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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 7, 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}

### Before you go outside...

**Dress in layers** of tightly woven fabrics such as wool or synthetics. Inner layers should include warm socks, a shirt (longsleeved or short), and if you are still feeling chilly, fleece is a great addition. Now that you have your inner layer on, time to prepare for the wet and cold by putting on your outer layer: toque, scarf, gloves, boots, and a winter jacket!

Be sure to **drink plenty of fluids** during winter activities such as snowshoeing, skiing, or shovelling.

Avoid caffeinated or alcoholic beverages as they may lead to dehydration.

### Now that you are Outside...

Do you feel your fingers tingling or paining and notice they are red and possibly swollen? When the air temperature dips below the freezing point and your skin is exposed, this may lead to a more serious condition known as **frostbite**.

*Frostbite is when your skin freezes; it becomes cold and red, then numb, hard, and pale. Your toes, ears, fingers, and nose are most at risk of frostbite. This is where those gloves, scarves, and toques come in handy. Keep in mind that the higher the wind, the colder the air will feel. This is the wind chill factor.*

### **President’s Message (March 2019)**

Welcome to the downward slope of winter 2019 (I hope). For those of you who have been in the sunny south, you have missed some wild winter weather the last couple of months. I certainly hope the end is near and we can get back to some warmer and sunnier days to brighten our spirits. Again we are planning another Chili/Soup/Stew social to take place sometime in April. I encourage you to prepare a dish or attend on what has been a great evening out for the last couple of years. I will post in the newsletter and have our web master Dave send email blasts when we firm up a date. As spring comes around we will again be asking our members to come out to the club property and help out with our outdoor maintenance, we have a great property manager but helpful hands are always welcome.

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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Al Hillis, Jim Jansen  
Ron Robb, Brian Clements  
Ken Miersch

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



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

### Clubhouse Bookings:

Contact-

**Ron McCartney** (Club Custodian)  
Home 519-794-3456  
Cell 226- 668-6031  
ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com



## Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



### FEBRUARY 7, 2019 DRAW PRIZES

Hat & steath pouch	Bill Colborne
Red flashlight	Rob Cameron
3-LED head lamp	John Ford
Screwdriver bit set	Mary Hillis
Padlock	Dave Skelton
Screwdriver bit & nut driver	Wayne Gallagher
Measuring tool set	John Thomson
Screw driver set	Al Smith
Tire gauge	Stan McLean
Olfa cutting knife	John Snook
Drill bits	Fely Clarke
Cotton gloves	Doug Van Horne
Leather gloves	Pat Carter
Red tag-\$50.00 LCBO gift card	John Snook

Thanks to all for participating Brian Clements

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 the 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.

*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*

*Seller: This vacuum cleaner will cut your work in half.*

*Buyer: Good. I will take two of them.*

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<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> select from SSA Newsletters - right side.

**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

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Wanted: Help with **bluebird program**, as my legs are not working as well any more; old age. Walking to check boxes is difficult to do. **Need help with the over 30 runs.**

I have some good guys helping but just need more.

Call me at 226 668 8241 or email [bobhunt1@hotmail.ca](mailto:bobhunt1@hotmail.ca)

I want to keep this going as was started with Lorne Smith.

Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Thanks: **Bob Hunt.**

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### 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](mailto:daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com)      **226 909-2516**

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Shooters, once again Dean Herzberg will be at our club for skeet clinics.

**Friday June 14** will be a 201 clinic for previous students.

Saturday June 15 will be his 101 clinic.

In 2018 ten people attended his 101 clinics at our club, all had a positive experience.

Dean is an excellent coach and a very active, competitive skeet shooter in Canada and the USA.

You can check Dean out at his website [www.sureshotcoaching.ca](http://www.sureshotcoaching.ca) and book directly with him.

I am a thirty year recreational skeet shooter and Dean has helped me and can help anyone from beginner to expert levels.      **Mike Thompson.**

### Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

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.

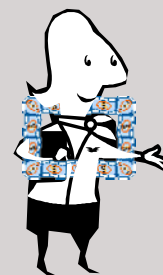
([johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com))

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.

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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**

**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 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>
Check off your selections above			<b>Total</b>

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



## 2019 Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Officers List

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OFAH Delegates: Dennis Wiseman, John Ford, Fred Geberdt,  
Chris Geberdt, Ron Robb, Mike Prevost  
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Shotgun Shooting Co-Ordinator: Al Hillis  
Handgun Shooting Co-Ordinator: Dave Fritz  
High Power Co-Ordinator: Tim Lahey  
.22 Rifle Co-Ordinator: Jeff Caldwell  
Clubhouse Custodian: Ron McCartney  
Clubhouse Bookings: Ron McCartney  
Range Bookings: al Hillis, Jeff Caldwell



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Thanks: Bob Hunt.

