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**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}

### President’s Message (December 2020)

I hope all our members, families and friends are staying safe and well through these troubling times. Thanks to John Ford for having the two evenings for renewals and to those members who took advantage of this, as well as a big thanks to Chris Geberdt for the packages made up for those who attended either of the two evenings to renew their membership. We are still accepting nominations for members in good standing to let their name stand for next year’s Executive. If interested please forward them to me at [Scott.Grimoldby1@gmail.com](mailto:Scott.Grimoldby1@gmail.com) or phone/text at 519-375-1925 or to any of the other current Executive members you may know. We will be having the vote in the New Year. I wish all of you a safe and happy Holiday Season and looking forward to brighter days in 2021, with some luck we will soon be able to get together soon.

There are 3 not returning that currently are on the board. John Thomson, Ron Robb & Fred Geberdt are not running for  
Have not heard from current board members Al Hillis & Matt Turner

Cheers; Scott

### Nominations 2021.....

As of today the following have let their name stand and those marked with the asterisk were voted for 2 year terms last year.  
Wayne Gallauger, Dennis Wiseman, Al Smith, Jim Hastie  
Chris Geberdt \*\*, Mike Prevost \*\*  
Scott Grimoldby, Robert Lovelace, Dave MacKinnon, Ken Miersch  
John Ford \*\*  
Bill Douglas  
Jeff Caldwell \*\*

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## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

1st Vice President: Fred Geberdt

2nd Vice President:

Bill Douglas

Recording Secretary:

John Thomson

Past President: Mike Prevost

Treasurer: Dennis Wiseman

Correspondence Secretary:

John Ford

Directors:

Jeff Caldwell, John Ford,

Robert Lovelace, Matt Turner

Chris Geberdt, Jim Hastie,

Al Hillis, Dave McKinnon

Ron Robb

Al Smith, Ken Miersch

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



Newsletter: Dave Skelton

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## SSA TREASURER POSITION

The time of year has come when consideration has to be given to the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Nominations are accepted at the November and December Regular Meetings, and again at the January meeting in the new year, at which time the actual voting also takes place. This year, with COVID 19 still being an issue, the nominating and voting process will be a little different, but it will still be taking place, and you will be made more aware of how it will work, as we get closer to that time.

One thing that is also coming up, though it won't actual happen until the end of 2021, is the need for a "new" club treasurer. After more than fifty years in accounting and taxation, and several years beyond the "normal" retirement age, I've decided that enough is enough, and I am going to pursue interests beyond what has been "work" or work related. To this end, the Board of Directors is now looking for an SSA volunteer, living in the immediate area, and having suitable accounting knowledge and computer skills, to join the 2021 board, in order to gain some knowledge and experience in everything that is required of an SSA treasurer. At the end of 2021, beginning of 2022, I will no longer be on the board, and that individual will be placed in charge of the club's finances.

Not to worry; that person will not be totally alone since I will still be available to offer guidance when, where, and if necessary, should an issue arise that is new or unfamiliar to my replacement.

If you would like to get involved in the activities of the SSA and feel that this is an area that you can make a contribution, please let the Board Executive know of your interest and qualifications.

We would like to hear from you and discuss any and all questions that anyone might have, and that includes you, as a potential treasurer for the best conservation driven organization in this part of Ontario.

The SSA needs and values it's many volunteers, so don't leave the position vacant on December 31, 2021.

Thanks  
Dennis Wiseman  
SSA Treasurer

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Ponds and machinery in Walker pond dig



Planting flowering shrubs and milkweed pods on ground in Butterfly plot

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Wayne Forgrave presenting  
Mary Pickford award to John Ford

Hatchery volunteers do a mass collection of any dead salmon eggs right after they have eyed up, their first stage of development. Currently almost all of the eggs have hatched with the egg sac still attached to the young fry which is their only source of nutrition. As in nature there is initially a lot of mortality which is why hatchery volunteers check the trays daily, seven days a week, trying to maintain a healthy environment.



