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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
February 7, 2019
7:30 pm

President's Message (February, 2019)

Welcome winter as it appears it has certainly arrived this last week. For all you winter enthusiasts out there, still take caution on the lakes as you try your luck at some hard water action.

We are still in the planning of the Annual Chili/Soup/Stew Evening and if anyone wishes to help out or take part see myself at the General meetings, looking to plan this for April when the weather seems to be more cooperative.

We will once again be looking for members to help out our Property Manager with some site activities like cutting grass, trimming trees and ditches to whatever else needs to be kept up to keep the SSA grounds in fine form.

Stay warm and if you are new to the club or don't get out to many meetings try to make the February meeting as our guest speaker will have lots to share and it is a great way to meet fellow members. Stay warm and safe, especially while travelling.

Cheers to our members down south who like to keep up with Grey/Bruce action – Note for you, January, 26th – Weather Sucks!!!!

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 speaker for February will be **John Ford** and he will talk about the **“Canadian Wildlife Federation, from stem to stem”**

ATTENTION ALL SHOOTERS:

Be advised that the RANGE RULES (Shooting Ranges Operations Manual) has been updated for 2019 and contains all the latest information. It is now available on our web-site and can be downloaded or read at your leisure. Please check it out to keep yourself up to date.

Range Committee

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby
 1st Vice President: Fred Geberdt
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 Bill Douglas
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 John Ford

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 Al Hillis, Jim Jansen
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Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email has any changes!



Newsletter: Dave Skelton
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Clubhouse Bookings:
 Contact-
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
 Home 519-794-3456
 Cell 226- 668-6031
ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com

 **Monthly Meeting**
Draw Prize Winners 

JANUARY 3, 2019 PRIZE DRAW

Padlock	Ron McCartney
Lucky strike lures	Frank Solinger
Cutting wheels & hat	Trent Shwartz
Measuring tool set	Phil Shwartz
Work gloves	Bill Colborne
Chuckles book	Scott Grimoldby
Level	John Snook

Red tag - \$50.00 LCBO gift card
 John Thomson

Thanks to all for participating:
Brian Clements



SSA Range Survey

Due to overwhelming response the range use survey has been closed as we reached the maximum number of responses allowed.

Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the survey. The results will be reviewed by the range committee and shared to the membership in a future newsletter.

Thanks; **Jeff**

To All Renewing SSA Members

If you decide to renew on line here are some information tips:
 After you complete the renewing form, and click Submit you will be directed to the Paypal site. If you don't already have a Paypal account, you can create a temporary account and pay with your credit card. This system works very well and is much more cost efficient than having an internet credit card account.

If you need more help, contact me.

John Ford, SSA Membership Chair
johnrichardford5@gmail.com

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



I have a request for members to assist MNR staff to assist in stocking trout into local ponds in Grey /Bruce for public fishing as we did last year .

The Dates Are April 15 To April 19 And April 22 To April 26 ,2019.
 The Members Who Would Like To Do This Could Pick Out What Dates You Would Be Available And Let Me Know At The Membership Monthly Meetings Or Phone Me At 519-371-7385 .

I Will Let Those Members Know Which Dates They Will Be Stocking The Fish Also I Have Had Requests For Tours Of The Chatsworth Fish Hatchery So I Would Like To Know The Names Of Members Who Would Like To Go On This Tour.

Thanks :
 Ron Robb Hatchery Manager 519-371-7385 or My Cell # is 519-375-4090

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

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Thanks: **Bob Hunt.**

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I would just like to get an idea as to what interest there is among current members for **club merchandise**.

We have been able to secure a local supplier for jackets, hats, golf shirts, T shirts, etc. Costs of these items will vary with quantities ordered.  
For example:

|          |          |             |          |
|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Jackets  | \$ 40.00 | Golf shirts | \$ 30.00 |
| T Shirts | \$ 15.00 | Hats        | \$ 15.00 |

Please note: prices are subject to change but include sales tax.

At this time I would like to find out as to what level of interest currently exist among our members for such items.

**Items can be ordered at any general meeting!**

If there is any interest at all or if you have any suggestions, please contact me at **519-376-3343** or at [mna.inspection@sympatico.ca](mailto:mna.inspection@sympatico.ca)

**Jim Jansen**

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At the **Toronto Boat Show** opening day, with Ian Boddy major of Owen Sound, Earl Jack retired hydro worker, Paul Van Bilsen, Yamaha company and Chris Geberdt fund raising chair. In front of the 32nd Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular boat draw. Promoting the derby Tickets 3 for \$5.00 or \$2.00 each



SSA CONTACT FORM Bill Blair town hall

From: John Ford <johnrichardford5@gmail.com>

Re: SSA CONTACT FORM Bill Blair town hall

<https://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/news/local-news/bill-blair-to-visit-durham-for-firearms-consultation>
Blair will be in Durham on 3 February.

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*

I am looked for more people to work on the weigh in station computer. There are a number of 2:00 to 6:00 shifts to be filled. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact me.

