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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

June 6 , 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 general meeting and
auction on June 6 (the last until
September) will include yummy,
delicious hot dogs to go along
with your drinks and will ready
as of 6 pm.

The meeting will begin at 7:30
(or earlier if eating and drinking
is finished before that).

Jim Hastie.

Presidents Message

Alas turkey season is over. I have decided to let my Tom get fatter for next year unless some coyote has better luck than I did. Fortunately fishing season is upon us. This will be our last newsletter until our September general meeting but that doesn't mean things are not happening. Quite the opposite. We will be sending out E-mail messages on upcoming events to keep you informed. That is why we need your e-mail contact if you have one.

Don't forget that this last general meeting before the summer is our all you can eat Hotdogs (no charge)/ Beer and Auction evening so bring out all those items you have wanted to get rid of and plan on picking up some new bargains. Any baked items are always a hot seller.

Remember to think about filling out our awards forms for any prize game or fish you collect this year. If you have had or see some humorous experiences involved in club activities we would like to hear about them. I think Wayne Gallagher would like to relinquish his hold over the Hard Luck Award.

August 23rd to September 1st is our 26th annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular.

Some volunteer sign- up sheets will be available at the June meeting. The success of this, our major fund raising event for conservation projects, is due to the commitment of all of our volunteers year after year. If you are a new member and have never been involved in this project please give it a try even for a few hours.

Continue to involve our youth in the wonders of the outdoors. Be Safe.

Have a great summer.

Mike Prevost, President mbprevost@hotmail.com

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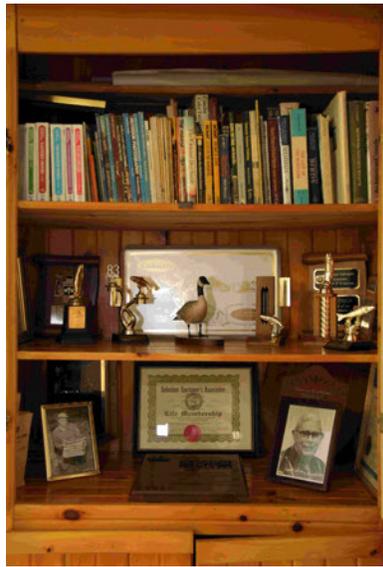
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Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email changes!



We just want to thank **Jack Osadzuk** for organizing our once messy library and making a deserving display of memorabilia for the late Osborne (OS) McArthur.

There is some interesting reading material both fictional and non fiction here. Members should check it out, especially junior members.

These books can be taken out on loan just like any library but without a late fee and on your honour. We would welcome any donations of good books relating to the interests of our club.

Thanks also to Dave Hartrick for his carpentry skills. I am surprised that it didn't end up looking like a bird feeder.

Mike Prevost



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



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*



Fred Geberdt presenting the Hard Luck Award to four time winner Wayne Gallagher.

As they say you cannot get into any shit if your not there to help build the outhouse !

Request for Help

The SSA Directors would like to have videos of club and derby activities to post on our website. If you have any U Tube videos or know others who do, we would like to have the link to view these. If they are appropriate and of good quality we will ask for permission to use them on our website.

An example is the excellent video created by Dave Kalistchuk on archery. Any video of any club activity would be of interest. Please email me at johnrford@xplornet.com. This is my correct email, not what the President put in the newsletter.

Thanks, in advance, for your help!! **John Ford**

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http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/2013-SSA-Membership_form.pdf

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



THE SHOOTING SPORTS - JUNE 2013 RANGE REPORT

1. For all our members safety and for emergency situations we have now installed new First Aid Kits on all the ranges, lets hope we never have to use them.
2. The new "Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Shooting Range Operations Manual" has now been distributed to every club member. We would like to remind everyone that if you have not already done so please sign and return the Declaration on the last page which states you have read, understand, and will abide by these rules. Hard copies of the manual and the declaration will continue to be available at any of the upcoming General Meetings, just ask Bill Douglas or Al Hillis.
3. For those of you who shoot 22 rimfire or Cowboy action will notice the improvements on Range #2. We now have brand new target holders and shrouds set up at the bullet stop on this range. I would like to thank those hardworking members from the CBA group and all those who took the time and effort to make these improvements. Your help was very much appreciated. Stand by for some more improvements on this range in the upcoming months.
4. As most of you are aware our last range inspection by the CFO's office pointed out that we must raise the height of the 100 yd range [#3] backstop berm on the right hand side to meet the current regulations. We received an extension until July 1st to complete this work, and will be looking for some volunteers to help out. It will probably be on very short notice as we have a limited window when we can get the equipment at a price we can afford.
5. A special thanks goes out to Georgian Bay Chemical for donating Purell Hand Sanitizer's/Cleaners to be installed on every range. These are great for cleaning up any GSR, lead or just disinfecting your hands after your shoot. Let us know if you like them.

