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**Four Barrels**

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,**

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

**Thursday**

**September, 11, 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}**

**Thank you!**

We want to thank the  
**Georgian Shores Marina**  
 for providing all winners of derby  
 boats with a Seasonal Launch Pass  
 for the 2015 season, a value of  
 \$125.00.

**Presidents Message**

Seems like it must be time to start our new fall season, not that we have been laying around for the summer months. I was thinking of making a list of all the club related things we have done this summer but it gave me a headache trying to remember them all.

One of our important club improvements was the reconstructed road work and extended parking lot down at the ranges. Shooting sports is growing in popularity and attracting new members. The Canadian Firearms Officer completed an inspection on our ranges in July and when asked said that we have one of the best group of shooting ranges in the province.

All of the ranges welcome and want beginners to show up. You are doing them a favour when you come out for the first time as the range directors get a lot of satisfaction introducing the sport they enjoy to newcomers.

Our summer always ends with the fishing festival to end all festivals, the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular. The physical and mental effort that has to go into running this event is a true testament to the dedication of our volunteers committed to conservation and supporting our club.

Remember that our September general meeting is changed to the second Thursday the 11th but at the same time of 7:30pm. If it has crossed your mind to consider joining our club view our web site and please come out to any meeting as our guest and check things out. I think you will find it interesting.

**Mike Prevost, President.**

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Mike Prevost  
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 Membership: John Ford  
 Key Keeper: John Ford

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



**From Kids' Expo June 2014**

### **Decision Time- September Meeting**

As most of you will know the farm property that our club hatchery is located on is private property. The owners the Weavers have moved, are selling the property and have considered asking us if we want to purchase it. That is the question and it is a complicated one that will be discussed at the September 11th meeting. The executive wants this to be a club decision so please try to attend.

**Mike Prevost, President SSA**



*To speed is human,  
 To get caught, a fine.*



### **SSA Membership Fees for 2015**

**J Ford**

At the July Directors' meeting, the topic of our membership fee structure was discussed at length. Our membership fees have remained unchanged for the last 4 years. It was noted that our costs have increased over the last 4 years. We considered items like hydro, natural gas, gas for fuel, diesel etc.

Your directors decided that there would be a fee increase for 2015 of \$10.00 for Adult, Senior and Family memberships. The Junior, Student and Spouse fees would remain as is.

So to recap, in 2015, Renewal Fees would be Adult \$110.00, Senior Citizen \$95.00, Family \$135.00, Student \$40.00 and Junior \$35.00

Of course, this \$10.00 increase would also apply to new memberships. We would hope that this fee structure could remain for 4 years into the future.

We plan to have a renewal form included with the October newsletter.



### **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**

**The following items belonged to Conrad St Pierre ( now deceased ) who was a long term member of the SSA.**

- 1 of 2 piece, Jacket and pants Mustang Marine Wear "The Floater" bright orange, size medium good condition Asking \$100.00
- 1 Full suit Personal Floatation Device, Nautilus by Protexion, orange, size medium, fully insulated, great condition, almost new, original price about \$550-600, asking \$300.00
- 1 Northern Escape chest waders, insulated, with pocket, brown, size 8, good condition, asking \$40.00

Articles can be seen by calling Gloria St Pierre  
 519-376-7348 725 15 St A W Owen Sound

Thanks, Lyle Love

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



Handgun  
Stew Wallace



SWAP MEET OCTOBER 5th.

It's that time, hunting season is just around the corner and we have a swap meet scheduled for October 5th. How convenient is that !

Garry and I deliberately scheduled it this way after requests from members for a fall event. A good opportunity to get set up for the season. I know that I'll have a couple of 30-30 Marlins there and I'm sure other members will be targeting ( pun intended) the upcoming hunting season. Our swap meets are becoming ever more popular and member participation is excellent, maybe to the point of having to restrict the number of tables available per person but we'll cross that bridge when we get to it. A good 'problem' to have to solve!

The donation of \$3.00 for coffee and donuts is a suggestion, larger donations are gratefully received, all proceeds going back to the club of course.

