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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

Jauuary, 2, 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}

Jan speaker will be the world famous **Dennis Wiseman**, SSA member and chair of the fisheries advisory committee.

He will present
"A Pictorial Tour of SSA
Fisheries Projects
and Activities".

President's Message

Well here we are starting a new year. It is a good thing that we are not getting any older, which is good, because it doesn't seem that we are slowing down any. Our December "Nibble Night" was enjoyed by all that attended. Seven cooks served up some 12 tasty dishes that had many coming back for seconds just to make sure as to how they were going to cast their vote of course. I heard comments "of this is great' and "this is a feast" by many of those who were new members.

Also in December our money doll draw, now in its 56th year, was another success. Chris Geberdt, Wayne Gallaugher and Cliff and Georgina Springer sold out 1,750 tickets in 6 days bringing in \$3,000 for club projects. We want to thank the Owen Sound Canadian Tire and Giant Tiger for allowing us to use their store locations to sell the tickets

January will be the final night to nominate and vote for the members who will be on the 2014 executive. It will also be the last night to get in on the two draws for renewing your membership early so come out to cast your vote and see if you are a winner.

Watch for e-mails about shooting activities that continue throughout the winter like the aptly named frozen finger shoot.

In January we will start having committee meetings to organize the OFAH/Owen Sound Conservation Dinner held Saturday Mach 1st and of course the 27 th Owen Sound Salmon Derby. Let us know if you would like to get involved in either of these two committees that are our major fund raising efforts for conservation projects.

February is the month we start to sell the OFAH lottery tickets at Heritage Place Mall. We can always use some new sellers so if you think you can help out for a two or three hour shift please give me a call.

Mike Prevost, President

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

Reminder about Club Awards

Please be reminded that George McDougall can act as your scorer for Bucks shot in Grey or Bruce County for 2013. You need to get a form filled out by George and sent to me. Also we have many fish species trophies available. Again you need to fill out the form with a witness. As usual, the fish must be caught in Grey or Bruce counties. If you need them, there are forms at the clubhouse

DECEMBER 5, 2013-12-06

STEAK DRAW WINNERS

Carol Wiseman Ken Miersch John Ford Debb Wattie Geoff Ford Jack Osadzuk Tim Colborne Stan McLean Peter Van Zyl

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Brown Bear compound bow, C/W 14ARROWS, RELEASE, NEW QUIVER, SOFT CASE \$200.00 Or best offer Don. Keeling 519-794-2387.

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It has recently come to my attention that the 2014 renewals received a TSC discount card that has expired. We will have new cards when available at the meetings. **John Ford**

Nibble Night









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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

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.**

The Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular will be at the following shows in 2014

Come out and pay us a visit and see the New 2014 Boat Draw.

We have a show special just for you. All the best in the New Year!

Toronto Boat Show – Friday Jan 10 to Sunday January 19, 2014 – Direct Energy Centre

Friday January 10th 4 pm – 9 pm, Saturday January 11th – 10 am – 7 pm

Sunday January 12th – 10 am – 6 pm, Monday January 13th – 11 am – 8 pm

Tuesday January 14th – 11 am – 8 pm, Wednesday January 15th – 11 am – 8 pm

Thursday January 16th - 11 am - 9 pm, Friday January 17th - 11 am - 9 pm

Saturday January 18th – 10 am – 7 pm, Sunday January 19th – 10 am – 6 pm

Toronto Sportsmen Show - Thursday February 6 to Sunday February 9, 2014 – Direct Energy Centre

Thursday February 6th - 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday February 7th - 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday February 8th - 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday February 9th - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Toronto Fishing Show – Friday February 14 to Monday February 17, 2014 - International Centre

Friday February 14th - 12:00 noon - 9:00 pm

Saturday February 15th - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday February 16th - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday February 17th - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

London Fishing Show– Friday February 21 to Sunday February 23, 2014 – Western Fair Grounds

Friday February 21st – 12 noon – 9 pm

Saturday February 22nd – 10 am – 7 pm

Sunday February 23rd – 10 am – 5 pm

Niagara Fishing Show – Friday March 14 to Sunday March 16, 2014 - Nova Scotia Centre

Friday March14th - 12:00 noon - 9:00 pm

Saturday March 15th - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday March 16th - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sudbury– Friday April 4 to Sunday April 6, 2014 – Garson Outdoor Show

