



The BC Hazelnut Growers Association ("BCHGA") represents ... growers, nurserymen, researchers, extension specialists, and suppliers ... who want the BC hazelnut industry to survive and be as successful as possible.

BCHGA members enjoy many benefits. As a BCHGA member, you will:

- Have access to hazelnut researchers and horticulturists in BC, Washington and Oregon, through **BCHGA's partner membership with the Nut Growers Society of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia ("NGS")**. Annual meetings, grower workshops and field days bring together growers and other scientists and professionals who are vitally interested in your concerns.
- Have access to online resources, e-newsletter, and receive the annual publication of the NGS Growers Handbook. These publications give you the latest information on maintaining and improving your orchard, and issues affecting the BC hazelnut industry. These publications are for members only to keep you up-to-date and save you time and effort searching for what is new and valuable for BC hazelnut growers.
- Be able to network with other growers. You will have the opportunity to be part of the whole BC hazelnut industry. Grower meetings and a membership directory make it possible for you to connect with other members for their advice or support, and to share new ideas and information.
- Have a vote. Members are invited annually to attend the BCHGA and NGS Annual General Meetings and will have a vote on policies that shape the Association.
- Have an elected, committed, volunteer Board of Directors working for you, lobbying for hazelnut growers on the provincial level for replant funding, partnering with other organizations to provide opportunities for research and innovation, conducting variety trials and research, and fulfilling the BCHGA's purpose to assist growers and promote and enhance the BC hazelnut industry. This is a critical time and our success depends upon your participation and support. You can show support as constituents of the BC hazelnut industry by joining together in BCHGA.

We invite you to become a member!

Individuals become members of BCHGA and NGS by sending in a Membership Application (below) and paying the \$75 membership fee (\$50 if already an NGS member). The membership year runs from November to October and membership must be renewed annually.

If you have any questions about BCHGA or membership, please call Neal teBrinke, BCHGA President, 604-796-3437, or email info@bchga.com.

BCHGA/NGS Membership Application

Thank you for your support!

Date of Application _____

() Renewal () New Member

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

No. of acres in Hazelnuts _____

May we publish your contact information in the BCHGA/NGS Members Directory? Yes ____ No ____

With your membership application you consent to BCHGA sharing your contact information with NGS, for the purpose of managing your BCHGA/NGS partner membership.

Annual Membership Fee: **\$75, or \$50 for existing NGS members.**

Please mail this application and your cheque to **BCHGA, PO Box 556, Agassiz BC, V0M 1A0.**

Please send your membership application and payment by July 31 for the membership year beginning November 1 – thank you!