Take lots of money ( small change always needed )and tall tales to tell and go home with new tales and new, to you, ' stuff '.

See you there, Stew

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# Black Rifle Shoot

At SSA 100 Yard Range

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

9am-1pm

**Bring out your AR, XCR, M14, JR Carbine, CX4, SKS, mini 14 etc... for a fun morning of shooting.**

**Round count 40+, suggest a minimum of 3 magazines ( you can get by with 2)**

**Magazine pouches recommended.**

**Limiting the shoot to 20 participants , Cost \$10, please reserve your spot by contacting**

**Jeff Caldwell [jrc870@gmail.com](mailto:jrc870@gmail.com) 226-668-4720**

**Tyler Gerard [tgerard@live.de](mailto:tgerard@live.de) 705-606-1437**

# Swap Meet, SSA

## Sunday, October 5th

**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.

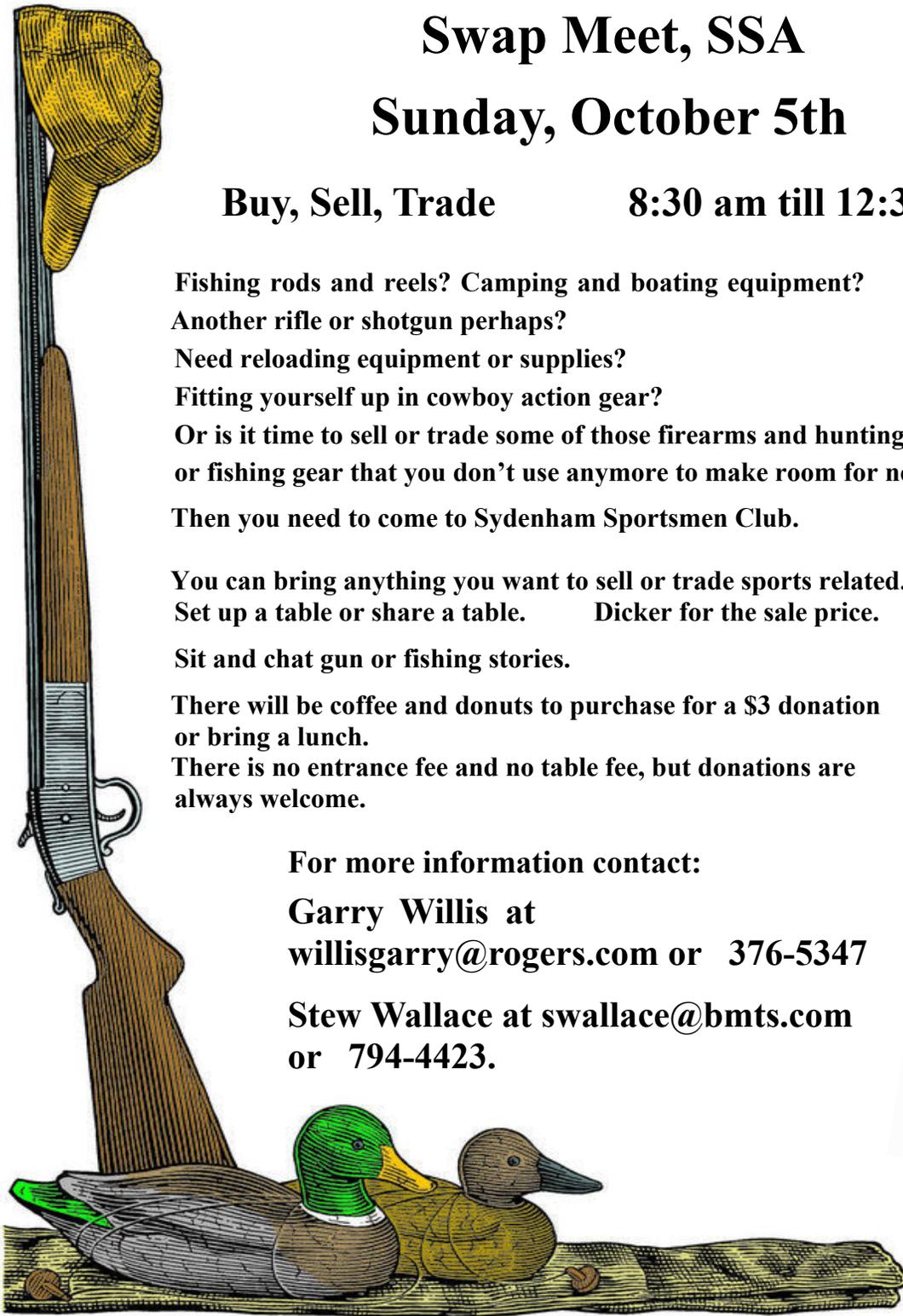
You can bring anything you want to sell or trade sports related.  
Set up a table or share a table. Dicker for the sale price.  
Sit and chat gun or fishing stories.