Shooting Sports Committee Chairs

HP Laser Printer Toner Cartridges Available

Due to the death of our former SSA printer, I now have some toner cartridges available. I have one unopened 124A Q6000A black and one just opened Q6000A black.

I also have about half used Q6001A, Q6002A and Q6003A cartridges.

If you have a printer that uses these cartridges, please contact me and we will make you a very good deal so that these get used rather than recycled. If you know of someone who can make use of these, please call me at 519-934-0410 or email me at johnrford@xplornet.com

Thanks J Ford

2013 Youth Outdoors Expo
Saturday, June 22nd 2013
A FREE day of Events
"JUST FOR KIDS"
Ages 10-17

You will be participating in:
Archery, Target Shooting
Fishing Challenges, Aquatic Critter Dip
and watching a Dog Demonstration

You Must Pre-register for this FREE Event (lunch included)
Spaces are Limited so call before June 13th to reserve your spot!
Call: Krista at Grey Sauble Conservation 519 376-3076 ext 224
or e-mail k.mckee@greysauble.on.ca
Where: Sydenham Sportsmen's Club House, south of Owen Sound
Time: Registration: 8:30 am **Start Time:** 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

For more SSA Pictures:

Connect to the SSA website!

<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/photoalbum/index.php> or
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/index.php> then click PHOTOS (left side)

On April 19th we stocked into Owen Sound Bay 62,475 yearling Brown trout that averaged 14 centimeters in length and 34.1 grams in weight, and then on May 1st 10,888 Rainbow trout weighing an average of 29.5 grams and measuring approximately 14.5 centimeters in length were stocked into the Sydenham River at Harrison Park.

At this time the hatchery has approximately 98,200 Rainbow trout eggs that were collected at the Owen Sound Mill Dam between April 8th and April 30th. In addition to this we also have 97,900 Brown trout fry and 74,900 Chinook salmon fingerlings that are being taken care of by our hatchery volunteers.

With the winter finally being behind us, we now need to think about getting the hatchery septic tanks and kidney pond cleaned out, before the hotter summer months arrive. To this end we are looking at the morning of Monday, June 3rd to get this job done. Five or six SSA volunteers would be appreciated for this task, and hopefully we won't have a lot of difficulty in finding them. Anyone wanting to help should give me a call at 519-371-5295, and I'll put you on the schedule and keep you posted if there is a change to the plan.

Funding and Assistance Applications –

Community Hatchery Program – This is a new program that in the past had been part of MNRs CFWIP. Unlike CFWIP, this new program deals specifically with community based fish hatcheries across the province, and will be administered by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. The details of the program are still being developed, and as a result, the application forms have still not been made available to interested hatchery operators.

LIBRO Financial Fund – An application for \$5,000 was made to LIBRO Financial this past March, looking for adequate funding assistance for three or more School Salmon Hatchery Programs in the area. We have been asked to assist a few schools with this program, and the dollars would really come in handy. Results of our application should be known by July 15th, or shortly thereafter.

Land Stewardship And Habitat Restoration Program – This is a new MNR program whose elements were also once a part of MNRs old CFWIP. This new program is focused of land and stream projects, but unlike CFWIP, which had at \$4,000 maximum per project, this one has been increased to a maximum of \$20,000 or fifty percent of the project cost, whichever comes first. The dollars are greater, but organizations are limited to only one project application per year. On May 1st I submitted an application for approximately \$9,500 for a Side Channel Spawning Bed project that will total about \$19,000 by the time it is finished. The project involves the removal and replacement of the earthen / culvert structures that feed and control the flow of water through the two spawning bed sections, with a few upgrades and modifications being made where needed. The application form did not specify as to when a decision would be made, but I would expect that word should be received sometime before the middle of July.

Stewardship Ranger Program - This program is again in operation for 2013, and the SSA has made application to have five Stewardship Ranger Team Members give us three days of help at the Side Channel Spawning Beds near Inglis Falls. I've discussed the work being considered with Jody Scheifley from the Owen Sound MNR, and upon my suggestion and his support, we will have one or two members from his office on site to assist and guide the rangers in the removal and redistribution of the spawning bed gravel that has accumulated over the years. By the time they are finished, the spawning beds should be in much better condition and more suited to the spawning activity that takes place there.

