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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

January 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}

President’s Message

Welcome to 2017, as I write this (December, 15th) the weather sure has taken its revenge on our fine city yesterday and today with the white stuff, looking like it will continue for a while yet. I certainly hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season, seems odd mentioning that when it isn’t even here yet. The December nibble night was once again a big success with a large turnout of hungry members and a variety of foodies preparing their dishes for all. It was nice to see some new faces preparing dishes. From the voting it appears Guy’s salad was a success, congrats. Thanks to all for taking part and if anyone has any ideas on how we can grow this event please share your input, maybe we could hold one in the nicer weather as well. Cheers to a new year and look forward to what 2017 can bring us all.



Hugh Llewelyn will present his fly fishing experiences from Alaska to Newfoundland to Chile and a lot of places in between.



The editorial comments in this Newsletter do not always reflect the policies or opinions of the SSA.

Nibble Night

Guy Doherty is all smiles with another first place culinary award for his **Famous** ceaser salad as voted upon by all those who came out for good food and a fun social at the clubs Nibble Night December meeting.



Mike Prevost and Fred Geberdt were gracious 2nd and 3rd place winners (actually only Fred was gracious).



Photos by Mike Prevost

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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

Newsletter: Dave Skelton
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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
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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

December 1, 2016

STEAK DRAW WINNERS

Jim Hastie
 Wayne Gallagher
 Mac Gamble
 Brian Gamble
 Marlo Bailey
 Anne Hagedorn

Thanks to all: **Brian Clements**



To Members of SSA....

This letter is information re: the monthly SSA Newsletter.

In its present form, the SSA Newsletter has been a monthly document featuring club news and events, as well as articles of interest submitted by members.

Sometimes a news item is required to inform members of some item in a hurry, so the E!Message is used as an e-mail to all members.

During July and August, there is no newsletter.

The mailed newsletter however comes at a cost:

For example,

-the September edition had 10 pages and 135 were printed, at a cost of \$129.00 or \$ 0.96 each. To mail each was at least \$1.00, Making the total for that month at least \$265.00.

-the October edition had 6 pages and 145 were printed, at a cost of \$100.00 or \$ 0.69 each. To mail each was at least \$1.00, making the total for that month at least \$245.00.

-the November edition had 5 pages and 150 were printed, at a cost of \$90.00 or \$ 0.60 each. To mail each was at least \$1.00, making the total for that month at least \$240.00.

The cost to make each edition is almost zero; it is the hardcopy and mailing that makes up most of the cost.

Dave Skelton, editor.

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

Thanks in advance for your help.

Early Bird Membership Draw

There will be 3 early bird draws for those who have renewed their membership by the January meeting. The first is a free year's membership, the second is for a Mobicool cooler and the third is for a life jacket. You can renew your membership at the meeting and be part of the draws.

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Recent Swap Meet - October 2016

Photo - Rob Cameron



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. We have received 150 books to sell this year.

Range Report - Shooting Sports

Bill Douglas and Al Hillis



The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association are offering its members a complete range of Training Sessions and Firearm Courses. There are six (6) in total and will be offered on a limited basis in the coming year (2017). The information and descriptions of these courses are to be found on our web-site under the drop down heading of "Ranges". A reminder that there is a fee associated with each of these courses, but it is kept to a minimum for your benefit.

The scheduled dates for these courses/sessions will be posted in the upcoming Newsletters and on the Club Calendar, so if you are interested, please contact the appropriate person to book your spot.

The instructors e-mail address is listed with the details of the course on the web-site.

COURSES BEING OFFERED:

1. CANADIAN FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE
2. CANADIAN RESTRICTED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE
3. SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN'S HOLSTER TRAINING COURSE
4. S.S.A. DEFENSIVE PISTOL 101 COURSE
5. ONTARIO HUNTER SAFETY COURSE
6. S.S.A. HANDGUN SAFETY TRAINING COURSE.

Bill Douglas Range Committee Co-chair

SWAP MEET

When?

Sunday March 5th 2017

Where ?

SSA CLUBHOUSE

Why ?

For fun and fellowship, that's why.

Put this date in your calendars

and

Watch this space for more details

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 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).

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 or without of the return of 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: _____
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DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors & Students only)	

Wildlife Advisory Committee	Derby Committee	Fishery Advisory Committee
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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
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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: _____

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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 certainly heard some pushback from some members who do not own a computer and have no interest in learning how to use one.

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 121 members who receive a paper newsletter. At least 49 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. Obviously, I don't make these decisions on my own and we do have time to work on this. If you have other suggestions for cost cutting measures, please let us know.

Derlyn Valley Memorial Conservation Award

At the recent OFAH Zone H Annual in Orillia, the SSA was awarded the 1st Runner Up of the Derlyn Valley Conservation Award as the top conservation club in Zone H.

For 2016, the Barrie District Anglers and Hunters Conservation Club was the winner.

Congratulations to these hard working conservationists!

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



Indiana temporarily suspends Lake Michigan Chinook salmon stocking in 2017

The DNR will temporarily cease stocking Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan in 2017 out of concern that there isn't enough food in the lake.

Research has shown that the number of prey fish in Lake Michigan is at historic lows. The decision to reduce Chinook salmon stocking in Indiana waters is part of a multi-state plan to restore balance to the lake's ecosystem and preserve its multi-billion dollar sport fishery.

Biologists hope the lakewide stocking reduction will allow populations of prey fish, such as alewives, to recover.



Do you know what happens to liars when they die?

Yes! They lie still!

Know the difference: Invasive versus common carp

There's a lot of talk around the Great Lakes these days about carp, especially invasive or Asian carp. What about common carp, those monsters of Michigan waters anglers love to battle with fly rods? Are these fish one and the same and what's the big deal about carp anyway?

Common carp were brought to the United States during the late 1800s as an esteemed food of European and Asian markets. Native to Eurasia, common carp are found today in the Great Lakes, large inland lakes and reservoirs, small and large rivers, swamps, canals and drains. Many frequent places where water quality is less than ideal.

An increasing number of sport anglers enjoy battling these fish and some charter operators now offer carp excursions.

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.**