birds of Prey, the Georgian Bay HRC dog retrieving demonstration, and Sterley Stubbings Bee Hive for their very entertaining and educational presentations enjoyed by all.

Many hours went into the planning, research and following through to make this event successful for the club and its participants. We hope those attended enjoyed themselves as much as we did planning it.

GBHA would like to thank the following volunteers for their efforts to ensuring all went well, great job everyone, thanks.

These volunteers are: Greg and Leslie Edwards, Mike and Brenda Weimer, Larry and Janice Ferris, Joe and Shelby Belcourt, Don and Betty Gostick, Mike Crawford, Bill Loucks, Ken Langley, Reid Belfry, Chuck Edwards, Sterley and Pat Stubbings, Jim and Sue Williamson, Noah Hackett, Matt Weissflogg, Dan Gardner, Carl Ferris, Kevin Morris, Hannah Edwards, Robert Capling, Leandra Robitaille, Tony Li, Rob Burston, Warren Pawlikowski, Scott Strong, Alicia Morris, Dave Winfield, Jared Daily, Gill Nap,, Mark and Pat Zimmerman, Glen Handy, Cathy Harris, Frank Hendrick, Addison Morris, Dennie Belcourt, Gracen Belcourt and Ben Leger, Tori Edwards.

I would especially like to thank Leslie Edwards for her countless hours of volunteering and organizing, she stepped up and went beyond. It is truly appreciated not only by the club, the committee but by myself.

**100 Year Anniversary Grand Prize Winners**

GBHA 100 Year Anniversary Committee would like to thank all those who purchased the tickets on our 50-50, bucket raffles, and grand prize draws.

Winner of the grand prizes are;

* 50-50 Draw was Mrs. Jean Shaw
* Kayak/Fishing Package was Mr. Wayne Wilcox
* Excalibur Axiom Crossbow Package was Janice Ferris
* 410 Shot Gun Package was Jared Daley
* Pellet Gun Package was Greg Edwards

Congratulations to all our winners.

**100 Year Anniversary Committee**

Back in 2022 a committee was formed of volunteers to plan, and execute the celebration of our clubs 100 Year Anniversary. This committee oversaw the design of the new logo’s, crests, t-shirts, vests, buttons, cozies, and mugs. As well, meetings were held to plan the event, entertainment, foods, activities, presentations and exhibits.

Many hours went into what we feel was a very successful and enjoyable day for members or our club, past members and the community to come to our clubhouse and property.

Being the chair of this committee, I would like to give thanks to all the members: Greg and Leslie Edwards, Mike and Brenda Weimer, Larry and Janice Ferris, Joe and Shelby Belcourt, Don and Betty Gostick, Mike Crawford, Bill Loucks, Ken Langley, Reid Belfry, Chuck Edwards, Sterley Stubbings. I thank you all and your spouses for your dedication to this committee to see it through and make it successful.

Bruce Dunn 100 Year Committee Chair.

**Georgian Manor Pond Fishing**

On Monday September 18/23 we host a day of fishing at our pond for seniors from the Georgian Manor. We hosted a total of 8 residence for the day, to whom all said they had a beautiful day out, really enjoyed the fishing and are looking forward to returning next year. We hope they enjoy their harvests!

GBHA would like to thank the following volunteers for coming out and helping these seniors enjoy themselves for the day; Jim Williamson, Chuck Edwards, Mike Weimer, Dan Gardner, Leslie Edwards and Bruce Dunn

**Respecting Your Last Wishes!**

While reading some of your favorite magazines or while searching the internet, you may have come across a few articles dealing with somewhat sensitive issues pertaining to fellow enthusiasts, hunters and anglers who have passed away. Some of these issues vary from their last wishes of donations to their choice of clubs and or federations, to, how the family/executor must deal with topics such as firearms, ammunition and other items of interest.

This appears to be on the rise, especially with the long gun registry being abolished! GBHA club has in the past received monetary donations and some families have expressed interest about offering the firearms/equipment to the club as a donation. These donations are always appreciated and are put to good use, but are *not* expected of members!

Often the executive of GBHA is approached regarding the issues of dealing with firearms such as unregistered firearms, registered firearms, how to transfer them to an heir, what happens if an heir does not have a PAL or an appropriate license, who is responsible for dealing with the firearms? Many questions and situations have been brought up on these and other topics. The Board of Directors have been able to answer the questions and or help set up appropriate actions to deal with these situations.

As mentioned, these are delicate situations. Should you or anyone you know may need the assistance of Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Executive can be re-assured that each situation will be dealt with discretion and in a professional manor and with upmost respect to the members and family’s requests. ALL persons in possession of firearms or other items of interest should be informed of responsibilities and be prepared.

We have also listed some internet links to help inform you and assist in your decision making, please take some time to think about you wishes.

Inherited Firearms; [Executors and heirs | Royal Canadian Mounted Police (rcmp-grc.gc.ca)](https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/firearms/executors-and-heirs)

Information for Executors; <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/will-testament-eng.htm>

Chief Firearms Offices; <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/cfo-caf/index-eng.htm>

**Notifications of Fallen Members**

GBHA Board of Directors, would appreciate notification of the passing of any previous and current members so we can pass on our condolences and notifications to our members. Please notify Leslie Edwards @ 705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com

Thanks everyone,

**Hannah Edwards - Bulletin Editor**

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