Bill Stonehouse Property Stream Fencing Project –

Although this project was noted as being completed last fall, we are still committed to bring in two loads of gravel to put the finishing touches to the cattle crossing area. Once the farmland has dried off sufficiently, I will be placing the order and having it delivered to the site, at Mr. Stonehouse's convenience. Bill will be placing the material where it is needed, so there no need for direct involvement by the SSA for now. This project could be further enhanced by the addition of trees and grasses in various spots along the stream. If the Wildlife Advisory Committee would like to have a look at the property, I'd be glad to walk the stream with them and discuss the options available. Perhaps this could be a project that the WAC and FAC could undertake jointly.

Owen Sound Tourism / Owen Sound Salmon Run Tour & The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association – I met with Ms. Paulette Peirol from the OS Tourism organization to discuss their ideas to promote tourism to the Owen Sound area in the fall of the year. In addition to creating a “route” to facilitate visitors viewing the salmon as they move up the Sydenham River to the foot of Inglis Falls, they are looking at creating a DVD which will include the fisheries activities of the SSA as it relates to the salmon. The final DVD will be utilized by them to promote tourism in the area, and in return for our help and guidance in its creation, copies will be given to the SSA for our use at trade / boating / fishing shows, etc. We will be contacting them when we do spawning bed work, egg collections, fish stocking, and hatchery work, so they can be present at those times to do photo/video shoots of what is taking place at the time. These photos will be part of the finished DVD that we will be using and which will be made available for sale to visitors, as souvenirs of their visit. They already have all the funding required for this project, so all we have to do is help them in the fieldwork. Sometime before the middle of June we will have to get a work crew together to clean and organize our hatchery facility; after which we will need to keep it neat and tidy (indefinitely). We don't want to give a bad impression to the public, especially when it's being documented for all to see at some point. Again, volunteers will be required for this hatchery clean up project, so we hope that an e-mail or telephone call to our members will quickly fill our needs on this.

Side Channel Spawning Beds –

Time and the elements have taken their toll on the Side Channel Spawning Beds, and we now are faced with the need to do some major work on them, if we hope to continue having them serve as spawning areas for trout and salmon. An application for funding has been submitted to the MNR's LSHRP (see above), to cover half the costs of the work, and we are now just waiting to receive their approval. Whether the funding comes through or not is beside the point; the work needs to be done, and it will need to be completed before this fall's Chinook salmon run.

Future Stream Enhancement Projects –

A couple of potential projects have been brought to my attention; both involving sections of Bothwell's Creek. In addition to working on all the projects that will be taking place this summer and fall, we will be taking a closer look at these future projects, to determine what can be done to resolve the issues they present. During the process we will be developing plans, estimates, etc. and have the necessary details ready to use when we make funding applications to various programs available for this type of work.

School Salmon Hatchery Program –

The School Salmon Hatchery Program, at Bayview Public School, seems to be going very well. A sufficient supply of fish food, in various sizes, was delivered to the school early this year. Since no problems have popped up so far, we expect that the result to be seen at the end of the school year will quite likely be as good as last year.

We have received enquiries from other area schools that are looking at setting this program up at their locations. To be able to meet the potential demand, we have sought funding assistance from the LIBRO Financial Group (see above).

Dennis Wiseman Fish Advisory Chairman

The SSA Welcomes New Members

Membership

John Ford

The SSA Executive passed the following new members at their May 18 meeting:

Rob Aumell---Tara Rick Day---Port Elgin

Robert Ginzler---Williamsford

Bill Pearce---Thornbury

We hope that you will involve yourself in one or more of the many SSA activities.

SSA Award Winners



Clubhouse Rental June 8th

Grant and Suzanne Cameron are renting the clubhouse for a Wedding for their son on the evening of Friday June 7th and all day Saturday June 8th. They will also be using the trap field area below the club house. Please stay away from these areas on those days and please do not do any burning in the burn pit on those days.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mike Prevost

