



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

February 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}

Steve Gile of MNR,

Steve will do a presentation about something to do with fish he scored from the OSSS weigh in station.

Stu will introduce Steve to the members on Feb 4, Thursday.

*No matter how hard you try to fool
 Mother Nature, you can't fool
 Father Time!*

2016 SSA ELECTION RESULTS

Jeff CALDWELL	__**
Brian CLEMENTS	_____
Geoff FORD	_____
John FORD	__**
Wayne GALLAUGHER	__**
Chris GEBERDT	__**
Fred GEBERDT	__**
Scott GRIMOLDBY	_____
Jim JANSEN	_____
Ken MIERSCH	_____
Ron ROBB	_____

Bill DOUGLAS, Jim HASTIE, Al HILLIS, Murray SMART and Dennis WISEMAN, are serving the last year of a two-year term from 2015 elections.

Mike PREVOST will serve as an ex-officio director as Past President

**** INDICATES FIVE CANDIDATES WITH MOST VOTES SERVING A TWO YEAR TERM**

ALL OTHERS SERVING ONE YEAR TERM

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby
 1st Vice President: Fred Geberdt
 2nd Vice President:
 Bill Douglas
 Recording Secretary:
 Jeff Caldwell
 Past President: Mike Prevost
 Treasurer: Dennis Wiseman
 Correspondence Secretary:
 Geoff Ford

Directors:
 Brian Clements, John Ford,
 Wayne Gallagher,
 Chris Geberdt,
 Jim Hastie, Al Hillis, Jim Jansen
 Ron Robb,

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

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

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



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

JANUARY 7, 2016
DRAW PRIZE WINNERS
 \$10.00 CANADIAN TIRE GIFT CARD

Jason Mervyn
 James Watson
 Wayne Gallagher
 Fred Geberdt
 Mary Hillis
 Larry Fischer
 Wally Cunningham
 Dave Hartrick
 Doug Van Horne
 Dennis Wiseman

Red tag winner – CTC \$50.00
 Gift Card

Bob Esplen

Thanks to all, **Brian Clements**



Early Bird Membership Winners – J Ford

At our January 7 annual general meeting, Derrick Flatt won the Mobicool cooler and Stan McLean won the free 2016 membership. Stan, very generously, donated half back to the club for the hatchery property purchase.

Congratulations to both winners!



OFAH Conservation Lottery ticket sales at Heritage Place Mall

At the time of writing this article, we still have 2 Tuesday night and 2 Friday night shifts available. If you can help, please call me at 226 664 0960. I will also have books of tickets for you to sell. The SSA realizes \$9 from each book sold.

2016 SSA Memberships Due

This is a reminder that 2016 memberships are due. Please use the renewal form printed elsewhere in this newsletter. You can go to the SSA website,

www.sydenhamsportsmen.com,

and look at the bottom of the main page. You can use the on line store to renew your membership.

If all else fails, call me at 226 664 0960 with your credit card and we will renew your membership. If you are more comfortable, renewing at the club monthly meeting, I will be there.



Please update your Contact information

Often, we get newsletters returned or OFAH membership sent back due to inaccurate addresses. We sometimes change our email addresses as well. Please email me with your updated information so that we can keep the club records intact.

My email address is

johnrichardford5@gmail.com



Reminder to Members who have OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

First, thank-you for selling these tickets and helping the club with fundraising.

If you want your tickets included in the Early Bird draw, I have to have them by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**. This will give me time to mail them to Peterborough

Thanks, J Ford

For a coloured version of this document, go to the SSA website at [http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com) select from SSA Newsletters - right side.

Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, February 21st

Buy, Sell, Trade

8:30 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's Club Swap Meet!**

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

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



SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2016 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2015 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1, 2015)

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 2015:	Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).		
Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21		\$135.00
Adult	Individual		\$110.00
Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over		\$95.00
Student	Age under 21 or in full time study; (no magazine)		\$40.00
Add a Spouse	Additional fee		\$25.00
Junior	12 and under; no magazine		\$35.00
Juniors & Students	Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra		\$8.00
Property Gate Key	With the return of last year's key		\$4.00
Property Gate Key	Without last year's 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. 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
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: _____

