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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

November, 13, 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 Digital age has not
 redefined etiquette. In many
 ways it has eliminated it!*

December Nibble Night

When you are packing in all that
 wild game into your freezer think
 about bringing out one of your
 favourite recipes to our nibble
 night that is the December 4th
 general meeting. **thanks**

President’s Message

At our October general meeting I purchased two camo/hunter orange hats from our guest speaker and gave one to my deer hunting partner while setting up our deer camp at Sundridge. Back home, my friend phoned me to say that while he was having his ritual coffee with some of the locals at the famous Blue Roof Cafe in Sundridge a stranger came over and said that he just had to ask where he got that hat from. Turns out that a traveling group of moose hunters from Walkerton had stopped in for their annual breakfast and were curious as to how a hunting hat from the Chepstow “Big Buck Night” contest had made its way that far north and so had to introduce themselves.

The real good point of my story is that my hunting partner commented on the number of young hunters in the group. It just happens that this year his twelve year old grandson, having passed his Hunter Education Exam, will be coming up to deer camp with his father to join the hunt for a couple of days as an apprentice hunter. I am sure that it will be a proud moment for Grandpa Cecil to sit around the “Lunch Fort” fire with his son Derek and grandson Ethan to tell stories. I think I should be in my mid seventies when I can bring my grandson and granddaughter along and look forward to that day. If bionic Jack Doherty can still roam the woods then I should make it too.

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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!*



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

OCTOBER 2, 2014

DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

Large Axe	Ken Miersch
Hatchet	Jim Hastie
Orange hat	Scottt Hollywood
Spot light	Dennis Green
Heat seat	Don Keeling
Head lamp	Mike Prevost
4 flashlights	Tom Vandervoort
Knives/multi tool	Carol Wiseman
Black shirt	Don Fosbury
Gloves	Stan McLean
Knife	Bob Esplon
Rope	Rick Wardrup
Big Buck hat	Wally Cunningham
Red tag – 2 \$25.00 gift certificates	
From Tim Hortons	Lorraine Jansen

Thanks to all: **Brian Clements**



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Congratulations to Randy Moore

Randy submitted a hunting tip to the Ontario Whitetails Magazine which was selected to be printed in their Fall 2014 issue.

For this he won a Zeiss Victory 10 x 25 compact binoculars. Good stuff. If you subscribe to this magazine and we all have good tips why not try your luck at sending them in.



November Executive Nominations

The November general meeting will be the first round of nominations for the 2015 SSA Executive. If you have an interest to be on the executive or want to get someone on the executive then you need to get out to one of the next three meetings for the nominations.



*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*

(from page 1) President's Message

There are many groups that have taken their young sons and daughters, now men and women, with them to hunt camps. I have often heard the comment that for at least one week they have to listen to the old man. These kids grow up learning how to respect firearms and more importantly themselves and the responsibilities they have in their role of a mutually respectful society. There is no concern of any "radicalization" with young people that hunt and/or fish and/or just get out and appreciate conserving the natural resources of this great country all within the bond created by their family and friends.

On behalf of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association I would like to thank all of the members of the Canadian Armed Forces for keeping our country free and safe so that we have the opportunity of enjoying the great outdoors with our children.

Mike Prevost, President

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

Proposed Tree Cutting Bylaw for SSA Property and Administered Properties

August 14, 2014

1. We believe that, since the SSA is a Conservation Club, the wooded portion of the property should be managed for wildlife (of all types, including birds). It should be noted that this is consistent with our Managed Forest Tax Incentive Plan.
2. Our by law regarding tree cutting should be very restrictive. This means that no cutting may occur without being submitted to the WAC for recommendations to the Executive and General Members.
3. There are a number of good reasons for tree cutting which may include hazards to people and existing property as well as conservation cutting to free fruit bearing trees (e.g. old apple trees) for wildlife. Any tree cutting must not conflict with our conservation policies. Some standing dead trees are very beneficial to wildlife and birds (e.g. den trees for raccoons)
4. It should be noted that this bylaw does not prohibit tree trimming on existing trails and roadways or tree cutting in order to maintain our range certifications (as required by the C.F.O). Additionally, due to insect infestations, Ash tree cutting is exempt from this bylaw.
5. If any other exception to this bylaw is required, prior notification in two newsletters must be given. The Motion must be passed by a 2/3 majority in order to be accepted.

This proposal must be read at 3 successive general meetings before it is voted on at the January 2015 meeting, First reading occurred at the October meeting.

OFAH Lottery Tickets

We will have the **OFAH Conservation Lottery** tickets at the November general meeting. Tickets this year have been increased to \$3.00 each. Prizes have increased and the last early bird item drawn on March 6th is \$5000.00 cash. A book of tickets is a great gift for those hard to shop for people at Christmas, birthdays or just to say thanks.

