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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

April 6, 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}

Since the spring boating season is nearby, the marine unit of the OPP will present to SSA members a review of safe boating practices, among a few other reminders.

Earth Day is on Saturday, April, 22nd behind City Hall from 1 till 3 followed by BBQ & refreshments.

President’s Message

(April, 2017)

It appears that Spring is now upon us. Get out your fishing rods, ensure your line is in good condition and replace if you are unsure. No one wants to lose a nice stream brown trout on having cheaped out on new line. Also, April and May will bring us the elusive Morel, these delicious wild mushrooms can be found throughout our area and are great table fare that go with anything. If anyone knows of spots where they grow abundant, please let me know!!!!!!!!!! Well known that you never give away your secret morel picking location. I would like to extend a deserved Congratulations to Jack Osadzuk. Jack was recently recognised by his peers of the OFAH with the Jack O’Dette award. This award recognises Jack for his exemplary dedication, hard work & leadership as a director of the OFAH. Way to go Jack, it is an honour for me to be associated with such class acts like yourself that make up our club. As you are aware of upcoming Chowder night on May, 17th, our infamous Jack Doherty has aided me in taking on organizing this to try to bring back some more social activity amongst our members. For only \$5 you can enjoy samplings of various chowders, chili’s & salads with all the fixins’ along with a drink from the bar (donations accepted). Tickets will be sold at the next couple of meetings. Enough rambling, time to head out and enjoy some fine weather in our great area we call home.

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



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Clubhouse Bookings:
 Contact-
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
 Home 519-794-3456
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 ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



MARCH 9, 2017

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| 1. Hammer | Dave Skelton |
| 2. Tape measure | Jim Hastie |
| 3. Starfrit knives | Ken Miersch |
| 4. Arrow heads | Don Fosbury |
| 5. Hand cleaner | Jack Doherty |
| 6. Tarp | Doug Van Horne |
| 7. Multi colour towels | Frank Solinger |
| 8. Green towels | Jim Graham |
| 9. LED light | Ron Robb |
| 10. Rope | Larry Fischer |
| 11. Blue towels | Sam Richardson |
| Red tag - \$50.00 C.T.C. | |
| Gift Certificate | Don Keeling |

Thanks to all for participating
Brian Clements



Bass Pro/Cabela's deal delayed

October's blockbuster acquisition of Cabela's by rival Bass Pro Shops has hit a snag, according to the AP. The AP reports that federal antitrust regulators have asked both companies for more time, likely a month, to review the \$5.5 billion transaction.



OFAH Zone H Meeting at the SSA Clubhouse

We are hosting the OFAH Zone H meeting on Sunday, April 23 at our club.

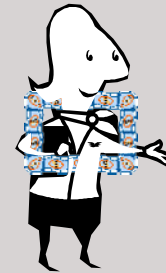
The starting time is 10:00 am. The guest speakers are planned to be Mark Ryckman, the OFAH Big Game biologist to speak about moose.

As well, we will have Huw Llewellyn present his fly fishing videos from Chile.

You are all members of the OFAH so why not come out to find what is happening?



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SSA Gate Keys

We will have gate keys available at the meeting on April 6.

Please remember that the locks were changed on April 1 (no joke). As well, Bob Hunt has keys available at the Maher Centre and Drew has keys at Watson's Tackle House and Al Hillis also has gate keys available . The keys cost \$5 and can be paid with your membership or where you pick up the key.

If you already paid, just tell Bob or Drew.

If you turn in the old key (blue) I will dispose of it for you.

The 2017 keys have a purple key spotter on them.



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

Gun Courses

Bob McKay

Dates for NON RESTRICTED (Rifle,Shotgun) P.A.L Courses.- May 3rd,4th,5th. 7:00-10:00pm
-Sept 27th,28th,29th 7:00-10:00pm
-Open to anyone 12 years old or older.

RESTRICTED (Handgun) Courses -May 20th 9:00am-6:00pm
-Oct 7th 9:00am-6:00pm
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

To register for any course call Bob McKay at 519-5340 0366.You really do have to call me as I am a DINOSAUR.I don't subscribe to Antisocial Media and I don't accept e- payments.