Friday April 4th - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday April 6th - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday April 7th - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Home & Garden Show – Saturday April 26 to Sun April 27, 2014 – Hanover Area

Saturday April 13th - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday April 14th - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Home & Cottage Expo – Saturday April 26 to Sun April 27, 2014 - Owen Sound Area

Saturday April 26th - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday April 27th - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Home Show – Friday April 25 to Sunday 27, 2014 – Walkerton Complex

Friday April 25th - 4 pm - 9 pm

Saturday April 26th − 10 am − 6 pm

Sunday April 27th - 11 am - 5 pm

Walkerton Sportsmen Show – June 6 to June 8, 2014 – Walkerton Area

Friday June 6 - 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday June 7 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday June 8 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more SSA Pictures: Connect to the SSA website using

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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:	
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Membership John Ford

Early Bird SSA Memberships—January 2014

Our early bird membership draws will be made on January 2, 2014. Everyone who has renewed for 2014 will be eligible. We will have an orange hunting suit and a free 2014 membership as prizes. Please remember that your membership fees are now due, unless you have already paid.

As for gate keys, the locks on the gates don't change until April 1, 2014. That will give you time to exchange your key for a new one. In the spring, we will have keys at Watsons and the Gord Maher Centre. They will also be available at club meetings.

Each time when Dave Skeleton sends out an email blast, he gets messages returned due to incorrect email addresses. If you have provided your email and are not getting these blasts or have changed your internet provider, please email me with your updated email address johnrford@xplornet.com

Also if you move or change your mailing address, please either email me or phone me so that we can update your files. (519 934 0410)

If you have a computer, please look at our new and improved SSA website. The url is www.sydenhamsportsmen.com



Hi Folks

The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association held their 56th Annual \$200 Money Doll Draws with all monies going to Conservation Projects on Saturday December 14, 2013 at 2:00 pm in the Owen Sound Canadian Tire Store.

We want to thank Tony Ersser Owner of the Owen Sound Canadian Tire Store and his staff and also Joel St-Arnaud Owner of the Giant Tiger Store and his staff. I would also like to thank Wayne Gallaugher, Cliff and Georgina Springer for their huge efforts in selling out the money doll draw once again. Hats off folks!

Draw was made by the store manager Richard Manley Junior with the winners as follows:

Gord Walker Owen Sound, On Ticket # 1346

Colin Humphrey Cargill, ON Ticket # 0470

We want to thank everyone for all their continued support over 2013. With your support we continue to be one of the leading Conservation organizations in our areas. We wish everyone all the best over the Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.

Thanks

Chris Gebrtdt

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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

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed the presence of Asian Long-horned Beetle (ALHB), Anoplophora glabripennis, in an industrial area near Pearson International Airport in Mississauga, Ontario. The CFIA is working with other federal departments and provincial and municipal governments to survey the area and determine the next steps.

Between 2003 and 2007, ALHB was known to exist in the cities of Toronto and Vaughan. A quarantine area was established and control efforts were undertaken. Based on international standards, the pest was considered eradicated from this area in 2013 after not being detected for five years. This new find is outside of the eradicated area.

Based on CFIA's national plant pest surveillance program, the ALHB has never been detected elsewhere in Canada.

ALHB can fly short distances but can also spread through the movement of infested wood. Residents are advised to check their trees regularly for signs of ALHB. Any sightings of the beetle or signs of related damage should be reported to the CFIA. The public is also asked not to move firewood. Moving untreated firewood, even just a few kilometres to or from a campground or cottage is a common way for invasive insects and diseases to spread.

Under IPPC Standards (e.g. ISPM No. 8), ALHB is considered present only in one location in Ontario and is subject to official control in Canada.

Additional information is available on the CFIA website at www.inspection.gc.ca/pestshttp://www.inspection.gc.ca/pests>. From Jim Hastir



Has Your Outdoors Card Expired?

More than 340,000 Ontario - resident fishing and hunting Outdoors Cards expired on December 31, 2013. Remember, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources no longer sends out an advance notice to anglers and hunters about the expiry of their Outdoors Card. As a card holder, It is now up to you to check out the expiry date on your card and take action to renew it.

Four renewal options are available. They include:

- going on-line to ontario.ca/outdoorscard
- calling toll free 1-800-288-1155
- visiting a ServiceOntario centre (in Owen Sound, opposite Watson's Tackle, Guns & Ammo)
- acquisition at a private issuer.

For more information on the Outdoors Card, contact 1-800-387-7011.