John Ford,
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SSA Membership Chair  
[johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

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<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> then click SSA Gallery Images (right side)

# SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2019 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2018 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/18)

**We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records. \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT WE REQUIRE YOUR FIREARMS LICENCE # AND EXPIRY DATE\*\*\***

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

| Membership Fees for 2019:       |                          | Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December). |                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                 | <b>Family</b>            | Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25    | <b>\$175.00</b> |
|                                 | <b>Adult</b>             | Individual                                                           | <b>\$130.00</b> |
|                                 | <b>Senior Citizen</b>    | Age 60 & over                                                        | <b>\$115.00</b> |
|                                 | <b>Student</b>           | Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)                      | <b>\$60.00</b>  |
|                                 | <b>Add a Spouse</b>      | Additional fee                                                       | <b>\$45.00</b>  |
|                                 | <b>Junior</b>            | 12 and under (no magazine)                                           | <b>\$55.00</b>  |
|                                 | <b>Property Gate Key</b> |                                                                      | <b>\$5.00</b>   |
|                                 |                          |                                                                      | <b>Total</b>    |
| Check off your selections above |                          |                                                                      |                 |

**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)

FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY \_\_\_\_\_

|                             |                              |                            |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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) |                            |
| Retired                     | Have ATT                     |                            |

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



# Spring Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am till 12:00pm

Buy, Sell, Trade



You need a new shotgun for turkey season? Or you need some cash for fishing trips this summer. Did you loose the big one at the Salmon Derby?

Then come out to the spring SSA Swamp meet.

Fishing rods and reels. (haven't seen many out at the swap meet).

I'm sure you have some to sell? Another handgun, rifle or shotgun perhaps? Reloading supplies, hunting knives. 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.

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.



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

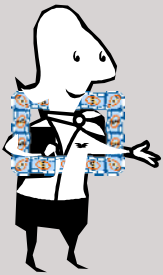
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> Top menu Bar -> **Membership**

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

## Gate Keys

Yes, the locks on our property will change in 2019. However it won't happen until April 1. That means that your black key will work until then. However, we all know that you must have your 2019 membership paid before using club facilities. Make sure you wear your membership card with the 2019 sticker on the back. The new gate keys have a green key spotter on them. We will have them at the February meeting.

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## Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

We want to thank all of the volunteers who worked to make the 31st Annual such a success. What was particularly encouraging was the significantly greater number of fish that were entered.

The Derby Committee deserves a big pat on the back for a job well done!

Since I try to co-ordinate the Weigh-in Station schedule as well as the Computer Operators Schedule, I am working on both of those for 2019. I already have some requests for days and times. If you have requests, this is the time to contact me. Probably sending me an email is the easiest way.  
(johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

## SSA Membership Report

Our Early Bird Draws were made at the January general meeting. The winners were John Morneau, who won a knife set, Bill Coborne won a floater suit and Ben Meikle won the free year's membership. Ben very generously donated it back to the Club.

For 2019, you will need to provide us with your current Firearms Licence number and expiry date. We will provide a renewal form in this newsletter.

We need you to complete this form as part of your renewal, so please bring it with you! There are a couple of changes in the current renewal. One is the firearms licence number and expiry date. The second involves our family membership. Now children up to and including age 25 can be part of your family membership (if they are in full time attendance in school).

The membership fees remain the same for 2019 as last year. If you prefer to renew on line, that option is now available. We now have a cordless point of sale machine that does not use the telephone cord. We should be able to renew your membership easily at our monthly meetings. We now have the 2019 windshield decals and will make them available to all who have renewed. Only 2019 members should be using club facilities now. The exception is non-member trap and skeet shooters who pay extra.

The on line membership application is presently up and running. This is information to those renewing on line. When you click on the submit button, you will be sent to the Paypal website. If you don't already have an account, you can choose to create a temporary account and pay with your credit card.

You need to be aware that a requirement for new members in 2019 is that the firearms licence number and expiry date needs to be included.

**As well, we require new members to provide a current police criminal records check.**



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Thanks: Bob Hunt.

*A sweater is something a child puts on when a parent feels cold!*

### 2019 SSA Executive

Ron Robb - 2 Year  
Jim Hastie - 2 Year  
Mike Prevost \*  
John Ford \*  
Chris Geberdt  
Fred Geberdt \*  
Ken Miersch  
John Thompson  
Jeff Caldwell \*  
Dennis Wiseman  
Scott Grimoldby - 2 Year  
Bill Douglas - 2 Year  
Al Hillis - 2 Year  
Brian Clements  
Wayne Gallagher \*  
Jim Jansen

[Serving second year of a 2 year term (\*)]

## Selling OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

At the January meeting, I expressed a concern about the number of books of tickets being mailed to our members directly. Since that time, I have spoken with Angelo Lombardo, the Executive Director of the OFAH.

He has assured me that we will get the \$9 per book from all tickets sold by SSA members no matter how the tickets are obtained.

We do have books of tickets available for our members to sell.

