



THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION,

P.O. BOX 264 OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO,
N4K5P3

www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/

Affiliated with the OFAH, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters



Volume 34 No. 3

March, 2014



THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

March, 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}

Presidents Message

This winter that seems to have us talking about all of the snow and cold weather is, as we all know, more like the normal winters that we grew up with and came to expect. It has been several years since we have seen the recent ice fishing activity out on the bay. Ice fishing on all the water bodies should stretch out this winter. To take advantage of the ice conditions I have told my 8 year old grandson that I am going to take him out during March break. He understands playing hockey on ice but not the concept of fishing through it.

Deep snow and cold temperatures have made us concerned and watchful for deer mortality. With that in mind it is important to note that all studies have shown that artificially feeding deer, as with corn, has caused more damage than good and is only approved by the MNR under winter conditions that fall within specific index ratings. Having said that, packing down trails in deer yards and browse feeding areas can make a difference for some herds.

Turkeys will have a hard time but are lot more resilient and tougher then I give them credit for. Good spring nesting weather that helps to produce large clutches of hatched poults can make up for winter losses.

The understaffed and underfunded MNR need our help out there. Report conditions that you see in your area especially any mortalities, even road kills, that can be inspected for internal health indicators. If you cannot contact the MNR then let the club know.

We want to send out a big SSA congratulations to the Ontario Steel Headers and the Lake Huron Fishing Club who were recently inducted into the Canadian Angling Hall of Fame at the Spring Boat and Fishing Show. To have this unique fishery and expertise in our neighbouring Bruce County is a bonus many of us have enjoyed taking advantage of. Check out the Sun Times web site, February 20th for Josh Choronzey's outdoor report on this topic.

Mike Prevost, President

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Mike Prevost
 1st Vice President: Fred Geberdt
 2nd Vice President:
 Bill Douglas
 Recording Secretary:
 Scott Grimoldby
 Past President: Dennis Wiseman
 Treasurer: Murray Smart
 Correspondence Secretary:
 : Geoff Ford

Directors:

Brian Clements, John Ford,
 Wayne Gallagher,
 Chris Geberdt, Jim Hastie,
 Al Hillis, Jim Jansen
 Doug Murdoch, Ron Robb,
 Dennis Wiseman

Newsletter: Dave Skelton
 Webmaster: Bruce Farrell
 Membership: John Ford
 Key Keeper: John Ford

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

Disclaimer:



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

Reproduction of any SSA material in this document is encouraged by



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



FEBRUARY 6, 2014-02-07
 DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

Moto Master spot light

Gloves	Chris McDonald
200' ¼" rope	Don Fosbury
Large flashlight	Jack Osadzuk
PVC suit	Fred Geberdt
Small flashlight	Jim Graham
Kershaw knife	Sam Buzza
Survival knife	Cliff Springer
Multi purpose tool	Sam Richardson
Scissor set	John Morneau
Folding knife	Doug Van Horne
	Mike Prevost

Red tag - \$50.00 Giant Tiger
 gift certificate Jack Osadzuk

Congratulations to all.
 Thanks Brian Clements



EARTH DAY (FORMERLY PITCHIN DAY)

The SSA and the City of Owen Sound have again formed a partnership for Earth Day (formerly Pitchin Day). A face book page and twitter for this will be set up by the city to promote this event to clean up our river banks and city.

Again this year we are going big, with lots of promotion throughout the city with various groups and organizations and advertising.

This year we will be gathering Saturday April 26th behind City Hall from 1 to 3 pm after which hot dogs and refreshments will be available, along with draw prizes.

Garbage bags will be available. There will be a dumpster located behind City Hall and at the north end of the Bayshore Community Center. It might be helpful if you brought along a pail with a handle, and a pair of gloves. This has been a project that our Juniors have undertaken for a number of years, but still requires the assistance of our club members.

Fred Geberdt again this year will be the captain on the clubs pontoon boat to get at some of the more difficult areas along the river banks on the Sydenham.

Please come out and support your club.
 Thanks **Brian Clements 376-9410**

Gate Keys

The locks will change on the SSA property gates on April 1, 2014. Until then, the key that you already have with the green key spotter will work. After that, you will need a key with a red key spotter to open the gates.

