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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

April, 4, 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}

Speakers Corner for April.

The presentation "Vampires in the deep arctic: Greenland Halibut fisheries and ecology"

Presentation will be by Kevin Hedges, Fisheries and Oceans Scientist from Winnipeg. Kevin's dad is Gord Hedges SSA member from Markdale.

President's Message

April for me is a month of anticipation. The expectation of changes with the coming of spring. We all look forward to seeing our first robin even though I do not appreciate them waking me up as they sing to the rising morning sun.

April takes us out to the rivers and streams to fish the wary trout and turkey hunters walk their favorite woodlots and fields listening for the thrill of that first gobble. Come out to the April general meeting and share your conversations of these magic moments with friends that appreciate your same values.

Participation in the club facilities will start to pick up. If you are a new member come out and enjoy what your club has to offer. Try some new things. Seasoned members are always willing to help with information and suggestions. All you have to do is ask. Remember that the club gates will have new locks to fit the new key you should have picked up. That's your responsibility. Also remember, when you are using the club facilities as a responsible member, to have your membership card visibly on you (a copy is ok)

Enjoy the club, take care of your club and be safe.

Mike Prevost, President

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!

SWSA Members need a green key, available from Dave Hartrick at the Maher Centre or at the meeting to access the club property and ranges

John Ford

*Who was bigger
Mr. Bigger or his son?
His son as he was a little bigger!*

Sometimes the best deal is the one you don't make!.

Non Restricted Gun Course to be held at the Clubhouse, **May 8th-10th**. This course is open to ANYONE twelve years old or older.

Cost \$50.00 for Members,\$100.00 for Non Members,\$35.00 for Junior Members,\$50.00 for Non Members under 18 years old.

LADIES ONLY Non Restricted Gun Course. **JUNE 26th-28th**

NO HUSBANDS,FATHERS.SONS,BOYFRIENDS,FIANCES,UNCLES, NEPHEWS,OR OTHER MALE RELATIVES.

This course is ONLY open to Ladies age twelve and up who want to learn how to handle firearms safely.

Cost \$50.00 for Members,\$100.00 for NON Members,\$35.00 for Junior Members,\$50.00 for NON Members under 18 years old.

To register for either of these courses call **Bob McKay** at **519-534-0827**. Maximum Number of students is 8 people for either course.

Watch the NEWSLETTER for information on any Up-coming Restrctied Courses.

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"Be like the bird, who halting in his flight on limb too slight,  
feels it give way beneath him, yet sings knowing he hath wings."

Victor Hugo(1802 - 1885)French poet, novelist, and dramatist.

### Bringing back the bluebirds

Some of our successes are huge breakthroughs and some are smaller, quiet successes - like the story of Gerald Elkington and his Bluebirds.

Gerald was a landowner in the beautiful Cowichan Valley of BC and was already 100 years old when he sold the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) his land to form the Cowichan Garry Oak Preserve. He had a tenancy agreement with us to ensure he could live out his life on his beloved property. He died in 2004 at the remarkable age of 105.

During a visit to his home, an NCC staff person asked him about the bluebird figure on his mantle. "You could tell spring had arrived in the Cowichan Valley when the song of the bluebird filled the air," Gerald reminisced.

But by the time NCC purchased the Cowichan Garry Oak Preserve, the song of the bluebird had fallen silent. Gerald had witnessed the decline and disappearance of the western bluebird from the valley. In the 1990s they were declared locally extinct in British Columbia.

Though Gerald did not live to see it, the bluebirds are now returning to the valley, thanks to a collaborative and ambitious effort with the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team and other partners to reintroduce western bluebirds to their native range. Earlier in the year, the Cowichan Garry Oak Preserve welcomed 17 western bluebirds brought up from their home in Washington State. NCC is proud to be part of this amazing initiative that will relocate up to 90 birds to help rebuild the decimated local population.

*Bluebirds, continued, on page 4*

An **Application Form** may be obtained by using the link below.

[http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/2013-SSA-Membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/2013-SSA-Membership_form.pdf)

Just fill in the form, and mail to the address on the front page of this newsletter, c/o **John Ford**.



**Handgun**  
**Stew Wallace**



The target boxes and targets are now installed at the handgun, 25yd. rifle and the highpower ranges. What we asked for was ' boxes to hold targets '. What Dave Hartrick gave us was furniture ! Way above and beyond expectations, thanks Dave, much appreciated.