They will be at our meetings but if you contact me, I will make sure you get tickets to sell.

Thanks in advance for your help. Johnrichardford5@gmail.com or 226 664 0960 or 519 372 5060



Lake Ontario supports a world class fishery for trout and salmon and in years of good growth produces the largest Chinook salmon in the Great Lakes, with some individuals exceeding 40 pounds.

· The primary prey fish in Lake Ontario is the alewife, a type of herring native to the Atlantic Ocean that invaded the Great Lakes over 100 years ago.

· Lake Ontario Chinook salmon feed almost exclusively on alewife, requiring large numbers of alewife to support a voracious appetite that allows a salmon to grow to over 30 pounds in four years.

## Next Club Level Safety Course:

Sunday, March 10, 2019 08:00 - 16:00 held at the SSA main Clubhouse (Proficiency Record completed on Handgun Range).

Similar to the CRFSC, I suggest you review that material, it will allow a quicker, easier course.

This course also has Club specific content.

You must attend the Club Orientation Course (as indicated by the orientation course sticker affixed to your membership card) prior to attending this course.

Registration required. For more info and to register, please contact:

**David Fritz**

**daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com**

**226 909-2516**



The SSA is looking for 10 new Range Safety Officers (RSO) to help staff the 100 yard rifle range throughout the year.

This requires some time and dedication for any members who are interested in volunteering. This includes completing the club RSO 1 day course, completing supervised shifts within a set time after successfully completing the course. And the biggest commitment is completing a minimum number (currently 10) scheduled RSO shifts of 2 or 3 hours each throughout the year to maintain RSO status.

For those who are interested in becoming RSO's there are a few things required.

1. Must be a member in good standing. (dues paid for current year )
2. Two current SSA RSO's must be willing to support your application to become an RSO. Please provide those names at the time of application.
3. Qualified candidates should be knowledgeable in a variety of firearms, have a good attitude and be able to supervise / give direction to other members.
4. Must have a valid email address and be willing to use email as a primary form of communication with the Coordinator and other RSOs.

If you are interested in becoming an RSO send an email to the 100 Yard Range coordinator Tim Lahey [timlahey@rogers.com](mailto:timlahey@rogers.com) The title of the email needs to be New RSO Applicant. Please include in the email your name, SSA membership number, also names of the 2 existing RSO's who are supporting your application.

It would be beneficial if you can give a background of your firearms experience as well.

The deadline to get your name in is Sunday March 10 th , 2019.

The SSA Range Committee will review the applications and pick the best qualified members to become RSO's at the committees March meeting.

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

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

January 22, 2019



# O.C.O.A.

## ONTARIO CONSERVATION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

### Ice fishing season is here

Many of Ontario's thousands of lakes across the province are host to excellent ice fishing opportunities and many of Ontario's angling enthusiasts are taking advantage of the great conditions after the recent cold weather. The Ontario Conservation Officers Association (OCA) would like to remind anglers and anyone venturing on to frozen water bodies to put safety first. "Winter fishing is the time of year where many anglers are able to access their favourite fishing spots that are inaccessible during the open water season," said OCA President Sean Cronsberry, "but anglers need to be sure that ice conditions are safe and they have the equipment with them to deal with an emergency. By following some simple safety measures, it could save your life, or the life of someone else."

#### Ice safety tips:

- 1 Check ice thickness and conditions frequently
- 2 Clear ice should be a minimum of 10cm (4") for walking and ice fishing, 12cm (5") for one snowmobile or ATV, 20-30cm (8-12") a car or small pickup, 30-38cm (12-15") for a medium truck (source: Lifesaving Society)
- 3 Fish with a buddy
- 4 Be prepared for an emergency - wear ice picks or a floater/survival suit, and have a whistle and cell phone on hand
- 5 Let someone know where you will be and when you plan to return. This should include where your vehicle will be parked, what route you plan to take and any stops you plan to make.
- 6 Stay off rivers and away from locks, where ice is less stable. Ice conditions in areas of moving water or spring fed lakes can be potentially unsafe at any time, ensure the ice is safe before venturing out.

"Conservation officers across Ontario regularly come across groups or individuals who are ill-equipped should trouble occur," said Cronsberry. "We strongly encourage everyone out on the ice to be prepared and have a plan on how to deal with an emergency. Should an accident occur, being prepared will greatly increase your chance of rescue and survival."

Anglers are reminded to carry valid fishing, snowmobile and ATV licenses with them at all times. They should also be sure to review the 2019 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available online and at Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) offices.

Anyone with information about a natural resources or public safety related offence is encouraged to call the MNR violation reporting line at 1-877-847-7667, contact their local Conservation Officer directly, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

For more information about natural resources regulations and enforcement, please visit the OCA website at <http://www.ooca.ca> or contact your local Conservation Officer.

For more information contact:

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President

Ontario Conservation Officers Association

[scronsberry@ooca.ca](mailto:scronsberry@ooca.ca)

*Thanks to Richard Manley*