

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

**September 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 |September 20, 2023 GBHA Club will be hosting our monthly dinner meeting. A delicious Roast Beef 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.***

**AED Machine**

We would like to thank Joe Belcourt for overseeing the purchase of a new battery and pads for the AED machine, for researching and purchasing new fold up tables and thank Matt Weissflogg for dismantling the old ones.

**Archery Range Updates**

GBHA Club would like to thank Scott Strong, Sterley Stubbings, Reid Belfry and Michael McLean. These four gentlemen took the lead roles and assessed our archery range targets and stands in getting them looking good for our Centennial Celebration. They ordered new targets and rebuilt the stands for the targets. This is greatly appreciated by all the members of the club. We hope that in the next budget we can find the funding to expand and improve the archery range. Thanks again guys the range looks amazing.

**Yard Maintenance Day Thank You**

In preparation for the annual Family BBQ, we put out a call for volunteers to help out with the yard maintenance. Well, we are very thankful that Don Gostick and Ken Langley with the assistance of Mike Weimer and Chuck Edwards, were at the clubhouse the day before the call, cutting and trimming grass in the good weather. The yard looks great hopefully we can find another date to take care of the other yard clean up areas in the near future.

We did have a few volunteers show up that day. These volunteers moved the clothe chairs back upstairs, put away the long tables and recieved, opened and set up our new folding tables in preparation for our Annual Family BBQ! Thanks Chuck Edwards, Sterley Stubbings, Barry Martin, Matt Weissflog, Bruce Dunn, Bill Loucks and Don Gostick for getting the lower hall ready and helping to prep the upper hall for next weeks repairs.

And for those that noticed thanks to Mike Weimer and Chuck Edwards for installing the new tv on the wall that was donated to the club by Cheryl Yakem. The place is really looking good thanks to the volunteers.

**Lower Hall Bar Renovations and Clean-Up**

GBHA’s would like to give a huge thank you to Greg Edwards our President, for returning with his tools and a huge donation of a new cupboard and counter top for the lower bar and finishing up the lower bar area. As well he had the help of our extraordinary plumber, Mike Weimer, and the helping hands of Chuck Edwards, Bill Loucks, Bruce Dunn all at the same time assisting Leslie Edwards while she charged through and cleaned up the indoor gun range area to accommodate all of our new folding table. It all looks fantastic, great job everyone.

**Drywall Repairs in Upper and Lower Hall**

GBHA would like to give many thanks to Barry Martin and Bruce Dunn for volunteering to complete the drywall repairs in preparation for the hall painting. Greatly appreciated.

**Volunteer Painters Inside the Clubhouse**

GBHA would like to thank the following volunteers for chipping in and getting the painting done to the upper hall and lower halls. These areas were in need of a facelift and it really looks amazing now! Thank you, George Stevenson, Mark and Pat Zimmerman, Robert Capling, Stephen Ott, Bruce Dunn, Sterley Stubbings, Dan Wilson, Dan Gardner, Dave Smith, and Gordon Fontaine.

**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

**Range Gun Range and Archery Closed**

Please Note the Outdoor Gun Range will be closed on Friday September 15 2023 at 3:00 pm until Sunday September 17 2023 at 12:00 pm. This will be in preparation of the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration event, and clean up.

**Terry Fox Event – Sept 17th**

Unfortunately everyone has had acquaintances, friends or family affected by cancer. This is the 40th year the Terry Fox event has been running in our area. Over 80% of contributions go to cancer research. Your contributions save lives. If you can donate, please do. If you are able to participate in the day, please do. The event is on September 17 in Perkinsfield Park. Registration is 9-9:30, walk, ride or run either a 2km, 5km of 10km route. There will be free refreshments and live entertainment after. Donations are appreciated but not necessary to join in the fun family event. Donations and/or registration can be done online at <https://run.terryfox.ca/28578> . To join our GBHA Terry Fox team, contact Jared Daley at jareddaley64@hotmail.com or Rob Burston at rgburston@gmail.com.

**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

**Georgian Manor Fishing**

On Sept 19th at 10:00 am and again at 2:30 pm, Georgian Manor will be at the clubhouse with residence to do a little fishing. If anyone would like to come out and volunteer a little bit of your time it would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Bruce Dunn at 1-705-528-2709 or gbhaclub@yahoo.ca.

