

THE SPORTSMAN

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

February, 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}

David Mcleish, Upper Great Lakes Manager, will provide updates to us about the SON commercial fishing agreement.

Nurse- "Doctor, there is a man in the waiting room who says he is invisible!

Doctor- "Tell him I can't see him right now"

Presidents Message

The final elections for our 2014 executive were held at the January 2nd general meeting. The executive consists of 16 people. To make sure that we have at least some experience in the new executive the five people who receive the most votes are elected to a two year term.

At our first executive meeting in January the 16 members of the elected executive nominated, co worsted, tricked or shamed each other into taking on various positions.

Actually, the executive has been fortunate in the past to have almost all of our previous executive members agree to accept their nomination for another year and carry on with their past positions.

We appreciate that the membership realizes that the executive is comprised of just regular members with the same interests as any other member. These people have just agreed to volunteer to try and make decisions to keep our club active and achieve our goals towards conservation. It is only natural that you may not agree with all of our ideas but please first make the assumption that we have considered all of the consequences, good and bad, to come up with the most workable decision. That does not mean that at times you should not question what is happening in your club.

Through our newsletter and at least at our general meetings we try to keep the membership updated as to what is happening with every committee. If you have any comments or suggestions the general meetings are a good place to bring your ideas forward to the crowd or just one on one.

We all benefit from what each of us puts into the club. I expect 2014 will be another good year.

Mike Prevost President

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Mike Prevost
1st Vice President: Fred Geberdt
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Bill Douglas
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Scott Grimoldby
Past President: Dennis Wiseman
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: Geoff Ford

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Brian Clements, John Ford, Wayne Gallaugher, Chris Geberdt, Jim Hastie, Al Hillis, Jim Jansen Doug Murdoch, Ron Robb, Dennis Wiseman

Newsletter: Dave Skelton Webmaster: Bruce Farrell Membership: John Ford Key Keeper: John Ford

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

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JANUARY 2, 2014-01-03 DRAW PRISE WINNERS



Scissor set Dave Skelton Gloves Rosemary

Blackwell

Hammer & hat Brian Gamble Multi tool & hat Rick Wardrop Binoculars & can Bill Wattie

Rope & hat Mac Gamble
Saw Sam Richardson
Yukon knife John Snook
Flashlight set Jim Hastie

Knife & tool set Gord Hedges Multi tools Chris MacDonald

Red tag Boston Pizza gift certificate Mike Prevost

Thank you to all, **Brian Clements**



OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

As we have mentioned our club will be selling these tickets at Heritage Place Mall in Owen Sound starting January 27th until February 28th. I will be calling our past sellers.

If you are a new member or maybe a member that has recently retired or decided not to go to Florida or Texas or Arizona, wrong decision this winter, then we could use your help with a two or three hour shift during the week or weekend.

The more help we have the easier it is for everyone. Please give this some thought and let me know at 519-376-7368 or mbprevost@hotmail.com

Thanks Mike Prevost

You know that prices are up when you buy a coat and even the down is up!

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Last Chance to enter 2013 Awards

If you caught fish or shot a turkey in Grey or Bruce Counties during 2013, you still can enter in the SSA Contest. For fish you need the species, fork length and girth. For a turkey you would need the weight in lbs., the length of each spur and the length of the beard.

If you have an entry please contact me, John Ford at 519 934 0410 or johnrford@xplornet.com

An **Application Form** may be obtained by using the link below. http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ Top menu Bar -> Membership

18th ANNUAL OFAH OWEN SOUND CONSERVATION DINNER & AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014.

PROCEEDS SUPPORTING SSA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROJECTS BAYSHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, RUTHERFORD ROOM,

NO HOST COCKTAILS 5:30 P.M. DINNER 7:P.M. EARLY BIRD SILENT AUCTION 7:00 P.M.

TICKET PRICE..\$45.00, (includes a tax receipt, minus cost of meal)

- *DOOR & RAFFLE PRIZES
- *LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
- *DINNER CATERED BY THE BOOT AND BLADE
- *EARLY BIRD PRIZE-- MINI MOLSON FRIDGE, (for tickets purchased prior to Feb. 24th.)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: GEOFF FORD....... 372-9772 JACK DOHERTY..... 376-3440 BRIAN CLEMENTS.. 376-9410 FRED GEBERDT..... 376-2369

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Junior Membership Program

Nothing stays the same and many things are cyclic. Many of our members can remember and past pictures can show that at one time our club had a lot of junior members and a very active junior program. It worked because there was someone who had the interest to run the program and a number of youth that wanted to be involved. That just has not happened in the past several years.