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, but donations are  
always welcome.

For more information contact:

**Garry Willis at**  
**willisgarry@rogers.com or 376-5347**

**Stew Wallace at swallace@bmts.com**  
**or 794-4423.**



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On another note, we held our **Salmon Spectacular. Breakfast** at the Clubhouse, June 14th. Net proceeds .... \$1,219.64. Out of the net, \$500 was donated to the SSA Emergency Wildlife Fund... the balance to the SSA Conservation Account. A lot of fun was had by all & the Geberdt Family did a marvelous job on the breakfast.

Arnie Clark (519-371-1152)

**OFAH Media Release**

**Community hatcheries stock more than 13 million fish in Ontario in 2013**

*OFAH & MNRF deliver record \$151,513 to 41 hatcheries through Community Hatchery Program*

The Community Hatchery Program (CHP) is providing greater funding than ever before to community hatcheries raising public fish for public waters in Ontario. Some community hatcheries would find it challenging to remain operational without the support of a new funding partnership program between the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

The MNRF has committed \$250,000 annually for three years to allow the OFAH to administer CHP, which allocates funding and provides technical support to community based fish culture and/or fish stocking programs. CHP also assists community hatcheries to fulfill government requirements with respect to fish health, proper egg collection and the rearing and stocking of fish.

For most community hatchery volunteers, raising fish is their passion. More than 1,400 dedicated volunteers donated nearly 70,000 hours operating community hatcheries in 2013. Raising fish is not only time consuming, but the high costs of energy bills, fish feed and equipment can make hatcheries very expensive to operate. This year, CHP provided \$151,513 to 41 different community hatcheries in Ontario who stock about 13 million fish annually throughout the province. This is more than double the amount of funding that has been available to community hatcheries in the past.

*“We have been very pleased to receive the much needed increase in funding from the Community Hatchery Program, which will allow us to continue operations and improve our stocking program,”* explained Kit Brown, volunteer with the Lake Erie Salmon and Trout Club.

Community hatcheries stock fish that contribute to rehabilitation of fish populations and create fishing opportunities for Ontario anglers. Many hatcheries double as a learning centre in their local communities by providing education on fish ecology and conservation for youth and the general public.

Community-based fish culture is built on a foundation of passion, dedication and genuine concern for resource management. Whether volunteers are raising Walleye, Lake Trout or Chinook Salmon, their commitment to raising and stocking fish can now be reinforced with greater funding and technical support through CHP. When you are out on the water this summer, think about the hard work and dedication of community hatchery volunteers who are helping to conserve local fisheries and create more fishing opportunities for Ontarians.

With more than 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 720 member clubs, the OFAH is the province’s largest nonprofit, fish and wildlife conservation-based organization and the VOICE of anglers and hunters. For more information, visit **www.ofah.org** and follow Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters on Facebook at [www.ofah.org/facebook](http://www.ofah.org/facebook) and Twitter (@ofah).