**Project Mapleseed**

The Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers is pleased to announce that we will be welcoming back Project Mapleseed on Saturday, September 23rd! Project Mapleseed is a rifle marksmanship training program that focuses on teaching traditional rifle marksmanship from standing, sitting/kneeling, and prone positions in a one-day shooting clinic termed a "Mapleseed". These highly sought-after courses are held across Canada, and hosting this event at GBHA presents a unique opportunity for our members to participate in a program that might otherwise require extensive travel and cost to get to. Information regarding registration will be posted in the coming months.

See the link below for registration, and further details. The registration link will be privately available for Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers members for the next 7 days. Mapleseed events tend to sell out very fast so save the date and get registered as soon as possible.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rimfire-only-georgian-bay-hunters-anglers-midland-on-23-sept-2023-tickets-702331040047?aff=oddtdtcreator>

**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.

**Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Yard Maintenance Day**

Volunteers needed, Tuesday September 12 2023! It’s time to get the yard cleaned for the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration! We need to cut and trim grass around clubhouse and picnic area. If time allows, we will address other areas in need of trimming.

Please dress appropriately, bring any wheelbarrows, rakes, trimmers and lawn mowers possible.

Start at 0900 am till we are done; more hands mean less work! Hope to see you out there. Rain Date Wed September 13/23. Don't forget folks not only does volunteering cut down the costs to the club, but it helps you fulfill your volunteer hours! For further information please contact Bruce Dunn 705-528-2709 gbhaclub@yahoo.ca

**100-Year Anniversary Dance and Raffle/Draw Tickets Available One More Time!**

The 100-Year Anniversary Committee will be on hand at the clubhouse Saturday September 09/23 from 11:00am till 01:00 pm for members or public to purchase fundraising tickets on our draws, 50-50 tickets and for the dance being held the night of our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Saturday September 16 2023. We will also have anniversary t-shirts, crests, vests, buttons and other items available this Tuesday. For further information or to purchase tickets please contact Leslie Edwards @ 705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com Cash sales preferred!

**Volunteers Needed for the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration**.

On Saturday September 16 2023 Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Club will be celebrating their 100th Year Anniversary as a club. On this day the 100 Year Anniversary Committee has been planning a day filled with presentations, demonstrations, and information booths.

We will also be having a BBQ during the day and to follow up the day’s events, we will be hosting a evening Dance with local performer Tyler French providing live entertainment.

A day like this could not be possible without the club's volunteers coming out to help with the set up, help run events, and to help with the clean up afterword's. And don't forget help with the dance in the evening.

This is an amazing opportunity for members to take the pride of being involved in an organization that is in existence for 100 Years! As well it is a great time to full fill some of their yearly volunteer hours. A club like this does not last 100 Years without its members chipping in at all events to make it not only a successful club but a long-lasting successful club!

If you are able to volunteer even for a few hours of the day or for the full event, it would be greatly appreciated by the Club.

To volunteer or from more information, please contact Bruce Dunn at gbhaclub@yahoo.ca or call or text 1-705-528-2709.

**100 Year Anniversary Celebration**

We have been talking about how we are celebrating our 100 Year Anniversary this year and are having our centennial event on Saturday September 16 2023. This event will run from 10:00 am till 3:00 pm. A bbq lunch will be served starting at 11:00 am. Then we will end the days celebration with a dance in the evening at from 07:00 on till 01:00 am. This celebration event is open to the public, all are welcomed.

During the day, we will be hosting different events. These events will include;

1. Our outdoor gun range will be open for participants that will be instructed and learn how to safely load and operate firearms. We will offer different types of firearms ranging from air soft rifles to .22 rifles and 12 and 20 guage shot guns.
2. Our ponds will be open with instructors available to assist in baiting, casting and if fortunate enough to clean a fish.
3. We will also be having our archery range open where instructors will teach the safe ways to load and use and compound bow and crossbow.
4. As well we will be having a presentation from the OFAH, and Angelo Lambardo OFAH Director will be on hand to give a presentation.
5. Birds of Prey will be doing an inside demonstration.
6. The GBHRC will have the Labrador Retrievers doing a demonstration outside.
7. Display booths will be set up by our own Pollinator Garden committee, Sterley Stubbings with his bee hives, the OPP, Wye Marsh, Orillia Trillium Recovery will be on hand with a display of how they help many outdoors persons in times of need! And of course GBHA's will have a display of our historical back ground, our swag and memberships. Conservation Officers will be roaming around to answer any questions and other displays will be available.
8. This day will be a fun packed day followed up by a dance in the evening with live local entertainment of Tyler French, plus many door prizes and raffles. A schedule of events will be posted once finalized.

