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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

**Thursday
 December 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}

SSA members: Instead of a guest speaker, **Nibble Night** will be held during the general meeting in December.
 Members, and guests, are invited to bring prepared snacks and meals made from wild game and fish (even salads) to be judged by all present at the meeting. The three top winners will be presented with the famous nibble night plaques.
 Liquid refreshments will be available.
Jim Hastie

President’s Message (December 2017)

I certainly hope everyone who hunts in the fall had a memorable hunt in both bounty and comradery. Again, our December General Meeting will be our Annual Nibble Night. This night has always been a good turnout in the past and our members have offered up some very fine fare for those attending to sample. Ken Miersch has once again looked after the permit and supplies for the bar.

For those interested in having a bit of Christmas cheer with fellow members, please donate generously.

We who live in the area are aware of how fast the snow and awful weather can close in on us, I hope all of you are prepared and travel safely when you must. Also take note on meeting nights, if the weather is poor for travelling to the Clubhouse we may have to postpone meetings. I will try to have Dave Skelton send out email reminders early in the day if the executive plan to postpone a meeting. We will be having our 2 nd round of nominations at our December meeting so if you are I interested, let your name stand.

As the holiday season approaches please stay safe and enjoy your time with those closest to you.

Also, we all hope our fellow member Fred Geberdt is feeling better and we all wish you a speedy return to your health.

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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 Meeting

Scissors - Ron Robb
 Rubber Gloves - Don Fosbury
 Utility Tool - Richard Manley
 Tarp - Matt Turner
 Hammer - Norm Capling
 Cuisinart Knife - Dave Fritz
 Leather Gloves - Dennis Wiseman
 Pruning Shears - Bob Esplen
 OFF Clip On - Stan McClean
 Buckknife - Doug Flood
 Moose Print - John Ford
 Wood Duck Print - Jim Jansen
 \$50 LCBO Gift Card - Cliff Springer



2018 SSA Memberships are Due on January 1

Our SSA Memberships start on January 1 and end on December 31.

What that means is that your 2018 membership fees need to be paid at the start of the year. As usual, you need to wear your membership card so that the year sticker is visible.

Members shooting on club ranges need to have their 2018 membership paid!!!

I think that is as clear as I can make it.
 John Ford



Gate Keys for 2018

Your 2017 gate key (purple key spotter) will work until March 31.

On April 1 the locks will change. I don't know what colour the 2018 keys will be, but they will be available at meetings, at Watson's Tackle House, at the Maher Centre and from me. The cost is \$5.00 and I will recycle your old key(s) if you wish.

Changed your email address or location address?

A number of times, I have heard members indicate that they are not receiving information from the club. Dave Skelton often sends out email blasts about a number of topics.

If you have moved locations and have not informed us, we have no way of knowing. As well, we need to let the OFAH know so that your magazine can reach you.

In today's age of many internet providers, some frequently change providers. If you decide to do that, please let us know so that we can update your profile.

My email address is **johnrichardford5@gmail.com**

Don't forget the **5**, and my telephone number is **226 664 0960**.

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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 Fee Structure for 2018---J Ford

Renewal Adult	\$130.00
Renewal Senior	\$115.00
Renewal Adult Family	\$175.00
Renewal Senior Family	\$160.00
Renewal Junior	\$55.00
Renewal Student	\$60.00

Again we will have an Early Bird Membership Renewal programme. The earlier you renew, the more chances you have to win a couple of worthwhile prizes. If you renew in December, you will get 2 free chances to win a prize, one of which is a free 2018 membership. The others are a cooler and a rod and reel. A Renewal Form is part of this newsletter. It is helpful if you complete the form and either send it or bring it when you renew. Remember, you can renew on line, by mailing a renewal form to Box 264, Owen Sound ON, N4K-5P3 or by calling me at 226 664 0960.

Something new for this year is the OFAH Paperless membership. In order to choose this option, you need a computer, internet access and probably a smart phone. This is not available to families of more than 2 persons.

Those who choose this option will get emails with the \$5,000,000 liability certificate that you can print if you choose. You will also receive a membership card that you can print. Finally, you will get the magazine in digital format. If you wish this option, you will need to let me know when you renew. We will need to verify your email address. Otherwise, I will assume that you want to continue as in the past. The paperless membership is a cost saving to the club and certainly less work for me.

New memberships for 2018 open on line. The fee structure is as follows:

New Adult (including \$100 initiation)	\$230.00
New Senior (including \$100 initiation)	\$215.00
New Adult Family (including \$100 initiation)	\$275.00
New Senior Family (including \$100 initiation)	\$260.00
New Junior	\$55.00
New Student	\$60.00



**Quebec government concerned
by presence of Asian carp in
St. Lawrence River**

The Quebec Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks confirmed that the Asian carp, a fish that is destructive to the ecosystems in which it settles, has arrived in the St. Lawrence River.

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Reminder: No ice is safe ice

The ice conditions on any lake can vary from location to location. Remember, even though it may look thick on the surface, moving water from streams, rivers and springs can cause ice to form unevenly.

People who do venture out on the ice should:

- Dress warmly in layers and consider wearing a life jacket or vest.
- Not go alone. Head out with friends or family. Take a cell phone and make sure someone knows where you are and when you are expected to return.
- Know before you go. Don't travel in areas you are not familiar and don't travel at night or during reduced visibility.
- Avoid inlets, outlets or narrows that may have current that can thin the ice.
- Look for clear ice, which is generally stronger than ice with snow on it or bubbles in it.
- Carry some basic safety gear: ice claws or picks, a cellphone in a waterproof bag or case, a life jacket and length of rope, and a spud bar to check ice while walking to new areas.
- Wear creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on ice and take extra mittens or gloves so you always have a dry pair.

If you go through the ice:

- Carry a set of ice picks in your pocket to help you climb out of the ice hole.
- Once out of the water, do not stand up. Rather, walk on your forearms until the majority of your body is on solid surface.
- Try to remain calm, call for help and take steps to get out of the water as soon as possible.

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SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2018 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2017 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/17)

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 2018:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21	\$175.00
	Adult	Individual	\$130.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$115.00
	Student	Age under 21 (no magazine)	\$60.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$45.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$55.00
	Property Gate Key		\$5.00
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.

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
Public Relations Booth	Shotgun Shooting	Hatchery
Tree Planting	Social Activities	Derby Weigh In
Board of Directors	Fishing	I D P A shooting
Derby Fish Fries	Trap Shooting	Skeet Shooting
Sporting Clays Shooting	Cowboy Action Shooting	Handguns
Black Powder	Boat Draw Ticket Sales	Archery
Property Care	Wildlife Enhancement	Stream Work
Fish stocking	Hunting	Junior Activities
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: _____