Submitted by Jack Oz



**Demo Tree Planting Area**

*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](mailto:dskel@golden.net)

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*Did you hear of the cat who ate cheese so he could peer down a mouse hole with baited breath?*

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.**

**The morning of August 17th found SSA "StreamTeam" members Don Lobban, Doug Murdoch, Arnie Clark, and Rob LeGrand removing beaver dams on the upper Sydenham river. These dams not only cause warming of the water, but also restrict access to spawning Brown Trout. Due to the tenacity of our little friend the Beaver, this is an ongoing project.**

**Rob LeGrand**

Photos by Arnie Clark



"Water provides the most profound shortcut to happiness out there." - Wallace J. Nichols Ph.D.

### **Water compels me.**

There's nothing like the sensations accompanying a dive into the deeps of a fresh water lake, wading out from the ocean's shore into an unbroken horizon of blue or dunking off the dock's edge into the dark wind-broken water in the evening.

Getting in, getting wet is rarely a bad idea and there is growing evidence that spending time in nature is not only important but a necessary element of happiness and health.

I have made a lot of life decisions around proximity to water. The needle of my personal compass has always been pulled by liquid landscapes. From the banks of the St. Lawrence River in eastern Ontario where I grew up, to Haida Gwaii on the Pacific coast, to the river rich country of the Niagara Escarpment, the ability to get in, on or around water has been a leading determinant of where I live.

My six-year-old son spends hours searching for turtles and frogs along riverbanks. He spends hours climbing up onto an anchored raft only to launch back in —a swimmer's game of speed, distance and splash. It's timeless time spent.

For me, I feel deeply calm and content while swimming in vast Georgian Bay, wading into Lake Ontario across the limestone shelves of western Wolfe Island, or dipping into the Madawaska River's deep dark waters. I make time to put myself in these places because like a weight on an old-fashioned scale, these places, these moments balance the rest of them.

### **Apology**

If you just walk in and around the big tent at the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular you will readily understand the seemingly endless list of details that have to be done to make this derby a success. However many years we do this, as volunteers, there is always something that goes amiss. Case in point was this year's cover picture on the Sportsmen's Outdoor 2014 Annual Derby magazine that was credited to Bryan Nelson who I want to point out that although is not a member, like many others, comes out to help at the derby just because he cares about conservation.

The cover photograph was not Bryan's originally submitted picture but rather a photo shopped montage of his and some other people's pictures. Having been involved in photography for the club myself I understand the importance of the personal pride, peer recognition and industry accreditation when given the proper recognition for your photographs and especially for a publically distributed magazine.

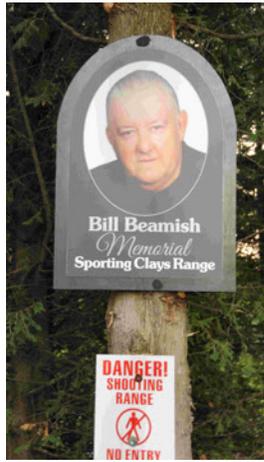
As the SSA President and one of the four derby committee chairpersons I want to formally apologize to Bryan for this mistake.

I and a number of committee members have spoken to Bryan at the derby and he has graciously accepted our apology and understood our explanation. We were pleased to see that he was continuing to cover some events for us and we look forward to seeing more of his professional quality work in next year's magazine.

**Mike Prevost, President SSA**



*On his deathbed, a businessman named six bankers as his pallbearers, explaining that they had carried him for many years, they might as well finish the job!*



## **DEDICATION TO BILL BEAMISH**

**It's been 7 months since we lost Bill and all of us at Sydenham Sportsman's Association miss him greatly. He was a true friend of the SSA, and served as a director of our Club for many, many years. Most importantly he was in charge of all the ranges and was the person who made the Shooting Sports at SSA what it is today. We often wondered how he found the time to organize all those Trap and Steak nights, Interclub Shoots and Turkey Shoots. We soon learned that it was only with his wife Dianne that he could accomplish these feats.**

**We have one of the greatest facilities in Ontario, and we have Bill Beamish to thank for that.**

**It was with all these thoughts and deeds in mind that on July 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 we held a ceremony out at the Sydenham Sportsmen's Club to dedicate the Sporting Clay Range to the memory of Bill Beamish so his hard work, dedication and memory can live on. We all miss his helping ways, as he was a man that will not soon be forgotten.**

**Bill Douglas  
Al Hillis**