The ' new and improved' berm on the handgun range is holding up really well and should keep us in line with the new CFO requirements that we had to meet last year. " Thanks " to all who helped on the project last fall.

Reminders :

Please take only the number of targets that you need for the day you are shooting. The targets cost the club 5 cents a piece and a donation of a loonie or two is suggested to cover the costs of the targets and the ongoing maintenance costs of the ranges.

All ranges are getting an increasing amount of use, which is a really good sign for the future of our sport, but it also increases the amount of range maintenance needed on an ongoing basis. This is a good opportunity for the newer members of the club to get involved and help out with range maintenance whenever needed. We will be looking for ' volunteers ' on an ongoing basis and our needs will be published in the newsletter. A good way to meet, and make, new friends in the sport.

Please also keep track of the expiry dates of your PAL/POL and ATT permits and give me a months notice of needing your ATT renewed.

' Muzzle control. Muzzle control and more Muzzle control.

**Stew Wallace, Handgun Chair.**



Former Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters President - Sydenham Sportsmen's Association member John Ford, hands over one of 120 feeders at Wiarnton Willie Festival Kids Day.



Bruce Peninsula Sportsemen's Association member Jim McKane hands out another feeder during Kids Day at the 2013 Wiarnton Willie Festival.



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**Brian Clements 376-9410**

**For more SSA Pictures:**

**Connect to the SSA website!**

<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/photoalbum/index.php> or  
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/index.php> then click PHOTOS (left side)

## 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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6 kms. North of Springmount

*Bluebirds, continued, from page 2*

Gerald would be pleased.

It's thanks to your support, and the generous support of our partners across Canada, that this work continues today. In fact, NCC now secures an average of 2 new properties every week, and NCC has helped to conserve more than 2.6 million acres of ecologically significant land across Canada.

Thank you!



**From Mike Prevost  
on his recent Florida trip**

OFAH FILE: 842 February 7, 2013

For Immediate Release

## **CHIEF FIREARMS OFFICE OFFSIDE WITH NEW ATT RESTRICTIONS** OFAH questions timing and rationale of new regulation

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is strongly opposed to an onerous new requirement being imposed on legal, law abiding firearms owners by the Chief Firearms Office (CEO).

Anyone who owns and transports a prohibited or restricted firearm to a shooting range or club for the purpose of recreational sport shooting was previously required to have an Authorization to Transport (AU) issued by the CEO. The new requirement will see every person who visits a range for the purposes of recreational sport shooting that is not their home club, required to obtain a letter of invitation from that range, in addition to the AU they already have, before transporting their firearm. For some ranges, which are largely staffed by volunteers, this will mean a huge increase in the amount of paperwork that will be necessary before shooting competitions.

“Every trained and licenced firearms owner who uses firearms for recreational shooting at ranges is already subject to a stringent set of rules governing the use and transportation of their firearms. Authorizations to Transport (ATT5) have been in place since 1978 and the system has worked well. The sudden and seemingly arbitrary decision to add another layer of bureaucratic red tape to the process appears to be nothing more than a questionable attempt to fix something that’s not broken,” said Greg Farrant, OFAH Manager of Government Affairs & Policy. “The fact that the CEO imposed this new requirement, and did so with no prior notice or consultation with the affected parties is unacceptable.”

In a letter to shooting ranges and clubs dated January 28, 2013, the Chief Firearms Officer outlines the new changes, without providing any rationale for the change.

“The letter refers to the vested interest that clubs and their members have in ensuring that shooting sports are pursued safely and in accordance with the law. In fact, these same clubs and members have been conducting their activities for decades under the previous rules, and doing so in a safe and responsible manner. What is missing from the equation is any justification of why the changes are necessary,” said Farrant.

The OFAH is the largest charitable, non-profit conservation based organization in Ontario, with 100,000 members, supporters and subscribers, over 710 member clubs and is the voice of anglers and hunters. For further information, visit our website at [www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org).

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## The History of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

### A Foundation in Conservation

On March 23, 1928, outdoors enthusiasts concerned for the future of the province's fish and wildlife formed the Ontario Federation of Anglers. Ten community-based outdoors groups aligned with the Toronto Anglers Association, which itself was just three years old, to form a grassroots alliance of conservationists working for better stewardship of Ontario's natural resources.