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Fish Fry June 8th

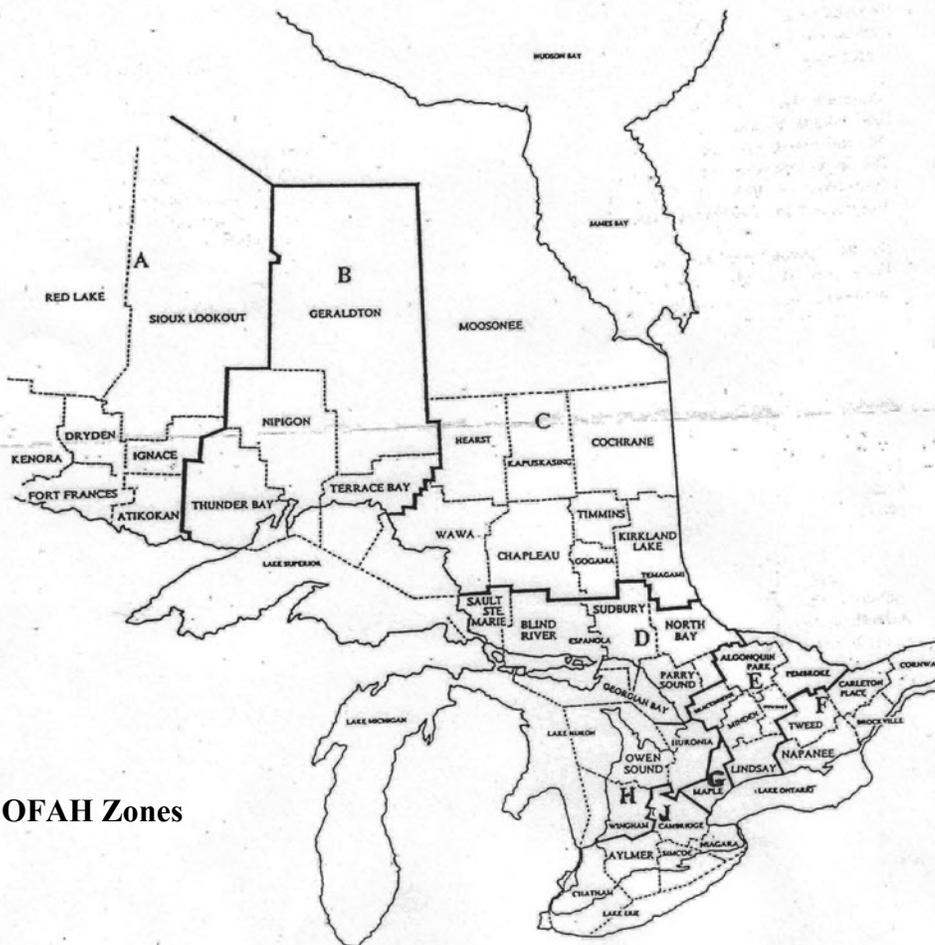
The Executive of the Lake Huron Fishing Club would like to extend an invitation to your members to attend our annual Fish Fry on June 8th at the Boat Launch of Baie du Dore. There is a small cost of \$5.00 for any member of the SSA, OS, BPSA or the LHFC and \$10.00 for non-members.

We usually see people arrive around 5 pm with dinner served at 6pm.

Michael Hahn
 (mhahn@tri-mach.com)
 Vice-President,
 Lake Huron Fishing Club

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS

ZONE BOUNDARY MAP



OFAH Zones

Life is like an onion, you peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep

Carl Sandberg

Life has, indeed, many ills, but the mind that views every object in its most cheering aspect, and every doubtful dispensation as replete with latent good, bears within itself a powerful perpetual antidote.

Lydia Sigourney



Handgun
Stew Wallace



Summer is here and the ranges are waiting for you and the interest in handgun shooting is at an all time high . The donation system for targets and range maintenance is working well, so " thank you ," to all members participating.

This will be the last newsletter until September, so a couple of reminders for the summer season :

There are new regulations being imposed by the CFO regarding the signing in of guests at our ranges. At each range you will eventually find a separate sign in book (maybe slime green to catch our attention) for guests. Please complete all required sections every time you take a guest to shoot on one of our ranges. There will also be new Guest Waiver sheets to sign once they have been approved by our legal beagles.

Keep an eye on the expiry date of your ATT and give me four weeks notice for getting it renewed.

Remember the ' no high gun ' rule...keep the muzzle of your gun below the top of the target frame.

Please pick up your brass and put it in the cans provided.

There are spare target holding boards at the range. If you see that one needs replacing, please do so . Dan and Mark do an excellent job of keeping our range functioning so let's make their job a little easier. " Thank you " Mark and Dan.

Finally, this will be my last year as Handgun Chair at SSA. I'll still be active in pistol shooting and other club \ activities but it's time to hand over the reins to someone else . The job isn't onerous and doesn't require huge \ amounts of time and is more of a continuous administrative process. Some experience in firearms training is a bonus but anyone who is interested can take the appropriate CSSA range master course to help in the transition. Call me for more information, this is good opportunity to see the sport ' from the inside ' and is some thing I've enjoyed doing for the past (can't remember how many) years. There's also a good supporting cast of experienced members that have helped me over the years and I'm sure they'll be available to you, as will I.

