



# THE SPORTSMAN

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## THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

**Thursday**

**February 5, 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}**

The February speaker will talk  
about the cowboy action  
activities at the SSA.

*Adam told Eve that it was  
he wo wears the plants in  
the family!*

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*Why is 'abbreviated' such  
a long word?*

## President's Message

Since I am down in Florida I guess I will talk about Florida stuff. Many of you who winter south know all about this stuff but as a newbie I find it interesting. I am staying in Fort Walton Beach, the NW panhandle gulf area so it does not get as warm as the line below Tampa.

I brought a couple of rods down with me so I started to ask around. A local told me to go to Pats Bait shop. Going there expecting to talk a guy and being slightly chauvinistic I was a little disappointed to only find a little old lady cleaning up. Of course she was Pat the owner and has had the shop for over 35 years and knows everything I could think to ask. A one year non resident licence cost me \$47.50. The accessible fishing is from a bridge, pier or off the beach but require different equipment. There is no specific limit on the number of rods you can use. Most people use at least two to four. I saw a guy dragging his equipment along the sand in a kids plastic snow sled? Pat said that the water is still to cold yet for good fishing but some people have been catching a few sheepshead from the bridge and pompano from the beach which is all Greek to me. She told me to look for sandbars and fish off the end of them. I said I guess the water will have to be clear to see them. She just kind of rolled her eyes and said if you see the waves breaking before the shore that is because there is a sad bar there. She was nice and did not call me stupid. Sorry but I am not being a good representative for a Canadian angler.

Of course we all know of the numerous places to acquire firearms. Dropped into a local pawn shop and there was a grandmother checking out the feel of several handguns as she wanted to buy one as a birthday gift for her granddaughter.

**Mike Prevost**

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Mike Prevost  
 1st Vice President: Scott Grimoldby  
 2nd Vice President:  
 Bill Douglas  
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 Tim Lahey  
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*Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email changes!*

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 Ontario N4K 5N7

#6 Hwy & Ledgerock Road  
 6 kms. North of Springmount

*Think About It!*

*An egotist is someone who thinks That if he hadn't been born,, people would wonder why..*



## Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



January 15, 2015

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Leather gloves  | Rob Cameron       |
| 2. Hand Warmers    | Chris Macdonald   |
| 3. Thermometer     | Dave Skelton      |
| 4. Duct tape       | John Morneau      |
| 5. Pry bar         | Brian Gamble      |
| 6. Hammer          | Don Fosbury       |
| 7. Tape measure    | Ian Smart         |
| 8. Night lights    | Bornadette Morvyn |
| 9. Scissor set     | Jim Janson        |
| 10. Bar-B lighter  | Greg Rodgors      |
| 11. Cloth back     | Jack Doherty      |
| 12. Long Point hat | Sam Richardson    |
| 13. L.I.T light    | Rick Wardrop      |

Red tag – Plyers and wrench set –  
 Larry Fischer

Thanks to all for participating  
**Brian Clements**



## Youth Program

If anyone has any interest or suggestions about youth activities for the club please let the executive know. This does not mean that you will have to be in charge of the youth program but maybe just take on or help with organizing one event.

Just because we do have an active youth program does not mean that we do not have a lot of younger members interested in outdoor activities. Most of our younger members are from family memberships and do their outdoor thing with their parents or friends and being active people they do not have a lot of spare time especially on weekends.

**From Mike and Bonnie (Prevost)**

There will be **no more gun courses** until after the snow leaves.

The first Non Restricted course will probably be late April or May. Restricted courses will depend on demand for them but I would like to put on at least one in 2015.

I would also like to run a Ladies Only course. I ran one a few years ago and IF I CAN get five interested Ladies I will run one this coming year.

The cost for any gun course is as follows.

Registration Fee \$ 35.00 ( non refundable)

This pays for the book And the tests. Payable at time of registration.

Course Fee \$ 50.00 for Members. \$ 85.00 for NON Members \$ 35.00 for Jr Members \$ 50.00 for NON Members Under age 18.

The Course Fee is in addition to the Registration Fee and is payable on the first night of the course.

There have been some changes to the Firearms Act that members should be aware of. NO ONE under the age of 18 may challenge the Non Restricted Firearms Test or Restricted Firearms Test. They have to take the appropriate courses.

There is also legislation in the works that IF PASSED will mean that NO ONE will be able to challenge the tests PERIOD. This means that first time gun owners will have to take a Firearms Safety Course to LEGALLY POSSESS Firearms.