Immediately, the newly formed Federation took on some of the initiatives that its founding clubs had begun, including a government petition to undertake a survey of Ontario's game fish. A Special Fish Committee was duly appointed and the findings were presented in 1931. Following that important study, the Federation advocated for a similar survey of provincial game, which was completed in 1933. The Federation's recommendations to these and other committees helped forge a constructive relationship with all levels of government that continues to this day.

In 1947, several hunting organizations joined forces with the Federation to become the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Incorporated (OFAH). Over the next thirty years, an ever-increasing number of outdoor enthusiasts recognized the value of the conservation organization, and threw their support behind the OFAH.

As the Federation grew, so did the need for a permanent home. Many possible cities were considered until philanthropist and OFAH member, David Wilson, donated several acres of property bordering the Otonabee River in Peterborough to the Federation. Construction began and in 1993, the OFAH Ontario Conservation Centre was proudly unveiled. The original plans included a head office and a heritage museum; however, it wasn't until 2010 that the Federation finally had the opportunity to build the OFAW Mario Cortellucci Hunting & Fishing Heritage Centre, named for its generous benefactor who contributed more than two million dollars to the project.

Throughout its history, the OFAH has taken a sustainable, science-based approach to fish and wildlife management. The Federation has contributed to many conservation success stories, including the restoration of wild turkey, the current effort to reestablish elk to Ontario and Atlantic salmon to Lake Ontario, as well as a variety of projects benefiting nongame species such as the barn owl, trumpeter swan, and peregrine falcon.

Central to the OFAH mandate from the outset has been support for the heritage traditions of Ontario's anglers and hunters, who today number over 2.5 million. The Federation has been instrumental in bringing Sunday gun hunting opportunities to more than one hundred municipalities in southern Ontario, to updating federal animal cruelty legislation and to leading the campaign to repeal the ineffective long gun registry.

What began as a small group of concerned anglers in the 1920's has grown into the largest fishing, hunting and conservation-based organization in the province. A highly motivated team of fish and wildlife biologists and other professionals deliver conservation programming, government advocacy, and education and outreach on behalf of more than 100,000 OFAH members, subscribers and supporters, and 670 member clubs. The OFAH is proud to continue its legacy as the VOICE of anglers and hunters.

Chris Geberdt has nominated Owen Sound for the Ultimate Fishing Town contest again.

There are over 40 contestants..... Last year the city of Owen Sound received \$2500 in the contest, which in turn was forwarded on to the SSA.



Congratulations and thank you for your nomination! View all the towns currently nominated by clicking here.

Don't forget that you can post text, photos, and videos on your town's wall. We'll be posting on your town wall often, so come back and respond with your answers, questions and comments to show everyone what makes your town WFN's Ultimate Fishing Town. Share your nomination with your friends, co-workers, fishing buddies and family members on Facebook or Twitter and get them involved. You can tweet us @WFN if you have any questions, and find us on Facebook and YouTube for updates on Ultimate Fishing Town. The first round of voting starts April 15th, 2013 so get ready!

Sincerely, WFN:

World Fishing Network

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**>>> Proposal<<<:>>>Proposal<<<**

To form a new fun oriented series of shotgun shooting events for the various ranges at SSA over the spring and summer months. These shoots will help introduce new shooters to the various events and provide recreational shooting for a number of SSA members and guests who might prefer to shoot on weekday mornings. They will also help to keep the ranges active and generate more revenue for SSA.

When: Every even numbered Thur morning from April thru to Sept. (Apr 18; May 2, 16 and 30; June 6 & 20; July 4 & 18, Aug 8 & 22; Sept 12 & 26.)

Possibly a wrap up on Oct 10 with a bbq and maybe some fun awards if we can round up any at minimal cost [or donated]

Starting around 9:30 each day.

-shooting 50 birds per day [shoot more if you want but the first 50 will be recorded]

-the events will rotate through the different ranges and include approx. 2 dates at each range; trap on new range, wobble trap, doubles trap, skeet, trap at old range, and possibly 1 or 2 days at sporting clays [5 stations only ea day] IF we can arrange the necessary man power to operate that range.

Cost: regular rates as determined by SSA

Name: 'Crippled Clays League' is being tossed around.....since it will likely be a lot of crippled up old retired guys crippling more birds than are broken.

Sign Up: Just show up to shoot. There will be a board of probably 6 sheets [ or more] available and you sign yourself up for the position and relays you want to shoot on.

