



BARRIE DISTRICT HUNTERS & ANGLERS CONSERVATION CLUB Inc.

Box 251, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T2 www.bdhacc.com

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for the interest you have shown in becoming a member with the Barrie District Hunters and Anglers Conservation Club. Enclosed with this letter is an application form for joining the BDHACC. Please read it over carefully before you sign and return it. No application will be considered complete without signature, sponsor's name and completed form. A sponsor is considered to be an existing member of our club in good standing that is willing to vouch for you.

Applicants for the club are sworn-in once a month. An applicant will not be considered a member until sworn-in. Until that time all applicants must be accompanied by a club member when on club property. However, you are invited to all General Membership meetings even before you have submitted your application. These meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. This will give you a feel for the club and also help you find a sponsor if you don't already have one. An applicant will receive his or her membership card and property key once you have been sworn in.

All new memberships (sworn-in after April) are pro-rated until they are due for renewal by February 28th.

As a conservation club we rely on our members' help to keep the organization going. We ask all memberships to try and volunteer at least 25 hours per year to the club. In return, the Primary Member will receive a reduction in membership fees of \$175 each year. This reduction is a result of waiving the annual Property Maintenance Fee. Your volunteer time can be for such things as working on conservation projects, working on the property, helping with fundraisers and volunteering to be on committees. Please note that the volunteer hours are calculated by accumulation of straight hours volunteered, not by cumulative hours of multiple family members during a single event/function (IE: Volunteered time of 4 hours during a single event/function by Primary Member AND Associate Members of that Membership counts as 4 hours only).

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS AFFILIATION:

The BDHACC is an affiliated member club of the OFAH. Membership with the BDHACC includes membership in the OFAH. As well as being an advocacy group for hunter and anglers across Ontario, OFAH provides all members with \$5,000,000 in liability insurance. Membership also includes a subscription to Ontario-Out-of-Doors magazine. For more information on the OFAH and benefits of membership, please go to their website at www.ofah.org

BDHACC MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

1. **Single Adult** – Applicable to persons 21 to 64 years of age
2. **Family** – Applicable to Adult member, spouse and children under 21 years of age. Family members are also members under OFAH and are not subject to Guest Fees at the club.
3. **Senior** – Applicable to persons 65 years of age and over.
4. **Youth** – Applicable to persons 5-21 years of age (Youths under age of 18 yrs must be accompanied by an adult member when on club property).

Membership fees are due no later than February 28 each year.



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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FEE - VOLUNTEERING AT BDHACC:

As a non-profit conservation club, we rely on our members' help to keep the organization going. Except for the occasional use of outside contractors for necessary maintenance, all the work of operating, maintaining and improving the club is done by members on a volunteer basis. As a result, we ask all members to try and volunteer at least 25 hours per year to the club. In return, you will not be required to pay the \$175.00 Property Maintenance Fee when you renew your membership in February. The volunteer time can be for things such as working on conservation projects, working on the property, helping with fundraisers and volunteering to be on committees. Throughout the late spring, summer and early fall, work parties are held at the club every Wednesday night. It is at this time that much of the needed maintenance of the property is completed. Members of BDHACC get the most out of their club by being involved in its' operation, maintenance and activities. BDHACC is more than just a place to come and shoot. Volunteering at the club is a great way to get to know other members, talk about similar interests and generally have a good time. Please note that the volunteer hours are calculated by accumulation of straight hours volunteered, not by cumulative hours of multiple family members during a single event/function (IE: Volunteered time of 4 hours during a single event/function by Primary Member AND Associate Members of that Membership counts as 4 hours only).

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS:

General Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month (except for conflicts with holidays) at 7:30pm in the main club house. At these meetings, we discuss various issues related to the club and other interests, upcoming events, etc. At each meeting a 50/50 draw is held for current members only with a cost of \$2.00 to participate. Minutes of these meetings are distributed to each member in the form of our monthly bulletin, preferably by email but if necessary, by conventional Canada Post mail.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE SPONSORED BY A CLUB MEMBER:

The applicant will:

1. Complete the membership application in full
2. Indicate on the application form the date and time he or she was given a tour of the club property and made aware of all the club rules and regulation that pertain to the club and the clubs' ranges
3. Review the application with their sponsor and attain sponsor's signature on the application.
4. Upon request of the club membership chairperson, or a member of the executive acting on behalf of the membership chairperson, attend any required membership application interviews and a club meeting with his/her sponsor to be sworn in as a member.
5. Agree to abide by all the clubs rules and regulations.
6. Be considered a Probationary Member for a period of 2 years from first joining the club, during which time they will not be eligible to sponsor new members.



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****EXCEPTION:** Consideration will be given by the executive to re-instate a person who was previously a member in good standing without the need for a sponsor. The executive's decision will be largely based on the circumstances under which the person's previous membership was terminated.

CLUB MEMBER, SPONSOR:

1. The club member who wishes to sponsor a new member, shall be in good standing, and NOT be on probation with the club.
2. Has been a member with the club for a minimum of 2 full years
3. Has given the new applicant a full tour of the club property and it's ranges
4. Will take FULL RESPONSIBILITY for the actions of the new applicant, during the applicant's probationary period of two years.
5. Will report to the clubs membership chairperson or the executive, any reason the sponsor deems fit to withhold the applicant's application or cancel the membership while he or she is on probation.
6. Indicates on the new applicants application that he/she will, or has, complied with the above and signs his/her name to the new applicants application.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON:

1. Will upon request from a club member, forward a New Member Application to the member, to be filled out by the new applicant.
2. Will upon receiving the application from the sponsor/applicant, scan the application making sure it is properly completed.
3. Will advise the sponsor/application (or both) of the application process. And ascertain if any clarifications are required.
4. Once the application process is complete, the Membership Committee will make recommendation for acceptance or rejection of application and the Membership Chairperson will present such at the next available Executive Meeting.
5. If in the opinion of the executive the application is accepted, the membership chair person will notify the applicant and sponsor of such and make arrangements for the applicant to attend a Monthly Members Meeting for Swear-in.
6. If in the opinion of the executive the application is rejected, the applicant will be notified by the membership chairperson and informed of the reason. The applicant and sponsor may appeal a negative decision to the executive.
7. Will not be held responsible for the actions of any applications submitted for membership.



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CLUB EXECUTIVE:

1. Will review the application of all new member applications that are brought forth by the club's membership chairperson, and will hear all information that is requested by the Executive.
2. May, for any reason they deem fit, request the applicants sponsor to appear before the executive to answer any questions or concern they may have.
3. Will vote on the application to accept or refuse the application, and a majority vote is required.
4. Has the authority to suspend or terminate the membership of any member for any just cause. If in the opinion of the executive or the disciplinary board, if a membership should be suspended or terminated, it will be discussed at an executive meeting. At this time, the executive will vote on the suspension or termination of the membership. A vote must be unanimous to suspend or terminate a membership.
5. If a member is suspended or terminated, the member will be notified of the decision in writing by the clubs membership chairperson, an executive or the disciplinary chairperson, who will include the reason for the club's decision. The suspended member may appeal to the executive and/or apply for reinstatement.

NEW MEMBER:

1. Has a probationary period of 2 years during which they cannot sponsor new members.
2. Must attend a minimum of 3 general meetings and assist in or attend at least 3 club events (dinners, shoots, work parties, etc) in each of the two years of their probationary period.

If you have any questions, please check our website at www.bdhacc.com or contact the Membership Chairperson.

Thank you again for showing interest in the Barrie District Hunters and Anglers Conservation Club.

Yours in Conservation,

Club President

Membership Chairperson

Wayne Forgrave

Wayne Miles