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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
June 6, 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}

The **June General Meeting** will be the Annual hot dog & beer social which will start shortly after 6 pm with the hot dogs & bar opening. We will follow with the routine General Meeting and then by the Annual auction, so bring any still useful items you can part with to auction off to fellow members.

President’s Message (June 2019)

I hope all you spring anglers and hunters were rewarded for your efforts and enjoyed your time out in our great outdoors. I would like to thank all who attended and prepared a dish for our annual Chili Social night, it was another fun event with some great dishes prepared and we managed to raise some money for our club.

We will be having an Open House at the club on June 29th to promote our facilities and show off how good we have it here, put the word out to your neighbours, friends and family to come out to check it out.

As usual our June meeting will be our Hot Dog & Beer night and Auction so bring any items you wish to donate to sell off to fellow members to raise some revenue to help offset the club costs.

Take care in whatever this summer may bring and our September meeting will be the 2nd Thursday to accommodate the Fall Fair.

*Just a note: Heads up- Unless some one wants to do it, there will be **no** newsletter in September. The next edition will be October 2019.*

Animal migration is threatened around the world because of habitat loss and other factors. For example, salmon rely on their ability to migrate upstream to their spawning grounds, but dams block migratory routes for these fish, which is why salmon populations have declined.

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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



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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

\$20 Tim Hortons Gift Card -
Mike Prevost
\$20 Wal Mart Gift Card -
Dave Rutherford
\$20 Montana's Gift Card -
Don Fosbury
\$20 Boston Pizza Gift Card -
Ted Furness
\$20 Cash - Doug Flood
\$50 Home Depot Gift Card -
Jim Hastie



This is just one of FOUR fishing awards that **Bill Colborne** won at our club awards night meeting in May. No wonder he is smiling.

Photo by Mike Prevost

SSA Membership Report

You need to be aware that a requirement for new members in 2019 is that the firearms licence number and expiry date needs to be included. As well, we require new members to provide a current police criminal records check.

Wanted: Help with **bluebird program**, as my legs are not working as well any more; old age. Walking to check boxes is difficult to do. **Need help with the over 30 runs.** I have some good guys helping but just need more. Call me at 226 668 8241 or email bobhunt1@hotmail.ca I want to keep this going as was started with Lorne Smith. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Thanks: **Bob Hunt.**

Nadine Osborne, a French Immersion Kindergarten Teacher at East Ridge Community School was awarded the Jim Weir Memorial Youth Conservation Educator's Award at our annual May Awards Night meeting.

Nadine has participated in our school room program of hatching salmon eggs for three years. Along with her commitment to her students to learn about conservation we were impressed with the compassion of her comments regarding how much her students learn and take ownership, even at such an early age, from this hands on program.

Mike Prevost

Just a heads up ... all electrical power will be turned off to the Range Area and freezer building on Monday June 10th at approx. 8:30 am till shortly after lunch to allow Benedict Electrical to connect New underground power supply to affected areas

Ken Miersch

An executive is a person that can take two hours for lunch and not be missed!

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Chili Night At The Clubhouse

Photo by Jim Hastie



Members of the SSA wildlife committee spent a wet afternoon in April brushing up wildlife brush piles created in the Blake Smith Memorial Wildlife Demonstration Area. Google brush piles for wildlife and you will find a lot of useful information that you may be able to use on your back forty to help wildlife.

Mike Prevost



SSA and public volunteers participated in a City of Owen Sound/SSA sponsored Earth Day clean up on April 20th. It is sad that we have to go back to the same sites every year to collect litter that is tossed away by people that should care and know better.

Photo by Mike Prevost



Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

We still have openings on the Weigh in station schedule. The following shifts are still open on the Weigh in Station:

Saturday, August 24 from 2 to 6,
Monday, August 26 from 2 to 6,
Friday August 30 from 10 to 2,
Friday August 30 from 2 to 6.

If you are able to help, please contact me. Probably sending me an email is the easiest way.

(johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

As well, Al Smith, our new Boat Draw ticket sales co-ordinator, is looking for help. He will probably be at the meeting and is usually found at the back where the meeting tickets are sold.



Gate Keys

As you are probably aware, the gate locks were changed on April 1. You need a key with a green key spotter in order to open club gates. Make sure you wear your membership card with the 2019 sticker on the back. If you are using SSA facilities and don't have your membership card on, expect other members to check to make sure you are a paid up SSA Member.