Ladies, youth, inexperienced, young, old, beards, clean shaven...all welcome.

Hoping to get 3 or 4 interested SSA members with keys to the facilities to help set up and operate the ranges, collect the fees, etc on a rotating basis.

If you are interested in participating please reply to either:

Bill Douglas 519 372-0804                      bcdouglas@bmts.com      or,

Garry Willis 519 376-5347                      willisgarry@rogers.com

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## 2013 SHOOTING SCHEDULE

**SKEET & TRAP** Shooting is **EVERY** Sunday at 1.00 PM, **all year long**

Contact AL HILLIS at 519-371-3825 to let him know you are coming.....

**SKEET** Shooting... every Thursday starting 02 May at 5.00pm..... **Plus additional times as listed below.**

**TRAP** Shooting... every Friday starting 02 May at 5.00pm... **Plus additional times as listed below.**

### MAY

Sun...05...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sat...11...8.30am...Inter-Club  
                                           Trap - North Grey  
 Sun...12...1.00pm...Skeet  
 Mon...19...11.00am...100 Bird SC  
 Sat...25...8.30am...Inter-Club  
                                           Trap - S.S.A.  
 Sun...26...1.00pm...Trap & Skeet

FOR INFORMATION, OR TO "SCHEDULE" Your SPORTING CLAYS SQUAD, PHONE:

Gord FRASER 519-794-2303

Al Hillis 519-371-3825

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday Squads are limited to 2 - 6Man Squads only.....

Also check for further info, Schedule changes and directions to the SSA property,

at: [www.sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com)



### JUNE

Sun...02...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sat...08...8.30am Inter-Club  
                                           Trap - BlueRidge  
 Sun...09...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sun...16...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sat...22...8.30am...Inter-Club  
                                           Trap - North Grey  
 Sun...23...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sun...30...1.00pm...Trap & Skeet

### JULY

Sat...06...8.30am... Inter-Club  
                                           Trap - S.S.A.  
 Sun...07...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sun...14...1.00pm... Trap & Skeet  
 Sat...20...8.30am...Inter-Club  
                                           Trap - BlueRidge  
 Sun...21...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sat...27...8.30am...Inter-Club  
                                           Trap - + BBQ  
                                           North Grey  
 Sun...29...1.00pm... Trap & Skeet

### AUGUST

Sun...04...1.00pm... Trap & Skeet  
 Mon...05...11.00am...100 Bird SC  
 Sat...10...8.30am... Inter-Club  
                                           Trap - SSA  
 Sun...11...1.00pm...Trap & Skeet  
 Sun...18...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sat...17...8.30am...Inter-Club  
                                           Trap...Georgian Bay  
                                           Open..BlueRidge  
 Sun...25...1.00pm.Wobble and  
 Trap Shoot

### September

Sun...01...1.00pm...Trap and Skeet  
 Mon...02...11.00am...100 Bird SC  
 Sun...08...1.00pm...Trap & Skeet  
 Sun...15...1.00pm...100 Bird SC  
 Sun...22...1.00pm...Trap & Skeet  
 Sun...29...1.00pm...100 Bird SC

## Russians take gold in WorldIce Fishing Championships

This year's World Ice Fishing Championships drew the best angling teams from around the world for a showdown in the Wisconsin heartland. Comprised of anglers from Finland, Sweden, Japan, and eight other countries—including traditional ice fishing hot spot Mongolia—competitors hunkered down for a fight. After the fish and the ice settled, the Russian team walked away with first place.

Teams were judged on the order of finish in their designated fishing zones as well as the total weight of fish brought out of the ice.

According to WAOW, Team USA had a lackluster first day, but roared back into the game on Sunday by jumping up three rankings on the leader board. In the end the American team was just shy of medaling at fourth place.

"I am not as satisfied as I would be with first, second, or third but coming from seventh up, I'm feeling better," team coach Jason Gruett said. "I can go home happy knowing that we gave everything that we had to." The U.S. team's surge back to fourth place was led by Michigan native Chad Shaub, who caught the highest weight total for Sunday at 676 grams of icy cold fish.