I have to admit though that my wife did not appreciate it as an anniversary gift. With the increase we will get \$9.00 back to our club for every book we sell so if you want to see continued improvements in the facilities that interest you please think about buying or selling some books. Thanks

The time is always right to do what is right!

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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



New state law to create fine for not cleaning boats

Boaters who don't wash their boats before entering New York waterways will soon face fines under a bill signed Tuesday by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The regulation is meant to combat invasive species that can cause harm to waterways are often transported between waterways by boats.

Money does not bring happiness, but happiness brings money

Lake Huron surpasses 95-year average

Water levels on Lakes Huron and Michigan have surpassed the 95-year average for September with no signs of slowing down just yet.

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 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

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DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors & Students only)

Wildlife Advisory Committee	Derby Committee	Fishery Advisory Committee
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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: _____

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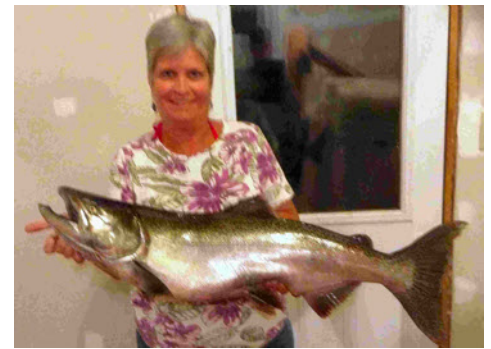
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Membership John Ford

Early Bird Membership Draw and Fee Increase

Again the SSA is sponsoring an Early Bird Draw. If you pay your 2015 membership dues in 2014, you will be entered into this draw. One of the prizes will be reimbursement of your dues and a second draw is yet to be determined. If you pay in November, you get 3 chances, December 2 chances etc. When you renew, we would appreciate your filling out the renewal form printed in this newsletter.

You will also note that our membership dues have increased by \$10. Your directors decided that since the dues have remained unchanged for 4 years, and costs have increased annually, that a fee increase was warranted. This increase does not apply to Juniors, Students or Spouses.



**Carol Cornfield's
first fish caught Sept. 9/14**

Does a roller coaster like its work? It has its ups and downs!



Autumn Thunder

Twenty-nine brave souls, no matter how foolishly in hindsight, faced both thunder and lightning and stuck to their guns and completed all four stages of Autumn Thunder. While all the shooters ended up soaked, no one's spirits were dampened and all competitors enjoyed the day!

Our great Chuck wagon crew kept the grub hot and plentiful, prize table was overflowing and other than some Webley packing "Immigrant Sheep Farmer" coming in first place the event was another successful annual Twin County Bounty Hunter match.

Match scores and photos from Autumn Thunder can be viewed at the TCBH website: <http://twincountybountyhunters.com>

Shoot safe, shoot often and always remember to keep yore powder dry!



October.

What a beautiful time of year

Especially when the weather stays warm and you are out in your woodlot for a walk amongst the wide array of changing leaf colours. Excellent time to get that wood chopped and stored for the winter months for much needed heating.

The Toronto Star, Sep 26, 2014

Home buyers, builders benefit as wood-frame limit raised to 6 storeys.

There are three reasons that this will be a game changer for the province's building and land development industry. First, this building code amendment gives new-home buyers more options in choosing a home. Adding to the housing mix will also add vibrancy and character to our new neighbourhoods, which is great news for consumers. Some buyers will like this option because wood is aesthetically pleasing, while others will appreciate that their carbon footprint is being reduced. Still others may prefer it because the construction of their new home will be fast, efficient and can occur year-round.

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.**

Black Rifle Shoot

On September 6th the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association had it's first Black Rifle Shoot.

The main goals where to gauge interest, test safe handling methods and to get these carbines out doing what they were designed to do, that is get lead downrange accurately and quickly. Even though I have shot this type of rifle from the bench many times, their capability was still impressive. One participant, new to these carbines, was able to get a 5 shots into a 1.25" group standing from cover at 50 yards.

The weather was good, the shoot ran smoothly and as always it was a pleasure to shoot with such excellent company.

Tyler Gerard also ran interested RSO's through the function and handling of some of the more tactical gear they may have to supervise while fulfilling duties at the SSA High Power Range.

If you have any interest in this type of shooting, please watch for future events and try to attend. **Tim Westover**



Lake Erie walleye have successful hatch this year

Ohio Division of Wildlife fisheries experts have rated this spring's Lake Erie walleye hatch as the best in the last four years.

