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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

June 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}

This meeting::
The Annual Auction.....
by our resident Auctioneer
and his committee!

Come and enjoy the fun!!!!

Desk::
A wastebasket with drawers!

President's Message (June 2017)

I certainly hope everyone enjoyed what Spring had to offer, whether it was the turkey hunt, trout season opening or simply getting out and enjoying the sunshine and our great outdoors that surround us. We have a few upcoming events coming up so come out and support the club in either the June General meeting, this is the annual auction which always draws a crowd.

The Summer Social is June 17th and the menu looks to be another winner from Chef Keith. To all, stay safe in and around our waterways or anywhere you may venture. This year will mark the 30th Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular, so if you haven't been involved prior, sign up for a couple of shifts or simply show up to the setup or the tent anytime during, there is always something to be done. Enjoy your summer with family and friends and see you back in September at the General meeting.



Inaugural Chowder Night Success! \$224 was raised. Don't know if that includes what went through the bar as well. I would estimate attendance was around 70 people and there were about 12 to 15 different chowders, chili's, soups and Caesar salad. There was also a nice spread of desserts.

As always if any members that have ideas on how to grow these type of events please contact myself or any executive and we can discuss on how or what ideas to try.

Scott G

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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



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Clubhouse Bookings:
Contact-
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
Home 519-794-3456
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ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com

**Monthly Meeting
Draw Prize Winners**

May 11, 2017

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Hammer | Don Fosbury |
| 2. Terry clothes | Doug Flood |
| 3. Scissor set | Robert Ginzel |
| 4. Hand pruner | Jack Osadzuk |
| 5. Multi tool | Dave Skelton |
| 6. Utility knife | Heidi Vail |
| 7. Fillet knife | Ron McCartney |
| 8. Buck knife | Wayne Gallagher |
| 9. 200' rope | Ron Robb |
| 10. Off clip on | John Ford |

Red tag - \$50.00 LCBO
Gift Certificate Doug Van Horne

Thanks to all for participating
Brian Clements



**The SSA Executive and ---
SSA Boat Draw Contest**

We are considering changing the way, the boat draw mailings happen this year. Our members will be notified that all members who sell their boat draw tickets will be eligible to win one of several prizes.

The difference is that you have to notify Lillie Bates at 519 376 5264 or batesj @xplornet.ca.

When you do that, Lillie will mail you a book of tickets.

If you decide to sell more than one book, just contact Lillie.

The tickets will be available at the next general meeting (May and June meetings)



*Even if money could buy happiness,
Most of us would have to wait for a clearance sale!*

**Dates for NON RESTRICTED
(Rifle, Shotgun) P.A.L Courses.**

Sept 27th, 28th, 29th 7:00-10:00pm

Open to anyone 12 years old or older.

**RESTRICTED (Handgun)
Courses**

May 20th 9:00am-6:00pm
Oct 7th 9:00am-6:00pm

MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

To register for any course call Bob McKay at 519-5340 0366.
You really do have to call me as I am a DINOSAUR. I don't subscribe to Antisocial Media and I don't accept e- payments.

All courses are restricted to five students.

**COST. REGISTRATION \$40.00
PER COURSE**

COURSE FEE
\$50.00 MEMBERS
\$ 85.00 NON MEMBERS
\$ 40.00 JUNIOR MEMBERS
\$ 60.00 UNDER 18
NON -MEMBERS

To register for any course please call Bob McKay at (519) 534- 0366 between 6:30pm and 10:00pm. I am NOT available at any other time.

I may hold courses at other times IF you can guarantee FIVE STUDENTS.

The choice is your's.

ALL courses are restricted to FIVE STUDENTS.

REGISTRATION FEE is NON RE-FUNDABLE.

Balance due on first night of NON RESTRICTED COURSE or day of RESTRICTED COURSE.

Payment MUST be CASH or CHEQUE..

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<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> select from SSA Newsletters - right side.

Sydenham Sportsmen Association

2nd Annual Summer Social

Saturday, June 17th, 2017 at the SSA Clubhouse

Cost \$25 Adult, \$12.50 ages 5-12, kids under 5 free

Dinner catered by Chef Keith Hagedorn

Dinner at 5 pm, bar opens at 3 pm

Social hour appetizers prior to the main meal

Entrée

Local Rotisserie Roast Beef

Sea Food & Shrimp Cannelloni

Caesar Salad

Roast Potato & Seasonal Buttered Vegetables

Assorted Pie and ice cream

door prizes !

Limited number of tickets available

Contact Jeff Caldwell jrc870@gmail.com

or John Ford johnrichardford5@gmail.com to purchase your tickets.

Tickets will be available at general meetings and the range building on Sundays.



I was looking in the mirror the other day and I realized I haven't changed much since I was in my 20's. The only difference is that I look a lot older now!

George Carlin

*Learning history is easy.
Learning its lessons is almost impossible!*

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A Neat Short Story - Gord Payne

Present message made mention of turkey season and just as a point of interest on this note I am sending you this neat story.

While cleaning windows out front I placed the ladder next to our front steps with one foot in Julie's flower garden. To my surprise, out jumped a hen turkey. I checked and sure enough she had a nest right outside our front door. Guess she figures she is in no danger.

Hope she raises her brood OK.



Sporting Clays activities are well underway at the SSA.

The June event dates are Sunday June 11th, registration is 1pm - 2pm, Saturday June 17th is the monthly prize shoot, registration is 10am - 12 noon. This is also the Summer Social, so come out and shoot sporting clays, and stay for a cold beverage or two and a great meal. Check the website calendar for all of the event dates, or sign up for the sporting clays email list by sending a request to sydenhamsportingclays@gmail.com.

