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“Conservation is Our Aim”



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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

March, 12, 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}

Rumour has it that **Al Hillis**
 of Sydenham Sportsmen fame
 is to speak at the meeting.

The topic will be related to the
 Rifle Ranges

*If you have never failed,
 you have never tried
 anything new!*

President’s message

On a weekend at the end of February I was able to take in a 2 day Gun Show at our local Florida Fair grounds and watch a 2 day billiards tournament at a local smokey pool hall. I thought I was in redneck heaven ! The only problem I had at the gun show was constantly wiping the drool from my mouth and I do not understand half of what most of our members do about firearms or the 12 year old girl standing behind an array of vintage handguns describing their historic differences to a bunch of good old boys? All I knew was that I would not be bringing any home with me. I was trying to think how I could convince my wife that bringing back a personal protection stun gun was not the same as a firearm. At the end of my first walk around I was thinking that I had not seen much related to trap/skeet. Typical me, I stepped up to a booth and mentioned that to the vendor and he simply looked down and said you mean like these shooting glasses. So we made a deal. I know Al, I have to come out to shoot to use the glasses.

Even down here I have been hearing from people outside of the club, that our members have been working hard at successfully selling our lottery and boat draw tickets, raising money for our conservation projects. It,s a small world.

From Mike and Bonnie

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!

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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



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



Thursday February 5, 2015

Terry Cloths	Doug VanHorn
Smoke Alarm	Dave Skelton
Gloves	John Ford
Folding Knife	Fred Geberdt
LED Lantern	Cliff Springer
Utility Knife	Rick Wardrop
SnapTops 42pcs	Matt Turner

\$50.00 Red Tag Dennis Wiseman



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).



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 LEGALY POSSESS Firearms.

Remember Gun Safety BEGINS AND ENDS WITH YOU.

Bob McKay



*Life is 10% what you put into it,
and 90% how you respond to it!*

*Most people do not listen with
the intent to !understand,
but listen with the intent to reply!*

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

EARTH DAY (FORMERLY PITCHIN DAY)

Saturday April 18th, 2015

The SSA and the City of Owen Sound have again formed a partnership for Earth 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. In 2014 we had 56 people out.

This year we will be gathering Saturday April 18th behind City Hall from 1 to 3 PM after which hot dogs and refreshments will be available, along with draw prizes at 3 PM.

Garbage bags and gloves will be available. There will be a dumpster located behind City Hall. It might be helpful if you brought along a pail with a handle.

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** If you have any questions please call me at **376-9410**



From: SSA- Emergency Wildlife And Fish Support Committee (EWFSC)

On January 30/15, the SSA-EWFSC met with the new MNR technician, Karen Dykxhoort. Karen will be responsible for the updating of a new deer yard map throughout Grey and Bruce County. Karen is new to our area and has requested our assistance locating all deer yards.

So, all SSA members who know where deer yards are in Grey and Bruce, please call any one of the names below, giving us the lot, concession number of known yards.

We will pass this information on to Karen and hopefully see a new updated deer yard map in the near future.

John Morneau, 519-376-6741

Rob LeGrand, 519-371-6870

Ron Robb, 519-371-7385



Yours in Conservation, **J.Morneau**

Defensive Pistol Holster Course

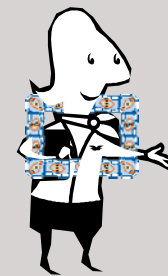
Saturday, March 28th at the Sydenham Sportsmen Clubhouse
Start time 9 am, should be done by 4pm or earlier.
Cost \$25 per participant, lunch included.

Pre registration is required. Please send an email to
sydenhamdpl@gmail.com Or

you can contact Jeff Caldwell at **226-668-4720** to book your spot.

This course is required if you are wanting to shoot defensive pistol.

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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.

