

# HULLETT NEWS



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## Board of Directors

### *Message from the Board*

#### **Hello FOH members:**

As with most years, this summer has flown by. With extra help from our summer students and volunteers, we finished many priority jobs. For example, hiking trails were pruned and blazes were repainted, a new bridge was constructed by staff on the Blue Trail, canoe access was improved, and our Instagram auction experienced continued success. On top of this, staff also completed the Hullett User Guide for another year. We are very thankful for our high school co-op students and for the funding from Canada Summer Jobs which provided some much needed extra hands around the marsh.

**Please remember to visit our website homepage often to stay up to date and informed with many clickable links and PDF downloads!**

As we jump into the fall season, also known as hunting season, the FOH are increasingly busy as the number of users grows each day. We would like to remind all users to keep safe while hunting by following all Hullett, Provincial, and Federal hunting regulations. It is important to consider that there are users within the marsh not there to hunt. Please stay off the trail systems while hunting and keep your eyes open. **We strongly recommend that all users of Hullett Marsh wear bright colours to increase visibility while enjoying this space.**

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please let staff know by emailing [fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca). We hope you enjoy your time here at Hullett Marsh.

**Duane Inkpen**  
*Chairman*  
*Board of Directors*



## Horse Access

Hullett Marsh is a beautiful place to enjoy a long walk with your equine friend. As fall and winter are approaching, restrictions are in place to protect the integrity of our marsh and dyke systems. **From October 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30th, horse access is prohibited in Zone A, however Zone B is open to riders year round.** Please abide by the rules and regulations to help maintain the HPWA and reduce wear on the trails and dyke systems as well as prevent injury to either yourself or your horse.

## User Guide

**Laney Hayter** worked very hard this summer to produce the Hullett Marsh User Guide for 2022-2023.

Without the help of many, the User Guide would not exist. A huge thank you goes to **Blyth Printers** for their help with design and their consistent and editing of numerous drafts!

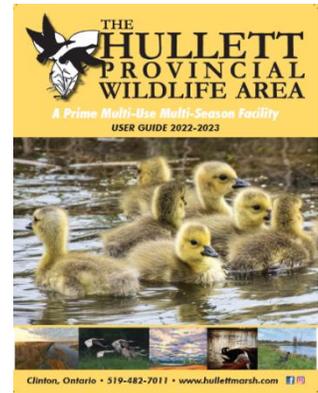
**\$2000 funding was provided by the Municipality of Central Huron through their "Donation Fund". This contribution allows us to print 5,000 copies of the Hullett User Guide for the public.**

Finally, a huge thank you to all of the local businesses who supported the User Guide by purchasing an advertisement: **Artech, Bayfield Berry Farm, the Municipality of Central Huron, China Palace Restaurant, Tim Hortons, Varna Grain, Hill & Hill Farms Ltd., NRG Sanctuary, Bluewater Taxidermy, Nature's Nest, Exeter Game Farm, Parker House Motel, Huron/Perth Youth Pheasant Hunt Committee, Sommers Generator Systems, Huron Fish and Game Club, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Munro Honey and Meadery, and Clinton Sporting Goods!**

Keep an eye out for the new User Guide in our map boxes this fall! You can also download a digital copy from our website by clicking on the book icon on the home page.

## Pheasant Challenge

Each year, FOH sells tickets to our Pheasant Challenge raffle in order to support the next year's release of pheasants in the marsh. This year is no exception!



Tickets are **\$10 each** and can be purchased at Clinton Sporting Goods or at [hullettmarsh.com](http://hullettmarsh.com). First prize for the draw is a **Churchill 520 SxS 3" 20ga** shotgun provided by Clinton Sporting Goods and second prize is a **Briggs & Stratton 2200W portable inverter generator** donated by Sommers Generator Systems!

Without the financial support received from the Pheasant Challenge, FOH would not be able to meet our goal of releasing **1,000 birds** each year. This year **we were able to release 1,200 birds**, our most ever! We thank everyone who has bought tickets for their overwhelming support and encourage you to spread the word. The future of the pheasant hunt is in your hands!