The new keys are now available at Watson's Tackle House and will be at the club meetings. However, if you trade early, you might not get in during the month of March.

The price remains unchanged at \$4 with trade in and \$5 without.



Individually, we are but a small drop of water, together we are an ocean!

R. Saloro

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.**

Membership Fees are now Due---J Ford

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please use the renewal form in this newsletter and send it in with your payment. You can also renew using our website (www.sydenhamsportsmen.com) or you can call me at 519 934 0410 and use your credit card.

This is the last newsletter that you will receive until we get your payment. Only paid up 2014 members are permitted to use the ranges or the SSA property.

Don't forget to wear your Membership Card displayed prominently with the 2014 sticker on it while on all ranges!



**19 ANNUAL OFAH OWEN SOUND
CONSERVATION DINNER & AUCTION**

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014.

PROCEEDS SUPPORTING SSA FISH & WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION PROJECTS

BAYSHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, RUTHERFORD ROOM,

NO HOST COCKTAILS 5:30 P.M. DINNER 7:P.M.
EARLY BIRD SILENT AUCTION 7:00 P.M.

TICKET PRICE..\$45.00, (includes a tax receipt, minus cost of meal)

- *DOOR & RAFFLE PRIZES
- *LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
- *DINNER CATERED BY THE BOOT AND BLADE
- *EARLY BIRD PRIZE-- MINI MOLSON FRIDGE, (for tickets purchased prior to Feb. 24th.)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: GEOFF FORD..... 372-9772
 JACK DOHERTY..... 376-3440
 BRIAN CLEMENTS.. 376-9410
 FRED GEBERDT..... 376-2369



There will be a

NON RESTRICTED POSESSION AQUISITION COURSE

held at the clubhouse MAY 28th to 30th.
Anyone interested in taking this course please contact Bob McKay at 519-534-0827.

Make sure to disable call blocking as UNKOWN NAME UNKNOWN NUMBER WILL NOT BE ANSWERED.

The cost of this course will once again be \$50.00 for members \$100.00 for non members.ANYONE 12 years of age or older is welcome.
SIX PLACES ONLY ***Don't miss out.***

**Request from the WAC--
J Ford**

The Wildlife Advisory Committee decided, at its February 11 meeting, to plant a windbreak on the Demonstration Wildlife Management Area (front field) to assist with snow blowing in the front parking lot at the clubhouse. We need approx.. 50 White Cedars in the 3 to 4 ft. height range. We are hoping that one of our members might be able to provide these trees if the WAC was able to dig them out and transplant them. If you are able to help us out, would you please contact me, John Ford at 519 934 0410 or johnrford@xplornet.com ?

At our recent meeting we discussed various work plans for 2014. These include fertilizing trees and shrubs, Wild Chervil spraying, planting of some Flowering Crab Apple trees in the Blake Smith Memorial Garden, Plant control on some of the Autumn Olives in the DWMA, construction of some Turtle Nesting areas on the SSA property and planting of replacement trees on the DWMA.



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

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

S S A Renewal Form for 2014

(to be completed by 2013 members only)

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.

Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).

Please use reverse for additional names, ages etc. for family memberships. Membership Fees for 2014 are:

- FAMILY (Adult, Spouse, Children)-\$ 125.00 STUDENT (Age under 21 if in full time study; (no magazine)...\$40.00)
- ADULT (Individual).....\$100.00 JUNIOR (12 and under; no magazine)..\$35.00
- SENIOR CITIZEN(Age 60 & over)..\$85.00 PROPERTY GATE KEY: \$5.00 (without last year's key);
- SPOUSE: additional \$25.00 \$4.00 (with the return of last year's key)
- Please circle the appropriate membership above. (Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra \$8.00)

Note: If you have a computer with internet access and wish to receive your newsletter electronically, you will receive your newsletter in colour, receive email blasts of information and save both the club and the newsletter chair considerable cost and effort. Please include your up-to-date email address below and place a checkmark here.

NAME: _____ \ **TELEPHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **POSTAL CODE:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors and 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 _____ |

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A STRONG AND VIABLE ASSOCIATION, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. Please indicate which of the above activities are of special interest to you. 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.