Membership Fees for 2015: 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 the return of last year's key	\$4.00
	Property Gate Key	Without 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: _____

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: _____

Reminder about Membership Dues

The SSA 2015 membership fees are now overdue. Please use the renewal form printed elsewhere in this newsletter or use the on line store to pay. If you would prefer to pay with your credit card, you are welcome to call me, John Ford at 226 664 0960. However I am away until March 8. This is the last newsletter that you will receive until your 2015 dues are paid. Please note that only paid up members of the SSA (and their guests) are permitted to use club ranges. Thanks for your co-operation.



2015 Gate Keys

The present gate key has a red key spotter on it. This key will only work until March 31. On April 1 the new locks will be put on all of the club gates. You will need a key with a yellow key spotter on it. I will have these keys at the general club meetings. As well, Drew Watson at Watsons Tackle House has keys for you to pick up and Dave Hartrick at the Maher Centre (the white workshop around the corner from the Club) will also have keys. The cost is \$4 with the return of last year's key and \$5 without. If you paid for your key with your renewal just indicate that on the tracking form. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE KEY WITH THE YELLOW KEY SPOTTER ON IT WILL NOT WORK UNTIL APRIL 1



THINK ABOUT IT

"The very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference —they deserve a place of honor with all that is good"
George Washington

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it."
Mark Twain

Chef Keith Hagedorn

Wild Turkey legs

- Salt for 24 hours kosher salt 1 tbs per leg
- Remove excess salt next day
- Poach in good canola or vegetable oil at 210°F in a stock pot with lid in oven
- Flavour with whole clove 2 PC
- Cinnamon stick 1
- Black pepper corn 5 PC
- Bay leaf 2
- Poach for 6 to 8 hours till tender
- Finished with favourite homemade barbecue sauce or store-bought after you pull meat

Hope this helps
Chef

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Ontario N4K 5N7 6 kms. North of Springmount

OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets---J Ford

We still have tickets for sale. The sales at Heritage Mall have been excellent and we expect to sell approx. 80 to 85 books there. However if you can help by taking a book or two to sell, please contact me at 226 664 0960 or johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Thanks to those who have already taken tickets to sell. If your tickets are already sold, please bring them to the meeting in March. However, the draw is not until May 29 so you still have lots of time to finish selling.

Thanks for your help!

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*

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. Buy, Sell, Trade 8:30 am till 12:30 pm



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's 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/>

HUNTING AND FISHING GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2015

Hunting and Fishing Regulations Summaries

In order to better meet the needs of anglers and hunters across the province, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will be increasing the number of fishing and hunting summaries printed in 2015 by approximately 25 per cent.

Printed copies of the fishing summaries were sent to issuers and selected Service Ontario counters in mid-December and are available online at www.ontario.ca/fishing.

The hunting summaries will be sent to issuers and selected Service Ontario counters around the third week in April and will be available online at www.ontario.ca/hunting.

Outdoors Cards and Licences

Outdoors Cards are valid for three calendar years, expiring on December 31 of the third year. Annual fishing and hunting licences also expire on December 31 each year.

Ontario residents have three options to renew their cards and purchase their licences.

They can renew:

- by telephone by calling 1-800-288-1155;
- by Internet at: www2.on.wildlifelicense.com/start.php
- or in person at licence issuers and ServiceOntario counters offering MNRF services. A list of these issuers can be found at: www.ontario.ca/outdoorscard. A complete and valid licence consists of both the Outdoors Card and licence tag which must be carried with the client while fishing or hunting.
- Clients who renew their cards and purchase fishing and/or small game licences in the same transaction can expect to receive their new cards, with licences imprinted on the back, in the mail in approximately 20 days.
- Clients who purchase licences online for fishing or small game can print an elicence for immediate use.
- Clients with an existing Outdoors Card who purchase one-year licences either online or at an issuer will not receive anything by mail. Those who purchase their one-year licences online will print their own licence, and those who purchase them at an issuer will be given a licence printed on yellow durable stock.