A couple of years ago I phoned the junior and student members and their parents. On the plus side many of the young members were already participating in outdoor activities of hunting, fishing camping etc. with their parents and combined with other social activities really did not have any more time for a scheduled activity. It ended up that there were about five young people that did come out for some events. However this number often fell to only one or two and you really have to have the time and interest to organize events with so few participants so last year nothing really happened. Since then I or anyone on the executive have really not heard of any requests or complaints from junior or parent members about our lack of this program and that is fine. I

f you are content then so are we. Having said that, if there was a request from even one junior or student member to try something at the club we would try to arrange for that to happen.

Not trying to defend ourselves your executive would be glad to support this program if at any time there was some interest shown

If you want to make any comments please contact me at 519 - 376-7368 or mbprevost@hotmail.com

Thanks Mike Prevost



Early Bird Membership Draw Winners

At our January general meeting, we had 2 winners. John Bates won the hunting suit and Ivan McNabb won the free year's membership fee. Congratulations to both!! Everyone who renewed by the January meeting had at least one ballet in the draw.

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

For more SSA Pictures: Connect to the SSA website using http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ then click Slide Show (right side)

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your fire number and road as well Memberships are based on the Calendary	· ·
FAMILY (Adult, Spouse, Children)-\$ 125 ADULT (Individual)\$100.00 SENIOR CITIZEN(Age 60 & over)\$85.0 SPOUSE: additional \$25.00 Please circle the appropriate membership a	JUNIOR (12 and under; no magazine)\$35.00 PROPERTY GATE KEY: \$5.00 (without last year's key); \$4.00 (with the return of last year's key)
your newsletter in colour, receive ema	ternet access and wish to receive your newsletter electronically, you will receive il blasts of information and save both the club and the newsletter chair considerour up-to-date email address below and place a checkmark here.
NAME:	<u>TELEPHONE:</u>
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DATE OF BIRTH:	(Juniors and Students only)
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IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A STRONG AND VIABLE ASSOCIATION, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. Please indicate which of the above activities are of special interest to you. 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. Credit card number:	
Expiry date:	
Security code as it appears on the back of the Crediy Card:	

BEST OF SHOW VIP TICKET OFFER - Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular -London Boat Show VIP

The Continuum Events management team is delighted to be working with the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular. It's great news that these funds have been ear marked for your conservation program.

YOUR UNIQUE VIP TICKET OFFER IS: SALMON (Not case sensitive)

Anyone can access the online ticket page directly from the home page or from the top navigation panel. But here is also a direct link https://www.microspec.com/tix123/eTic.cfm?code=LBFOS2014#.Uqt8TVtDuSo.

The default ticket price is set at \$12.00 for our online ticket sales. When someone puts in your Unique Code - the ticket prices change. See Below.

To re-iterate the rules and conditions of our agreement:

- a.. The \$5.00 discount only applies to online ticket sales.
- b.. Members can not quote the Promo Code at the gate and expect a discount.
- c.. We are not able to back credit any of your customers who purchase a ticket online and forget to use the promote code.
- d.. There will be no refunds or exchanges on ticket sales purchased using your unique code.
- e.. For every ticket that your organization sells (regardless of the type), Continuum Events will give the organization \$5.00.
- f.. We are using a 3rd party agency to handle the ticket sales and their records as to how many tickets your organization sold will be final.
- g.. There is no limit to how many tickets your organization can sell and I encourage you to ask your members t o spread it out to their friends as well.
- h.. This promo code is only good for the London show.

The fundraising component is only being offered to a select group of organizations that we want to support and one id the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular. Please circulate this offer as far and as wide as possible and to get their friends of friends to purchase tickets. The more tickets you sell, the more money you will make.

Let your customers know that they are VIPs by giving them

\$5.00 OFF the price of admission to the

LONDON BOAT FISHING & OUTDOOR SHOW

NO coupons, NO tickets -- it's this simple ...