2016 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs *

- 1 **Scott Grimoldby:** President, Social Activities Co-Chair and Youth Activities Co-Chair
- 2 **Fred Geberdt:** 1st Vice President, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular, and O.F.A.H. Delegate
- 3 **Bill Douglas:** 2nd Vice President, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular and Shooting Sports Co-chair
- 4 **Mike Prevost:** Past President, ex-officio Director , Youth Activities Co-Chair and O.F.A.H. Alternate Delegate
- 5 **Jeff Caldwell:** Recording Secretary and .22 Rifle Shooting Coordinator
- 6 **Dennis Wiseman:** Treasurer, Fisheries Advisory Committee – Co-Chair and O.F.A.H. Delegate
- 7 **Geoff Ford:** Correspondence Secretary, Fisheries Advisory Committee – Co-Chair and O.F.A.H. Alternate Delegate
- 8 **Brian Clements:** Director and Meeting/Program prizes
- 9 **John Ford:** Director, Membership Chair, Wildlife Advisory Committee - Chair , Fish and Game Contest Chair, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular and O.F.A.H. Delegate
- 10 **Wayne Gallagher:** Director, and Property Chair
- 11 **Chris Geberdt:** Director, O.F.A.H. Delegate and Fund Raising Chair
- 12 **Jim Hastie:** Director, Social Activities Co-chair and Meeting/Program Chair
- 13 **Al Hillis:** Director, Shooting Sports Co-chair and Shotgun Shooting Coordinator
- 14 **Jim Jansen:** Director, Club Supplies Chair
- 15 **Ken Miersch:** Director
- 16 **Murray Smart:** Director, Assistant to Treasurer, Administrative Services Coordinator (including risk management and insurance) and Lotteries/Raffles Licencing Coordinator
- 17 **Chuck Cannon:** Range Safety Officer Instructor and Hunter Safety Course Instructor (appointed, non-director)
- 18 **Dave Hartrick:** Gord Maher Memorial Centre - Supervisor (appointed, non-director)
- 19 **Doug Heighes:** Archery Coordinator (appointed, non-director)
- 20 **Tim Lahey:** High Power Shooting Coordinator (appointed, non-director)
- 21 **Bob McKay:** Non-restricted and Restricted Firearms Instructor and Examiner (appointed, non-director)
- 22 **Peter Robson:** Handgun Shooting Coordinator and Handgun Safety Instructor (appointed, non-director)
- 23 **Dave Skelton:** Newsletter Editor/Chair (appointed, non-director)
- 24 **Clubhouse Bookings:** VACANT
- 25 **Clubhouse Custodian:** VACANT
- 26 **Firearms Ranges Bookings:** Al Hillis 519-371-3825, Bill Douglas 519-372-0804

* - Elections and appointments (as updated) January 23, 2016.

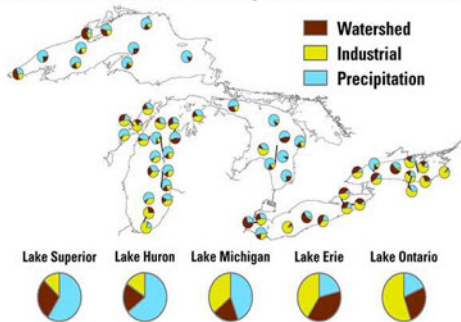
An **Application Form** may be obtained by using the link below.

<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.**

For the first time, land and resource managers in the Great Lakes will be able to distinguish between the various sources of mercury in the environment.

Source Contribution of Mercury in Great Lakes Sediment



FAC REPORT

FISH HATCHERY

At this time of year, there is little to report with respect to activities taking place at the hatchery. The Chinook salmon eggs have all hatched out and the young fish are doing fine. The Rainbows are being held over the winter, for stocking in the spring; probably April and/or May, depending on available space. All the Rainbows have now been fin clipped and are growing more rapidly with each passing day.

WEAVER PROPERTY PURCHASE

At the General Meeting in January, the purchase proposal that was put before the general membership was approved by a clear majority of the members that took the time to vote on the issue. We are now in a position to begin serious negotiations with the Weaver Family, and that is scheduled to begin on January 29th. We are very optimistic that a suitable agreement will be reached, but how quickly and how successful that process will be remains to be seen.

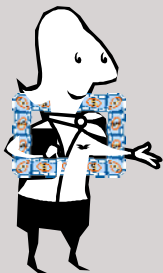
FISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The Fish Advisory Committee will be taking on a slightly different appearance in 2016. Any and all segments relating to the local fishery are going to depend on whether or not volunteers are willing to come forward and lend a hand in getting things done. The SSA Fish Advisory Committee is comprised of six distinct areas of interest; Fish Hatchery, Side Channel Spawning Beds, Upper Sydenham River, Owen Sound Mill Dam, School Salmon Hatchery Program, and Owen Sound Salmon Tours. At the present time, we have volunteers looking after the Fish Hatchery, the Side Channel Spawning Beds, the Owen Sound Mill Dam, and the School Salmon Hatchery Program. This still leaves vacancies for the Upper Sydenham River and the Owen Sound Salmon Tour. Due to the additional duties I have taken on, for the benefit of the SSA organization, as chair of this committee I will be limiting my involvement more to that of administration; looking after the paperwork, co-ordinating the activities of the areas of interest, and dealing with the various government and environmental agencies we are required to work with. To this end, whether or not an activity will take place will depend on volunteer involvement. If no one volunteers, there is a strong possibility that it won't be done. If you are interested in filling the openings still available, and would like some more information upon which to make a decision, please feel free to call me at 519-371-0911, and I will be happy to provide the answers to your questions.

I look forward to working with a team of volunteers that are eager and capable of meeting the challenges of 2016.

Dennis Wiseman, SSA Fish Advisory Chairman

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Minutes at the table don't put on weight- it is the seconds!

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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*

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