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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

First Thursday of each month, October to June,
September exception -> second Thursday

Thursday

April, 2, 7:30 pm

AT THE CLUB HOUSE,

THE CLUB HOUSE is: on the
Lincoln Park Road,
in the township of Georgian Bluffs, or
{082535 Side Road 6}, or
{217567 Concession 3 Side road,
behind Gord Maher Centre}

The **speaker** for April will be
about the importance of bees to
our world and will be presented
by Erica Schuit of
Saugeen Country Honey House.

*Consider the mosquito
as an example...*

*He rarely gets a slap on the
back until he goes to work!*

President's Message

Well it seems that spring has finally arrived, at least on the calendar if not the thermometer. I have to say, somewhat selfishly, that the colder spring temperatures has not bothered me so much, having just returned from the sunny south, so that I can still have a taste of winter.

The minus degrees have allowed me to take my grandson ice fishing during his March break and has allowed us to finish off checking our wood duck nesting boxes out in the frozen marshes and ponds. If you catch the right days March can be a perfect time for us old guys to get out and snowshoe on some hard crusted snow with the warmth of the reflective sun.

By most reports it seems that our wildlife wintered well enough and now we just have to hope for a good hatching and birthing spring.

March 20th and 21st was the OFAH provincial conference in Mississauga. Unfortunately this year we did not win the trophy for the top conservation club in the province but I am sure that we were very close.

Congratulations to the Trailsmen Sportsmen club of Sudbury for winning that award this year. There are a lot of clubs doing a lot of good work for conservation in the province and the OFAH has always been there to support and recognize their work.

Mike Prevost

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email changes!

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A Canadian Luxury

Water is beneficial. Water is necessary. Water is peaceful and soothing, but also fun and entertaining. But what does it mean to you?.

*Income Tax forms:
 The government's gift for the person who has everything!*



March 12, 2015 Prize Draw Winners

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Scissor set | Wally Cunningham |
| 2. Hammer | Mac Gamble |
| 3. Small flashlight | Bill Colborne |
| 4. Double flashlight | Don Fosbury |
| 5. Tape measure | Jeff Caldwell |
| 6. Folding knife | Dave Skelton |
| 7. Towels | Jack Osadzuk |

Red tag – CTC \$50.00 gift certificate
 Mary Hillis

Thanks to all for participating
Brian Clements



EARTH DAY (FORMERLY PITCHIN DAY)

The SSA and the City of Owen Sound have again formed a partnership for Earth Day. A face book page and twitter for this will be set up by the city to promote this event to clean up our river banks and city.

Again this year we are going big, with lots of promotion throughout the city with various groups and organizations and advertising. In 2014 we had 56 people out.

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Garbage bags and gloves will be available. There will be a dumpster located behind City Hall.

It might be helpful if you brought along a pail with a handle.

This has been a project that our Juniors have undertaken for a number of years, but still requires the assistance of our club members.

Fred Geberdt again this year will be the captain on the club's pontoon boat to get at some of the more difficult areas along the river banks on the Sydenham.

Please come out and support your club.

Thanks, **Brian Clements**

2015 SSA SWAP MEETS

Please note that the swap meet poster has TWO dates on it.

Yep, two swap meets this spring !...by request. These meets don't conflict with any other shows/season openers at the time of planning so we should have a great turn out.

Hope to see you at both of them. Bring ' stuff ' and money, lot's of it !

Stew. Wallace.

(.and, "thanks " to Kat for the artwork).

A NEW HUNTER SAFETY COURSE TO BE OFFERED TO SSA MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

Course Instructor: Mr. Chuck Cannon

**Dates and times for the Course: April 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
April 29, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

For the Course dates of April 25 and 26, it is recommended that participants bring a lunch.

**Cost of the Course: SSA Juniors...age 12 to 15, \$60.00, SSA Adults...age 16 and up , \$80.00
All Non- SSA members...\$140.00
Course fees includes the Study Manual, Written Test, and a minimum of 12.5 hours of instruction.**

**Course fees must be paid in full by the April SSA's General Meeting, (April 2nd).
The Hunter Safety Course requires a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 20 students to run.
If minimum course load is not met, the course will not run. All paid fees returned if course is cancelled.
**Student Requirements: Must have completed the Firearms Safety Course or have proof of accreditation, (PAL or FSESO instructor receipt for training).
Two pieces of Government issued I.D. is also required.****

**Note: Anyone attending this Course who has not completed the Canadian Firearms Safety Course, or has a PAL, can only qualify for an Archery Only Outdoor Card, through completion of this Course.
At the completion of the course, successful students will be able to go and purchase appropriate outdoors cards and hunting licences the next day.**

REGISTRATION TO THE COURSE:

All persons wishing to register for the Hunter Safety Course, must contact Chuck Cannon at his email address or by phone and arrange for admission to the course and make arrangement for required payment.

