



THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”



SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION,

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SSA On Line



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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}

Fred Geberdt, Conservationist, Volunteer, Sportsman, Friend— J Ford

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Fred finally lost his courageous battle with multiple forms of Cancer. He was one tough hombre and fought long and hard! All who knew him will join me in missing his super personality.

I just want to mention a few of his accomplishments. Fred developed most of the protocols for hatchery maintenance, egg collections, fertilization and other scientific procedures that we follow in the hatchery. As President of the Sydenham Conservation Foundation for many years, Fred, along with other Foundation Directors had a direct influence in acquiring about 1535 acres of significant natural areas. Of course, anglers and hunters, amongst others benefit from those acquisitions.

Fred served as President of the Sydenham Sportsmens Association for several years and provided much needed leadership in 1979 when the original clubhouse was built.

Fred was one of the original Salmon Spectacular Committee members and served as a Co-Chair for all of the 31 years. He helped to develop the many successful components of the Derby.

As Chair of the OFAH Fisheries Committee, Fred worked long and hard. His colleagues respected his contributions. On the Sportsman front, Fred was an excellent trap shooter, at one time, and loved to hunt and fish. I can vouch for the fact that Fred believed that you had to rise early to go turkey hunting. I told him that I would not get up earlier than 3:45 am.

Moose hunting, Deer hunting, Pheasant hunting and Turkey hunting were all favorite pursuits for Fred. Fred's love of the outdoors was obvious to all who knew him. He planted many trees for the SSA and the Sydenham Conservation Foundation. Recently, he helped plant trees on the Doug Reid Memorial Conservation property in the former Derby Township.

I think that we are all better people for knowing and associating with our friend, Fred!!
All the best, my friend. R I P

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby
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Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email has any changes!



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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 (preferred)** or 226-909-2516



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

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

Thanks to Ron Robb

Re: Past Hatchery Manager

Ron has decided to step down as our club Hatchery Manager after several years of really putting in a lot of time looking after our fish hatchery and stocking programmes.

Ron was a great liaison person with the other club hatcheries, the MNRF, Conservation Authority and the private landowner where our hatchery is located.

Ron was always conscious and appreciative of the time and effort other club members put in to help him.

I saw a note in the hatchery office from last year offering up some Christmas cookies from him and his wife Jean, obviously really just Jean. I know for a fact that our volunteers will not be seeing that kind of kindness from your new grumpy manager.

Fortunately Ron is only a phone call away for much needed advice.

Re: Executive

Ron has decided not to run for an executive position in 2021. The executive wants to thank him for his help over the past years. We know that he will always be around to help out with club projects whenever he can.

Mike Prevost

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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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New Website launch

If you have gone to www.sydenhamsportsmen.com you will have seen a totally different look and a new website. Of course, it is a work in progress and probably always will be. We have been working on the on line store and have the new and renewal sections working at this time. You are welcome to renew on line or you can call me at 226 664 0960 and renew with your credit card. Alternatively you can send a cheque to SSA, Box 264, Owen Sound ON N4K-5P3

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## FOR SALE

40hp YAMAHA OUTBOARD

2 STROKE OIL INJECTED

SERVICED EACH SPRING AND FALL

RUNS LIKE NEW \$1400

519376 4181 - Rob Cameron



## The Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular is BACK .....



**33rd Annual OWEN SOUND SALMON SPECTACULAR**  
August 27 to September 5, 2021

- Come & reel in a Winning Chinook Salmon
- 10 Daily Chinook Salmon Prizes each day over the 10 day event
- 5 Daily Trout Prizes each day over the 10 day event
- Special Afternoon prize giveaways for Seniors, Kids, Men, Ladies in the Weigh-In Station
- Special Afternoon prizes courtesy of Molson's Canada, Yamaha Canada, McDonald's Restaurant and Cabela's in the Weigh-In Station

**Over \$150,000 in prizes!**

Early Bird Draw for ticket purchases until August 7, 2021  
Prices are \$30.00 Single Registration and \$70 Family Registration  
Registration tickets can be purchased online at [www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ssashop](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ssashop)

VISA MasterCard Debit

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# 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.

**Do you use a boat with an outboard motor** (10 horsepower or greater) that requires a Pleasure Craft Licence (PCL)? Or are you planning on applying for a Pleasure Craft Operator Card?

If so, Transport Canada is proposing changes that will impact you. Here's a breakdown of some of the changes that are being considered:

1. A \$15 fee to process an application to obtain a new PCL or to renew, transfer, or duplicate a PCL.
2. A 5-year expiration period for all PCLs (currently no expiry or 10-year expiration period).
3. Easier cancellation of PCLs if the holder of a lifetime PCL fails to apply, or if a PCL holder fails to renew a PCL.
4. Reduced timeframe for owners to notify of a name or address change from 90 days to 30 days, and specify 30 days for the buyer to notify of a sale or transfer of a vessel.

Transport Canada is also proposing changes to the Pleasure Craft Operator Competency Program by introducing an accreditation application fee of \$5,000, payable every five years by course providers, and implementing a maintenance and test materials access fee of \$8.50 for each Pleasure Craft Operator Card that's issued.

Therefore, it is expected that course providers could increase course fees in order to recuperate these additional expenses.

The OFAH will be providing feedback on behalf of the outdoors community. We also represent these interests through our longstanding involvement on the Ontario Recreational Boating Advisory Committee - a platform to share angler and hunter perspectives with government officials.

Be sure to voice your opinion directly. To learn more about Transport Canada's proposals and submit comments, go to <https://letstalktransportation.ca/mss>.

*Thanks to Jack Oz.*

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### On The Ice:

With the continued surge in the number of people recreating outdoors this year, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone that lakes and ponds across the state have started to freeze, and where there isn't ice, the water is dangerously cold.

Ice thickness is highly variable at this time of year and subject to Mother Nature's whims. Even where there isn't ice, the water is so cold that an unexpected fall in can be deadly. It is vital to talk with children, who are naturally curious about the water, about staying safe. "The first ice-fishing trip of the season is exciting, but there's no fish that is worth falling through the ice," said Rodmen Smith, director of the DNR Enforcement Division. "Vigilance around the water at this time of year isn't just a good idea – it's an absolute necessity."

Anglers and others who recreate on the ice should stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice. Anytime people are on the ice, they should check its thickness every 150 feet. Smith urges people to check ice thickness for themselves rather than deciding to walk on the ice based on what they've heard or read.

Each year, unexpected falls into cold water lead to serious injury and death. Wearing a life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. Carrying a good set of ice picks can help a person get out if they fall through the ice, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely they will be able to call for help. General ice safety guidelines No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines can help minimize the risk:

- Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).
- Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.
- Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.
- Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.
- Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.
- Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.

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 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 6, 2021. After that date, we will inform the winners.

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.

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.**

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



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)