- a.. Send your customers to the London Boat Fishing & Outdoor Show Online Ticketing Page
- b.. When they order their tickets advise them to enter the promo code 'SALMON' (Not case sensitive)
- c.. There are NO LIMITS to the number of your customers who buy tickets, or the number of tickets they buy
- d.. Put your company logo on this great discount offer. Alert your customers via your website, e-newsletters, paper newsletters, social media sites, your email signature however, you reach your customers.
- e.. This special offer runs from now until show time!

Thanks Chris



Wood Duck Nesting Boxes

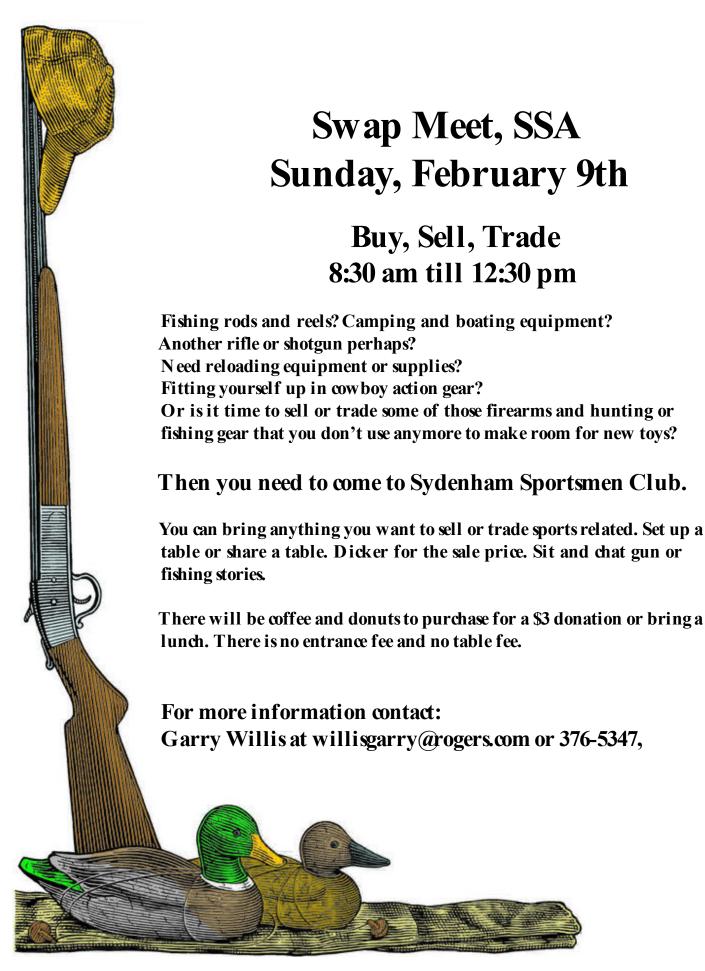
This is the time of year that we try to get out into the wetland sites and check on our wood duck nesting boxes.

If you have an interest in trying to help out or just want some more info then please give me a call. If you have a site that you think would be suitable and you could look after cleaning it out every year, not always possible, then let me know and we can arrange to get members a box and advice.

If you want to make one yourself we can provide some plans.

NEED A SNOWMOBILE – We have one site, The Glen Conservation area in Keppel Township that is getting to be long hike on snowshoes for us old guys. When our good past member and trapper Verle Barfoot was with us he provided his snow machine and sled to get us into this site. If you think you could help us with this for a day it would be appreciated.

Thanks Mike Prevost.