**Remember Gun Safety  
 BEGINS AND ENDS WITH YOU.**

**Bob McKay**

*Bumper Sticker!  
 "I brake for tailgaters."*

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

**THANKS** to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Ann Arbor Michigan

We recently received a generous donation of \$1000.00 from the folks that rented a booth at last years Salmon Spectacular displaying information about the Sea Lamprey. They said that they had never attended a show that gave them such an enthusiastic public response. They are looking forward to coming back this year and we will certainly be glad to have them back.

**From Mike and Bonnie (Prevost)**



**NEWS FLASH**

THE SSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE FINALIZING PLANS WITH CHUCK CANNON TO OFFER A **HUNTER SAFETY COURSE** THIS SPRING AT THE SSA CLUBHOUSE.

THE COURSE WILL BE OFFERED TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE OR HAVE PROOF OF POSSESSION OF A PAL OR FSESO INSTRUCTOR'S RECEIPT FOR TRAINING.

THIS HUNTER SAFETY COURSE WILL BE OPEN TO BOTH SSA MEMBERS AND TO NON SSA MEMBERS.

AT THE COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE, SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO GO AND PURCHASE APPROPRIATE OUTDOORS CARDS AND HUNTING LICENCES.

MORE NEWS ON THIS COURSE TO FOLLOW IN FUTURE SSA NEWS LETTERS AND AT SSA GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS.

**Fred Geberdt**



**NEWS FLASH**

THE SSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE GIVEN PERMISSION TO THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS TO HOLD A **WILD TURKEY SEMINAR** AT THE SSA CLUBHOUSE.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 11, 2015, FROM 9: 00 AM TO 1:30 PM.

THIS SEMINAR IS A REQUIREMENT FOR HUNTERS TO PURCHASE A LICENCE AND TO HUNT WILD TURKEYS.

THE COST TO ATTEND IS \$35.

YOU CAN REGISTER BY VISITING [ofah.org/seminars](http://ofah.org/seminars) OR BY CALLING 705-748-6324, EXT. 240 OR 285

CHECK THE ONTARIO OUT OF DOORS MAGAZINE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WILD TURKEY SEMINARS THROUGHOUT ONTARIO.

**Fred Geberdt**



**2015 SSA SWAP MEETS**

Please note that the swap meet poster has TWO dates on it.

Yep, two swap meets this spring !...by request. These meets don't conflict with any other shows/season openers at the time of planning so we should have a great turn out. Hope to see you at both of them. Bring ' stuff ' and money, lot's of it !

**Stew. Wallace.** ( ..and, "thanks " to Kat for the artwork ).

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

# SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2015 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2014 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct. 1,2014)

**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.

<b>Membership Fees for 2015:</b>	<b>Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).</b>		
<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 the return of last year's key		<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Property Gate Key</b>	Without last year's key		<b>\$5.00</b>
Check off your selections above _____		<b>Total</b>	

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_



**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OFAH/OWEN**  
**SOUND CONSERVATION**  
**DINNER & AUCTION**

**Tickets \$45 each**

For tickets and information, please contact:

**Fred Geberdt 519-376-2369**

**Jack Doherty 519-376-3440**

**Brian Clements 519-376-9410**



*A Community event of the Owen Sound Conservation Dinner  
Committee of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters*

**Social Hour**

**5:30 p.m.**

**No Host Cocktails**

**Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**Live Auction**

**Silent Auction**

**Door Prizes**

**Raffle Prizes**

**Catered by**

**The Boot & Blade**

**Restaurant**

Bayshore Community  
Centre, Rutherford Room,  
1900 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East

Early Bird Prize if tickets  
are purchased prior to  
February 23, 2015 for a  
chance to win a canoe!

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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.**

# Swap Meet, SSA Sunday, March 8th & Sunday, April 19th.



Fishing rods and reels? Camping and boating equipment?  
Another rifle, bow 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 Sydenham Sportsmen Club.**

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.

**The Swap Meet is open to SSA members and invited guests  
only.**

For more information contact:  
Garry Willis at  
willisgarry@rogers.com (H) 376-5347  
or  
Stew Wallace at  
swallace@bmts.com (H) 794-4423.



Use this link below to renew you membership! Pay Pal or a Credit Card can be used