## Thank You Sommers Generator Systems!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Sommers Generator Systems. Sommers Generator Systems has donated a 2200W Briggs & Stratton Inverter Generator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize in our Pheasant Challenge draw this year. FOH is extremely grateful for this support and strong community partnership.



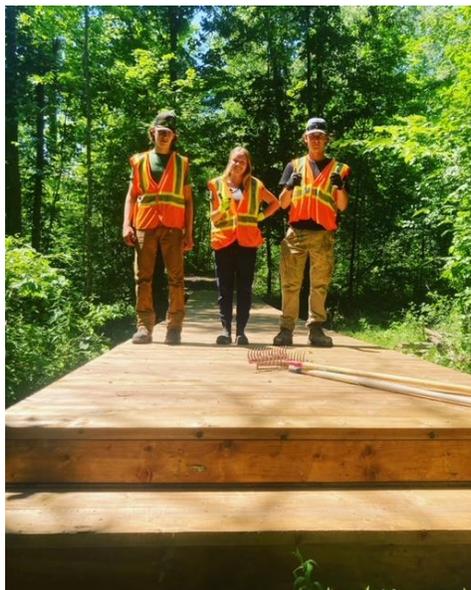
## Summer Students

Thanks to funding received from **Canada Summer Jobs**, Hullett Marsh was able to hire three summer students. Back for his second year, was **Lucas Preszcator** who took over the role as **Maintenance Supervisor**, along with **Hudson Allen** who took over the role of **Maintenance Worker** for his first year. **Laney Hayter**, who previously completed a CHSS co-op placement at HPWA returned to fulfill the role of **Event Coordinator**. Having the extra help, we were able to focus on many priority jobs and tasks while connecting with the community in a variety of ways.

**Lucas and Hudson** worked hard every single day on upkeep of the marsh. They completed weed whacking, clearing water structures, dyke maintenance and timber removal, mallard tube retrieval, painting and much more. The marsh has never looked so good thanks to their dedication and work ethic.

**Laney's** work for this summer included coordinating the **Youth Waterfowl Clinic** as well as designing our 2022/2023 User Guide, taking into consideration the feedback received from users.

Without this funding and the help of these youth, the marsh would not be what it is today. Having them here allowed for much more work to be done and their hard work can be seen across the marsh.



## Major Property Improvements

FOH has been busy this summer putting your membership dollars to work! Generous donations from our members have funded major projects like the construction of a **new bridge on the Blue Trail**, **improving canoe channels in the Whistler and Bluebill pools**, and **modifying the White Tail Swamp**. These improvements help maintain Hullett Marsh and make it a wonderful place for all users to come to experience nature and pursue their passions. If you are interested in making a donation or becoming a member, visit our website to learn more or click on the link on page 6 of this newsletter.

## Reporting Violations

If you see someone committing a violation on Hullett Marsh property please be sure to contact the appropriate authorities. Friends of Hullett staff do not do any type of enforcement so it is important to either contact OPP or a Conservation Officer depending on the type of situation. **Phone numbers for our local Conservation Officers can be found on page 4 of the 2022-2023 User Guide.**

### PLEASE REPORT NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATIONS BY CALLING 1-877-847-7667

You can assist a Conservation Officer by calling our natural resources call line with the following information.

- Nature of the violation (hunting, fishing, species at risk, unlawful harvesting, etc...)
- Vehicle information such as; licence plate, color, make & model of vehicle
- Location of the offence such as civic address or simply where you are in the Hullett
- Specifics about the event that you saw including date, time, persons involved if name known if not descriptions of people

1-877-TIPS-MNR



## Hunting Regulations

Before hunting at Hullett, please make sure you have read and understood all Federal, Provincial, and Hullett hunting regulations in order to ensure the safety of all Hullett users this hunting season.

[Federal Regulations](#)

[Provincial Regulations](#)

[Hullett Regulations](#)

[Hunting at Hullett Info Sheet](#)

FOH would like wish all hunters safe and successful hunting season!

## Phragmites Removal

Phragmites, also known as Common Reed, is an invasive wetland species that has become established in the marsh. First found here in the



early 2000's, this aggressive plant can spread rapidly throughout an area, outcompeting native species for water and nutrients.