It's pretty exciting," Shaub said. "I'm still a little nervous and shocked but I wish it was gold and I wish we had a team medal more." While Russia took the gold, Finland and Lithuania finished in second and third, respectively. ✧

## MARCH 2013 GENERAL MEETING DRAW WINNERS

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Wrecking bar set         | Tom Vandervoort |
| Flash light              | Mac Gamble      |
| Garbage bags and hat     | John Morneau    |
| Cuisinart shears         | Jack Ozadzuk    |
| Cuisinart shears         | Carol Wiseman   |
| Multi sharpener and hat  | Scott Hollywood |
| Barbeque lighter and hat | Sam Sloan       |
| Multi tool & knife       | Ken Miersh      |
| RED TAG - spotting scope | Doug Flood      |

Thanks to everyone for supporting the draw.  
 Brian Clements



*Teacher: This the third time I have had to discipline you this week! What have you got to say about this?*

*Student: Thank goodness it's Friday!*

# FIELDS OF GREEN

SAVE THE ECONOMY! GO HUNTING AND FISHING  
BY ALEX ROBINSON

**A**s some of the most brilliant minds in the world scramble to fix the federal budget deficit, create new jobs, and resuscitate the economy, here's a suggestion from a regular mind: Let's all just do a little more hunting and fishing.

It's no secret that hunters and anglers spend a lot of money on their sports, throwing down for tags, gear, guides, guns, ammo, and travel. Those dollars go on to fund conservation efforts and support businesses large and small.

But just what kind of money are we pumping back into the economy in our pursuit of fur, fin, and feather?

In short, it's big money. Too-big-to-fail kind of money. In 2011, hunters and anglers

spent a combined \$76 billion on their sports, according to a survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If you add in "wildlife-recreationists" (bird watchers, wildlife photographers, etc.), that number jumps to \$145 billion.

That amount is equal to 1 percent of the country's total gross domestic product. In other words, 1 out of every 100 dollars spent on goods and services in the U.S. was spent on some form of wildlife recreation.

If these numbers are making your head spin, check out the chart at right, which shows the revenue generated by hunting and fishing as compared to the revenue earned by some of the country's largest organizations.

BY THE NUMBERS

## Big Bucks REVENUE IN 2011



MITCH KEZAR (WINDIGO IMAGES) (HUNTER); JACINTA LIPPOLD, FROM THE NOUN PROJECT (HOOK); STEPHEN ROBERT HEMENWAY, FROM THE NOUN PROJECT (DEER)

### Press Release

It has come to my attention today that a protest over the recent fishing agreement signed and announced by the MNR with SON, is being planned and linked to me in my role as a Member of Parliament. I want to make it very clear that myself, my staff or my office have absolutely no involvement in any public protest over this issue or any other. It was brought to my attention late last week by a constituent that a protest of some kind was being floated. In another call from a constituent I was also asked if I would present a petition in the House of Commons if it was handed in to my office. I have always had a policy of tabling all petitions delivered to my office regardless of whether I agreed with the petition or not and will continue to do that.

While I totally understand the anger and frustration in the community, if groups or individuals wish to protest the agreement, they should only carry out that protest in a peaceful manner and respecting property rights etc. I would very strongly urge anyone planning a protest over the recently announced fishing agreement, that they direct their frustrations towards the Provincial Liberal Government and not the native community. It was the provincial government, through the MNR who sold out the sports fishery so ultimately the provincial government should be the target of any protest.

I also want to clarify a statement I made in a number of interviews last week in regards to comments about some people suggesting violence. I was simply pointing out that a number of people who contacted me after the agreement was announced, suggested violence as an option. I in no way support violence as an option in this or any other matter.

**Larry Miller, MP** Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Chair of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities

