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**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,**

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

**Thursday**

**December 1, 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}

**NIBBLE NIGHT**

Is to take place at this  
 next meeting.



**President’s Message** (December 2016)

I hope all of you big game hunter’s had a successful hunt even if you were unable to harvest one of our large game animals you enjoyed your time in our great outdoors.

As you are aware December General Meeting will be our Annual Nibble Night. This night in the past has really brought out some talented chefs and some rather tasty dishes. As always we will have the bar open to cleanse the palate so you may enjoy what our member cooks have prepared.

As foul weather nears, always be safe in your travels and if need be just sit indoors, tune in to your favourite channel and let it pass. Also we will be having our 2nd round of nominations at our December meeting.

As the year will come to a close soon, enjoy your Holiday Season with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all back safely in the New Year.



**Reminder about the SSA Awards Programme**

All SSA members are reminded that submissions for our awards programme need to be submitted by the end of the year. We have categories for most game fish which must be caught in Grey or Bruce counties. As well, there is a trophy for Best Turkey and Best Buck. If you have an entry, please contact John Ford, at [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com) or 226 664 0960.

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

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### Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

NOVEMBER 3, 2016

#### PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Utility knife    | Doug Van Horne  |
| 2. Gloves           | Wayne Gallagher |
| 3. Fillet knife     | Ken Miersch     |
| 4. Buck knife       | John Snook      |
| 5. 1/4" poly rope   | Ron Robb        |
| 6. Scissor set      | Cliff Springer  |
| 7. Multi tool       | Jim Hastie      |
| 8. 3/8" poly rope   | Dave Skelton    |
| 9. Moose head       | John Ford       |
| 10. Cuisinart knife | Larry Fischer   |

Red tag - \$50.00 L.C.B.O.

Gift Certificate Don Fosbury

Thanks to all for participating

**Brian Clements**



### Early Bird Membership Draw---J Ford

At our December meeting we will be selling 2017 memberships. You can pay with your credit or debit card, by cheque or with cash. Membership fees remain the same as in 2016 i.e. Families \$135, Adults \$110, Seniors \$95 and spouses an additional \$25. If you pay in December you will receive 2 chances on the early bird prizes. We have 3 prizes to be drawn in January. They are a free year's membership, a Mobicool cooler and a lifejacket. If you wish to join by calling me and paying with your credit card, my number is 226 664 0960.

### SSA Gate Keys

Your current gate key (blue key spotter) will work for the time being. However, we will start make the new key available in March 2017. This key will have a purple key spotter on it.

Your executive has decided that the cost of the key will be \$5. If you want to turn in your old key(s) to avoid confusion, we will recycle them for you.

Next spring, the keys will be available at the meetings, at the Maher Centre and at **Watson's Tackle House**.



### "Heads Up" for 2018

Due to increased postal and printing costs, your executive is considering adding a \$20 fee to those members who receive their newsletter on paper rather than as an email notification to read the newsletter on our website ([www.sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com)).

Actually, the cost is significantly more than \$20 per year. If you have a computer, you can read the newsletter each month and choose to print out whatever section you want. Apparently, the cost to the club for paper newsletters is more than \$2600.00 per year.

This change will not happen in 2017, but possibly in 2018.

### Updated Contact Information

As you are probably aware, a number of email blasts are sent to our members throughout the year.

In order for you to get these, we need to have your current email address.

As well, if you move, please send me your updated address and telephone number.

My email address is [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

Thanks for your help!

*News Flash! Invest in a Dairy Farm and you will have lots of liquid assets!*

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## New Gate on the SSA property on the Road to the River

Those of you who use our property will notice that a new gate has been installed just past the Hi Power Range on the road to the river. There is a lock on the gate which is keyed the same as the locks to the other gates. There is no intention to restrict your access to that part of our property. Members can fish at the river, canoe, kayak or hike as usual. When skeet shooting or sporting clays is happening, that part of the property is off limits due to safety concerns with shot fall.

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## OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets for Sale

The SSA is selling 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conservation Lottery tickets again this year. The total prize value is \$361 034.44 and the tickets cost \$3 each. For each book that we sell, the club realizes \$9.00 Tickets will be at each meeting and you can help by taking a book or two to sell and bringing back the money and ticket stubs.

The Grand Prize is a 2017 Ram Laramie 1500 4x4 truck, an Alumacraft Voyageur 17.5 ft boat, a Yamaha 115 hp motor and trailer.

As well, we will be selling these tickets at Heritage Place Mall during the month of February.

Please let me know John Ford (226 664 0960 or [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com)) if you are able to sell during that time.