**Our Wildlife & GIS Technician, Ben Elliott, has been working with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) to control Phragmites in the HPWA. With the financial support from Huron Clean Water Project and Ducks Unlimited Canada, FOH and ABCA staff located and sprayed several stands of Phragmites throughout the marsh, and have observed a notable improvement since mapping began in 2016 and spraying began in 2017.**

FOH thanks the Huron Clean Water Project and Ducks Unlimited for their financial support, and the ABCA for their assistance in controlling Phragmites stands within the HPWA.

## Youth Waterfowl Clinic



FOH once again hosted our annual **Youth Waterfowl Clinic**. This year, 7 youth participants were provided the experience of engaging in canoe and water safety, gun safety, learning about waterfowl, and even got some clay shooting in with their mentors. Youth also learned waterfowl identification, ethics, decoy placement, concealment, calling, and scouting.

Youth participants learned about **Hullett Marsh's Mallard Tube** program and helped us reconstruct them to be returned to the ice this winter. After all their hard work, the participants were rewarded with gift bags that contained items such as a multi-tool, swag donated by Delta Waterfowl, headlamps donated by Trevor Latta/Eugenia Herbicides and decoys from FOH.

**Thank you to all the organizations, volunteers, mentors, parents and youth who made this event possible.**



## Mallard Tubes

As many of you are familiar, FOH has a variety of different nesting programs operating within the marsh, one of which is our Mallard Tube nesting program.



In 2022, a total of **35 Mallard Tubes** were installed in the marsh. 13 (37%) of the 35 tubes installed were used by Mallards and 5 (14%) of the 35 tubes showed evidence of a successful hatch, though the true number is likely higher.

Over several days, staff and volunteers drove, waded, and canoed all over the marsh to collect the mallard tubes. The data was then collected and analyzed and the tubes were restuffed for next year.

**FOH would like to thank everyone who took the time to assist in the retrieval of Mallard Tubes during the 2022 nesting season.**



## Volunteering



With a small staff and a 5,400-acre property to take care of, **volunteer efforts** are the backbone of various tasks that manage and maintain Hullett Marsh's infrastructure, programs, and habitat.

This summer we were lucky enough to have the support of numerous volunteers with everything from cutting the grass at the office complex to painting trail markers. It doesn't matter if you're 13 or 80, there is always something you can do to help.

**Whether you can only spare an hour or if you can donate a whole day of your time, volunteers are welcome any day and any time!**

If you hunt at Hullett, consider spending some time volunteering with us to benefit and enhance your hunting experience. You'll be able to scout out the area and see what is happening with waterfowl in the marsh before your hunt!

If you're interested in volunteering or organizing a volunteer day for a group, email Friends of Hullett at [fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca) or call us at 519-482-7011.

**REMINDER: As hunting season approaches, remember to park in the yellow spaces for hiking and other activities, leaving the numbered, unpainted spots for those hunting migratory birds in Zone A.**

## 2023 Photo Contest

Hullett Marsh is encouraging our users to submit their photos for a chance to be on the cover of our 2023-2024 Hullett Marsh User Guide. Follow the guidelines below and submit your photos to [fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca). By sending us your photos, you give FOH the right to use them in social media posts, presentations, and other public displays.

The first place photo will be used as the main cover photo on next year's User Guide, second through sixth place photos will also be featured.

### Guidelines:

- Must have been taken in Hullett Marsh
- Must depict safe practices that do not go against any rules or regulations
- Must not contain gore of any kind
- Name the file with the name of the person entering the contest (e.g. John\_Smith\_1.jpg)

**Photo Contest deadline is  
March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**



**2022 Winner:  
Conrad Kuiper**

## New Employee



### **Ben Elliott: Wildlife & GIS Technician**

Ben is a graduate of the Fish and Wildlife Technician program at Fleming College and has a degree in Environmental Studies from Wilfrid Laurier University. Ben is an amateur hunter and angler who enjoys spending his time in the outdoors as much as possible. He is excited to join the FOH team and continue his passion for working in the outdoors.

## Connect with Hullett

Stay up to date with what's happening at the marsh by checking our website, Facebook, and Instagram pages! Consider becoming a member, or encouraging your friends and family to become members, to receive newsletters and other updates straight to your inbox throughout the year!

**[Click here to fill out our membership form!](#)**