All courses are restricted to five students.

COST. REGISTRATION \$40.00 PER COURSE

COURSE FEE - \$50.00 MEMBERS
\$ 85.00 NON MEMBERS
\$ 40.00 JUNIOR MEMBERS
\$ 60.00 UNDER 18 NON -MEMBERS

To register for any course please call Bob McKay at (519) 534- 0366 between 6;30pm and 10:00pm.
I am NOT available at any other time.

I may hold courses at other times IF you can guarantee FIVE STUDENTS. The choice is your's.

ALL courses are restricted to FIVE STUDENTS. REGISTRATION FEE is NON REFUNDABLE.
Balance due on first night of NON RESTRICTED COURSE or day of RESTRICTED COURSE.

Payment MUST be CASH or CHEQUE..

SSA Chowder Night

Jack Doherty

Chowder Night will be on WED. May 17, 2017 starting at 6pm.

I am looking for cooks to commit to making a chowder or chili or baked beans. The pot should be big enough to feed 15 to 20 people. We will supply award wining ceasar salad, garden salad,fresh buns, bowls,deserts,eating tools,coffee and adult beverages.

If you are coming to eat, it will cost you \$5.00..yes \$5.00.. If you are supplying a hot meal (chowder,chili, or beans) there is no charge!!!! This is a social night and I will supply name tags so you can MEET people and find out their name!!!

I have 8 cooks that have volunteered to get involved. I need a few more!!

Please phone me at **519 376 3440** and remind me that you are volunteering and what fantastic dish you are preparing. Some people are allergic to some foods so please list on a piece of paper what the ingredients are in your award winning dish.

OH YES.. THERE ARE NO AWARDS GIVEN OUT FOR YOUR EFFORTS....JUST THE FAME OF PARTICIPATING!! . Members older than me????? tell me of the great nites in the past where the club house was packed for nites like this.
I WOULD HOPE IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN !!!!

We are going to sell only **100** tickets for this event.

NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR!!

You have to commit to attend. I will sell tickets at the April and May meeting nites..

Where can you go for a fabulous meal for \$5.00. ??JUST THE SSA which happens to be the best
SPORTSMANS CLUB in Ontario!!!!

My email address is jddoherty@rogers.com

For more SSA Pictures: Connect to the SSA website using
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> then click SSA Gallery Images (right side)

The SSA Executive and --- SSA Boat Draw Contest

We are considering changing the way, the boat draw mailings happen this year. Our members will be notified that all members who sell their boat draw tickets will be eligible to win one of several prizes.

The difference is that you have to notify Lillie Bates at 519 376 5264 or batesj @xplornet.ca. When you do that, Lillie will mail you a book of tickets. If you decide to sell more than one book, just contact Lillie.

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SSA Revenue and Expenses

Recently, our Treasurer reviewed some revenue and expenses over the last few years. What he found was that our revenue was not keeping pace with our expenses. Costs like telephone, hydro, gas and tractor repairs have increased dramatically. Dennis indicated that some of our costs have jumped more than 20 %. Please don't misunderstand! All of the executive is very much aware of this situation and try to reduce costs whenever possible!

Obviously, we can't continue to operate in a deficit position. This is another reason why we are asking you to get the newsletter on our website rather than on paper.

We have held the membership fee costs constant for the last 3 years. However, this will not be possible in 2018. You need to be prepared for a increase in 2018 to cover added club expenses! As well, we expect an even larger increase in new membership costs.

Skeet

Another successful winter of Saturday skeet shooting has wrapped up, thanks to everyone who came out regardless of the weather. Skeet will continue throughout the year on Thursdays at 1pm. The club has purchased a new set of skeet machines to replace our 50+year old machines. These will be installed on Saturday April 1st, this is a great upgrade for the members.