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

**2015 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs \***

- 1 **Mike Prevost:** President, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular, Youth Activities Co-Chair and O.F.A.H Delegate
- 2 **Scott Grimoldby:** 1st Vice President
- 3 **Bill Douglas:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Shooting Sports Ranges Co-chair, and Archery Chair
- 4 **Tim Lahey:** Recording Secretary and Youth Activities Co-Chair
- 5 **Murray Smart:** Treasurer
- 6 **Dennis Wiseman:** Assistant to Treasurer, Fisheries Advisory Committee - Chair and O.F.A.H. Delegate
- 7 **Geoff Ford:** Correspondence Secretary 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, O.F.A.H. Delegate, and Co-chair Salmon Spectacular
- 10 **Wayne Gallagher:** Director, and Property Chair
- 11 **Chris Geberdt:** Director, and Fund Raising Chair
- 12 **Fred Geberdt:**, Director, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular, and O.F.A.H. Delegate
- 13 **Jim Hastie:** Director, Social Activities Co-chair and Meeting/Program Chair
- 14 **Al Hillis:** Director and Shooting Sports Ranges Co-chair
- 15 **Jim Jansen:** Director, Club Supplies Chair
- 16 **Ron Robb:** Director, Co-chair Social Activities and O.F.A.H. Alternate Delegate
- 17 **Dave Hartrick:** Gord Maher Memorial Centre - Supervisor (appointed, non director)
- 18 **Bob McKay:** Non-restricted and Restricted Firearms Instructor and Examiner (appointed, non director)
- 19 **Peter Robson:** ATT Shooting Club Representative (appointed, non director)
- 20 **Dave Skelton:** Newsletter Editor/Chair (appointed, non director)
- 21 **Clubhouse Bookings:** Shannon Smith 519-376-3988
- 22 **Clubhouse Custodian:** Shannon Smith
- 23 **Firearms Ranges Bookings:** Mike Prevost 519-376-7368

\* - Elections and appointments (as updated) January 22, 2015.



**2015 SSA ELECTION RESULTS**

Bill DOUGLAS	_**_	Geoff FORD	_____
John FORD	_____	Scott GRIMOLDBY	_____
Jim HASTIE	_**_	Al HILLIS	_**_
Jim JANSEN	_____	Tim LAHEY	_____
Ron ROBB	_____	Murray SMART	_**_
Dennis WISEMAN	_**_		

Brian CLEMENTS, Wayne GALLAUGHER, Chris GEBERDT, Fred GEBERDT, and Mike PREVOST are serving the last year of a two-year term from 2014 elections.

**\*\* INDICATES FIVE CANDIDATES WITH MOST VOTES SERVING A TWO YEAR TERM  
ALL OTHERS SERVING ONE YEAR TERM**

## Membership John Ford

### Early Bird Membership Draw Winners

The draw was held at the January General Meeting. Mary Hillis was the lucky winner of the BBQ while Scott Hollywood received a free 2015 membership. Thanks to all who participated.

### Reminder about Membership Dues

This is a reminder that 2015 membership fees are due now. A renewal form is included elsewhere in this newsletter. For those of you who have ATTs, you must be a paid up member in order to validate this important document. You can pay in a number of ways. One is to mail in the renewal form with a cheque or credit card info. You can also use the on line store on our website. Finally, you can call me at 226 664 0960 and provide me with credit card data. All these ways will work!

### The SSA Welcomes New Members

== The following new members have recently been accepted into our organization: ==

Bill Thompson, Tony Hahn, Beth Anne Currie, Nathan Beagan, Kyle Waite, Paul and Leslie Layman, Kyle Given, Kevin Mooney, Ivan Miletic, and John and Jacqueline Stockmann. We hope you will all get involved in one or more of our many projects!

### Gate Key Information

At this time of year, members are asking about the status of gate keys on the SSA property. The present key has a red key spotter on it. This key will work until the end of March. However, on April 1 the locks will be changed and you will need a key with a yellow key spotter on it. I will have these at the meetings and in a few weeks, I will take some to Watsons Tackle House. As well Dave Hartrick will have some at the Maher Centre (white workshop around the corner from the club). The cost is \$4 with the return of last year' key or \$5 without.



### OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets for Sale

Again this year, we are selling OFAH Conservation Lottery tickets. In 2015 the prize structure has increased. As well, the tickets now cost \$3 each. But the good news is that the SSA receives \$9 per book sold. We are hoping that a number of our members will take a few books to sell as a fundraiser for the club. Please contact me at 226 664 0960 or johnrichardford5@gmail.com to help us. The final draw is on May 29, 2015

For those who have already sold your tickets, I will need to have your stubs back by February 24 to get into the first early bird draw.

Thanks for your help! **John Ford**

### Email Blast---Help Urgently Needed!

As you may already know, the SSA sells OFAH Conservation Lottery tickets at Heritage Place Mall during the month of February at Centre Court. We need some more people to volunteer. The following shifts are open and we start to sell next Monday:

Friday, February 7 from 3 to 6 pm

Sunday, February 8 from 1 to 3 pm

Friday, February 13 from 3 to 6 pm

Sunday, February 15 from 1 to 3 pm

Sunday, February 22 from 1 to 3 pm

If you can help, would you please call me at 226 664-0960 asap

Thanks , **John Ford**

*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*

*Money can't buy happiness, but  
It can help you look for it quicker  
....in a convertible!*