



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
April 2025

*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

GBHA's next General Membership meeting will take place on **Wednesday April 16th 2025**. We will be having Lasagna and Ceaser salad. The doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will begin to be served 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.

Parking Reminder

In case of emergencies, please do not park in front of locked gates on the property. We need to keep these areas clear of parked vehicles should emergency vehicles need to enter these areas. Thank you.

Chairpeople Needed

We are looking for a new membership chair and Junior Club Mentor to start as soon as possible. If you are interested please contact Greg Edwards at 705-835-6846 or gbhaclub@yahoo.ca.

2025/2026 Board of Directors

At our last General Membership Dinner Meeting a call for nominations was held, we had five nominations come forth and 6 current members will be stepping down. At this time in accordance to our bylaws there will not be a need to hold elections for the 2025-2026 Board of Directors. GBHA would like to welcome Val Orr, Larry Ferris, Jim Williamson, Mark Zimmerman, John Burrage to the Board. As well GBHA would like to thank Craig Lalonde, Don Gostick, Reid Belfry, Sterley Stubbings, Mike Crawford and Jordan Lavalee for holding their positions on the Board and their dedication to the board and club for many years. At the next Board of Director meeting the Board will nominate and vote in the positions of President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and Secretary. The Treasurers position is a position appointed by the Executive Board of Directors. The New Board of Directors will assume their positions and duties in May 2025.

Yard Clean Up Events

We will be starting our Yard Cleanup Days shortly. With recent ice storm and a heavier than normal winter, we are looking at many loose branches, fallen trees, and debris that will need attention. Please watch for dates to be announced by emails and social media, pending weather conditions. We will identify areas that need priority then we can work on areas of less demand after. We have a few events coming up and having a yard cleanup first would be beneficial. Thanks everyone, remember more hands make less work. Bruce Dunn

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

The GBHA and CSS, are once again be teaming up to bring back this popular event in 2025, and it will be held at the Club on April 5th. It is a co-ed event again this year, and registration is underway. Spaces are filling quickly, but there is still room and time to register for your spot.

This event is geared toward introducing all folks to the world of turkey hunting. Whether you are brand new to Turkey hunting or experienced in chasing these birds, young or not-so-young, this day is sure to be a fun and informative one. There's something for everyone, and apprentice hunters are more than welcome. This is also a reminder that all ranges are closed that day, as they are used for this event.

The cost to join is \$80 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. Space is limited to, 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.

Wild Game Dinner

Wild game dinner is sold out. We are looking for Donations of Wild Game meat, Bottles/cans of Alcohol and items for the raffle tables and dinner. Any donation would be appreciated. Please contact Leslie Edwards 705-333-0615 to arrange pick up or drop off.

Junior Club Event

The junior club will be at the club cooking for the shed dog trials April 11 and 12th. If anyone would like to volunteer to help please let Karl Gostick know at forest9101@yahoo.ca.

The junior club will be having our Archery event on Sunday April 13th from 10-2. We hope to do some archery. If anyone would like to come out and see what we do and volunteer, please let Karl Gostick know at forest9101@yahoo.ca.

Range Closure

The Gun Range will be closed on April 11th and 12th, and will be open again on April 13th.

Indoor Range/ Pistol Night

The indoor range will start on Monday on Jan 6 at 7:00 Pm and run till 9:00 Pm. 22 rifle and pistol. If you have any questions please contact. Mike Weimer 705 529-9353 or Larry Ferris ferris.larry51@gmail.com

Marksmanship Fundamentals Night

The indoor range will continue to be open on Thursday nights starting at 7pm for the weekly 22lr Marksmanship Fundamentals night. These nights are intended to provide an opportunity to practice marksmanship fundamentals with a focus on improving accuracy from a variety of supported and unsupported positions. For those who are interested, please bring your rifle and a minimum of 50 rounds of ammunition. Having a known zero at 20 yards is recommended, but there will be an opportunity for sighters to confirm your zero. It is also recommended that you equip your rifle with a sling and bring a shooting mat.

Euchre Night

Next euchre will be held on April 26, doors open at 6:30 and cards start at 7:00. No charge for this event and all are welcome.

