



# THE SPORTSMAN

“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  
December 5, 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}

### SSA members!

The 2019 Annual Nibble Night Competition will follow the December 5th general meeting!

Put on your chef hat and prepare a tasty “Wild” dish using fish, game or whatever to share at our annual Nibble Night Competition. This highly anticipated event will take place after the General Meeting. The more dishes we have to sample and taste the merrier the competition!

If food prep is not your thing but judging the dishes is, taste the dishes and participate in judging them. The top 3 “chefs” will be awarded a coveted Nibble Night plaque for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.

We hope to have a great turnout for this final SSA meeting of 2019 so mark your calendars and we will see you on Thursday December 5th!

Come and join the Christmas cheer!

Jim Hastie



### **New Handgun Range building**

### **Gate Keys**

Your current gate key will work until next April. However, only paid up members can use club facilities. The cost of the keys remains at \$5.00. The new keys will be available next year.

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Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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**Computer Operators and Weigh in Station Workers for the 33rd Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular**

We need about 3 or 4 new computer operators for the Weigh in Station for the derby. The shifts that need to be filled are largely the 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm time slots. If you are computer literate and have time to donate, please contact me, John Ford at 226 664 0960 or johnrichardford5@gmail.com  
Of course, we also need weigh in station workers.

Did you know fishing for 20 minutes burns as many calories as jogging for an hour?

Not really, I just made that up because I fish way more than I exercise.

*It's not a cheaper car that people want; it is a more expensive car that costs less.*

**Early Bird Membership Reminder**

2020 Memberships are now available at meetings or on line. 10 prizes will be given away at our January meeting via draws from all those who have renewed by that time.  
A renewal form is includes elsewhere in this newsletter.



**SWAP MEET SUNDAY DEC. 8th**

A couple of new ideas for our swap meet. We are trying an early winter meet this year, Sunday Dec. 8th. and PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START TIME. We are running from 0900 to noon this time to help our more distant attendees. If you are a vendor, we will be here at 0830 for set up.

When you are finished for the day, please help out by putting your table and chairs away. Thanks, and see you there.

Stew and Garry.



**TARGETS.**

Practice targets are supplied for members use on three ranges and it may be time to remind members how the system works. I fill up the target boxes when needed and leave my contact info. on a sheet of paper when there are fifty or so targets left . Whomever reaches that info. sheet first should contact me and I will arrange to re-fill the box. It's a simple system that has worked well for years and saves me constantly checking each range and I appreciate your co-operation.

Thanks. Stew. Wallace

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

## 2020 Changes to Range Snow Removal

For the last several years the SSA has kept the ranges accessible 7 days a week throughout the winter. This effort has been a benefit to the membership however it comes at a cost both financially and in volunteer hours required to do the work. In an effort to reduce operating costs, wear and tear on machinery, and most importantly wearing out the volunteers who spend countless hours moving snow the SSA is going to make some changes.

Starting on Jan 1st 2020 until March 15th, the SSA ranges will not have snow removal completed from Monday to Wednesday, this is on a trial basis for 2020.

What does this mean for those who use the ranges in the winter ?

While the ranges will not be closed on Mon - Wed there will be no snow removal done, which means there will be no scheduled activities such as 100 yard range shifts on those days. Trap shooting will move from Wednesdays to Thursdays at 10am during this time.

It also means that if it snows after Sunday the ranges may be snowed in and not easily accessible until Thursday.

One path to the clubhouse and main range building will be kept open for emergency vehicles as required on those days but that will be it.

Snow removal will continue to be done from Thursday to Sunday so all ranges will be accessible on those days ( unless we have big storms / snowfalls of course).

In the spring of 2020 the range committee and executive will review how this change impacted the membership, operating costs etc...

The range committee and executive appreciate the memberships understanding in this matter.



### **Club Level Safety Course:**

Sunday, December 15 2019 held at the SSA main Clubhouse  
(Proficiency Record completed on Handgun Range).

Similar to the CRFSC, I suggest you review that material, it will allow a quicker, easier Handgun Safety Training Course. This course also has Club specific content.

**Location:** Sydenham Sportsman Association Main Building.

**Time/ Duration:** Course will run from 08:00 – end of practical/ proficiency (about 16:00 hrs.)

**Please be here 15 minutes prior to start time for registration.**

**Cost:** The Board has set the fee at \$30.00 (cash, cheque) which includes the course, written and practical test, and proficiency record.