Email: lccannon45@gmail.com

Phone: 519-379-0297



There was a smart Heron in Florida that visited every fisherman along the shore looking for some shrimp bait cast offs. As a photographer I can never get this close to these birds back here at home.

Submitted by Mike Prevost

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Let's go antiquing today. I feel very Victorian.

Forget it, I feel very Baroque!



**Kids Day
2014 OSSS Derby
Photos- Rob Cameron**

**For more SSA Pictures: Connect to the SSA website using
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> then click SSA Gallery Images (right side)**

OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

Thanks to all who have sold Lottery tickets. We have sent back about 140 books of sold tickets. If you still have tickets and they are sold, please bring them to the April meeting. Otherwise, we need them at the latest by the May general meeting.



SSA Property Gate Keys

This is a reminder that the new locks go on the property gates on April 1 (no joke!). At that time, you will need a key with a yellow key spotter on it. The old one won't work. The keys will be available at the meetings as well as at the Maher Centre and Watson's Tackle House.



Black Rifle Group

Volunteers - Thank you -

The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association would not function, if it were not for its many volunteers. Thank you to everyone that helps with our fund raising ticket sales, shooting range improvements, fish hatchery maintenance, wildlife projects, the Salmon Derby and the many other things that keeps our club going.

The SSA Executive



If you want to introduce kids to ice or summer fishing Arran Lake west of Tara in Arran Township is a good lake to take them too. We usually do not keep our catch of these small egg bearing perch but there was

Submitted by Mike Prevost



Thanks to those submitting material for this newsletter.

Anyone with articles for this Newsletter should get them to me by the 20th (or sooner) of the preceding month.

*Dave Skelton 519-376-9554
dskel@golden.net*

The snow has started to melt which means that **Firearms Safety Courses** can once again be held at the Clubhouse.

There will be a **NON-RESTRICTED COURSE** May 27th-29th. *ONE SPOT AVAILABLE!*

There will be a **RESTRICTED COURSE** Saturday JUNE 6TH. *ONE SPOT AVAILABLE!*

There will be a **NON RESTRICTED COURSE** June 24th-26th. *Five places open.*

There will be a **RESTRICTED** Course Sunday July 12th. *Five places open.*

ALL COURSES are held at the Sydenham Spotrsmen Clubhouse.

Non Restricted Courses begin at 6:30 pm

Restricted courses begin at 9:00 am

The cost for any course is \$35.00

Registration Fee (NON REFUNDABLE). This pays for the book and the test only. Payable at registration.

In addition the course fee is as follows

Members \$50.00

Junior Members \$35.00

Non Members \$85.00

Non Member under 18 years of age \$50.00

PAYABLE AT START OF COURSE.

To register for any of these courses PHONE Bob Mckay at 519-534- 0827 AFTER 6:00 pm.

Let the phone ring AT LEAST 10 times. I may be outside or in another part of the house.

There may be more courses coming in the fall.

Keep watching this newsletter for Dates and Types.



Here we are again with the weather showing some promise of warming up, *we hope!!*

It has been a good winter with trap & skeet, Wednesdays are 5 or 6 regulars with the odd guest and Sundays have been busy with as many as 22 shooters , Thurs for skeet have 5 or 6.

All are enjoying the warm up shelter to warm their fingers and toes after shooting a round and then sit there telling stories about how things were when they were young, trying to sell a gun that has only fired a few rounds , will be a collectors dream , mint condition etc .etc , you get the picture .

Or just sit and have a coffee and listen with a smile on their face.

As of March 16 th Both trap fields are now open so we can shoot single trap , doubles trap , wobble trap and skeet all in the same day if you have the stamina and we may fire in some other silly game just to keep it interesting. We have only missed 2 afternoons shooting this past winter, one because of a snow storm and the other because of the cold , (I didn't want to fire up the machines when it was 35 below F) Wimped out !! So now there is no excuse , get your backsides out and join us ,We try and be a friendly bunch. We have some great shooters on our team who are willing to show a new shooter the tricks and hints to learn this sport and we hope they will continue to come out and enjoy shotgun shooting. We have everything at the range that you need to try this sport.



As soon as the snow on the ground takes a hike we will fire up the sporting clay's range and be asking for volunteers for cleaning up the range from winter damage and pullers and scorers to take some of the heat off our old friend Gordy who is a major player in this aspect of shotgun sports. We are also going to look at expanding this course so we can shoot more than one squad of 5 at a time , of course this will depend on approval from the executive and the Chief Fire arms officers. So if its given the go ahead we need some help to make it happen.

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Gord Fraser *houndz25@hotmail.com* <houndz25@hotmail.com> *519-794-2303*



SWAP MEET 19th APRIL, 2015

We look forward to seeing you at the April swap meet, our first ever spring meet.

PLEASE NOTE :

Start Time is changed from 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs. this time.

Bring your buddies, neighbors, in-laws and money !

G&S

The latest dance is called "The Politician". You take one step forward then two steps backward, Then, a lot of side stepping!