## **Selling OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets**

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



### 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. If you are using SSA facilities and don't have your membership card on, expect other members to check to make sure you are a paid up SSA Member.

The new gate keys have a green key spotter on them. We will have them at the March meeting and will get them to Watsons Tackle House in early March.



### Help Needed with Nesting Box Programme

Bob Hunt, the co-ordinator, mentioned that he needs more help with maintaining our many Bluebird Nesting Boxes.

Please contact Bob to offer your volunteer help. In the process, you will learn a lot about these little creatures.

You can call Bob at the Maher Centre (519-371-8560). Bob is there most weekday mornings.

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**.

# 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.**



# SURE SHOT

COACHING

## SKEET 101/201 FULL DAY CLINICS

With Level 2 NSSA Instructor  
Dean Herzberg

- Over 450 logged hours of skeet coaching experience
- NSSA Zone 8 Co-chief Instructor
- Active coach for Carleton University Skeet Team
- PILLA Sport Canada Sponsored Athlete
- 2016 World Skeet Championships 20 Gauge AA Class Champion
- 4 x Krieghoff All American (Triple Sub)
- Canadian All Star (HGA Captain 2016)



- 2018 Ontario All Star(12,20,28,410 High Average)

### Skeet 101 Clinic

My Skeet 101 clinic is set up for those who have never picked up a shotgun to “E- B” Class Competitors looking to learn the NSSA’s tried tested and proven skeet shooting system. A system that will help guide you to a new level of consistency and efficient shooting. Through the powerpoint I developed and “hands on” range training, shooters will learn sound repeatable mechanics, skeet fundamentals and a lot of theory. Every participant will receive a copy of my powerpoint for their own review as they progress. Bring an open mind and be ready to buy into the system that the NSSA’s greatest coaches and

### Skeet 201 Clinic

My Skeet 201 Clinic is open to those who have previously attended my 101 clinic. As well as, those who are “A” Class or above. This clinic incorporates a presentation on Sports Psychology for the Intermediate Shooter. We focus on the

When: **Friday June 14 2019 (201)**  
**Saturday June 15 2019 (101)**

Where: Sydenham Sportsmen’s Association

Time: 9am - 4 pm

Other: 5 shooters required to run clinic

Please Contact Dean Herzberg for registration

\_\_\_\_\_ information by June 2  
sureshotcoaching13@gmail.com

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

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

## SSA Membership Report

**Thanks to all who have renewed their membership for 2019. However there are still many who have not. This is the last newsletter that you will receive and the last reminder to renew your membership. Only those with 2019 stickers on membership cards may use club facilities.**

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. Only 2019 members may use club facilities. 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.**



### Handgun Competition Survey

#### **Fellow Handgun Shooters...**

Are You Interested in a friendly bull's-eye style competition throughout the summer months? Please contact me with your ideas on how many matches, day and time preferred, target type, calibre and suggested prizes / entry fee and I

will tabulate the survey results and report back in the April Newsletter. I envision something so all can participate, open to revolver shooters, semi-autos, rimfire as well as centerfire... I could just plan the event but if there is no interest or if members can't attend... well, that just wouldn't work, so I need your input.

Please contact Dave Fritz @ [daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com](mailto:daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com)



### **SWAP MEET, 17 MARCH 2019**

Hi folks, a reminder about our March Swap Meet. The swap meet is open to all sport and recreational related activities and equipment , not just hunting and shooting 'stuff'. In the past we've sold a boat, tennis rackets, ski's, tents, a trailer, fishing gear, dart boards etc., all is welcome. Please leave boats , trailers and quads outside ! Most of us have valuable treasures in and around the house that we haven't used for years and ,maybe, even tripped over and cussed . Take 'em to the swap meet and give someone else the chance to enjoy them.

See you there.

Garry and Stew.

### **Did You Know...**

#### **Trash Decomposition Timeline**

- o Aluminum Can 80 to 100 years
- o Plastic 6-pack Holder 100 years
- o Orange or Banana Pee Up to 2 years
- o Plastic Film Container 20 to 30 years
- o Plastic Bags 10 to 20 years
- o Glass Bottles 1,000,000 years
- o Plastic Coated Paper 5 years
- o Nylon Fabric 30 to 40 years
- o Leather 1 to 5 years
- o Wool Socks 1 to 5 years
- o Tin Cans 50 years