*Thanks Mike Prevost*

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### **SSA Orientation Tours and Club Level Safety Courses to be offered in 2021**

Although there are a few extra hoops to go through, these courses will be offered to members again starting in the New Year. Health Department Guidelines and protocols will be followed so we are all remaining safe.

More information on the purpose of these courses can be obtained on the SSA web pages under the tab "ranges" and heading "courses/training offered" or by contacting David Fritz. . It is anticipated that the first Orientation Tour for 2021 will be held on the last Sunday of January and then every month after depending on requests, and the first Club Level Safety Course will be held on the third Sunday of February keeping in mind that the tour MUST be completed by participants prior to attending the CLSC.

Registration for either of these courses is required and can be done by contacting David Fritz at [daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com](mailto:daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com) (preferred) or 226-909-2516

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### **New Website Launch**

I want to thank all members for their patience in waiting for the new SSA website. I also want to apologize to those who tried to renew on line with the old site. I assure you that when the new site is launched on December 1, that you will be able to renew on line.

Testing is currently happening and, again, we anticipate the launch will be on December 1.

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### **Guests on Ranges**

The SSA policy for guests on our ranges is that the same guest can be brought and supervised by a member up to 3 times in a given year (page 4 of Range Rules). By that time, the guest should be familiar enough with our excellent facilities, that he/she can decide if joining the club is the preferred option.

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### **Keys And Locks**

The current property locks and keys will work until April 1, 2021. Of course, your membership must be current in order to use the club property and facilities. The 2 ways to obtain a gate key are to pay an additional \$5 with your membership renewal. The other way is to pick up and pay for a key at Watson's Tackle House. I want to give a big Shout Out to Drew Watson. He hands out these keys as a service to the SSA and does not make any money for doing this. However, he does not put the cost through his business. For that reason, you must pay with cash. Since the locks aren't changed until April 1, I suggest that you get your new key in March 2021. If Convid restrictions allow for face to face meetings, keys will be available there as well.

You can also call me, John Ford at 226 664 0960.

**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 2021 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2019 and 2020 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/20)

**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 2021:		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>\$205.00</b>
	<b>Adult</b>	Individual	<b>\$150.00</b>
	<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Age 60 & over	<b>\$135.00</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>
	<b>OFAH Paper Magazine</b>		<b>\$18.00</b>
Check off your selections above			<b>Total</b>

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 2021 must pay a late fee of \$25.00. This is added to your renewal fee!

*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	

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

We are providing you with an OFAH paperless membership this year. In this difficult financial period, a paperless membership provides a significant savings to the SSA. This feature is not available to Family Members with more than 2 in your family. You will get a membership card emailed to you and can read the OFAH magazine digitally. However, you won't get a paper magazine. If you do not have an email address, you will receive a paper OFAH membership. If you choose to get a paper copy even though you have an email address, the additional cost is \$18.00.



## **This is the 2021 Membership Fee Schedule**

### New Members:

Adult \$275.00    Senior Citizen \$260.00    Family \$330.00 (includes children up to age 25 who are in full time attendance in school)

Student \$70.00    Junior \$65.00

Request for paper OFAH magazine \$18.00

### SSA Renewals:

Adult \$150.00    Senior Citizen \$135.00 (add spouse \$55.00)    Family \$205.00 (includes children up to age 25 who are in full time attendance in school)

Student \$70.00    Junior \$65.00

Request for paper OFAH magazine \$18.00

John Ford



First, I want to wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Certainly, our lives are much different than in 2019. I hope that you stay well in this most difficult time!

We did have 2 Membership Renewal Sessions in November that were very well attended. Thanks to all of you who came out to renew your membership!!

Since the sessions worked so well, we are considering have a third session. I don't have a date yet, but it would probably be a Tuesday night in December (not in Deer Season). However, I would like to hear from you if you are interested in this. If you are interested, would you please send me an email? ([johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com))

If we get a reasonable response, we will do it. Keep in mind that the weather in December is unpredictable. If the third session is happening, I will have Dave Skelton send out an email blast.