Keys are available at Watsons Tackle House, the Maher centre and at club meetings. I will be away for the June meeting. I will give Scott Grimoldby, our President, some keys for you to purchase.

Need information on a CLSC?

Contact: David Fritz
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RR4 Chesley, ON, N0G 1L0
daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com

Some Possible SSA Membership Changes for 2020

At the May Executive meeting, your directors started thinking about some possible changes to our membership.

Certainly, the Early Bird Programme has been very successful and there was some discussion about increasing the number of prizes available to those who renew early.

Other suggestions were that the membership fees across the board increase by \$10.00. There was also some discussion about a cut-off date for renewals, after which the fee would increase. I want to emphasize that these are only suggestions at this point and the directors will think about these over the next weeks. A decision will be made at the June Executive Meeting on June 20.

If you have thoughts on any of these ideas, or have others, please send me an email and let me know. We are certainly looking for feedback from our members before a final decision is made.

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



Dear Partner,
 As you may be aware, the Provincial government has recently unveiled several items that affect the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA). The first are the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act which would restrict the ability of conservation authorities to levy municipalities only for “core” mandated programs which include natural hazard management, management of conservation authority-owned lands, and source water protection.

This may have the effect of reducing our funding, and thus our ability to carry out vital watershed health and education programs such as: environmental education and day-camps; water quality sampling, recreational dam management (Owen Sound Mill Dam); environmental stewardship; tree planting; natural heritage monitoring; and program partnering.

To compound this, the Provincial government recently announced that they are reducing GSCA’s flood related transfer payments by 50-percent, eliminating the 50-million tree program, eliminating a program designed at reviewing the health of south Georgian Bay, and eliminating valuable summer job funding Programs.

Staff and Board members from GSCA will be attending municipal and county councils in the immediate future to discuss these issues and will also be providing comments to the Provincial government.

It would be very beneficial to GSCA if you could express your concern with these issues by:

1. Commenting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting on “Modernizing the Conservation Authorities Act” prior to May 20th (ERO #: 013-5018) <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-5018>;
2. Expressing the value provided by GSCA and your concern with the recent and proposed changes to your local MPP;
3. Expressing the value provided by GSCA and your concern with the recent and proposed changes with your local municipal and county council members.

If you would like more information, or suggestions/wording for comments, please visit www.greysauble.on.ca or contact Grey Sauble Conservation Authority via email at explore@greysauble.on.ca or via phone at 519-376-3076.

Kind Regards,

Submitted by Jim Hastie

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Tundra Swan

Many of these large birds migrate between the Atlantic coast in Chesapeake Bay and the Canadian Arctic tundra 6,000 kilometres away



Osprey

Ospreys, a type of raptor, might fly more than 200,000 kilometres — from Brazil to Canada and back again — throughout their 15- to 20-year life span.

*A fad goes in one era
and out the other!*

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2019 SSA TREE PLANTING

Eighteen Sydenham Sportsmen, members plant 100 White Spruce, and 100 White Cedar trees, at the Sydenham Conservation Foundation’s Doug Reid Conservation property, on May 4th, 2019.

The Spruce and Cedar trees had coco discs placed around them and each tree was staked.



The SSA members also fixed up 100 previously planted Oak Trees by redoing each Oak tree’s tubex protectors, placing new coco discs at the base of each two year old Oak tree, and finished this task by staking each Oak. Special thanks to our SSA tree planting volunteers; Daren Dorion, Craig Geberdt, John Ford, Steve Klerks, Wayne Gallagher, Don Lobban, Bruce Lobban, Luke DeBoer, Wally Cunningham, Bill Douglas, Ron Robb, Mike Prevost, Fred Geberdt, Brian Farquharson, Wyatt Farquharson, Tyson Farquharson, Lindsay Maxfield, Kory Maxfield.



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association



OPEN HOUSE

June 29th 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Facilities tour & demonstrations

This tour is open to all our members, prospective members and general public.

It's your opportunity to find out about the conservation work we do and what facilities we have to offer our members.

Bring a family and friends for this full day of activities.

Activities such as Handgun, .22 rim-fire rifle, center-fire rifle, shotgun, cowboy action, archery, hatchery and wildlife demonstration area tours.

Purchase a ticket or two, give the sport of your choice a try under the guidance of our range safety officers.



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