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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
May 2, 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}

OFAH Membership Notices

Over the next little while, some of you may get renewal notices from OFAH. If you 2019 SSA dues are paid, you can ignore this notice. What happened is that the on line renewal site that I use, crashed and is in the process of being fixed. I have renewed your membership on paper (ugh!!) and you will be renewed.

Sorry for the confusion.

President's Message (May 2019)

Welcome to May and I wish you all well and luck to what passion you have to take place this time of year. Is it the hunt for the turkey or the world class trout fishery we have accessible from our own club property or spread throughout our region. I would like to personally thank those who helped once again clean up our city and surrounding areas this past Saturday for our annual Earth Day clean up, the weather was a little cool but Fred Geberdt and John Ford soldiered through and turned in a couple of pickup trucks full of litter. Also by the time this gets out we will have had our Annual Chili Social evening and I anticipate another fun filled evening. Our local boat draws will begin soon and I know Al Smith is looking for more ticket sellers, if you are able to fill a couple of shifts contact Al who is at the General meetings helping out at the door. I look forward to what the nice weather brings for the SSA and I know this summer there are some events planned to further put us on the map as being such a highly praised group that we should all be very proud of.

Sea lamprey have a nasty bite. This blood-sucking parasite could kill more than 100 million pounds of Great Lakes fish annually if left unchecked, according to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. "If we didn't have controls, we wouldn't have a fishery to speak of—recreational, commercial or tribal,"

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



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



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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

\$ 20.00 Staples Gift Card. Jim Wagner
\$ 20.00. McDonalds Gift Card. Bill Colborne
\$ 20.00. M & M Gift Card. John Snook
\$ 20.00 Cdn Tire Gift Card Bob Epon
\$ 20.00. Tim Horton Gift Card. Bill Hewitson
Maple Syrup Larry Fisher

Special thanks to Cliff Springer for his Maple syrup donation
Red Tag Draw \$. 50.00. Giant Tiger Gift Card. Chuck Cannon

Thanks to all for participating Mike Prevost & Al Smith

Special Thanks to Brian Clements who has looked after our club draws for so many years. As you can see it now takes two of us to fill his shoes.

From Mike Prevost

If a dog is barking and wagging its tail, how do you know which end to believe?

Conservation and Tree Planting Activities

At the recent meeting of the Wildlife Advisory Committee, a number of Conservation Activities were planned for the Demonstration Wildlife Management area beside our club property. As well, Fred Geberdt will be speaking about planned tree planting activities for the Doug Reid Memorial Conservation property. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Fred or myself.



For anyone wanting to use a holster on the SSA ranges there is an upcoming **holster certification course** on Sunday May 5th.

Cost is \$30.00

Pre registration is required. There are also equipment requirements and prerequisites. This is an advanced training course and all participants need to be proficient with their firearm and equipment.

Please contact Tim Westover for more information or to sign up for the course "<mailto:toastgod@hotmail.com>">toastgod@hotmail.com



Manning The OSSS Derby Booth At A Fishing Show

Submitted by Alan Clarke



SSA Membership Report

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.

Selling OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

We do have a few books of tickets available for our members to sell. I will have them at the May meeting. They will need to be back to me before May 15.

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

Range Use Guideline

Due to several recent issues and questions that have come up in regards to what firearms can be used on which ranges. The SSA feels it is important to clarify a few things to ensure members are following the SSA rules, and that the club is compliant with the Chief Firearms Office range approvals.

Range #1, 20 yard Handgun Range

Firearms approved to be used on this range are [Handguns and Rimfire rifles](#) (.22 short/long/long rifle/ magnum and 17HMR).

No shotguns, center fire rifles (including pistol caliber carbines) are to be used on this range.

Range #2 25 yard Rimfire Range

Firearms approved to be used on this range are [Rimfire Rifles](#) (.22 short/long/long rifle/ magnum and 17HMR)

No handguns , shotguns, center fire rifles (including pistol caliber carbines) are to be used on this range.

Range #3 100 Yard Rifle Range

This range can only be used under the supervision of a club approved RSO, see the club calendar or email notice for the monthly 100 yard schedule.

Firearms approved to be used on this range are [Centerfire rifle](#) (including Pistol Caliber Carbines), [Rimfire Rifle](#), [Muzzleloaders](#), and [Shotguns with Slugs](#).

When using Handguns and Shotguns with buckshot they can only be fired forward of the 50 yard bullet catch.

There are 2 shotgun patterning boards available to members on the trap / skeet field. The steel one with paper is for use of shot size up to #4, (great for turkey patterning) the other patterning board is only to be used for shot sizes #7.5- #9 and uses a grease to show the shot pattern.

The trap, skeet and sporting clays ranges have scheduled times for when they are open to the membership, please check the club calendar. No personal clay target throwers are allowed on the ranges.

*****Please note that there are specific, approved activities that allow the use of firearms on certain ranges other than what is listed above. These activities include Cowboy action shooting, defensive pistol, and any other shooting activity pre approved by the SSA/ CFO. These activities can only take place when they are scheduled, approved and / or supervised by the appropriate RSO's *****

There are security cameras on all ranges and any complaints or range damage found instigates a review of the footage to determine what went on. Moving forward range use violations will be followed up with disciplinary action as per the SSA bylaws.

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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.**

### **Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular**

We still have openings on the Weigh in station schedule. I will have it at the May meeting. If you are able to help, please contact me. Probably sending me an email is the easiest way.

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

*Why did the baseball player bring a rope to the game?  
To tie the score!*

*What should you do when you see a flag waving?  
Wave back!*

## Tribute To Ken Smith

I am sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I knew Ken was suffering with cancer. I met him several times in the oncology department at the Owen Sound Hospital. We talked about taking chemotherapy, and how it was affecting us. Ken confided in me, that he had a type of blood cancer. Ken was a good SSA member, and was very active volunteering during the annual Salmon Spectacular.

Fred Geberdt

I was told that Ken Smith passed away this past week. Things are very private. There is no information in the paper or other sites that we have found yet. We have been told by close friends that he is to be cremated and did not want a funeral or visitation.

From Mike Prevost



## Helping at the Salmon Spectacular

Each year it takes about 350 volunteers to make this event a success. From weigh in station to food booth, to bar and Public Relations booth and finally the merchandise booth much help is needed. Please donate your time! We very much need your help. There should be schedules at the May meeting. Please fill them out.

Bob Hunt is still looking for help in working with our extensive nesting box programme. Look him up at the meeting.

As well, Al Smith, our new Boat Draw ticket sales co-ordinator, is looking for help. He will probably be at the meeting and is usually found at the back where the meeting tickets are sold.

*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*

## Power to the pollinators!

You can do your part for our butterflies, bees and other pollinators by planting native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs in your garden!

*So long As you can laugh,  
you are winning!*

The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of protecting the biodiversity and quality of Canada's waters, including the Great Lakes. We are preserving and protecting the Great Lakes and their considerable social, economic and spiritual benefits from the harmful impacts of invasive species.

Grass carp, one of four species of Asian carp, has the potential to disrupt the Great Lakes ecosystem and economy unless their spread is stopped, according to a report released today by Fisheries and Oceans Canada with support from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The socio-economic study concludes that, in addition to the significant ecological threat that is posed by the presence of grass carp in the Great Lakes, there would also be economic, social and cultural ripple effects.

## Gate Keys

As you are probably aware, the gate locks were changed on April 1. You need a key with a green key spotter in order to open club gates. 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. Keys are available at Watsons Tackle House, the Maher centre and at club meetings.



## **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**

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*If you are a person of great influence,  
just try and tell someone else's dog  
what to do!*