Have a good summer, shoot , shoot a lot and remember ' muzzle control ' .

Stew. 519 794 4423 swallace@bmts.com



SSA Twin County Bounty Hunters working on the new Cowboy Action Range.

Big thank you' for a job well done on the new target supports on Sunday April 28th. It is the people that make cowboy action special.

See you' all at the Cowboy Action Range we are open for business!

The Man who can drive himself further once the effort gets painful is the man who will win!
Roger Bannister

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The Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular Needs Computer Operators Revised---J Ford

Most of you probably know that computer operators enter all the fish entered at the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular. For various reasons, people who have done this important job in the past are no longer able to help.

In 2013 we are in need of new people. There will be some training involved as we want to make sure that our operators feel comfortable in doing this job. The shifts for you to work are 4 hours in length and we would need you to do at least 2 shifts but are hopeful that you could do more. The shifts are 10:00 to 2:00 pm, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. I would expect that the training would be in late July or early August as the derby dates are August 23 to September 1 this year.

This is a great opportunity for our student members or other students to work their volunteer hours and also help with the derby at the same time.

If you are interested, please send me an email for more information. johnrford@xplornet.com
My telephone number is **519 -934 -0410**.

Thank-you in advance!

RESTRICTED PAL course to be held at the clubhouse September 21 9:00am start time. This course is open to anyone 15 years and up who has already taken the NON-RESTRICTED PAL course. SORRY you MUST take the NON-RESTRICTED course first.

There will also be a NON-RESTRICTED PAL course September 25th-27th 6:30pm start time. This course is open to anyone 12 years or older. To reserve a spot in either of these courses contact Bob McKay at 519-534-0827.

A REMINDER TO ANYONE WHO'S ADDRESS HAS BEEN CHANGED BY CANADA POST.

Please do not forget to inform the Canadian Firearms Center of your change of address as soon as possible. This is especially important to RESTRICTED FIREARMS OWNERS. Make sure that the C.F.C. understands that you have NOT moved only your street address has changed. REMEMBER if you do not receive a renewal notice and your P.A.L

expires you will be in ILLEGAL possession of firearms. Canada Post will no longer deliver to your Rural Route address after December 2013. Take whatever action you need to NOW. DO NOT PUT IT OFF TILL LATER

Shoot often and shoot safely. Remember to sign in at all the ranges you use.

Bob McKay



Trolling Anglers Say Thanks

Pat on the back Thank You's have been circulating in local coffee shops about those responsible for building up the Leith boat launching ramp in order that small boat anglers could back their trailers and boats into the mouth of Bothwell's Creek to gain access for some shoreline trolling.

Because of low water conditions, launching had become impossible at the Leith ramp. The Municipality of Meaford maintains the launch, but there had been no action on Council's part to get the ramp in shape for spring anglers.



Jack Doherty presenting the Student Brown Trout award to Neil Gunn

Derby Tickets for the OSSS

Single and Family Derby Tickets are now available On-Line at the Sydenham Sportsmen's Web Site.

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

Click on **Salmon Spectacular Derby Tickets** on the top menu bar.

Latest In

EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Held Saturday April 27, 2013

Thanks go out to all the club members who turned out to help with Earth Day cleanup. In total we and picked up garbage bags at various locations with his truck.

Also a big thanks to Fred Geberdt, John Ford, and Nathalie Ford for working on the pontoon boat to pick up the garbage along the river banks.

Thanks also go to Chris, and Su Ann Geberdt and crew for barbequing up the hot dogs and Refreshments.

In total, we had 23 draw prizes that were drawn and given away

Once again, many thanks to all.

Brian Clements

MAY 2013 GENERAL MEETING

DRAW WINNERS

Spot light	Garry Legate	Spot light	Francis Coppes	Windshield washer	Bill Colborne
Binoculars	Bob Osplon	Foldin knife	Terry Faulkner	Towels	Larry Fischer
Scissor set	Dennis Wiseman	Pruners	Jack Osadzuk	Hammer	Stan Maclean
Pruners	Ken Miersch	Tackle tray	Fred Geberdt		

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Volunteers maned two BBQ's for the three days of this past two/four long weekend to raise close to \$4000.00 for conservation projects

Thanks to the corporate sponsorship of Wal-mart.

Thanks to everyone involved.