For more information or to donate a door prize please contact Bruce Dunn at gbhaclub@yahoo.ca or 705-528-2709

**Club History**

GBHA 100 Year Anniversary Committee is looking for any information on the club’s history, photos and artifacts that could be used for our 100th Year Anniversary event. We would like to set up display of these items to show our history in hunting, fishing, trapping, and conservation. If anyone has any such items and would be willing to share them with the club for our event it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bruce Dunn at gbhaclub@yahoo.ca or call 705-528-2709 thanks.

**100 Year Anniversary Dance Tickets and Raffle Draw Tickets On Sale Now**

Come join us for some live entertainment by local entertainer Tyler French. Doors open at 07:00 pm, music starts at 08:00 pm till 12:00 pm. Evening includes a light lunch, and door prizes! Cash bar only!

Tickets are now on sale for $20.00 per ticket, please contact Leslie Edwards @ 705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com. This is an open event, all welcomed to join in the fun! If anyone is interested in raffle tickets or tickets to the dance please contact Leslie Edwards @ 705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com.

**GBHA Club Inc 100 Year Anniversary Raffles**

**1st Prize Package -** Kayak Fishing Package

Package includes: Fishing Kayak, paddle, life jacket, fishing rod and tackle. Value of $1500.00 dollars. Tickets are $10.00 each or 3 for $20.00

**2nd Prize Package -** Crossbow and Custom Stand package

Package includes: Excalibur Axiom Crossbow, scope, string, 12 bolts, broad heads, suppressors,

crossbow sting aid and an Excalibur soft case. As well a Custom-made wooden bow stand with custom

Engraving. Value of $1500.00. Tickets are $10.00 each or 3 for $20.00

**3rd Prize Package -** 4.10 Shot Gun Package

Package includes: Revolution Arms WP410 410-gauge wooden pump action 26-inch barrel, gun case,

trigger lock and 2 boxes of ammunition. Tickets are $10.00 each or 3 for $20.00

**4th Prize Package -** Air Soft Pellet Rifle Package

Package includes: air soft pellet rifle, pellets, trigger lock, metal targets and gun case.

Tickets are $5.00 each or 5 for $20.00.

If anyone is interested in raffle/draw tickets or tickets to the dance please contact Leslie Edwards @

705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com.

**GBHA 100 Year Anniversary Swag**

Anniversary T-shirts: $20.00 each small to xl, 2xl and up $25.00 each

Mugs: $10.00 each

Buttons: 2 ¼ inch $3.00 each

New 4-inch Club Crest: $10.00 each (green)

100 Year Anniversary 4-inch Club crest: $10.00

Old 4-inch Club Crest: $5.00 each (red)

New 8-inch Club Crest: $25.00

Package deal! Anniversary Button and 4-inch anniversary crest: $10.00

Can Coozie: $5.00 each

Club Vest with a new 4-inch club crest on front and an 8-inch new club crest on back: $75.00

**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

**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

**Multi Year Conservation Project**

Our 100 year anniversary is approaching, and September 16 2023 will be a day filled with celebration! As you may know, we have been providing milkweed seeds to residents of Simcoe County under our Milkweed for Monarchs project, delivering over 600 seed packets and information about the importance of milkweed within our biosphere since the Spring of 2021. Our youth group has continued to plant and care for the pollinator garden beside the shed, and Brenda Weimer has also planted a pollinator garden by the upper pond (near the new home of the bees). We are ready to continue this multi-year conservation project and promote more Native Pollinator Plants. Over the next 2 years we will continue to plant more of these on the Georgian Bay Hunters & Anglers property.

Is your home garden becoming overcrowded? Please consider donating your excess to the club. September is the perfect time to decide which perennial plants you will be dividing up this year. We would appreciate your donations on September 16th at the celebration if your plant has finished blooming or confirmation of which species and amounts you will be bringing at a later date.

Here is a list of the native plants we are looking for: Flat-topped Aster, Pearly Everlasting, Black-eyed Susan, Blue flag Iris, Cardinal flower, Boneset, White turtle head, Blue Vervain, Wild Columbine, Cup plant, Smooth Wild Rose, Steeplebush.

Thank you for your continued support. Yours in conservation, Janice Ferris

Thanks everyone,

**Hannah Edwards - 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.