2014 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs *

- Mike Prevost: President, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular, Youth Activities Co-Chair and O.F.A.H Delegate
- Fred Geberdt: 1st Vice President, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular, and O.F.A.H. Delegate
- Bill Douglas: 2nd Vice President, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular, Shooting Sports Ranges Co-chair, High Power Rifle Range Co-coordinator and Archery Chair
- Scott Grimoldby: Recording Secretary and Youth Activities Co-Chair
- Murray Smart: Treasurer
- Geoff Ford: Correspondence Secretary and O.F.A.H. Alternate Delegate
- **Brian Clements:** Director and Meeting/Program prizes
- John Ford: Director, Membership Chair, Wildlife Advisory Committee Chair, O.F.A.H. Delegate, Co-chair Salmon Spectacular and Fish and Game Contest Chair
- Wayne Gallaugher: Director, Fundraising Co-chair, and Property Chair
- Chris Geberdt: Director, and Fund Raising Co-chair
- Jim Hastie: Director, Social Activities Chair and Meeting/Program Chair
- Al Hillis: Director and Shooting Sports Ranges Co-chair
- Jim Jansen: Director, Club Supplies Chair
- Doug Murdoch: Director
- Ron Robb: Director and O.F.A.H. Alternate Delegate
- Dennis Wiseman: Director, Fisheries Advisory Committee Chair and O.F.A.H. Delegate
- **Dave Hartrick:** Gord Maher Memorial Centre Supervisor (appointed, non director)
- Tim Lahey: Firearms Ranges Safety Officer, High Power Rifle Range Co-coordinator (appointed, non director)
- **Bob McKay:** Non-restricted and Restricted Firearms Instructor and Examiner (appointed, non director)
- Peter Robson: ATT Shooting Club Representative, .22 Rifle Range Coordinator, Handgun Program Co-Chair and Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) Co-coordinator (appointed, non director)
- Dave Skelton: Newsletter Editor/Chair (appointed, non director)
- Stew Wallace: Firearms Safety Instructor and Handgun Program Co-Chair (appointed, non director)
- Clubhouse Bookings: Shannon Smith 519-376-3988 and Mike Prevost 519-376-7368
- Clubhouse Custodian: Shannon Smith
- **Firearms Ranges Bookings:** Mike Prevost 519-376-7368

* - Elections and appointments (as updated) January 16, 2014



Members and Keys

As most of you know, a membership card with a 2014 sticker must be worn when shooting on all SSA ranges and 2014 fees are now due. You can renew in a number of ways. If you have a computer, go to our website www.sydenhamsportsmen.com.

Look at the bottom of the main page where you will see the SSA Store. This will allow you to renew on line. This works well if you follow the instructions carefully. ou can also send in your renewal form received as part of the newsletter and pay with cheque or credit card. Of course, you can pay at club meetings.

The final option is to call me (519 934 0410) and provide your credit card information. The date when the locks on the property gates are changed is April 1. Until then, your key with the green key spotter will work.

We will have keys available for paid up members at Watsons Tackle House as well as the Maher Centre (white workshop around the corner from the club property).

I will also have keys at club meetings.

J Ford

SSA Donations:

Thanks to the generosity of Rod Thorfinnson and Dianne Ackert, some great items will be added to the "fun auction" to be held at the Clubhouse at the June 2014 meeting.

Due to health issues, Rod is no longer able to partake in some of his favourite outdoor activities, such as turkey and deer hunting. As a result, Rod has donated some of his outdoor apparel and hunting gear to the SSA.

Some SSA members may remember Ted Ackert. For many years, Ted was a Conservation Officer in the Owen Sound District and also Manager of the Sauble Falls Provincial Park. His daughter, Dianne has donated some of his Ted's items to the SSA such as holsters for handguns, collectible book-ends and as sorted fisheries biology books.

An SSA Tip 'O the Cap to Rod and Dianne for contributing to our club June auction.

......FIREARMS DISPLAY SHOW....... Sunday March 23rd from 10am - 1:30pm -at SSA clubhouse

Note: This is a Display Show only, not a buy and sell show. It's for education, interest and appreciation of older, interesting and quality firearms.

There are 10 or 11 different categories:

1-Flintlock or earlier 2-Percussion Cap 3-Shotguns 4-Military

5-Antique Handguns [no restricted] 6-Single shot rifles 7-Pump or Lever rifles

8-Semi-auto or Bolt rifles 9-.22 rifles 10 -European made rifles or shotguns

11-Misc. grouping

Guidelines:

-Maximum of 6 guns per display [4,5or6] -all guns to be pre 1960 [approx]

-tables to have covers on them -no live ammunition that will chamber in displayed

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to be on the table. Empties are ok or live ammo in your pocket and direct control.

Admission by Donation. Coffee and timbits available.

