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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}

President's Message (June 2021)  
 Once again we are in a stay at home trying to get through this terrible situation in our lives. I certainly hope all of you are staying well, being safe and keeping positive through this. It is now moving into summer and our ranges are active and fishing is something you can do safely to pass the time. As of now the Annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular is moving forward with resuming this year and to what level of activities will take place will be determined through the next couple of months. If things continue to improve I am looking forward to being able to have an in person general meeting in the fall and we can get back to some club gatherings. Enjoy the summer weather, stay safe, be well and do what you can to help out in what club activities we start resuming as things open up.

Yours in conservation, Scott

**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)

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**SSA Hatchery**

We have a little over 78,000 salmon in our large and small hatchery that are doing well and growing. At the beginning of May our average weight was 2.0 grams and now the average is 3.5 grams. We think the warmer water temperature which is now 8.1 degrees C has helped the feeding metabolism of the fish. Our plan is to release them sometime at the end of June, early July.

Unfortunately we were not able to collect any rainbow eggs this spring but it was certainly not for a lack of a willing effort on the part of the Lake Huron Fishing Club to help us out.

Mike Prevost, Hatchery Manager

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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Bill Douglas

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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 in 2021**

Well, an interesting year to say the least to get members into these courses!

We have the ranges open for use but training is governed differently according to the Government and Health Department's guidelines. We can hold the Tours and since reopening, 3 sessions are / have been scheduled with very limited number of participants to stay within the guidelines.

Indoor training is prohibited until the Province is in the 1st stage of reopening (maybe) so we can not hold any CLSC activities at this time. If you are looking for this training for either your initial or a refresher, please contact me to get your contact info on a call back list for upcoming courses.

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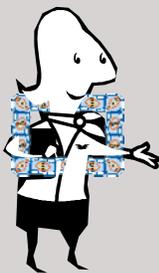
**Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular**

I suspect that there will be a number of submissions on this topic. I just want to provide you the dates of August 27 to September 5. For those of you who have volunteered for the Weigh In Station or on the Computer in the Weigh In Station, I will send out an email no later than July for you to peruse. If there are changes to be made, you can contact me at johnrichardford5@gmail.com

I also want to highlight the Boat and Recreational Draw purchase offer for members only. Any member who purchases a book of tickets for \$20.00 gets a free hat. Al Smith is co-ordinating this programme. His email is allanswoodworks4@gmail.com and his telephone number is 519-387-9666.



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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**

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*On a small airline at mealtime, the flight attendant asked the passenger if she would like dinner. The passenger asked, "What are my choices?" The attendant replied, "Yes or No!"*

## **SSA TREASURER NEEDED**

This is the last 2021 newsletter until September, so you won't be hearing from me, about filling the SSA Treasurer's position, for a few months. After having read all the notices sent out in the newsletters for the last six months or more, the consequences of entering 2022 without anyone volunteering to look after the finances of the SSA should be well known to the membership. The board is well aware of the financial burden that is going to be incurred, and realize that it may not be able to avoid it.

Without an SSA member volunteering to take on the task, they will probably be forced to hire an outside accountant, and that additional cost will surely play a role in determining future membership fees.

It may not seem like it, as we go into the hot summer months, but September is just around the corner, and at that point, there may be virtually no opportunity to fill this position, in time for the year ahead. We have said many, many times that **EVERYTHING THE SSA IS ABLE TO DO, IS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS**. It is difficult to believe that with a membership of 700 +/- that there isn't a capable member in the area that would be willing to volunteer for such an important job.

Get in contact with any member of the board if you would like to contribute your skills and abilities to this area of interest. Please don't leave it to the last minute.

Dennis Wiseman  
SSA Treasurer



## **Membership numbers for 2021**

Currently, we have approximately 700 members. Last year's total was 707 so we are close at this point. We will still accept new members for 2021 until the end of August, so hopefully we will surpass the 2020 total. In the fall, people wanting to join will be applying for 2022 and these will be held until November 2021.

I want to thank all our members for their co-operation in renewing memberships promptly. More and more people are renewing on line and I expect that in 2022, that number will increase as people become more familiar with the process. But if you still are uncomfortable with the process, you are welcome to call me and renew with your credit card.

We are planning to organize an Early Bird Membership draw for 2022, as has happened each year.

The start date is October 1, 2021.

Those who renew early have a chance on some special prizes donated by Chris Geberdt.

I will have more about this in the September newsletter.



## **Property Gate Keys**

By now, many of you have the yellow keys which are for this year. If you haven't checked it, make sure to do so. There were some earlier glitches with a few of the keys. If you have a problem, please contact me, John Ford, at 226 664 0960.

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*If you think you are a person of great influence, try telling somebody else's dog what to do!*

*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.*

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