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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

June, 4, 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}

Hot dogs and beverages will be
 available before the meeting.

People can arrive around
 six o'clock for the
 pre meeting gathering.

Jim Hastie

*What can you hold in your right
 hand that you cannot hold in
 your left hand?
 Your left elbow!*

Presidents Message

Mike Prevost

Our May – June general meetings are a good way to end our season before our summer break. Thirteen trophies with personal plaque awards were handed out at the past May general meeting to deserving members. It was especially gratifying to see our Junior Sportsman of the Year trophy go to Wyatt Farquharson and the Junior Conservationist of the Year Award go to Shanr Ruther. Keep in mind our top Turkey award when you finish your hunt at the end of May. I have one more tag left, on purpose of course and plan to wait for the last day of the hunt to let mine fatten up some more. As mentioned before our June meeting will be our hotdog and auction social evening. Beverages will be available and all the hotdogs you can eat for free. Bring along any and all of that good stuff that you should be getting rid of and or any baking items that you want to donate for the auction. Don't forget your cash as there is always some good bargains to be had.
See you there!



**Award Night
 (at May's general meeting)
 for 2014.**

*See list of trophy winners
 on page 3*

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



May 7, 2015 Prize Draw Winners

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Scissor set | Fred Gebert |
| 2. Pruners | Mac Gamble |
| 3. Flashlight | Matt Turner |
| 4. Hatchet | John Snook |
| 5. Fishing Rod & reel | Dave Hartrick |
| 6. Gloves | John Bates |
| 7. Utility knife | Jim Hastie |
| 8. T shirt | Jim Cunningham |
| 9. Folding knife 4 1/2" | Bob Esplen |
| 10. Folding knife 4 1/4 | Brian Gamble |
| 11. Muskol | Mike Prevost |
| 12. Towels | Larry Fisher |

Red tag - \$50.00 Gift Certificates
 Fletcher Sports

Wyatt Farquharson

Thanks to all for participating
Brian Clements



Battle of the Bugs :

What's your favourite native pollinator?

From butterflies, to bees, to moths and beetles, insect pollinators are vital in creating and maintaining the habitats and ecosystems that many animals rely on for food and shelter.

This month, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is showcasing this important group of insects and asking you: what's your favourite pollinator?

Visit natureconservancy.ca/battle-of-the-bugs and choose your favourite pollinator today!



Get Revenge-

Live long enough to be a problem to your children!

The snow has melted which means that

Firearms Safety Courses

can once again be held at the Clubhouse.

There will be a NON-RESTRICTED COURSE May 27th-29th.
 ONESPOT AVAILABLE!

There will be a RESTRICTED COURSE Saturday JUNE 6TH.
 ONE SPOT AVAILABLE!

There will be a NON RESTRICTED COURSE June 24th-26th.
 Five places open.

There will be a RESTRICTED Course Sunday July 12th.
 Five places open.

ALL COURSES are held at the Sydenham Spotsrmen Clubhouse.
 Non Restricted Courses begin at 6:30pm
 Restricted courses begin at 9:00am

The cost for any course is \$35.00 Registration Fee (NON REFUND-ABLE). This pays for the book and the test only.
 Payable at registration.

In addition the course fee is as follows
 Members \$50.00
 Junior Members \$35.00
 Non Members \$85.00
 Non Member under 18 years of age \$50.00
 PAYABLE AT START OF COURSE.

To register for any of these courses PHONE Bob Mckay at 519-534- 0827 AFTER 6:00pm.

Let the phone ring AT LEAST 10 times. I may be outside or in another part of the house.

There may be more courses coming in the fall.
 Keep watching the newsletter for Dates and Types.

See page 5 for update on courses!

The SSA Awards for 2014 Recently Presented

At the May general meeting, a number of club awards were presented. What follows is a list.

The John Campbell Adult Chinook Salmon Trophy	Bill Colborne	17 lb est. Wt.
The SSA Adult River Brown Trout Trophy	Randy Doherty	5.02 lb est. Wt.
The L H Leonard Junior Brown Trout Trophy	Neil Gunn	2.70 lb est. Wt.
The Stan Brown Printers Junior Rainbow Trout Trophy	Neil Gunn	8.96 lb est. Wt.
The Georgian Awards Hand gun Attendance Trophy	Mark Corden	
The Gary Cameron Hand gun High Average Trophy	Dan Peters	
The Jim Weir Memorial Conservation Educators Award	Greg Courage	
The Grant Ferris Memorial Adult Conservationist of the Year	Bob Hunt	
The Ab Fenwick Adult Sportsman of the Year	Wayne Gallagher	
The Louis De Haus Memorial Junior Sportsman of the Year	Wyatt Farquharson	
The Hans Kreuzer Memorial Junior Conservationist of the Year	Shane Ruther	
Adult Hard Luck Award First Place	Linda Hamill	
Adult Hard Luck Award Second Place	John Bates	

Congratulations to all the winners!!

The SSA has fisheries categories and trophies for most species caught in Grey and Bruce counties. As well, we have a Best Buck award and a Best Turkey award. Application forms are available at the clubhouse or from John Ford. In future, we hope to have the applications posted on our website.



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Use of drones in forestry: sustainable management from the air

IHB The Timber Network -

Aerial images have been used in forestry for decades to perform a variety of tasks, such as forest inventories or mapping damage after disasters. Today, very small unmanned aircraft that can fly autonomously – known as drones – can be employed. Using drones to capture image data enables operations to be planned flexibly and at short notice, thus ensuring that image products are quickly available. Thanks to their low flight altitude, drones can fly even under heavy cloud. Moreover, their quiet and energy-efficient electric motors are not only environment-friendly but also reduce the impact of noise on humans and animals.



