



# THE SPORTSMAN

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### THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

**Thursday**

**April 7, 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}

**Scott Petrie** will again come and be our guest speaker at the upcoming next general meeting.



Upcoming **Earth Day** is to be held Saturday, April, 23rd from 1 to 3 pm behind City Hall!

### **A SAFETY MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLUB**

#### THE RED LINE

No, not the red line on the tachometer of your sports car or your boat. Not the red line at your local hockey arena. The Red Line that is painted on most if not all shooting ranges, (in the case of SSA it's in Ranges #1, 2, & 3). Sometimes it may be orange or yellow but mostly it is RED. At our club on Ranges # 1 & 2 we do not use a green flag system, the appointed Range officer just calls a cease fire. On range # 3 we use a green flag system once the cease fire is called.

Its a small line in stature but its BIG in terms of what it means. So what does it mean? Just like the different types and colours of lines on our highways that divide driving lanes for our safety when on the roadways, this red [safety] line divides the firing line area into 2 zones. One is the actual firing line when activated and the other is the non firing shooters area. Separated by a tiny often forgotten red line. That red line is an important part of keeping shooters safe.....a huge part.

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Waterloo Chronicle - Mar 02, 2016

City expects to lose more than 500 ash trees to Emerald Ash Borer.

The City of Waterloo could lose as many as 500 ash trees in 2016 to the Emerald Ash Borer — though even that may be a conservative number.

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



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## Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



March 10, 2016

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Mini Maglite      | Emmitt Briand   |
| 2. Mini Maglite      | Ron Robb        |
| 3. Multi tool        | Wayne Gallagher |
| 4. Hammer            | Bill Hewitson   |
| 5. Cutting Board     | Steve Cornett   |
| 6. Leather Gloves    | Ron Bluett      |
| 7. Thermometer       | Don Fosbury     |
| 8. Wrap & Strapz set | Jack Doherty    |
| 9. BBQ lighter       | H. Jim Graham   |
| 10. LED light        | Rick Wardrop    |
| 11. Cloths           | Stan McLean     |
| 12. Scissor set      | Ernie Lang      |
| 13. Bait bucket      | Ron Bluett      |

Red tag - \$50.00 Gift Certificate  
 C.T.C.

East Side Marios Bill Hewittson

**Thanks to all for participating  
 Brian Clements**



### Gate Key Changes — J Ford

For those members who use the club property, the locks on the gates change on April 1.

By the time you read this, it has happened. Current keys are available at club meetings, at the Maher Centre and at Watsons Tackle House in Owen Sound.

This year's key has a blue key spotter on it. The cost is \$4 with the return of last year's key or \$5 without.

*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*

## BOAT DRAW TICKET SELLERS

We are looking for volunteers to sell boat draw tickets at various locations around the city. Our sales this year start Monday May 2 and run through to August 24.

If you have not already been Contacted please give me a call and help fill the schedule.

**Thanks , Brian Clements  
 519 376-9410**



### OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets — J Ford

We have only a few books left to sell. If you can help, please see me at the meeting. A number of members still have books of tickets in their possession.

Please round up your tickets, sell the remainder and bring the tickets and money to our meeting.

So far, we have sold approx. 130 books.

**Thanks to all who have helped!**



### SSA Membership Renewals

---J Ford

We still have a large number of 2015 members who have not renewed for 2016. I know there are many reasons but we need to keep these members in our club. If you know of someone who has not renewed, please help by reminding them. They can renew on line or by telephoning me and renewing with their credit card. My telephone number is 226 664 0960. We would like to reduce as low as possible the costly nonrenewal letters this year.

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**SWAP MEET, SSA,  
Sunday April 10th, 2016  
Buy, Sell, Trade,  
8.30 a.m. 'till 12.30 p.m.**

**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's 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 about hunting 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.**

**Tables open to Sydenham members  
and invited guests.**

**For more information contact:  
Garry at 519 376 5347 or  
Stew at 519 794 4423**



Match the colours:

When the red flag is posted; which matches the colour of the red line the firing line [zone] is active or hot and shooters may cross the red line to handle their firearms, ammunition, etc and shoot. But when the green flag is posted,(as in the case on our 100 yd range), it obviously does not match the red line and shooters must not cross the red line into the shooting zone but must stay behind the little red line. All in the name of SAFETY. To cross the red line with a green flag posted, (cease fire) is a NO NO; actually it is a NO KNOW. Meaning someone does not KNOW the importance of safety and the red line.

That is a Safety Violation:

There are 2 types of red line Safety Violations; minor and major.

A minor violation occurs when someone crosses the red line on a Green flag (cease fire) but the rope gate is up AND no one is down range.

A major violation occurs when someone crosses the red line and someone is down range regardless of the rope gate position.

That Major Safety Violation should never happen but it does on occasion. Sometimes we get distracted or preoccupied or careless or forgetful. Its a challenge to avoid those times and one that all shooters must strive for.

To cross a red safety line and approach any firearm on the firing line is an insult/danger to the person or people down range. It shows a total disregard for their safety. One that disrespects them totally.

When someone crosses the red line on a green flag (cease fire) it makes you wonder - Where are they going?

How far are they going? What are they going to do?

What's so important? What did they forget, a pen perhaps?

Its not about pointing fingers or playing the blame game. It is about KNOWing, about awareness, about education, about being vigilant, about being aware of the situation.

All shooters using any of the ranges, the volunteer Range Safety Officers and the host Clubs must work together to continue to raise awareness about the Red Line, the correct procedures, and the dangers that lurk when those procedures are not followed.

**Think Safety - Shoot Safely**



A new study by University of Guelph biologists has brought researchers closer to the goal of restoring American elms resistant to Dutch elm disease (DED) in cities and forests across Canada and the United States.



The Softwood Lumber Agreement negotiated by (former) Prime Minister Stephen Harper's new government in 2006 expired on Oct. 12, 2015, ending nine years of managed trade with the United States. Canadian exporters of softwood lumber now have free access to the U.S. market after more than a decade of poor conditions.



Have you ever wondered why you feel healthier and happier when you stroll through the trees or frolic by the sea? Is it just that you're spending time away from work, de-stressing and taking in the view? Or is there more to it?

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