



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

November 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 November 15, 2023 GBHA Club will be hosting our monthly dinner meeting. A delicious Turkey 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.

Membership Drive

Membership renewal has started for 2024. This year, we are encouraging members to fill out their membership forms online on the website. All members who submit their forms from the website will be entered into a draw for a GBHA club T-shirt and Mug. If unable to fill membership forms out online, they can be filled out and submitted at the Clubhouse on the following dates:

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

If sending payment for membership via Email transfer, please include your name in the notes section of the email transfer.

Junior Club Event

The junior club will be having an event on Sunday November 12th from 10-2. If any members would like to come out and volunteer that would be great. Also if anyone has any questions about the junior club please contact Karl Gostick through the email provided gbhajuniorclub@gmail.com.

Smoker Raffle

GBHA is raffling off a huge BBQ Smoker Package. This Raffle will be drawn on January 17th 2024 at our sportsman Memorial Dinner. Tickets are 1 Ticket for \$5.00 or 5 Tickets for \$20.00

If you would like to purchase tickets please email Joe Belcourt at Joebelcourt@hotmail.com or Tickets can be purchased at our next monthly dinner November 15th 2023

Christmas Market

With the Christmas Market 1 month away, things are moving right along. Saturday Dec 9 from 10-3. We have over 40 tables sold with over 35 vendors. At this time we are still looking for 2-3 more vendors, contact Leslie Edwards a cheynataussies@gmail.com. Santa and the Grinch will be available for pictures that day. Lunch will be available for a fee at the club the day of the market as well, so bring your family and come out and enjoy a little bit of Christmas fun, and finish your shopping. Support local, support small businesses. We are asking for donations to the food bank.

100 Year Anniversary Recognition

The Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers received a document from the Ontario Government recognizing GBHA for 100 years of operation as an organization. This document was given to the club by Jill Dunlop – MPP of Simcoe North. Attached is a copy of the document.

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).

Zone H Meeting

Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers was asked to host the next OFAH Zone H quarterly meeting. This meeting will be held January 14 from 10 am until 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served for a small donation. All are welcome to attend.

Bingo Volunteers

The Bursary Committee has had volunteers working at Bingo in Penetang to earn funds to support the James Townes Memorial Bursary. This Bursary was originally established in 2012 by the North Simcoe Hunters and Anglers. It 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. Since January we have been earning an average of \$2300 per month to go towards supporting the bursary. We are looking for more people who want to volunteer a night or two a month to help out at Bingo. Volunteering for bingos is a commitment - it is not just once and a while venture. The job comes complete with a shirt and name tag. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Robert Capling at caplingr@hotmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

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

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

Canadian Sportswomans Society's (CSS) Intro to Turkey Hunting Seminar

The GBHA and CSS, will once again be teaming up, to bring back this popular even in 2024. Registration is not yet open, but the date is confirmed for April 6th. More details will be made available in the future, so please watch your bulletins, and follow the GBHA and CSS social media pages for future announcements. This is also a reminder that all ranges are closed that day, as they are used for this event. You can find the CSS on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianSportswomanSociety> and/or Instagram @canadiansportswomansociety

Midland Ducks Unlimited Canada Raffles

The Midland DU chapter would like to thank the ongoing support of the GBHA and its members. You have once again helped our committee sell out of the 2024 Gun raffle calendars. We also want to thank you for supporting the new 2023 waterfowl Package raffle that we ran. It was a great success, and we want to thank the club for allowing us to hold the draw at the clubhouse on October 30th, and to GBHA President, Greg Edwards for drawing the ticket for us. The winner was Dave Baker, and the post can be found on the Midland DU Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Midlandducksunlimited>

Bill C-21

Bill C-21 is a gun control bill that was originally introduced to legislate the government's controversial handgun freeze. However, in November of last year there were amendments added to the bill which brought in sweeping bans to all centerfire semi-automatic rifles with detachable magazines, and even included some .22s and multiple bolt-action rifles. Upon facing massive pressure from the hunting and sport shooting community, the government finally admitted to banning "hunting rifles" and withdrew these amendments. This was a great win, but the bill is not dead yet. Since then the bill has been revised and is still very problematic for gun owners in Canada. The "red flag laws" being proposed in the bill are very problematic and can very easily be abused to allow confiscation of firearms and even revocation of your firearms license. The proposed handgun ban will virtually eliminate elite-level sport shooting in Canada, including Olympic-level competition. C-21 is currently in the committee stage, which means that this is when people and organizations have the ability to influence how the Senate will deal with this bill. The current projection for this bill to become law is sometime this December. Anyone who would like to get involved is encourage to write to the Senators on the SECD committee who have been assigned to this bill. For more information on C-21 or how to prepare a letter, please check out the poster attached to this bulletin or head over to scrapc21.ca. This [article](#) from the National Post also does a great job of summarizing all of the issues with the bill.

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 \(rcmp-grc.gc.ca\)](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/Executors%20and%20heirs)

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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Club news and updates or “like us” on Facebook.