Sporting Clays

Work has begun on the sporting clays course to get it ready for our first scheduled event on Sunday April 30th. If you have never shot sporting clays I highly recommend coming out and giving it a try. The scheduled shoots are posted on the website. If you would like to receive regular updates via email please sign up for the sporting clays email list at sydenhamsportingclays@gmail.com

Club Level Holster course Sat April 8th (must register in advance, limited number of spots left)

Defensive Pistol 101 course Sat May 6th (must register in advance, limited number os spots left)

If interested in either of these courses please contact Jeff Caldwell 226-668-4720 or jrc870@gmail.com

Please help to reduce postage costs

The directors are looking for ways to reduce club costs. It was brought to our attention that the cost of mailing a paper newsletter is more than \$2 per copy. We realize that a number of our members do not have computers and need a paper copy so we are not trying to eliminate paper newsletters but to reduce them.

However, we know that many do have computers and can easily read the newsletter on our website.

Most of you who receive paper copies, simply read the newsletter and put it in recycling.

What we are suggesting is that you provide us with your email address. When Dave Skelton finishes the newsletter, he will send you a message that will include a link. If you click on the link, you will be taken directly to the website and the appropriate place to read the newsletter. What you read is in colour. You still have the option the print it in any part that you choose. I simply read it. As well, you can go to any newsletter in the past few years and read any or all of them. Doing this saves the SSA a substantial amount. Please help us by providing your email address and permission to send you the email message.



RANGE REPORT:

The following is a listing of the upcoming firearm courses available to our SSA members. Additional courses may be added if the demand is there.

1) NON RESTRICTED COURSES:

We have scheduled two Canadian Firearms Safety Courses which are mandatory for all persons who wish to obtain a firearms license to acquire and possess non-restricted firearms. (details are available from Bob McKay and on our SSA website)

The dates are:- **May 3rd to 5th from 7 pm. to 10 pm. and - Sept. 27th to 29th from 7 pm. to 10 pm.**
All courses will be held at the SSA Clubhouse, for more information on registration/fees/and content please contact Bob McKay at 519-534-0827 or e-mail: ve3-mck@bmts.com

2) RESTRICTED COURSES:

There are also two Canadian Restricted Firearm Safety Course which are mandatory for all persons wishing to possess and acquire Restricted firearms. (details are available from Bob McKay and on our SSA website).
The dates are:- **May 20th from 9:00 am. to 6:00 pm. and - Oct. 7th from 9:00 am. to 6:00 pm.**
All courses will be held at the SSA Clubhouse, for more information on registration/fees/and content please contact Bob McKay at 519-534-0827 or e-mail: ve3-mck@bmts.com

3) HANDGUN SAFETY COURSE:

There are no Handgun Safety Courses planned at this time, we will announce the next course in the near future. For more information/details/registration contact Peter Robson at 519-935-2086 or e-mail: toller@amtelecom.net .

4) HOLSTER TRAINING COURSE:

We will be holding a Holster Training Course on **April 9th starting at 9:00 a. m. to approx. 1:00 p.m.** This course or an alternate Holster Certification from an approved Club is mandatory prior to participation in any Defense Pistol or Cowboy Action courses, training or events at SSA. The **fee for the course is \$20.00 and pre-registration is required.** For more information/details/registration contact Jeff Caldwell at 226-668-4720 or e-mail: jrc870@gmail.com .

5) DEFENSIVE PISTOL COURSE:

There will be a Defensive Pistol 101 Course on **May 6th starting at 9 a.m. to approx. 2 p.m. on the 100 yd. range.** This course has several prerequisites required prior to taking, some of which are listed on our website. The **fee for this course is \$20.00 and pre-registration is also required.** For more information/details/registration contact Jeff Caldwell at 226-668-4720 or e-mail: jrc870@gmail.com .

Range Committee co-chairs

Bill Douglas
Al Hillis



OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets for Sale

We have tickets for sale and for you to sell. This is the 43rd Annual Conservation Lottery. The total prize value is \$361,034.44 and the tickets cost \$3. Since the final draw isn't until May 26, there is still lots of time to sell them. The club realizes \$9 per book sold. Please help us! If you have tickets, please try to sell them and return the tickets and money at this meeting

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.**



ANOTHER Swap Meet at the **SSA CLUBHOUSE** **Sunday May 14th 2017** **0800 to Noon**

Buy, Sell, Trade

Fishing rods and reels? Another handgun, rifle or shotgun perhaps? New archery gear ? Need reloading supplies ? 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. Entrance and tables open to Sydenham members and invited guests.



For more information contact:
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