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## Skeet Schedule Fall / Winter

For any members interested in shooting skeet this fall and winter, the skeet field will be open on the following days of the week.

All year Thursday afternoons at 1pm

Starting on Saturday Nov 19th and running until April, Saturday mornings at 10am

The skeet field is cleared of snow all winter and the warm up building is a great place to keep warm between rounds. The winter dates are weather permitting, if there is a heavy snow fall or extreme cold we will not be shooting.

Costs are \$4.00 per round for members, \$5 for guests, ammunition is available for purchase at a cost of \$8 per box of 25. Shot size is limited to #9 for the skeet field.

If you have never tried skeet shooting come out on any of these days and check it out. It is a great shooting sport for all ages and members will be glad to show you how it is done.

Jeff Caldwell [jrc870@gmail.com](mailto:jrc870@gmail.com)



### **Scientists made see-through wood that is cooler than glass**

Business Insider, - Aug, 2016

Wood is a strong and versatile building material, but it rots, gets eaten by bugs, and blocks light. Plain sheets of glass aren't much better. They shatter easily and let a lot of energy leak into or out of a building. But engineers have recently figured out how to find the best of both worlds by making see-through wood.

### **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**

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# SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2017 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2016 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1, 2016)

**We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records.**

If you have a rural address, Canada Post requires your fire number and road as well as your rural route.

## Membership Fees for 2017:

Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).

<b>Family</b>	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21	<b>\$135.00</b>
<b>Adult</b>	Individual	<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Age 60 & over	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Student</b>	Age under 21 or in full time study; (no magazine)	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Add a Spouse</b>	Additional fee	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Junior</b>	12 and under; no magazine	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Juniors &amp; Students</b>	Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Property Gate Key</b>	(With or without of the return of last year's key)	<b>\$5.00</b>

Check off your selections above

**Total**

**Note:** Help us save money and select to view the Newsletter on our website, please update your email address below. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

*Please use reverse side for additional names, ages etc. for family memberships*

NAME: _____	TELEPHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____	POSTAL CODE: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Please Update your Email Address)	
DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors & Students only)	

Wildlife Advisory Committee	Derby Committee	Fishery Advisory Committee
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Tree Planting	Social Activities	Derby Weigh In
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Black Powder	Boat Draw Ticket Sales	Archery
Property Care	Wildlife Enhancement	Stream Work
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High Power Shooting	Earth Day	Fall Fair Gates
Computer	Other Interests (List Below)	Expertise (List Below)
Retired	Have ATT	Telephone Committee

**TO MAINTAIN A STRONG AND VIABLE ASSOCIATION, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.** Please select activities of special interest to you from the list above. This information is used in planning work parties, committees, etc.

*If you would like to purchase your renewal by credit card, please enter the number and expiry date below.*

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code as it appears on the back of the Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_



The **Spring Creek Restoration Project** to date, has been implementing Parish Aquatic Service's recommendations, installing diverters, dramatically increased the spawning areas, increased fish habitat with woody debris/boulders, enhanced side channels, installed riffle beds, installed an oxygen generator to maintain an optimum level of oxygen in water flow emerging from the springs for several months each year.

In addition there are six permanent measuring stations installed in Spring Creek, including a weather station monitored by Dr. James Hamilton (Wilfrid Laurier University). Bio mass and invertebrate studies are being used to measure performance of the restoration work.

### 2016 Update

The Hepworth Anglers Club (HAC) have completed 2016 restoration work in Spring Creek consisting of placing angular stone in spawning areas, embedding woody debris (root wads and tops) into the banks, installing four riffle beds, placing boulders in strategic locations, and building/installing lunger boxes.

Chinook salmon immediately used the spawning areas below a completed riffle bed as shown in the photo.



Additional activities supporting the restoration work included installing additional measurement sites, expanded monitoring activity, conducting biomass and invertebrate studies.

Participation in the 2016 restoration work/additional activities, included the Owen Sound Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Wilfrid Laurier University, Upper Thames Conservation Authority, Bruce Power, Parish Aquatic Services, Tom MacDonald Construction, HAC members, members of the Canadian armed forces and summer students working with the MNRF, Bruce Power and the HAC.



The 2016 restoration work/additional activities was made possible by grants from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Bruce Power and the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

Boulders and stone were acquired from local landowners and quarries. Trees, root wads, cedar logs were obtained from local landowners and Roger Hayes Lumber. Spring Creek is the only major cold water stream in the Sauble River watershed providing natural reproductive habitat for rainbow trout, chinook and coho salmon.

Best regards, Bill Nafziger, Hepworth Anglers Club

Tim Lahey

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