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**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,**

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

**Thursday**

**February, 2, 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}

February's speaker, **Lloyd Mohr**,  
 retired from the MNR, will talk  
 about Fishing for Lake Huron's  
 monster fish.

**President's Message** (February, 2017)

Hope all have made it through the first month and some wild local weather to start the New Year. Seems to be an odd type of winter which changes from one extreme to the next. If you could mark your calendar's we will be pushing both the March & May General meetings ahead one week. The March meeting will be the 9<sup>th</sup> and this is to accommodate the Conservation Dinner preparation required to use the space at the Clubhouse to house the enormous number of prizes that make this event the success it is. The May meeting will be the 11<sup>th</sup> and this is to accommodate our Big Game & Fish Contest awards. The Executive thanks you in your cooperation in these adjustments. As mentioned above the OFAH Conservation Dinner is upcoming and tickets are going extremely fast, so if you plan on attending contact Fred Geberdt or Geoff Ford for tickets. Looks like Ice Fishing may be tricky this year unless you head further North or some of the smaller inland lakes locally may have safe ice to be on. With that keep warm as I anticipate this mild weather will not last too long and we will be once again met with what we are all accustomed to in the parts.

**To book the Clubhouse** - contact  
 Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)  
 contact information:  
[ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com](mailto:ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com)  
 Home 519-794-3456  
 Cell 226- 668-6031

The March General meeting will be held on the **Thursday March 9th**,  
 which is the 2nd Tuesday in March.

This change is due to the clubhouse being used to organize prizes for the  
 Conservation Dinner during the first week of March.

Thanks; Jeff Caldwell

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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

Newsletter: Dave Skelton  
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### Clubhouse Bookings:

Contact-

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*Where do mice park their boats?  
 At the Hickory Dickory Dock!*



JANUARY 12 ,2017  
 DRAW PRIZE WINNERS  
 \$20.00 CANADIAN TIRE  
 GIFT CARD

Scott Grimoldby      Don Fosbury  
 Dave Skelton        Mac Gamble  
 Ron McCartney  
 Red tag winner – CTC \$50.00 Gift Card  
 Doug Van Horne

**Thanks to all      Brian Clements**



### Early Bird Membership Draw

The Early Bird Membership draw was held at the January meeting. The winners were Frank Solinger who won a free year's membership, Shane Ruther who won a Mobicool Cooler and Tom Sloan who won a life jacket.

Thanks to all for co-operating!



### OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets for Sale

The SSA is selling Conservation Lottery tickets again in 2016/17. The tickets cost \$3 each and we realize \$9 for each book that we sell. The total prize value is \$361034.44.

You can help by taking a book or two and selling them for us.

The other way to help is to volunteer your time to sell these tickets at Heritage Place Mall during the month of February, ticket sales begin on February 6.

**We are still needing some volunteers for spares.**

We have received 150 books to sell this year.

## 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



### SSA Gate Keys

Again in 2017, we will be changing the gate locks and keys. This will happen on April 1. Until that time, the key with the blue key spotter will work. Of course, only paid up 2017 members can use the SSA property. An exception for trap and skeet shooters exists and they pay more to shoot as non-members. We will make the new keys available at Watsons Tackle House and the Maher Centre. As well, they will be available at our club meetings. The cost is now \$5 and if you want me to recycle them for you, I will .



### 2016 Awards

This a reminder that we need any 2016 awards for fish, deer or turkeys that you might have. The game must be harvested in Grey or Bruce counties and this must have happening in 2016. Our plan is to have the awards at the May meeting.

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## Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am till 12:30pm

Buy, Sell, Trade

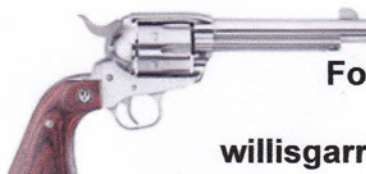


Fishing rods and reels? Another handgun, rifle or shotgun perhaps? Buy, sell or just come and browse. Set up a table or share a table. Dicker for the sale price. Sit and chat about hunting or fishing stories.

### Plus Mini Auctions.

Start approximately 9am and will run for a max of 30 minutes. No cost to buy or sell. The seller has the option to view the bids on their items and decide to sell or not sell. Max of 8 items per auction on a first come basis. Items are numbered and bidding is done by ballots. Both bidders and sellers need to be in the building during the 30 min auction. A second auction is possible if there is interest.

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.



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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 (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
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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Trying to Reduce Paper Newsletter Costs

In the December newsletter I wrote an article about the executive considering charging those who wish to receive a paper newsletter in 2018.

I have heard from a number of long time members who do not own a computer and will not pay more for a paper copy of the newsletter.

Instead, what I am suggesting is, that members who do have a computer but get a paper copy, change their designation and receive an email from our newsletter editor, Dave Skelton. This email provides you with a link to go directly to the newsletter in our website. There is no need to print out the contents. You can simply read the newsletter. As well, all of the previous copies are archived there and are available for you to read.

If you choose to print all or part of the newsletter, that is your option. One other feature of the newsletter on our website is that it is in color. Currently, there are 111 members who receive a paper newsletter. At least 43 of those have an email address and I expect that many more do have a computer but have not made the email address available to us.

If we can get co-operation from you and reduce the number of paper newsletter copies to only those who don't have a computer, we could possibly not have to charge extra for that purpose. Apparently the cost of mailing a paper newsletter is more than the \$2 that we previously estimated.

If you have other suggestions for cost cutting measures, please let us know. My email address is [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

### **Why Ontario needs more forest fires**

TreeHugger,

by Katherine Martinko - Nov 11, 2016

Forest fires seem scary, but they're not always a bad thing.

The Environmental Commissioner explains why they're desperately needed in Ontario's boreal north.



CTV News - Dec 01, 2016

MONTREAL -- Canada's two largest railways are positive about the impact of a Donald Trump presidency despite some concern about the possibility of quotas being placed on lumber exports.

### **Updating Your Contact Information**

At various times of year, our members move, change their telephone number or email address. Unless you let us know, we will still have outdated information in our files. An easy way to let us know is to call me at 226 664 0960 or send me an email at [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com) Thanks in advance for your help.

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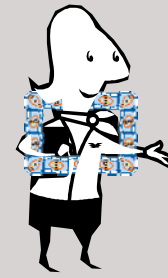
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### **SSA Wildlife Advisory Committee**

Your WAC has made a few plans for 2017. We want to chip what is left of the old brush pile on the Demonstration Wildlife Management area (front field) and to build 2 new useful brush piles in that area. This will involve moving some suitable brush from the new sporting clays range up over the hill.

**We need some strong bodies to help us do this and are actually short on committee members.**

We only have 2 meetings per year so are asking for your help.

Please contact me, John Ford at 226 664 0960 or [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

*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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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.**

## 2017 Sydenham Sportsmen Association List of Officers

President: Scott Grimoldby\*

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Club Supplies Chair: Jim Jansen\*

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Clubhouse Custodian: Ron McCartney

Clubhouse Bookings: Ron McCartney

Range Bookings: Al Hillis\*, Bill Douglas\*

**Elected Directors are indicated as: \***

**as at January 21, 2017**

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