The Early Bird Membership campaign is ongoing. Thank-you to those who have already renewed.

We are including a renewal form for you to use. We anticipate having several prizes to hand out to members who renew by January 7, 2021. After that date, we will inform the winners.

John ford

### **There are some changes for members renewing in 2021.**

First, the membership fee has increased by \$10. Secondly, your 2021 membership will include an OFAH membership but it will be a paperless membership. What that means is that if you have an email address, you will get an email from OFAH and you will be able to print out your membership card yourself. The insurance will remain the same and you will get a digital magazine. WHAT YOU WON'T GET IS A PAPER COPY OF THE MAGAZINE. However if you really want the paper copy, you can pay an additional \$18 and we will order you a paper copy. Keep in mind that the SSA does not make any money on this additional cost.

However, there are a number of members who do not have a computer and an email address.

Your OFAH membership will remain as usual.

Finally, if you have a family membership, you will get a paper copy as the paperless membership only applies to individual members.

**If you have further questions, please give me a call (John Ford, 226 664 0960.)**

An additional change to the SSA Renewal is the Late Fee charge for 2021.

**You have until April 1 to renew your membership without penalty.**

**If you choose to wait until after that date, you will have to pay an additional \$25.00 when you renew.**

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.**

**For Sale:**



**TWO STACK ON STEEL 8 GUN CABINETS WITH LOCKS \$60 each**

**Phone: Rob Cameron at 519 376 4181**



**2020 Salmon River Hatchery egg take complete**

Salmon River Hatchery staff completed egg collections for Chinook and coho salmon on October 21, 2020, resulting in over 1.6 million Chinook salmon eggs and 860,000 coho salmon eggs. Chinook and coho salmon are stocked in Lake Ontario tributaries every year and provide a world class fishing experience in the open lake and tributaries. Chinook salmon hatched from eggs collected in 2020 will be held in the hatchery for a relatively short period of time and stocked in April/May 2021. Raised in the hatchery for a longer period, coho salmon that are hatched from eggs collected in 2020, will be stocked as yearlings in spring 2022.

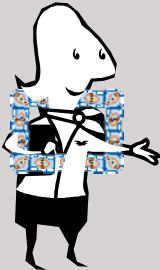
You can find more information about Lake Ontario fisheries management and the Salmon River Fish Hatchery on DEC's website.

**2020 Lake Erie Fish Survey reveals some cool finds -**

Every September for the past 40 years, DEC Lake Erie Fisheries Research Unit has set gill nets to assess the warm water fish community. The primary goal of the survey is to collect abundance and age structure information for Walleye, Yellow Perch, and Smallmouth Bass—the three most targeted fish species by anglers in New York’s portion of Lake Erie. The Walleye and Yellow Perch data also contribute to lake wide assessments that annually determine safe harvest levels of both species. While the focus of the survey is on the more popular sportfish species, the survey also monitors trends in other less-commonly known fish species such as Freshwater Drum and White Perch, along with some truly rare species.

In 2020, one of these rare species – a Stonecat (mini members of the Catfish family) – was caught, as well as some extraordinarily large Spottail Shiners—the first of this species ever sampled in the netting survey! The results from the warm water assessment are published every March in the Lake Erie Research Unit’s annual report. <sup>2</sup>

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We now have a club supplier for coats, hats, touques, T Shirts, hoodies and sweaters etc. **Ram Promotional** (1580 20 th St E Owen Sound) will have a display at the clubhouse with some selected items and a price on those items, tax in.

As a member you can go to their shop and pick out items of your choice and they will give you a price for the item club crest or club name plus your name embroidered on the item, tax in . This is for all members, as there are designs for Skeet, Trap, Conservation etc. to choose from. If anyone has a question regarding this, please call me, **Ron Robb** at **519-371-7385** for more info. Thanks

From Ron Robb, [rjrobb52@gmail.com](mailto:rjrobb52@gmail.com)