You are welcome to bring your own handgun if you wish to use it for the proficiency record, a .22 handgun will be available however for that purpose.

**Please bring:** Lunch if you like, paper, pen, hearing and eye protection. PAL and Club ID Badge.

**You must attend the Club Orientation Course (as indicated by the orientation course sticker affixed to your membership card) prior to attending this course.**

Questions...just ask.

Please let me know if you plan to attend. I have room for a few more at newsletter print time.

If the weather is very poor on that date, we will need to postpone with safety in mind.

David Fritz

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# SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2020 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2019 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/19)

**We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records. \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT WE REQUIRE YOUR FIREARMS LICENCE # AND EXPIRY DATE\*\*\***

If you have a rural address, Canada Post requires your fire number and road as well as your rural route.

Membership Fees for 2020:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	<b>Family</b>	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	<b>\$195.00</b>
	<b>Adult</b>	Individual	<b>\$140.00</b>
	<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Age 60 & over	<b>\$125.00</b>
	<b>Student</b>	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	<b>\$70.00</b>
	<b>Add a Spouse</b>	Additional fee	<b>\$55.00</b>
	<b>Junior</b>	12 and under (no magazine)	<b>\$65.00</b>
	<b>Property Gate Key</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>
Check off your selections above		<b>Total</b>	

**Note:** Help us save money and select to view the Newsletter on our website, please update your email address below.

*Please use reverse side for additional names, ages etc. for family memberships*

NAME: _____	TELEPHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____	
POSTAL CODE: _____	
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Please Update your Email Address)	
FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY _____	

Wildlife Advisory Committee	Derby Committee	Fishery Advisory Committee
Public Relations Booth	Shotgun Shooting	Hatchery
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)	
Retired	Have ATT	

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code as it appears on the back of the Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

# Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

## Winter Trap & Skeet Schedule

### 2019 / 2020

The Trap Field will be open on the following days:

Nov – Dec 31st Wednesdays 10am-1pm  
Jan 1st – March 15th Thursdays 10am-1pm  
Every Sunday 1pm-3pm

The Skeet Field will be open on the following days:

Thursdays 1pm-3pm  
Nov 16th – Mar 15th Saturdays 10am-1pm

Members and non members are welcome.

Rates per round (25 targets) members \$5, non members \$6

Ammunition is available for purchase \$8.50 per box (25)

All winter dates are subject to weather. If there is heavy snow, extreme cold or freezing rain the SSA will be cancelling these activities. Check the clubs website or facebook page for cancellation notices. [www.sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com)

Contacts:

#### Trap shooting

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Dave MacKinnon 519-374-1025 ( text /call) [davemack@bmts.com](mailto:davemack@bmts.com)



#### Conservation Lottery Ticket Sales

Again this year we are selling tickets at Giant Tiger. We are hoping to start on January 27 and continue until March 3. However the starting date is dependent on getting the side by side machine here. A number of people took a weekly shift to help sell these tickets in 2019. This is much appreciated. In 2020, we hope to sell for 6 weeks. If you are interested, please let me know and if you want certain days and times, contact me soon.

I expect that many of you will be mailed these tickets from OFAH. We will get the \$9 per book if you buy them and send in the money. In 2019 we generated over \$3000 for the SSA.

We will have these tickets at each of the meetings for you to buy or take to sell to others.



#### Handgun Range News and Updates – by Dave Fritz

The handgun range continues to be utilized and has gone through some improvements, thanks to the volunteers who assisted in giving the building a face lift. Attached are a few pictures of what it was, during, and finished East wall makeover. In 2020 the other walls will be improved by removing the plastic and installing board and batten and clear polycarbonate sheeting.

The handgun range was a big attraction at the Open House. There were over 150 adults and youths trying their hand in the handgun shooting disciplines. A hearty Thank you goes to the volunteers who assisted in the Open House at the ranges and brought smiles to the faces of the participants.

*Dave Fritz*

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**.

**Swap Meet, SSA**  
**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**  
**till 12:00pm Buy, Sell, Trade**



Fishing rods and reels? Another handgun, rifle or shotgun perhaps? 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.

You need a new hunting rifle? Reloading supplies, hunting knives. Or you need some cash for Christmas shopping at Cabela's? Did you lose the big one at the Salmon Derby. Then come out to the fall Swap meet.

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. Tables open to Sydenham members and invited guests.

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