Turkey Shoot

The Georgian Bay Hunters and anglers will be having a Turkey Shoot on May 4th . Start time is 12:00. 5 dollars per heat with ten heats. Come out for a fun afternoon and maybe go home with a turkey. Volunteers will be needed for this event. Contact Mike Weimer 705 529-9353 m2bweimer@gmail.com

Gun Show

We will be hosting a Gun show on June 7 from 9am to 2pm at the club. A 6ft spot, including a table and 2 chairs is \$45.00. Admission will be \$5.00 per person, children under 12 are free. Contact Leslie Edwards 705-333-0615 or cheynataussies@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

National Range Day - Volunteers Needed

National Range Day is an annual day (Saturday, June 7th) set aside to honour and celebrate the people, places and events that shape the legal Canadian firearms community. GBHA will be celebrating by opening our range to the public to provide new shooters with their first "range day". The idea is to provide a safe, fun, inclusive opportunity for families and community members to experience Canadian firearms culture. The success of this event relies heavily on having enough volunteers to welcome our new shooters and provide them with a safe, enjoyable experience. With the gun show happening on the same day, it would be fantastic if we could get enough volunteers to have 2 shifts to give our helpers a chance to enjoy the gun show as well. This event is a great opportunity to bring your friends and neighbours to the club and just have a fun day on the range, and get some volunteer hours done while you're at it! If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please contact Jared Daley at gbha.nrd@gmail.com. If you are unable to volunteer, ammo donations are hugely appreciated as we always go through large amounts of 22lr and 20 gauge shells for this event. We are also always in need of old turkey decoys which can be used as targets for the 20 gauge shotgun.

Trauma (Two Day Course)

Every Hunter, Shooter, or interested individual should learn how to deal with deadly bleeding trauma resulting from gunshot and other penetrating wounds. A trauma course could one day save your life or the life of someone you care about. This course will instruct various methods on how to treat various types of gunshot related wounds and will also cover other various types of traumas such as piercing chest wounds and arterial bleeding wounds and how to treat them. This is **not** a Basic First Aid or CPR course but a much more advanced course

that will train you how to deal with emergencies from the moment they present themselves to when medical professionals arrive on scene to provide a higher echelon of care. The use of tourniquets, chest seals and wound packing will be discussed and practiced. There will also be live reality-based scenarios to test your new skills before the conclusion of the course. GBHA strongly and strenuously recommends that every Range Officer and club member completes this course, it's that important. A similar course can run at a cost of over \$500. Take advantage of our exclusive reduced rate! If you are interested in registering please contact Jared Daley at jareddaley64@hotmail.com.

- Date: June 14-15th (2-day course)
- Cost: \$275 per person

Backcountry Handgun Education - Save the Date

GBHA members are being provided with a unique opportunity to gain knowledge on how to protect themselves against dangerous predatory animals (bears, wolves, mountain lions, etc) while out in the wilderness! Backcountry Handgun Education is a two-day course (September 6 - 7th) which involves classroom sessions and live fire range instruction for the purpose of providing the information necessary to apply for and obtain an ATC (Authorization to Carry Restricted and Prohibited Firearms). An ATC would allow outdoors enthusiasts to legally carry a pistol for the purposes of dispatching and/or protection from dangerous and predatory animals within Ontario. This course also includes defensive shotgun workups. If there is enough interest from the club there may be a possibility of running a course exclusively for GBHA members. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please reach out to Jared Daley for more information (jareddaley64@hotmail.com). Registration info will be provided a month or two prior to the event date.

Project Mapleseed - Save the Date

The Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers is pleased to announce that we will be welcoming back Project Mapleseed on Saturday, November 8th! 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. Please visit <https://mapleseedrifleman.com/> for more information. Registration info will be provided a month or two prior to the event date.

GBHA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

As the winter moves closer to spring, we are starting to think about upcoming Turkey and bear seasons, and fishing open water again. We want to remind everyone that we are still looking for members to step up as mentors for hunting AND fishing activities. We need folks who are willing to share their knowledge with other (adult) club members that are newer to hunting and/or fishing, and who are looking to benefit from the experience of established individuals.

Thank you to everyone that has reached out to us already, looking to step up as a mentor, and those of you that have reached out looking to be mentored. I am happy to say that some people have already been successfully matched up and have been able to benefit from this program. 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

Gauging Interest: Monthly Trips to NRL22 Matches

Are you interested in testing your precision rifle skills in a fun and competitive environment? We're exploring the idea of organizing monthly trips to NRL22 matches at Blue Ridge Sportsman's Club and want to gauge club interest! NRL22 is a great way to sharpen your shooting fundamentals in a dynamic, low-cost, and accessible format. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or new to precision rimfire, these matches offer a great learning experience and a chance to shoot alongside fellow club members. If you're interested, let us know! Email Jared Daley at jareddaley64@hotmail.com. If we get enough interest, we'll work on coordinating carpools and practice sessions.

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/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/will-testament-eng.htm)

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

Thank you,

Hannah Edwards - Bulletin Editor

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