

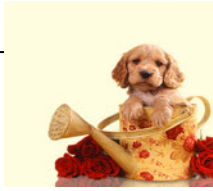


# THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”



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**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,**

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

**Thursday**  
**April 4, 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}

Another date has been added for a  
**101 Skeet** clinic as the two others  
 are full.

**The add on date is**  
**Thursday June 13 2019.**

Thank you,  
 Mike Thompson  
 226-435 2072.

President’s Message (April 2019)

Once again I hope everyone is getting through the winter safely and it appears Spring is just around the corner. As always, we are looking for ideas for social activities so if you have any or wish to organize something please talk to me or anyone on the Executive and we can try to put something together.

We have set the date for another CHILI/SOUP/STEW evening to be Wednesday, April, 24th from 5 pm to 10 pm and looking for others wishing to help put this together in making a dish or helping out in some manner. The price for this will be inexpensive and we will have refreshments available by donation.

Also as spring appears so does our annual Earth Day cleanup, this will take place on Saturday, April, 20th at 1 pm to 3 pm behind City Hall and I encourage all to come out and help pick up after the snow has left and exposed the mess left behind. This has been a long running event stemming back to Pitch In ran by the club for over 60 years before joining forces with the City of Owen Sound to what is now Earth Day. There will be light snacks and refreshments available and always some draw prizes for those participants.

I look forward to some sunshine and nice weather and hope to see more members out to our General meetings and events to get to know one another on a more personal note.

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby  
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*Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email has any changes!*



Newsletter: Dave Skelton  
Webmaster: Bruce Farrell  
Membership: John Ford  
Key Keeper: John Ford

### Clubhouse Bookings:

Contact-

**Ron McCartney** (Club Custodian)  
Home 519-794-3456  
Cell 226- 668-6031  
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## Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

MARCH 7, 2019 DRAWS

\$20.00 LCBO gift card Ken Cowtan  
\$20.00 LCBO gift card Jim Hastie  
\$20.00 LCBO gift card Fred Geberdt  
\$20.00 LCBO gift card Bob Esplen  
\$20.00 LCBO gift card Don Keeling  
Cook book Don Lobban  
Cook book Brian Gamble  
Cook book Dennis McIlvenna

Red tag –  
Gone Fishing – Larry Fisher

Thanks to all for participating:

**Brian Clements**



**Chili Night** is Wednesday April 24 at the Clubhouse and we are looking for cooks and participants.

Also **Earth Day** annual cleanup will be Saturday April 20th from 1 pm to 3 pm behind City Hall with light snacks and refreshments for Participants.

Thanks: Scott



**The Derby Booth at a Fishing/Boat Show**

Submitted by Alan Clarke

Wanted: Help with **bluebird program**, as my legs are not working as well any more; old age. Walking to check boxes is difficult to do. **Need help with the over 30 runs.**

I have some good guys helping but just need more.  
Call me at 226 668 8241 or email [bobhunt1@hotmail.ca](mailto:bobhunt1@hotmail.ca)  
I want to keep this going as was started with Lorne Smith.  
Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Thanks: **Bob Hunt.**

## Bluebird Report 2018

590 blue birds were fledged this year

1104 swallows were fledged  
This was average year lost a lot of swallows not sure what the problem was; there was lots of food, maybe in what they were eating.

We had over 700 boxes to be checked and thanks to all that helped.

Hope for a better year in 2019.

Bob Hunt



## Helping at the Salmon Spectacular

Each year it takes about 350 volunteers to make this event a success. From weigh in station to food booth, to bar and Public Relations booth and finally the merchandise booth much help is needed.

Please donate your time!  
We very much need your help.  
There should be schedules at the April meeting.

Please fill them out.

## MARCH SWAP MEET

Well' folks, you asked, we listened ( just like the Government ) and we had a lot more fishing gear at the swap meet. Dave Skelton, our intrepid editor, donated a pile of rods, reels and lures to the cause and swelled the kitty substantially, all going to the SSA treasury. Thanks Dave.



Photo by Rob Cameron

As usual, our ' spring' swap meet was really busy and, at one time, we were in danger of running out of table space but some vendors stepped up and kindly shared space. The usual mix of ' treasures ' was available and , from observation, a lot of gear went home with new owners. There were several 'new' vendors there and 'welcome' , always good to have new blood. The great mystery of the Universe is why nobody wanted to take home my old Mossberg without a bolt and front sight !

The swap meet was originally set up as a social event where members and friends could get together and have fun. I think that we have succeeded in that and it will continue for as long as there is the demand and as long as we have the energy. One change that we are considering is to limit the free table to one and have a nominal charge for subsequent tables. This is not a 'fund raising' move ( which is against our original philosophy ) but it might encourage ' conservation' and the last minute scramble for table space.

If you were at the meet, thanks for coming out and we hope you enjoyed it, if you weren't there, see you next time.

Garry/Stew.



## Handgun Range

Bullseye style Handgun Competition Survey Results and Other News

The results of the survey are in:

Response was light to the survey indicating that a competition is not of interest to members at this time.

In other news... the Handgun Range will be seeing some further improvements in 2019. We anticipate getting a start on installing more permanent walls to the shooting position structure this year. If you can lead a hand in installing board and batten on the walls, please contact me so I can get a list of volunteers compiled. Many hands make light work and will reflect in less range down time as well.

Please contact

Dave Fritz @ [daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com](mailto:daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com)

Handgun Range Contact."

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## **SSA Membership Report**

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership for 2019. However there are still many who have not. If you know of anyone who is still not renewed, please remind them to send in their renewal.

Only 2019 members may use club facilities. The exception is non-member trap and skeet shooters who pay extra.

You need to be aware that a requirement for new members in 2019 is that the firearms licence number and expiry date needs to be included. As well, we require new members to provide a current police Criminal records check.



## **Gate Keys**

Yes, the locks on our property will change in 2019.

This happens on April 1. That means that your black key will not work at that time.

However, we all know that you must have your 2019 membership paid before using club facilities. Make sure you wear your membership card with the 2019 sticker on the back.

If you are using SSA facilities and don't have your membership card on, expect other members to check to make sure you are a paid up SSA Member. The new gate keys have a green key spotter on them. We will have them at the April meeting and they are at Watsons Tackle House now.

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*Birthdays are good for you.  
Research has shown that the more  
you have, the longer you live!*

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

## Selling OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

We do have a few books of tickets available for our members to sell. For those who have taken tickets to sell, you can bring them to the meeting if they are sold. If not, please keep and sell them. Thanks to all those members who volunteered their time to sell tickets at Giant Tiger during the month of February and early March. Even though the weather did not co-operate much of the time we still sold 117 books during that 5 week period. Again thank-you!!



## Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

Since I try to co-ordinate the Weigh in Station schedule, as well as the Computer Operators Schedule, I am working on both of those for 2019. I already have some requests for days and times. If you have requests, this is the time to contact me. Probably sending me an email is the easiest way.

(johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

I am looking for more people to work on the weigh in station computer. There are a number of 2:00 to 6:00 shifts to be filled. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact me. As well, we have many openings on the weigh in station. The schedule will be at the next meeting.



From: Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters <ofah@ofah.org>

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(Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm). Questions regarding the OFAH email system may be directed to [ofah@ofah.org](mailto:ofah@ofah.org).