Service Fee

Starting December 2, 2014, the ministry introduced a new \$2 service fee that applies to Outdoors Cards, hunting and fishing licences, and draws for which a fee is charged.

This new service fee came into effect with the sale of 2015 products.

The \$2 service fee applies to all chargeable products and includes Internet, phone and in-person purchases at a Service Ontario counter or at a private licence issuer.

Please refer clients who have questions or comments to the Natural Resources Information Centre at mnr.nric.mnr@ontario.ca or 1-800-667-1940.

Big Game and Turkey Licences Sales start dates for 2015

March 1 Deer, Bear and Spring Wild Turkey	April 21 Moose	July 15 Additional Deer Seals
April 15 2nd Bear Seal (Spring)	August 1 2nd Bear Seal (Fall)	
September 1 Fall Wild Turkey	Big Game Draw Entry Dates for 2015	
March 1 to June 30 Antlerless Deer	April 21 to June 1 Moose	
May 1 to June 10 Elk	August 1 to August 31 Controlled Deer	

These draw deadlines are strictly enforced and no exceptions are made.

Farmers/landowners who wish to submit an application to hunt in a Controlled Deer Hunt season must do so in person at a participating ServiceOntario location.

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Big Game Draw Results for 2015

Draw results are available online at www2.on.wildlifelicense.com/start.php or by calling 1-800-288-1155 starting on:

August 1 Moose - Clients who have been unsuccessful in the draw can also obtain information on the availability of surplus moose tags

August 2 Elk

August 8 Antlerless Deer

October 10 Controlled Deer

Surplus Moose Tag Distribution for 2015

Surplus Moose Tags will be available on August 17 this year. These tags are left over from the Resident Moose draw and the Northern Resident Moose draw. They are made available on a first-come, first-served basis, at no cost, to moose hunters who applied to the draw and were not successful. The ministry is looking at ways to serve our clients better and will communicate any changes to the Surplus Moose Tag process.

Ontario Family Fishing Events

Ontario Family Fishing Events provide Canadian residents an opportunity to fish Ontario waters without a fishing licence. During all other times, Canadian residents between 18 and 64 years of age must purchase a valid fishing licence and, if required, an Outdoors Card to legally fish in Ontario.

The 2015 licence free periods are:

February 14-16 (12:01 a.m. Saturday to 11:59 p.m. Monday)

July 4-12 (12:01 a.m. Saturday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday)

All Canadian residents fishing without a fishing licence during these time periods must follow the Conservation fishing licence catch and possession limits, as well as seasons and exceptions as indicated in the Fishing Regulations Summary.

Additional information is available at <http://ontariofamilyfishing.com>.

Other Information/Outdoors Card Centre

All licences expire on December 31 or at the end of the season for which they are purchased, and are non-refundable. For more information on Outdoors Cards and licences, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Bill Mauro

Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, via Bill Walker



New Asian Carp Canada Website makes a splash

The Invasive Species Centre has officially launched Asian Carp Canada. This new comprehensive website provides information on all aspects of Asian carps, serving as a gateway to reports, facts, webinars, maps and educational materials in an easily accessible way.

Asian carp may be creeping closer to Great Lakes

Presence of DNA does not necessarily mean that live Asian carp are now on Lake Michigan's doorstep, but the latest findings lead environmentalists to say that the Asian carp threat now looks more imminent than ever

Lake Michigan alewife population in danger

According to biologists, most of what remains of the alewife population is a single year class from 2010. A similar scenario in Lake Huron led to a veritable extinction of alewives, followed quickly by the collapse of the Chinook fishery .

Survey finds invasive snail in Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence River that could threaten waterfowl

The invasive species can carry three types of intestinal parasites that can injure and kill waterfowl such as duck.

Minor operations: those performed on some else!

Riddle: I have it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it? (A secret)

Nissan Marine will stop producing outboards

Tohatsu America Corp, said that Nissan Marine Co. Ltd. of Japan will discontinue certain segments of its marine business, including the production of the Nissan Marine brand of outboard engines.