Chair of Canada-Ireland Parliamentary Association,

519-371-1059 or 613-996-5191



## S S A BIG FISH CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is available to all S S A members in good standing. The contest consists of three Divisions: **Adult (includes Spouses) Division** (17 years of age and older), **Student Division** (13 to 16 years of age) and **Junior Division** (12 years and under). Age is considered to be that at the time of entry.
3. Fish species categories include: **Bass** (Smallmouth or Largemouth), **Brook Trout (Speckled)**, **Rainbow Trout**, **Brown Trout** (River and Lake Caught), **Lake Trout**, **Pacific Salmon**, and **Perch** (Jr. only).
4. The contest is open from **January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>** of each contest year and the entry forms must be submitted to the Fish Contest Chair by **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** of the following year.
5. Fish must be legally caught in public waters according to the Ontario Sport fishing regulations.
6. Fish must be caught in **Grey or Bruce Counties**.
7. Measurements (inches preferred) must be as exact as possible since all entries will be ranked according to “Body Type” formulas based on **Length** and **Girth**. Other measurements such as weight will not be accepted.
8. **“Length” (Fork Length)** is defined as the distance from the tip of the snout to the fork in the tail.
9. **“Girth”** is defined as the greatest distance around the body of the fish.
10. The entry form must either be signed by a witness or an appropriate photograph (Fish alongside a measuring tape) submitted.
11. The fish may be released after the measurements have been witnessed or an appropriate photograph taken.
12. The fish must be angled by the entrant only.
13. The winner may claim only two fish trophies per contest year **unless other categories have no entries**.
14. Further information is to be provided by the entrant or witness if and when requested by the Contest Chair.
15. The Contest Chair, in his/her discretion, reserves the right to reject any entry that does not conform to the above rules.
16. In the case of a tie, **the fish entered first** will be declared the winner.
17. The decision of the Contest Chair is final.



# **BIG FISH CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

## **Entrant Information**

|                                            |                                           |                                |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b><u>First Name:</u></b>                  | <b><u>Last Name:</u></b>                  | <b><u>Age:</u></b>             |
| <b><u>Address:</u></b>                     | <b><u>City and Province:</u></b>          | <b><u>Postal Code:</u></b>     |
| <b><u>Telephone Number:</u></b>            | <b><u>S. S. A. Membership Number:</u></b> | <b><u>Fish Species:</u></b>    |
| <b><u>Length (fork):</u></b>               | <b><u>Girth:</u></b>                      | <b><u>Location Caught:</u></b> |
| <b><u>Date Caught (including year)</u></b> |                                           |                                |

“I hereby swear that the above statements are true; that in angling this fish I complied with the contest rules and that the witness hereto, or the photograph submitted, can verify the measurements given.”

**Signature of Entrant:**

## **Witness Information**

|                           |                            |                                |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b><u>First Name:</u></b> | <b><u>Last Name</u></b>    | <b><u>Address:</u></b>         |
| <b><u>City:</u></b>       | <b><u>Postal Code:</u></b> | <b><u>Telephone Number</u></b> |

“I witnessed the measurement of the fish described above and verify the measurements given.”

**Signature of Witness:**

Or appropriate photograph submitted

Yes

No

**Office Information only:**



## S S A BIG TURKEY CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is available to all S S A members in good standing legally entitled to Turkey hunt.
2. The contest is open from **April 25 to May 31** and any other legally defined turkey season of each contest year and the entry forms must be submitted to the Fish Contest Chair by **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** of the following year.
3. The Turkey must be legally harvested according to the Ontario Hunting regulations.
4. The Turkey must be harvested in **Grey or Bruce Counties**.
5. The turkey must be measured by an **official scorer designated by the S S A Awards Contest Chair (Drew Watson at Watson's Tackle House)**.
6. The entry form **must be signed** by the official scorer.
7. Further information is to be provided by the entrant or scorer if and when requested by the Contest Chair.
8. The Contest Chair, in his/her discretion, reserves the right to reject any entry that does not conform to the above rules.
9. In the case of a tie, **the Turkey entered first** will be declared the winner.
10. The decision of the Contest Chair is final.



## S. S. A. Big Turkey Contest Entry Form

### Entrant Information

|                                         |                                    |                            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>First Name:</u>                      | <u>Last Name:</u>                  | <u>Age:</u>                |
| <u>Address:</u>                         | <u>City and Province:</u>          | <u>Postal Code:</u>        |
| <u>Telephone Number:</u>                | <u>S. S. A. Membership Number:</u> | <u>Location Harvested:</u> |
| <u>Date Harvested (including year):</u> | <u>Official Turkey Score:</u>      |                            |
|                                         |                                    |                            |

“I hereby swear that the above statements are true; that in harvesting this Turkey, I complied with the contest rules and that the scorer hereto, can verify the measurements given.”

Signature of Entrant:

### Scorer Information

|                    |                     |                         |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>First Name:</u> | <u>Last Name</u>    | <u>Address:</u>         |
| <u>City:</u>       | <u>Postal Code:</u> | <u>Telephone Number</u> |

“I scored the measurement of the turkey described above and verify the measurements given.”

Signature of Scorer:

Office Information only: