

# HULLETT NEWS



## WINTER 2022

### Board of Directors

#### *Message from the Board*

**Hello Friends of Hullett Members,**

I would like to thank the volunteer Board of Directors (BOD), staff and most importantly, **our members and volunteers** for another record year for financial membership support. **With 64 new and first time Friends of Hullett (FOH) members** in 2021, our community-based organization continues to grow from a varied base of different user types. The annual **Pheasant Challenge** was a total sell-out of all tickets showing major support to continue the release program.

This past year saw major infrastructure upgrades with the expansion of the **Butterball Pool** canoe/kayak launch access at the south end of **Burns Line** including a road improvement. The **Youth Waterfowl Clinic** was hosted by FOH in 2021 as the COVID crisis lessened. As we move ahead in 2022, major projects include logging, reforestation and the completion of the Blue Trail bridge. FOH staff will be mentoring 2 high school co-op placements from February to June with a possible third placement in September. Staff have applied for 3 Canada Summer Job positions.

**The AGM will be held this spring after a 2-year absence with final details to be sent out via email in April.** This is your chance as a member to express your ideas and concerns in person. Members can choose to run for Board positions at the AGM as outlined in page 6 of this newsletter.

**Scott Austin** has accepted his contract and will continue to maintain and manage the HPWA, working with volunteers, contractors, summer students and partners. **Amber Frak** our **Wildlife & GIS Technician** has signed on for her second year and is the backbone of daily operations.

To conclude, I hope you enjoy this **Multi-Use** property and the winter wonders of Hullett. Be sure to read and understand the property regulations as outlined in the revised **User Guide**.

Duane Inkpen  
*Chairman*  
*Board of Directors*

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## Membership Renewal

As of December 31, 2021, memberships that were purchased prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 have **expired**.

With our office **closed to the public** to keep you and our staff safe, we are **encouraging you** to renew your membership on our [website](#).

There are various payment options available, including cash in our drop box at the office gate pictured below, cheque (made out to **Friends of Hullett**), e-Transfer to [fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca) and PayPal!

The purchase of your membership will go towards maintenance of the infrastructure, trail work, signage and nest box programs.

Please complete the **new simple** auto-fill enabled [Member Form](#) on our website!



## Roads and Parking Lots



Throughout the winter months, accessing Hullett Marsh can be difficult. Interior roads including Front Road, Burns Line, Conservation Road, Bridge Road and Sanctuary Line **do not**

have winter maintenance within the Hullett Marsh boundaries. FOH would like to remind users to use interior roads at your own risk. **Please respect and follow any road closure that may occur within the Marsh.** These are for your safety.

During the winter, two parking lots will have snow removed from them. These locations are: **40672 Hydro Line Road and 80602 Wildlife Line.** Please be patient with FOH staff as we remove snow from these parking lots.

## Snowmobiles at Hullett

Throughout the winter season, **Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC)** mark trails throughout Ontario, allowing snowmobilers to get and enjoy the outdoors. Specifically, the Huron Trail Groomers Club are responsible for the trails that travel through Hullett and surrounding areas.

FOH staff would like to remind everyone using these trails to **please stay on OFSC marked trails.** Snowmobiles leaving marked OFSC trails create a safety concern and can disturb wintering wildlife. Additionally, to prevent damage to agricultural land, **please stay off of trails deemed CLOSED.**

For more information about OFSC, or to check the status of snowmobile trails, please visit [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca)



## 2021 Pheasant Challenge

The **21st Annual Pheasant Challenge** was another record breaking year and ensured **the 2022 pheasant hunt**. FOH would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets and embraced our online zero-contact **PAYPAL ordering system**.

A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors [Ideal Supply](#) for generously donating the generator and [Clinton Sporting Goods](#) for providing the shotgun and allowing physical ticket purchases at their store.

Breaking last year's record and for the first time ever, **all 900 tickets were sold out** in 2021! **Congratulations to our winners drawn on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022!**



**Churchill SXS Shotgun:** Gary Horst of Baden, ON

**Generac Generator:** Ontario Grand River Chapter of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

Over the past season, **1000 pheasants** – supplied by Sarah and Audrey Jackson of [Uplands Pheasantry](#) – were released into Zone B between September and December.

## Pheasant Release Program 2022

The release program will continue for the fall 2022 pheasant hunt! **Hunters blew us away in 2021 with their financial support for the program**. With \$2893 in direct cash donations and \$9000 from the Pheasant Challenge we have funding for a **1000 bird release**. Each pheasant has a price tag of approximately \$12 per bird to release.



## Vanessa Palmer Award

FOH is now accepting applications for the Vanessa Palmer Award.

To apply, students are asked to **submit a letter explaining their environmental achievements and/or contributions**. The successful applicant will be presented with a **\$200.00** cheque from FOH at our Annual General Meeting.

If you are interested in applying for the Vanessa Palmer Award, please submit your letter to FOH staff via email ([fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca)). Applicants must submit their letters by **April 15, 2022**.

For more information about the Vanessa Palmer Award and how to apply, click [here!](#)



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## Winter Activities

With winter starting to establish at Hullett Marsh, there are many activities that users can participate in. Since 2 of our parking lots are maintained throughout the winter, some of our trails, including Blue, Yellow, White Green and Purple trails, can all be accessed.



With trails open, users can:

- Snowshoe
- Cross-country ski
- Hike
- Geocache
- Hunt (following Hullett and Ontario Regulations)

Be sure you get out this winter and enjoy what Hullett has to offer.

## Hullett User Tip Sheets!

Friends of Hullett staff have created a couple tip sheets to help users better understand the rules and regulations and also to help answer some common questions so that you can be safe and enjoy your hunting and hiking experiences at Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area.

Below you will find a link to the Hullett Regulations, as well as a Hunting at Hullett tip sheet and a Hiking Hullett tip sheet.

[Hullett Regulations](#)

[Hunting at Hullett Tip Sheet](#)

[Hiking at Hullett Tip Sheet](#)

## Virtual Fundraising Auction

As many members already know, we have been running an **online auction on our Instagram** for the past year due to not being able to have a spring dinner and auction. **We will be continuing this auction into 2022** and hopefully by 2023 we will be able to get together again and resume the spring dinner.

In 2021 our Instagram auction brought in over \$4500! Thanks to everyone who participated, either by bidding and/or donating items. To continue this fun auction we need a steady flow of donations. **Perhaps you are downsizing, cleaning your garage or know a business willing to donate?** All donations are eligible for an income tax receipt. If you would like to donate something for the online auction, please send us an email. **Check out our Instagram every Tuesday to see new items.**

### How to participate in auction:

- Follow us on Instagram **@hullett\_marsh** (you must have an Instagram to bid)
- Posted items will be open for bidding for 7 days starting on a Tuesday morning with a 9 a.m. cut-off for bids the following Tuesday
- Simply click the **comment icon** on the post displaying the item(s) with your bid price
- You will receive a **comment/message** from us if you are the final bidder
- Payment must be made within 24 hours via PayPal on our website **or** an INTERAC email \$ transfer to [fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca) (we are set up for auto deposit)
- We will hold your item for you until you can pick it up curbside at a convenient time for you
- **We will not ship items to you**



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## Youth Waterfowl Clinic

As discussed in our last newsletter, Friends of Hullett hosted our **Youth Waterfowl Clinic (YWC)** in September. As a follow up to their participation, we asked youth and mentors to provide a statement about their experience in the **YWC**.

*"I had a super awesome time. I like that I got to shoot trap to practice with my gun before going out the next morning I really enjoyed learning from my mentor Jamie. He was great and I learned a lot. I enjoyed canoeing out to our hunting stake and then setting out the decoys and I even got to shoot my very first teal. I got 2 teal, which were super fast and a wood duck, it was so much fun. Thanks so much!!!"* – **Tyler, youth**



*"The best part for me was the actual hunt. I had a great time and learned a lot"* – **Cohen, youth**



*"My favourite part was hunting with my mentor and his dog. Our entire family is so excited about this program. It's so important to get the youth out! A truly great program"* – **Preston, youth**



*"Watching the reactions of the youth following the hunts. I think the seminars were very well done. Being my first time helping out with this event, I didn't know what to expect. The communication from FOH was amazing. I thoroughly enjoyed the event and hope to participate next year as well! Keep up the great work guys."* – **Jamie, mentor**



*"I loved getting to meet new people with similar interests and helping out the next generation of shooters. Very positive experience, thanks for having me!"* – **Ian, mentor**

*"I had a fantastic time, it was nice to meet other duck hunters and learn more about waterfowl hunting. Everyone was helpful and sharing of tips and ideas for how to help the youth be successful. Looking forward to being a part of it again next year. Thank you for a great time."* – **Dino, mentor**

*"The hunt itself was great. I appreciate all the other components that go into the program as those are important in teaching skills. It was a great experience. I wish we had better luck with the birds."* – **Austin, mentor**



## Logging at Hullett

As some of you may have noticed, we have some logging taking place at the marsh this winter. **For a map of the areas being logged, please click [here](#).** Please keep an eye on our website and social media for updates on the logging operations.

The trees being harvested have been specifically marked and chosen to be removed to **help maintain a healthy and thriving forest**. Most of the trees being removed are **White Ash** trees that have been affected by the **Emerald Ash Borer**.

Logging can be very beneficial for many reasons:

- It allows for old, weak and dead trees to be removed from the wooded areas.
- Opens up the ecosystem for new plant growth
- Helps younger, healthier trees to receive more nutrients with less competition.
- Helps to create a healthy environment for all trees and plants
- When dead or diseased trees are harvested it helps prevent the spread of disease or harmful fungi to healthy trees.
- Removes dead and hazardous trees from the forest, making it safer for all.



## 2022 FOH Board of Directors

Are you interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors (BOD) so that FOH can continue in a positive direction? Email us at [fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca) for an application.

- **3 BOD positions are up for renewal/election** on Sunday May 29, 2022
- To run for the BOD you **must be a valid member of the FOH** and are required to submit an application expressing your interest to run for the BOD.

Please email your “Application to Run for Director” to Al Murray at MNRF Guelph District Office.

Please note that applications must be received by Al Murray **by May 1st 2022**.

**Al Murray**

**Resources Management Supervisor**

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## Connect with Hullett

At FOH, we continue to provide up-to-date information to our users through social media and our website. **Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook and “Follow” us on Instagram.** Links to these accounts, plus the link to our website can be found at the bottom of each page of this newsletter.

### FOH Membership Form



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## 2022 Photo Contest

We want to see your pictures of Hullett Marsh!

From nature walks to family fun, and everything in between, FOH wants to see your best. New or old, member or not, show us what makes Hullett great to you.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives a FREE Hullett Membership  
AND their winning photo in the next User Guide**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Place Winners receive their winning photos  
showcased on the cover of the next User Guide**

### Images must:

- Must be in Hullett Marsh
- Depict safe practices
- Not contain gore
- Contain the name of the person entering the photo (John\_Smith.jpg for example)



Send us your pictures of Hullett Marsh to [fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca)

**Deadline is March 31, 2022**

*By entering your photos, you are giving FOH the right to use them (with photo credit given to you)*