Credit card number: _____

Expiry date: _____

Security code as it appears on the back of the Crediy Card: _____

FIREARMS DISPLAY SHOW

SUNDAY MARCH 23rd from 10AM-1:30

-Guns should be made pre 1960 or so and we are looking for 4, 5 or 6 guns per table, to avoid clutter. Tables should have a cover of some type on them.

-We have about 6 or 7 people who are making the effort to bring out some of their prized possessions. There will be some very high quality and interesting guns and related items on display. What we need is a commitment from a few more SSA members to jump in and help make this show a success. Presently there are 8 or 9 tables of displayed items; we need to get that up to about 20 to fill the clubhouse up and make this a memorable first time show.

Even if you have 1 or 2 nice old firearms you can call a friend and join forces to put a joint display together. Its an opportunity to get some of the old timers out of the closet or safe, dust them off, and relive some of the memories of their early years.

Admission is by donation and there will be an opportunity to vote on your favourite display for the \$20 Peoples Choice Award.

Contact **Stew Wallace** at 794-4423 / swallace@bmts.com or **Garry Willis** at 376-5347 / willisgarry@rogers.com for additional information or to book a display table.

Questions from the Range Committee involving the High Power Range

1. How many of you would want to use the shotgun patterning target on the High Power range before or during the Spring Turkey Season (begins April 25)?

If enough members want to use this target, we may consider having a shotgun only session(s) to accommodate turkey hunters. As you probably know, rifles cannot be used when shotgun patterning is happening.

2 Would you be interested in having an early morning session to use the High Power Range (rifles or shotguns) i.e. 7 to 10 am or 8 to 11am?

Please send me an email at johnrford@xplornet.com or call me at 519 934 0410 if you have an interest in one or both of these questions.

No response suggests no interest.

Thanks, **John**

BOAT DRAW TICKET SELLERS

We are looking for volunteers to sell boat draw tickets at various locations around the city.

Our sales this year start Monday April 28 and run through to August 20.

If you have not already been contacted please give me a call and help fill the schedule.

Thanks

Brian Clements
519 376-9410

2013 Awards Presentations

We plan to present the 2013 Awards at the April 3 general meeting. Most recipients will be notified in advance.

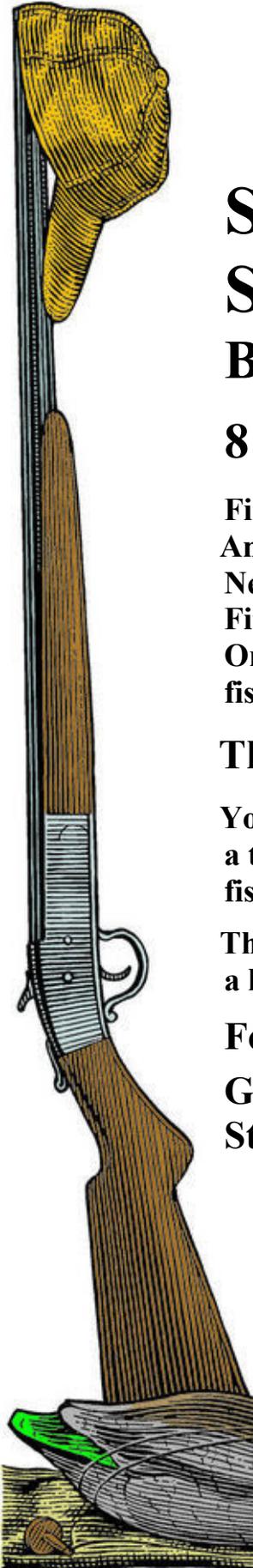
Thanks to those submitting material for this newsletter.

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*

FLETCHER SPORTS
It's The REEL Thing
• Rod & Reel Repairs • Parts & Service
• Retail Sporting Goods
LORNE & HAZEL FLETCHER
Tel: (519) 371-8587
Fax: (519) 371-2096
R.R. #5, Owen Sound #6 Hwy & Ledgerrock Road
Ontario N4K 5N7 6 kms. North of Springmount

Dressing a baby is much like stuffing an octopus into a string bag!



Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, February 9th

Buy, Sell, Trade

8:30 am till 12:30 pm

**Fishing rods and reels? Camping and boating equipment?
Another rifle 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 gun 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.**

For more information contact:

**Garry Willis at willisgarry@rogers.com or 376-5347,
Stew Wallace at swallace@bmts.com or 794-4423**

Free feeders for Kids to inspire outdoor activities

submitted by Stu Patterson

February 5, 2014

Feature



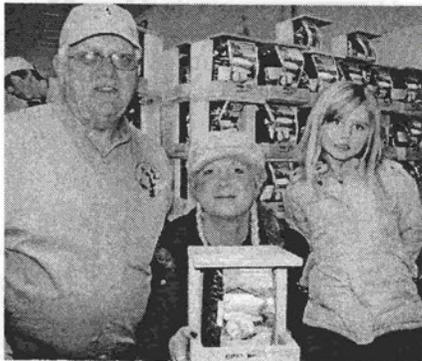
To Comment on this article [Click Here](#)

At the 2014 Warton Willie Festival, Grey-Bruce youngsters were encouraged to appreciate nature and the great outdoors.

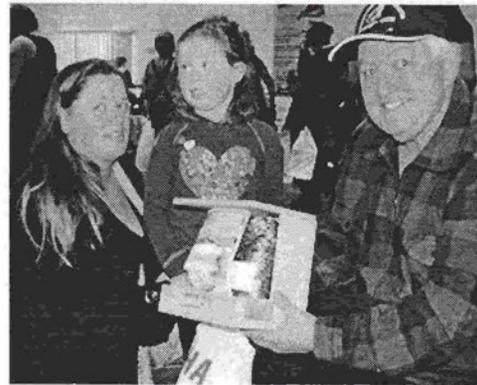
During the Warton Willie Festival Optimist KIDS FUN DAY at the Meeting PLACE, two leading conservation groups were handing out, at no charge, bird feeders and seed.



Children 12 and under were thrilled to receive the feeders which were built by club members. Included were two-pound, black-oiled sunflower seed packs donated by Doug Gilkinson of Bayshore Country Feeds In Owen Sound. More than a hundred feeders were presented to enthusiastic youngsters.



It was the third year that the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association and the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association worked together on their "FREE FEEDERS FOR KIDS" project. It is well known that anglers and hunters are the best conservationists and these two community clubs lead the way in this part of Ontario, helping to preserve and protect fish and



The organizations know that young people spend more than 50 hours a week using computers and watching TV and both clubs share the same philosophy ... to inspire kids to get involved in wholesome outdoors recreation. Both clubs offer youth programs involving archery, firearms safety, hunter training, fish stocking, severe winter deer feeding, and wildlife identification.

wildlife.

Both Bruce Peninsula and Sydenham Club members, go out of their way to encourage young people to learn about, respect and appreciate what mother nature has to offer. The giveaway included brochures about birds common to Grey-Bruce.

Feeder builders from the Bruce Peninsula Club were Ray Marklevitz, Ken Barrett, Carl Berfelz and Don Elliott. From the Sydenham Club, Ron Rob, Bob Hunt, Ted Furness, and John Morneau did the honours

Urban Bees Using Plastic to Build Hives

February 11, 2014 - News Release

Once the snow melts, Canada's bee population will be back in business -- pollinating, making honey and keeping busy doing bee things. For at least two urban bee species, that means making nests out of plastic waste. A new study by a University of Guelph graduate and a U of G scientist reveals that some bees use bits of plastic bags and plastic building materials to construct their nests. The research was published recently in the journal *Ecosphere*.

The study has been reported on by media outlets around the world, including the Toronto Star, Sun News, CBS News, Yahoo! News, United Press International, and Canoe News.

It's an important discovery because it shows bees' resourcefulness and flexibility in adapting to a human-dominated world, says lead author Scott MacIvor, a doctoral student at York University and a 2008 U of G graduate. "Plastic waste pervades the global landscape," said MacIvor. Although researchers have shown adverse impacts of the material on species and the ecosystem, few scientists have observed insects adapting to a plastic-rich environment, he said.

"We found two solitary bee species using plastic in place of natural nest-building materials, which suggests innovative use of common urban materials."

Figuring out that the bees were using plastic in place of natural materials took some detective work by U of G's Andrew Moore, supervisor of analytical microscopy at Laboratory Services.