As an added bonus, for each round of sporting clays you shoot at the SSA in 2017, receive a ballot to win an Uzkon 20ga semi auto shotgun. Shotgun draw date will be Sunday October 22nd.



SSA Revenue and Expenses

Recently, our Treasurer reviewed some revenue and expenses over the last few years. What he found was that our revenue was not keeping pace with our expenses. Costs like telephone, hydro, gas and tractor repairs have increased dramatically. Dennis indicated that some of our costs have jumped more than 20 %. Please don't misunderstand! All of the executive is very much aware of this situation and try to reduce costs whenever possible!

Obviously, we can't continue to operate in a deficit position. This is another reason why we are asking you to get the newsletter on our website rather than on paper. Keep in mind that the OFAH fees increase by a small amount each year.

We have held the membership fee costs constant for the last 3 years. However, this will not be possible in 2018. You need to be prepared for an increase in 2018 to cover added club expenses! As well, we expect an even larger increase in new membership costs.

We are looking for feedback from our members soon. I expect the decision will be made at the June executive meeting.

The September newsletter will provide you with the 2018 fees and we will begin the Early Bird Membership Drive in October.

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Defensive Pistol practices are running the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month.

The first match of the year will be held on Saturday June 10th.

The annual Hawaiian shirt match will be on Saturday July 29th.

If you are a handgun shooter that is interested in this activity, come out to a practice night to see what it is all about.

Any inquiries can be directed to sydenhamdpl@gmail.com



Why did the man dance in front of a bottle?

It said Twist to open!

SWAP MEETS

A good turnout for the swap meets except for the one on Mothers Day. I guess mother won that one . Worth a try and we'll know not to mess with Mom next time !

The next swap meet will be in the fall, date to be determined.

A couple of ' would be nice ' comments. Our swap meets are advertised from 0800 to noon and , quite often , we have people wandering in at around eleven, only to find many of the vendors gone.

If we can't keep the vendors all morning, maybe we need to look at our start and finish times.

?...comments ?. Also , it's a great help to Garry and me if the vendors fold up their tables and put the tables and chairs away before leaving.

The swap's are becoming very popular and it's good to see so many members participating and we look forward to many more to come.

Thanks for your support and see you in the fall.

Stew/Garry

30th Annual Owen Sound

Salmon Spectacular

The 30th Annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular is just around the corner! As usual, we are asking for help!!! Currently we have 16 spaces for volunteers at the Weigh in Station.

Please call me, John Ford, at 226 664 0960 to volunteer.

This event is a huge team effort and we need your help!



*How much money does a Skunk have?
One scent!*

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*Seasickness usually comes
in waves!*

*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*

Please help to reduce postage costs

The directors are looking for ways to reduce club costs. It was brought to our attention that the cost of mailing a paper newsletter is more than \$2 per copy. We realize that a number of our members do not have computers and need a paper copy so we are not trying to eliminate paper newsletters but to reduce them.

However, we know that many do have computers and can easily read the newsletter on our website. Most of you, who receive paper copies, simply read the newsletter and put it in recycling.

What we are suggesting is that you provide us with your email address.

When Dave Skelton finishes the newsletter, he will send you a message that will include a link. If you click on the link, you will be taken directly to the website and the appropriate place to read the newsletter. What you read is in colour. You still have the option the print it in any part that you choose.

I simply read it. As well, you can go to any newsletter in the past few years and read any or all of them. Doing this saves the SSA a substantial amount.

Please help us by providing your email address and permission to send you the email message. We have reduced the number of paper newsletters by 50 % but know that there are still members with email addresses who could help with this. Remember, if we can reduce these costs even more, that may reflect in the membership fee increase.

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.**

SSA Annual Awards Night



**Top Winner Hard Luck Award
Doug VanHorne**

Other Award Winners



Photos by Mike Prevost

CBC News - Apr 24, 2017

Sawmill owners and wood producers are worried their companies won't survive if the U.S. imposes duties on softwood lumber imports from this region, says Rick Doucett, president of the New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners.

Sawmills in Quebec and Ontario generating oversupply of wood chips

Canadian Biomass Magazine, by Wood Resources International - May 01, 2017

Sawmills in Eastern Canada have been running at record high levels in 2016, with production reaching levels almost 10 per cent higher than in 2015 and almost 40 per cent higher than five years ago.

Do you remember the first time you saw an animal in the wild? Maybe it was a chipmunk scurrying across a forest floor. Perhaps it was a flash of white as a pronghorn antelope bounded out of sight across the wide grassland. Or maybe, just maybe, it was the lumbering hulk of a bear nosing for berries atop a rocky cliff. Small or large, that first connection with Canada's wildlife, no doubt, stayed with you.

Today, Canada is home to 521 species at risk. These plants and animals are slowly disappearing due to loss of habitat and other threats. For a nation that defines itself through nature, this loss of wildlife hits all of us hard. Each species is important to our ecosystem; they help clean our water and produce our food. Yet each year, populations decline.

But what if it didn't have to be this way? What if you could help?

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is dedicated to conserving Canada's natural landscapes. Through a science-based approach, NCC protects our country's sensitive ecosystems and habitats for the at-risk species that live there.

What would Canada be like without our moose, beavers or bears?

March 3 is World Wildlife Day. Make a commitment today to ensuring that Canada remains wild and natural.



**First Chowder Night
By Jack Doherty**

See page 1 for more....

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR US IN 2017?

There is often fear over the state of nature in Canada. Loss of habitats and species, climate change, fragmentation and invasive species have become regular stories in our news. But there are also grounds for hope, which makes this a truly exciting time to be involved in conservation.

Use this link below to renew you membership! **Pay Pal or a Credit Card can be used**

<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/>