Fall Salmon Egg Collection a Success:

The SSA & members of the Bluewater Anglers (Sarnia) & the Lake Huron Fishing club, were successful in collecting their allotment of chinook salmon eggs this past fall at the Sydenham River's mill dam. Shown here at the mill dam site on a sunny early October morning, are members of the Lake Huron Fishing Club along with SSA'er, Ron Robb, who recorded stats on all salmon (mature & immature) captured during the collection period. Congrats to all the club sportsmen who continue to dedicate many volunteer hours to ensure the continuation of a successfull chinook stocking program in both Lake Huron &









Jim Jansen. Bob Hunt and Jim Hastie represented our club on family day December 7th, organized by the order of Good Cheer in Harrison Park, by helping kids to build their own bird feeders. They ran out of supplies for 80 feeders before the day ended. Thanks guys.



Photos by Mike Prevost



Handgun Stew Wallace



This will be my last contribution to the Handgun part of our newsletter, so, no whining, bitching, moaning or sarcastic remarks. Promise.

When I took over, we had approximately forty handgun members holding an ATT through our club. Through absolutely no effort on my part, we now have one hundred ATT holders. The sport is growing, our range is improved and we have an unblemished saftey record, something of which all handgun members can be justifiably proud. This is due, in no small part, to the quality and presentation of our club level saftey courses and the instructors presenting it. My thanks go to Ray, Peter, Bob, Jim, Tim and , I'm sure, a few others that have escaped through the fog that passes for my brain.

Two other members who have made my tenure so easy are Dan and Mark who constantly keep the range up to snuff by cutting the grass, making target holders and backer boards etc. Thank you. We can all help them in this constant 'caretaking' by keeping the berms raked up into the frames and by picking up all of our spent brass.

The future of the handgun section at SSA is in good hands with Peter at the helm and with the other really involved and hard working members who set up, administer and take part in the various disciplines that make up an active and successful handgun section.

"That's it folks!" and remember, muzzle control, muzzle control, muzzle control...the very reason for our excellent saftey record).

Stew. Wallace, Handgun Chair, retired.



......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 guns

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.

2014 Executive Nominations Open at the January General Meeting

The members of the Sydenham Sportsmen are invited to nominate fellow members or themselves for the 2014 SSA Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted at the January General Meeting with the election of directors to follow. If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to let your name stand for election, please provide written authorization to a club member to present on your behalf.

The following directors will be serving their second year of a two year term in 2014 and **do not need to be considered for nomination** –Bill Douglas, John Ford, Al Hillis, Doug Murdoch and Murray Smart.

An election will take place during the Thursday January 2, 2014 meeting with the top five vote recipients to serve for a two-year term with the balance of those elected to a one year term.

Please consider providing your volunteer time to assist in the management of your club.



STAPLES Discount for SSA Members

The Owen Sound STAPLES store, located on the Sunset Strip, is generously offering SSA members a 10% discount on all -in-store printing (photos, documents, promo material etc.). At the time of your order, simply provide the sales clerk with the following BUSINESS DISCOUNT NUMBER ... 8152400084. Also, don't forget STAPLES is an AIR-MILES client. The SSA extends its THANK YOU to STAPLES for including our organization in its customer discount program.



Richard Manley Junior of CanadianTire picked out the two lucky tickets for our money doll draw on Saturday December 14th with the help of members Chris Geberdt and Cliff Springer.

Winners were Colin Humphrey of Cargill and Gord Walker of Owen Sound.





from James Nichol; **Stop the Drop** details, listed below.

Our meeting has been confirmed for January 24th at 7:30pm at the GYC clubhouse. To date we have confirmed attendance from Bill Walker MPP, Dick Hibma from Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Al Barfoot mayor of Georgian Bluffs. We are still working with Larry Miller, area Mayors and Owen Sound Council on their attendance. If you are talking to any of these people, put the bug in their ear. Looks like we are making a difference!

The tone of this meeting will not be confrontational but rather Stop the Drop's approach is to offer our assistance to our Politicians "to get this done". The power of the people can make an impact. Recommendations have been made but the political will is just not there to make it happen "yet". We can help make that happen!

It is very important that we have a good turnout of members and the public. If you have contacts who are concerned and especially those with a "stake" they are welcome. Tourism, Sydenham Sportsman's Club, real estate, marine operators, golf courses, ferry operators, shipping, construction, cottage associations ...etc. There is no question that economics do get the attention very quickly.

