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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
February 1, 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}

New Membership Cards

A number of members have asked me about getting a new membership card. This is entirely possible, however there are a couple of wrinkles.

First, I only print new cards when new members are accepted into the club i.e. after executive meetings.

Secondly, you will have a new membership number and finally the cost is \$5.00. If you need a new card and your membership is paid, contact me.

2018 SSA Memberships are Due Now!

Our SSA Memberships start on January 1 and end on December 31. What that means is that your 2018 membership fees need to be paid at the start of the year.

As usual, you need to wear your membership card so that the year sticker is visible.

Members shooting on club ranges need to have their 2018 membership paid!!!

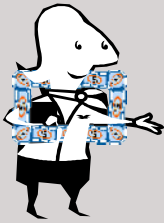
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February speaker:
 Last Year, there was some concern voiced that the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority was considering limiting or restricting access and or activities on their properties. Staff from the GSCA will attend the general meeting to discuss their current and future properties uses.

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



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 Contact-
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

From January 4 Meeting

Gorilla Tape - Wayne Gallagher
 Hex Key Set - Gord Fraser
 Wrecking Bar - Steve Bartley
 Utility Knife - Wally Cunningham
 Simoniz Towels - Bill Douglas
 Frank Towels - Rob Cameron
 Hammer - Brian Gamble
 Cleaning Wipes - Jim Hastie

Red Tag - \$50 LCBO Gift Card -
 Gord Fraser



Changed your email address or location address?

A number of times, I have heard members indicate that they are not receiving information from the club.

Dave Skelton often sends out email blasts about a number of topics. If you have moved locations and have not informed us, we have no way of knowing. As well, we need to let the OFAH know so that your magazine can reach you.

In today's age of many internet providers, some frequently change providers. If you decide to do that, please let us know so that we can update your profile.

My email address is
johnrichardford5@gmail.com
 Don't forget the 5 and my telephone number is 226 664 0960.

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*

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



On Line Memberships

A number of members have asked about on line renewals. We do not have an internet merchant account because of the exorbitant cost. Instead we use Paypal which is secure and much more cost efficient for the club.

However, you do not need a Paypal account if you don't want one. After you go to the Paypal website, you can choose the option of a temporary account and then use your credit card.

If that is all too confusing, just call me, John Ford 226 664 0960 and renew with your credit card. The other option is to mail in your renewal.



Gate Keys for 2018

Your 2017 gate key (purple key spotter) will work until March 31. On April 1 the locks will change. The 2018 keys will have a black key spotter on them. They will be available at meetings, at Watson's Tackle House (in February), at the Maher Centre and from me. The cost is \$5.00 and I will recycle your old key(s) if you wish.

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

Early Bird Membership Renewal Winners

At our January meeting, the draw was made for the 3 Early Bird winners. Scott Vallieres won the free year's membership, Ken Noble won the cooler and Doug VanHorne was the winner of the rod and reel. Congratulations to all. As well, a big thank-you to all who renewed their membership early to help with our finances.

A Renewal Form is part of this newsletter. It is helpful if you complete the form and either send it or bring it when you renew. Remember, you can renew on line, by mailing a renewal form to Box 264, Owen Sound ON, N4K-5P3 or by calling me at 226 664 0960.

Something new for this year is the OFAH Paperless membership. In order to choose this option, you need a computer, internet access and probably a smart phone. This is not available to families of more than 2 persons. Those who choose this option will get emails with the \$5,000,000 liability certificate that you can print if you choose. You will also receive a membership card that you can print.

Finally, you will get the magazine in digital format. If you wish this option, you will need to let me know when you renew. We will need to verify your email address. Otherwise, I will assume that you want to continue as in the past.

The paperless membership is a cost saving to the club and certainly less work for me.

New memberships for 2018 are available on line or with a paper application.

All new members require a sponsor who is a current member. The fee structure is as follows:

New Adult (including \$100 initiation)	\$230.00
New Senior (including \$100 initiation)	\$215.00
New Adult Family (including \$100 initiation)	\$275.00
New Senior Family (including \$100 initiation)	\$260.00
New Junior	\$55.00

OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

We will have tickets for sale at each meeting. We ask that our members assist by selling a book or 2 as this is a fundraiser for the SSA. We realize \$9.00 for each book that is sold. You can get these tickets at the meetings, or if you contact me, we will mail them to you. The Early Bird prize will be drawn on March 2 and is \$5000 cash. My email is johnrichardford5@gmail.com and my telephone number is 226 664 0960.

With the size of our membership, we should have no trouble selling the 200 books of tickets that I ordered.

If you decide to take your stubs and money to Heritage Place Mall (in February), please put them in an envelope with your name on it.

For those dedicated members who normally sell tickets at Heritage Place Mall, the schedule is complete.

I have emailed it to those members who have computers and will have a few copies for the other workers at our meeting. Thanks for your help!

Defensive Pistol Ugly Christmas Sweater Match Results

The annual Ugly Christmas Sweater match was a great success once again.

The weather was beautiful for the 2nd of December and a good turnout of shooters arrived in some stylish sweaters.

Here are the names of the top shooters overall and class winners.

1st Jeff Caldwell (SSP class winner) 2nd Tyler Gerard (CDP class winner)
3rd Thom Miller 4th Garth Seabrook 5th Greg Haskins

This concludes the season for defensive pistol, keep an eye on the newsletter for the startup dates in the spring of 2018.

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 2018 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2017 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/17)

We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records.

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

Membership Fees for 2018:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21	\$175.00
	Adult	Individual	\$130.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$115.00
	Student	Age under 21 (no magazine)	\$60.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$45.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$55.00
	Property Gate Key		\$5.00
Check off your selections above			Total

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)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors & Students only)

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)	Expertise (List Below)
Retired	Have ATT	Telephone Committee

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: _____

Spring Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, March 18th, 8:30am till 12:30pm

Buy, Sell, Trade



You need a new shotgun for turkey season? Or you need some cash for fishing trips this summer. Did you loose the big one at the Salmon Derby? Then come out to the spring SSA Swamp meet.

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.

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.

For more information contact: Garry Willis at willisgarry@rogers.com or 376-5347,
Stew Wallace at swallace@bmts.com or 794-4423



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.**

GREY-BRUCE WOODLOT CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION March 24, 2018



“The Nuts and Bolts of Managing Your Woodlot”

Elmwood Community Centre
Elmwood Ontario



Conference & Exhibition

Saturday March 24, 2018 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration and displays from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Presentations start at 9:15 a.m.

Silent Auction Items on Display for Bids

Presentations on:

1. The Cultural Significance of Black Ash to First Nations
2. Invasive Plant Species in Your Woodlot
3. Hazelnut Production and Filbert Blight
4. The Recovery of the American Chestnut
5. Tree Seed Collection Techniques

Pre-registration - \$25.00 per person (**pay at the workshop**)

- includes coffee, snacks, hot roast beef lunch, dessert, draw prizes, silent auction
- **cheque or cash only** (receipts will be issued at the conference)
- cheques are payable to **Grey-Bruce Woodlot Conference**

For pre-registration contact - Jim Penner (519-367-3040 ext. 233) or email j.penner@svca.on.ca

Non-registered Attendees – \$35.00 payable at the conference

Sunday Woodlot Tour

March 25, 2018

Location, time & map will be available at the Saturday conference

For further information on the conference, to register for the day, the tour or set up a display, contact:
Jim Penner (519-367-3040 ext. 233) at Saugeen Conservation or email j.penner@svca.on.ca

Need a Map? Contact Jim Hastie or Dave Skelton (ask for page 2, which is a map)