Over 210 ash trees had to be removed from Waterloo last year because of Emerald ash borer damage, and the city says the small beetles are very active in wards 1 and 4. Tim Wolfe, the city's manager of forestry and environmental services, says there are over 1,200 trees in Ward 1, and the city had to remove 76 this year so far.



How do you plant 1 billion trees a year? With drones, of course

TreeHugger - Apr 06, 2015

Instead of doing surveillance or carrying out military missions, the drones from BioCarbon Engineering are taking on a decidedly more progressive task: planting trees and reversing deforestation.

For more SSA Pictures: Connect to the SSA website using
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> then click SSA Gallery Images (right side)

Province Helping to Promote Conservation Efforts

Ontario is working with community members and organizations to protect our province's most vulnerable species by continuing to invest in the Species at Risk Stewardship Program.

Through the Program, \$5 million is being invested this year in support of 100 innovative projects to promote conservation, stewardship and preservation of biodiversity. Some of the projects include:

Engaging community members and volunteers to protect endangered piping plovers on beaches of the Great Lakes

Researching the potential use of artificial habitat for bank swallows

Helping the Sault Naturalists engage and mentor future conservationists through a project training college and secondary students to explain and promote conservation efforts.

Evaluation and mitigation of carry over effects of white-nose syndrome on bats

Supporting the collection of Aboriginal Tradition Knowledge for wolverine, lake sturgeon and caribou

Promoting conservation and protecting biodiversity is part of the government's plan to build Ontario up.

The four-part plan includes investing in people's talents and skills, making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives, and building a secure retirement savings plan.

QUICK FACTS

In 2015, the Species at Risk Stewardship Program will support 41 new stewardship projects, 40 ongoing multi-year projects, and 19 new research projects.

Over the past nine years, 821 projects have helped protect and recover over 100 different species at risk, including Blanding's turtle, lake sturgeon, American chestnut and eastern hog-nosed snake.

Since 2006, the Species at Risk Stewardship Fund has helped restore over 25,000 hectares of habitat, created 2,200 jobs and provided approximately 25,600 volunteer hours for Ontarians.

The fund is available to individuals and groups, including landowners and farmers, Aboriginal communities, academic institutions, industries, municipalities and conservation organizations.

Ontario is home to over 30,000 species, with more than 200 currently considered at risk.



Stocking Trout At A Recent Event

Photos by Mike Prevost



Nicolas Murdoch
with his day's catch
at recent Kids' Day!

Photo Rob Cameron

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

There are still 5 places available for the June 24-26th

NON RESTRICTED PAL COURSE.

There are also 2 places open for the July 12th **RESTRICTED PAL COURSE.**

To register for either or both of these courses **PHONE, YES, PHONE Bob McKay at 519-534-0827.** I don't do anti-social media. I grew up in an age when people actually talked to one and other using their voices not, their thumbs. so, **PHONE.**

Cost to register is \$35.00.
Cost of course is \$50.00 for members \$85.00 for non members. \$ 35.00
Jr members \$50.00
Jr non members

Bob McKay



Wild turkeys, a nuisance for some, welcomed by woodlot owners

CBC News Mar 25, 2015
Re-introduced wild turkeys in the Ottawa area have been known to pester seniors in Barrhaven and cause traffic hazards, among other things, but woodlot owners say they're a welcome addition to the landscape. Wild turkeys are often a welcome addition to the land of woodlot owners.

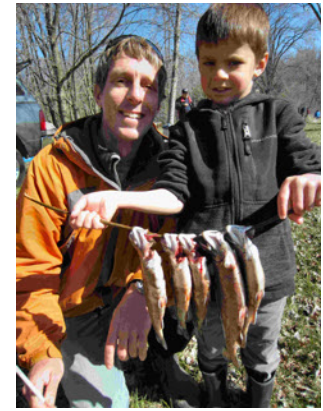


Volunteers - Thank you -

The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association would not function, if it were not for its many volunteers.

The SSA Executive

Take A Kid Trout Opener



It was a great trout opener for the younger generation of Grey-Bruce. There were not only SSA members but people from the BPSA, the Boy Scouts as well as Big Brothers out for a day of speckled trout fishing. Many happy faces were seen as some very respectable sized speckled trout were caught. An event like this was made possible by Lorne of Fletcher Sports who donated rods and reels, Watsons Tackle House and the SSA who provided hotdogs and refreshments for the occasion. A special thank you to all the MNR staff who made this event possible for providing the trout for this event. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped preparing and serving lunch, helping bait hooks, untangle fishing lines and clean some of the fish caught. So thank you to Arnie Clark, Rob LeGrand, Bill Murdoch and Rick Murdoch for a job well done.

Doug Murdoch



Canada leads the world in certified forests

Mar 06, 2015
The Canadian forest products industry now has 43% of the world's independently certified forests or more than 160 million hectares, which is four times more than any other country. Certified forests means that companies follow progressive social and environmental forest management practices as assessed by an independent third body.

Should Canadians have a right to burn wood for heat?

Cantech Letter.com - Mar 09, 2015
It's a part of a Canadian vignette that lives in so many of our memories; the crunch of sharp blades on pond ice, the brace of morning air, the smell of wood smoke from a distant chimney promising warmth for soon-to-be frozen fingers and toes. But our children, it seems, will have different memories.

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.**