We are now looking for SSA members who would like to come out and display up to 6 of their firearms in one

of the above categories.

Peoples Choice award for best display with \$20 cash prize.

Please contact;

Stew Wallace at swallace@bmts.com or Garry Willis at willisgarry@rogers.com to book a table or for information.

Members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association and SSA got together one morning to build bird feeders that the two clubs will be handing out to young participants at the Wiarton Willie Festival to promote conservation.



We Welcome New Members to the SSA---J. Ford

The SSA Directors take great pleasure in welcoming the following new members and hope that one or more of our many conservation and shooting activities will interest you in 2014. When you get involved you gain real benefit from your membership!

Jordan Framanger, Robert Morrill, Greg Margetts, Dominick Veroni, Kevin Hawthorne, Kim Hawthorne, Michael Guindon and family, Ken Muzzell, Arthur Layman, Joe Borys, Hailey Christie, Bruce McManus, Steven Hobbs and Jade Lehmann, Peter Asfar, Cliff Smallacombe, Craig Barber, Doug Heighes, John Greb, John Milner, Ken Crawford and Scott Millar.

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

Latest In

New Handgun Chair - Peter Robson-

Just a quick note to remind handgun shooters that I will be taking over as handgun chair from Stew Wallace from this point forward. I think most club members will recognize me as Peter Robson SSA Member or possibly Major Regret cowboy action shooter, but if you are new to the club please introduce your self as I'm always happy to talk guns! I've been shooting handgun for almost fourteen years now, primarily bulls eye and Cowboy Action but I just started shooting defense pistol last summer and have found it to be a rewarding discipline. Basically if there is a game to be played with a firearm I would be willing to give it a try.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Stew for all the time and effort he has put into managing the handgun program. He is definitely a hard act to follow. While I am confident I will get the hang of things fairly quickly Stew has very graciously agreed to help me if anything comes up I can't quite figure out.

Going forward into 2014 are there any handgun activities shooters would like to pursue? I was curious to know if there are other shooting activities the members would like to see occur at the club. Check with me at a meeting or contact me at the number/e-mail below.

There has been some initial discussion of summer pistol league, run along the lines of the Western Ontario Handgun League. Shooting would involve home and away matches at area gun clubs and would be .22 rim fire pistols or revolvers, shot one handed with slow, timed and rapid fire series. If this sounds like something you would be interested in or just want more information please get in touch by telephone at 519-935-2086 or e-mail at hossstyles@gmail.com

One last note there will be another one day Defense Pistol Course this winter, we are currently looking at March 2nd or March 16th. The course will cover necessary equipment, use of holsters, safe movement and basic defense pistol strategies 'Never Give Up, Never Surrender!" Cost for the course will be \$25.00. For more information contact me as soon as possible as spaces may be limited.

SHOOT SAFE, SHOOT OFTEN!

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Here at the *Nature Conservancy of Canada* (NCC), we're gearing up for an eco-friendly holiday, so we thought we'd share some of our favourite tips on how to "green" your holiday celebrations.

Bring a reusable bag when heading out to the store for some holiday Shopping.

Make unique and recyclable gift tags by reusing the fronts of old holiday cards.

Wrap your gifts in recyclable materials such as magazine ads, old maps, newspaper, or in reusable items such as cloth bags, scarves or tablecloths. Save used wrapping paper for next year or use it to store delicate holiday decorations.

Use a potted spruce or evergreen if a tree is a holiday tradition in your family; they can be planted in the garden later.

Decorate with everyday foods such as cranberries, popcorn, nuts and fruit, which can be fed to birds or composted after the holidays.

Make your own gifts: paintings, knitted or crocheted items, jams, preserves or baked goods. Your Give "experience gifts" like tickets to the local theatre, a concert or sports event, or gift certificates to local restaurants or spas.

Donate to a charity in someone's name. NCC's Gifts of Canadian Nature are unique symbolic gifts of habitat, perfect for the nature lover on your list. Help NCC protect Canadian habitat today!

100 yd. Range Safety Officers Course.

There is an RSO course scheduled for Feb.23 rd. starting at 11.00 AM at the SSA club house with Chuck Cannon.

Anyone interested please contact Al Hillis at al.hiiis@gmail.com

For any further information, contact Al

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