Moore analyzed a grey "goo" that MacIvor discovered in the nests of one kind of bee, *Megachile campanulae*, which uses plant resins to build its nests,

"Scott thought it might be chewing gum originally," Moore said. His team uses a scanning electron microscope to take highly detailed pictures of items, x-ray microanalysis to determine the elements in the sample and infrared microscopy to identify polymers. They can distinguish the finest detail on the surface of an animal hair.

Turns out that *M. campanulae* was occasionally replacing plant resins with polyurethane-based exterior building sealant, such as caulking, in its brood cells--created in a nest to rear larvae.

The researchers also discovered another kind of bee, *Megachile rotundata*, an alfalfa leafcutter, was using pieces of polyethylene-based plastic bags to construct its brood cells. The glossy plastic replaced almost one-quarter of the cut leaves normally used to build each cell.

Markings showed that the bees chewed the plastic differently than they did leaves, suggesting that the insects had not incidentally collected plastic. Nor were leaves hard to find for the bees in the study.

"The plastic materials had been gathered by the bees, and then worked -- chewed up and spit out like gum -- to form something new that they could use," Moore said.

In both cases, larvae successfully developed from the plastic-lined nests. In fact, the bees emerged parasite-free, suggesting plastic nests may physically impede parasites, the study said.

The nests containing plastic were among more than 200 artificial nest boxes monitored by MacIvor as part of a large-scale investigation of the ecology of urban bees and wasps, a project involving numerous citizen scientists. The nest boxes are located in Toronto and the surrounding region in backyards, community gardens and parks and on green roofs. They are used by a variety of bee species.

"The novel use of plastics in the nests of bees could reflect the ecologically adaptive traits necessary for survival in an increasingly human-dominated environment," MacIvor said.

Contact: Andrew Moore , Laboratory Services, andrewm@uoguelph.ca , 519-823-1268, Ext. 57234

OFAH CONSERVATION LOTTERY TICKETS

There seems to be some confusion about these tickets. Unlike the Salmon Spectacular boat draw tickets WE DO NOT send out books of these tickets to our membership so if you want to get any tickets for a chance at some (144) great prizes then you need to pick them up at one of our general meetings or contact me.

Thanks **Mike Prevost**.



Wood Duck Boxes

Some information from the winter 2014 Ducks Unlimited Nest Box Maintenance Program Communication pamphlet

Of more than 10,000 nest boxes associated with DUC wetland conservation projects, more than 2,200 are inspected and maintained by DUC private land owner partners. Last year 28 % of the survey cards were returned. Also another 200 boxes on 48 new nest box projects were established.

From the surveys returned, they learned that 70% of DUC's private landowner boxes were used by waterfowl during the 2012 breeding season, with a 58% success hatch rate. It is also interesting to note, that 29% of those private land owner nest boxes were used by non-waterfowl species. Including owls, flying squirrels and song birds.

Three reasons to clean and maintain nest boxes.

Consistent results over a number of studies showed there were fewer nests, eggs and ducklings produced in nest boxes that were not cleaned of nesting material as compared to cleaned boxes. Also cavity nesting waterfowl have a high level of site fidelity, meaning that they return to sites where they have successfully nested in the past which tend to be boxes that are Maintained.

Cleaning out old nesting material helps to prevent parasitic infections sometimes brought in from other nesting species that can kill the ducklings.

Finally, inspecting and maintain nest boxes and completing and returning survey cards helps DUC determine annual waterfowl success and direct future conservation projects. It also helps to identify nest boxes that are poor producers and should be removed to a more productive location.

Mike Prevost



Government of Canada - Dec 20, 2013

Espanola, Ont. – Domtar Inc. was sentenced on December 17, 2013, in Ontario Provincial Court for violating the Fisheries Act and was ordered to pay \$75,000, of which \$67,500 will be directed to the Environmental Damages Fund. Domtar Inc. pleaded guilty to one count pursuant to subsection 36(3) of the Fisheries Act for offences occurring at its mill in Espanola, Ontario, between December 14 and 16 of 2010. Domtar Inc. failed to adhere to the regulatory limits for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and thereby deposited effluent that was deleterious to fish, contrary to the Fisheries Act.