Lake Michigan **Salmon Runs** proving slower than average
Fall is the time of year when Lake Michigan salmon start nosing their way up natal streams to spawn and die. State fish managers, however, are uncertain about what to expect this season. Many of the salmon runs on the lake shoreline are slower than average.

Ontario Launches Online Ice Hut Registration NEWS October 8, 2014

NEWS October 8, 2014

The Ontario government is making it easier and faster to register new ice fishing huts. On October 7, 2014, individuals and businesses can register their ice fishing huts online free of charge.

Ice hut registration is only required in Fisheries Management Zones 9 to 12 and 14 to 20. Ice huts that are tents made of fabric covering the base area of 7 square meters (75.4 square feet) or less do not need to be registered or display a number.

The online registry will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. An individual or business only needs to register for an ice hut number once. Previously issued ice hut numbers continue to be valid and there is no need to re-register.

Each year, about 1.3 million licensed anglers fish in Ontario, growing the province's economy by \$2.5 billion.

QUICK FACTS

Ontario's lakes and rivers are home to 160 types of freshwater fish.

§ An individual or business can access the registration form online through ontario.ca/icefishing.

§ A paper registration form is available by request by calling 1-855-613-4256 or emailing mnr.rasc@ontario.ca.

§ ServiceOntario centres can also assist in accessing the forms through a public access terminal and printing off a paper copy.

§ Additional permits or authorizations may be required for those planning to use an ice fishing hut in a provincial park.

LEARN MORE

Learn more about ice fishing hut online registration and whether this change affects you.

§ Learn about ice fishing and ice hut removal dates in the Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary.

§ For assistance with the online registration, contact Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Registry and Approval Services Centre (RASC) at 1-855-613-4256 or mnr.rasc@ontario.ca.

Officers emphasize tree-stand safety

Hunting from a tree stand is a popular way for hunters to enjoy their season, but nearly every year a Michigan hunter is seriously injured or killed falling out of a tree stand.

Before a hunt, know your equipment:

- Read instructions and warnings before using a tree stand and harness.
- Check the stand, straps and chains before you go out for signs of wear and tear or missing parts.
- Practice at ground level with your tree stand and harness with a friend or family member.
- Learn how to properly use your harness. The DNR recommends a full-body harness.

When scouting for a tree:

- Choose a healthy, straight tree that is the right size to hold you.
- Check the tree beforehand for insect nests or animal dens.
- Avoid using climbing stands on smooth-barked trees, especially during icy or wet weather.
- Clear debris from the base of the tree to minimize injury from a fall and to ensure a sturdy base

During your hunt:

- Tell a reliable person where you are hunting and when you can be expected to return.
- Wear a full-body harness and make sure it is connected to the tree at all times. If using a ladder stand or climbing sticks, attach the harness before securing the platform to the tree or stepping onto it.
- Climb higher than your stand and always step down onto your platform.
- Wear boots with non-slip soles.
- Never carry equipment when climbing—use a haul line to raise and lower equipment, unloaded firearm or bow.

Do not attach the line near the trigger or trigger guard.

- Have emergency equipment: a knife, cellphone, flashlight and/or whistle.

Conservation officers responding to tree-stand falls see the same mistakes over and over. Nationally, 82% of hunters who fall from a tree stand are wearing a harness, but it's not connected. And 86% of tree-stand falls take place during the climb up or down. Harnesses and haul lines save lives. More info: www.tmastands.com.



The Moscow Times, Sep 30, 2014

It seems unfeasible that Russia, which holds a fifth of the planet's forests, could run out of wood. And yet it is happening, at least with commercially usable forests, environmental analysts say.

The Russian logging industry will face lack of harvestable timber in 10 to 20 years, a short time by the standards of an industry naturally tied to slow tree growth cycles, according to their consensus. "We are already past the point of no return," Konstantin Kobayakov, who oversees the protection of high conservation value forest at WWF Russia, told The Moscow Times.

"We never know the worth of water till the well is dry."

-Thomas Fuller

Water is the most important natural resource on the planet. It sustains the land and the species that live there, including us. Yet each year there is less and less clean, fresh water available.

Here in Canada we are lucky. We have 20% of the earth's surface fresh water and 9% of the country is covered in fresh water. That's a lot of water! Which is why it is so important to ensure the protection of this vital resource.

This is where the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) comes in. Across the country, NCC is working to protect wetlands, shorelines, riparian areas and other important fresh water ecosystems.

Click here to see the video:

http://www.e-activist.com/ea-campaign/broadcast.response.do?ea.url.id=206579&ea.campaigner.email=EP7oMvtte4ScbAvVLEbyI9rfETNni0nM&ea_broadcast_target_id=0