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An **Application Form** may be obtained by using the link below.

<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> Top menu Bar -> **Membership**

Just fill in the form, and mail to the address on the front page of this newsletter, c/o **John Ford.**

Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday April 19th.

Buy, Sell, Trade

9:00 am till 12:30 pm

Fishing rods and reels? Camping and boating equipment?
Another rifle or shotgun perhaps?
Need reloading equipment or supplies?
Fitting yourself up in cowboy action gear?
Or is it time to sell or trade some of those firearms and hunting
Or fishing gear that you don't use anymore to make room for
new toys?

Then you need to come to the Sydenham Sportsmen Club.

You can bring anything you want to sell or trade sports related. Set up a table or share a table. Dicker for the sale price., sit and chat gun or fishing stories.

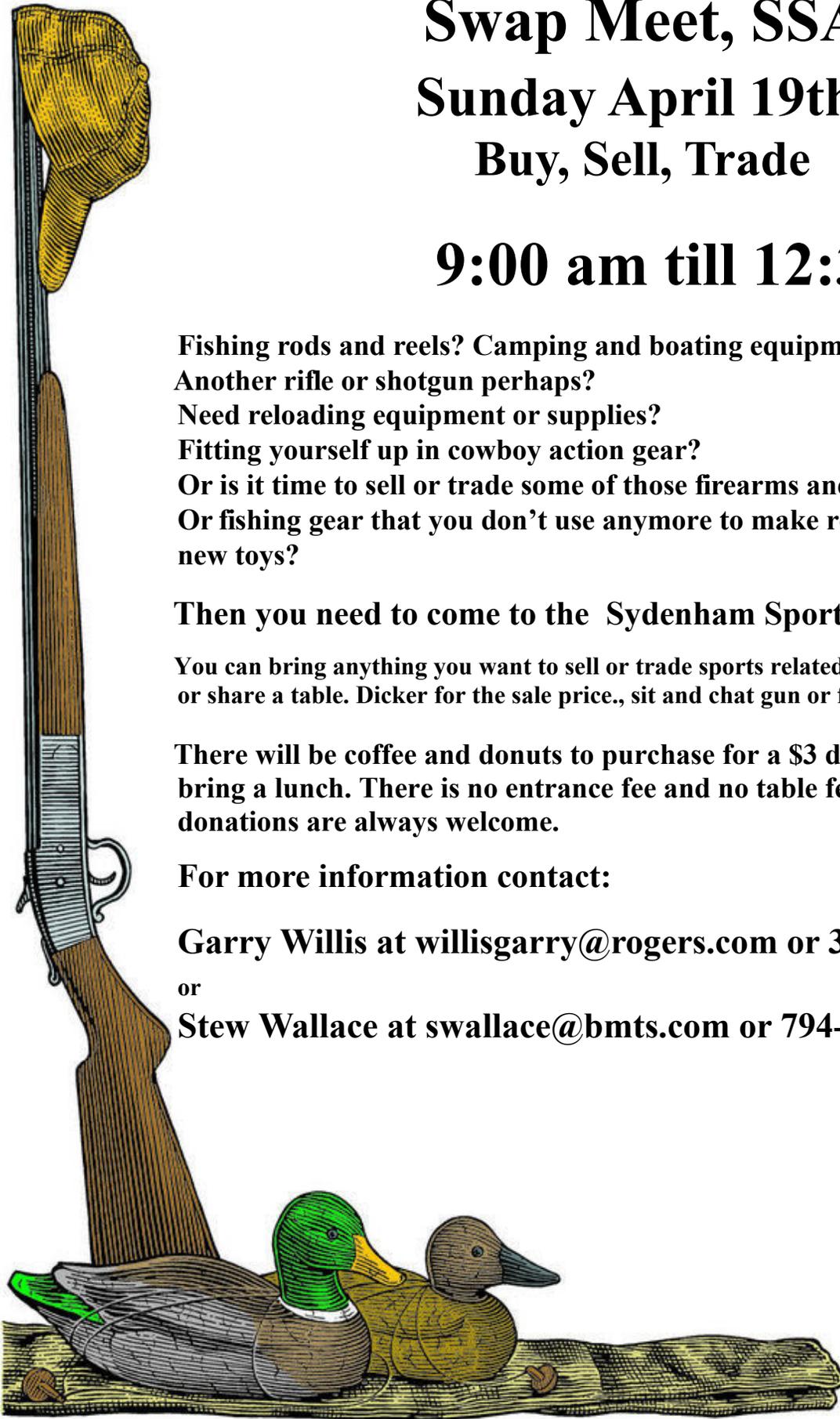
There will be coffee and donuts to purchase for a \$3 donation or bring a lunch. There is no entrance fee and no table fee, but donations are always welcome.

For more information contact:

Garry Willis at willisgarry@rogers.com or 376-5347,

or

Stew Wallace at swallace@bmts.com or 794-4423.



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<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ssastore/>