Lake trout make comeback in the Great Lakes

The recovery of lake trout in Lake Huron means that very soon, wildlife officials will no longer have to stock the species in the lake. According to michiganradio.com, lake trout are rapidly regaining ground after decades of parasitism by sea lampreys and complications with alewives. “I felt we were so completely stymied by one thing after another after another. The litany of challenges working against the reestablishment of a self-sustaining lake trout population seemed insurmountable,” said Jim Johnson, a researcher with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. “But then, with the collapse of alewives, everything changed.”

The lake trout is the largest trout native to the Great Lakes and was at one time economically vital to the industries. That era of prosperity for the species was interrupted when sea lampreys devastated the trout population from 1935 to 1965. Lampreys, sometimes referred to as “lamprey eels,” feed by hooking onto fish and consuming their blood. They are considered an invasive species and became a major problem after waterway construction in the early 20th century allowed them to enter many rivers and streams.

Lampreys are known to be detrimental to fish species where they are introduced. According to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC), a single lamprey can kill up to 40 or more pounds of fish in its lifetime. In fact, when the GLFC was formed in 1955, one of its primary goals was to control the lamprey population in the Great Lakes. Thanks to the efforts of multiple agencies, a lengthy reduction program has shrunk lamprey numbers to about 10 percent of what they were in 1955. After the severe reduction of sea lampreys, the lake trout in Lake Huron began to make a slow recovery. However, the fish were having problems reproducing. Biologists identified part of the problem to be related to alewives, which lake trout fed on. Alewives are a small saltwater fish that colonized the Great Lakes several decades ago when trout numbers were low. Due to the lack of predators, alewives multiplied. Alewives also cause problems for lake trout young and eggs, stymieing their population growth.

As the number of alewives dwindled due to new predators such as salmon, the lake trout began making a speedier comeback. This is welcome news to anglers who prefer lake trout, which is a popular game fish and often praised for its taste. “Oh yes, the end of stocking is in sight for the main basin of Lake Huron,” Johnson said. Researchers are working on making habitat more suitable for spawning lake trout. ² salmon, the lake trout began making a speedier comeback. This is welcome news to anglers who prefer lake trout, which is a popular game fish and often praised for its taste. “Oh yes, the end of stocking is in sight for the main basin of Lake Huron,” Johnson said. Researchers are working on making habitat more suitable for spawning lake trout. ²

**From the 2013
OSSS Derby**



The 2014 Derby starts August 22,2014

Latest In

SHOTGUN SPORTS RANGES

First I want to say Welcome to all the new members who have Joined us and indicated an interest in our shotgun sports Ranges , Mary & I & Gord Fraser look forward to meeting you all , so come out and meet us ,Have a coffee ,shoot ,what ever turns your crank. ☐ Despite all the snow and blustery weather we have been having this winter we have had a good turn out on Sundays but always room for more. Some days you could see the shot pattern blow a hole all the way from the gun to the bird (or sometimes behind the bird) through the snow.Our new heated trap shelter has had a work out (so has the club Bobcat snow blower) , Coffee is always on And hot . ☐ One nice cold Sunday the trap & skeet Machines threw over 1300 birds ☐ 12 gauge ammo is available if you have a PAL , \$6.50 a box for No.8 or 9 shot ☐ Winter hrs. are Sunday from 1 pm till everyone wants to go home. ☐ Summer schedule will be posted soon and we plan on a real busy summer when we can open all the shotgun ranges that are buried under 4 ft. of snow .(sporting clays . single and wobble trap).Along with our interclub shoots we have the opportunity to burn up lot of ammo.

What I would like is some feed back as to what other day you people would be interested in shooting trap or skeet . If you could email me and let me know I can take the majority and put it in our schedule. ☐ At the present we are planning either Wed or Friday afternoons along with Sundays for trap & Skeet.Let me know ,we cannot please everyone but we sure will try PLEASE NOTE THAT NO PERSONAL THROWERS ARE ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON CLUB PROPERTY !!!! ☐ The 100yd range schedule is posted on our web site . Please keep in mind that you can only use this range at scheduled times and when there is a range safety officer present. Please read and follow all posted rules and shoot safe.

Also would any of the new members or anyone that is interested in receiving updates to the schedule or unscheduled shoots in emails please send me an email so I will have your address on record .

Thanks for reading **Al Hillis** al.hillis@gmail.com ☐ ☐ Shotgun sports ☐ Co range director