Should you have any questions please call or email me at 519 375 1982 or netmarkplus@gmail.com. I will keep you informed as to developments.

Regards, Jamie Nicol, GYC

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Boat Package Hits the Road: Arnie Clark

For a handful of dedicated SSA'ers, background work on the annual Salmon Spectacular never ends.

Take for example, the boat draw sales team chaired by Chris Geberdt with assistance from other SSA members like Wayne Gallaugher and Brian Clements. Looking ahead, the boat draw package road show has already been solidly booked starting in January through to early next summer. It's a dizzying schedule that will see boat draw ticket sales, along with promotion of the 2014 Salmon Spectacular, Owen Sound and our sport-fishery, from Toronto to Niagara Falls, and even as far north as Orillia and Sudbury. By August, in all, the sales team will have several months of their personal time on the road raising huge dollars for conservation work through boat draw ticket sales. And there's more. This road tour does not even include shows that are still in the works, plus the local non-stop boat draw sales which will see a summer schedule with ticket sales at local storefronts and at other venues such as the Keady Market.

Boat draw ticket sales confirmed on location, for the first few months of 2014 include:

Toronto Boat Show: Direct Energy Centre ... Jan. 10th - 19th.

Toronto Sportsmen's Show: Direct Energy Centre ... Feb. 6th - 9th.

Toronto Fishing Show: International Centre Feb. 14th - 17th.

London Fishing Show: Western Fairgrounds ... Feb. 21st - 23rd.

Niagara Fishing Show: Nova Scotia Centre Mar. 14th - 16th.

Sudbury Sportsman Show Garson Community Centre.... April 4th - 6th.

Home & Garden Show Hanover Arena April 26th - 27th.

Home & Cottage Expo Owen Sound Lumley-Bayshore Centre .. April 26th - 27th.

Home Show Walkerton Complex April 25th - 27th.

Orillia Spring Boat, Cottage & Outdoor Show Port of Orillia: June 6th - 8th

As you can see, this is a tireless schedule by a dedicated few. It's an example too, of a tremendous volunteer effort to benefit the conservation cause of the SSA. Congratulations to Chris Geberdt and his Salmon Spectacular sales team for their "Spectacular" volunteerism and amazing fundraising achievements.

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Bird report for 2013 from Lorne Smith and Bob Hunt.

Bluebirds fledged were 468 birds Swallows Fledged were 1325 birds

Wrens were 55 birds

Chickadees were so birds

The wrens and chickadees were down this year.

This is the report from the people that monitor boxes for us and report back Bluesbirds were 598 birds Xwallows were 1360 birds

This has been a very good year. that many birds all in one flock would be great.

A big thanks to all that help to make this happen.

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 to 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.

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Announcing New Tools for Municipalities Battling the Emerald Ash Borer

Municipalities of all sizes in Ontario can now easily access a suite of new, free tools developed to assist in their current or pending battle against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This invasive pest kills ash trees and poses significant risks to people, property and the environment as it spreads its devastation throughout southern, central and eastern Ontario. Municipal governments need to have appropriate EAB management strategies in place that address the range of issues, threats and impacts that can affect their jurisdictions. These new tools will help raise awareness, and aid in the development or review of sound strategies:

- (1) An informative municipal-oriented overview video entitled "Emerald Ash Borer: Facts & Tactics for Urban Residents & Municipal Officials"
- (2) A concise slideshow designed to help in "Developing a Municipal Emerald Ash Borer Management Strategy: Operational Guidelines and Recommendations for Ontario Municipalities"
- (3) An informative rural-oriented overview video entitled "Emerald Ash Borer: Facts and Tactics for Woodlot Owners and Forest Managers"

The combination viewing of the urban video (1), and then the slideshow (2), will help municipal officials, and councillors, to get up-to-speed quickly on EAB and the related issues affecting municipalities. The point-form slideshow outlines General Recommendations and a Seven Step Strategy that serves as a valuable guideline for those who are tasked with developing or reviewing a relevant strategy for their jurisdiction. The rural video (3) will benefit those jurisdictions that also have community forests, conservation areas, or private woodlot owners with tracts of ash. Both videos feature expert interviews. To view and download these new tools please visit: www.eomf.on.ca/eab.

These tools were produced by the Eastern Ontario Model Forest in collaboration with partners from the Regional Forest Health Network and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Funding was provided by the Ontario Invasive Species Centre.