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## **THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,**

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

**Thursday**

**March, 7, 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 is the last newsletter that  
you will receive until your  
2013 dues are paid"*

**JFord**



*Life is 10% what you make it  
and 90% how you take te!*

## **President's Message**

### **Fund Raising**

Thanks to all of our Volunteers for selling the OFAH Conservation Lottery tickets at the Heritage Mall during the month of February and thanks to all of you who sold or bought your own books of tickets. We sold 200 books of tickets and our club gets \$6.00 for every book we sold so that means we made another \$1200.00 for conservation projects. We also appreciate and want to thank the help we get from the Primaris Management group and security staff at the Heritage Mall for allowing us to do this every year. The ATV on display is courtesy of Thomboy Sports in Owen Sound without which we just would not sell half as many tickets as we do. The manager and staff of the Tip Top Tailor store allowed us to store our money / ticket box with them every day which was a great convenience.

Ask any organization and they will tell you that fund raising is a lot of work. All of the above is what makes ours successful.

While on the topic of successful fund raising and a lot of work lets mention some others. Our Owen Sound / OFAH Conservation Dinner are on Saturday March 2 at the Bayshore arena. If you have not been there this would be a good year to try it out. We have some really neat raffle and auction prizes.

Do you know that we have a talented sales team of club volunteers who travel the country side on weekends, lots of weekends and even weeks from Niagara Falls to Sudbury selling derby boat draw tickets and promoting the Salmon Derby and the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association in general.

Thanks guys and girls.

**Mike Prevost**

**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!*

*In theory, theory and practice are the same. In practice, they are not!*

*What dog loves to be washed?  
 A shampoodle!*

### SSA Name

**Murray Smart**

Please note effective immediately that the legal name of the club is now Sydenham Sportsmen's Association. Some of you will not know the history of the incorrect name. The SSA was incorporated as an Ontario corporation without share capital in July of 1972. The SSA needed to become incorporated as it had purchased the current clubhouse property in 1971 through several of its, current at that time, directors to hold title to the property in trust until the organization could be incorporated. The Ontario Corporation Act was changed in 1976 and the SSA name was incorrectly spelled by the government agency as Sydenham Sportsman's Association and was not challenged or changed until December of 2012. The Canada Revenue Agency, as you may recall, had requested that the SSA participate in their three year risk assessment project of not-for-profit corporations. Based on discussions about the name difference it was suggested for less

confusion and to be legally correct we either needed to adopt the corporation's legal name or amend it to the name we have always used. So an application to amend our name was filed with the Ontario government to use the name we have always used. The amendment was granted so our legal name is now Sydenham Sportsmen's Association. There is no "Inc" or "Incorporated" in our legal name so the newsletter masthead on page one needs to have the word "Incorporated" removed. This is the end of this brief history lesson. Thanks, Murray



### The SSA Welcomes New Members passed on January 24/13— J. Ford

**The following new members were passed recently. We want to welcome each of you to what we think is one of Ontario's premiere outdoors organizations. We invite you to attend our monthly meetings and to participate in as many of our activities as possible.**

Todd Barber---Owen Sound	Dennis Barker---Mar
Nick Black---Brampton	Doug Carson---Owen Sound
Ben Christmann and family---Paisley	John Coulson---Tiverton
Daniel Ernest---Williamsford	Steven Feige and family---Owen Sound
Chuck Gaviller and family---Shallow Lake	Cletus Guitard---Brampton
Matt Litt and family---Owen Sound	Garret Marshall---Holland Centre
Michelle McNeilly---Port Elgin	Ron Noble and family---Priceville
Kevin Porter and family---Southampton	Joel Stronach---Holland Centre
Jim Walker---Elmwood	Karol Wozniak and family---Etobicoke



### **FEBRUARY 2013 GENERAL MEETING DRAW WINNERS**

Utility knife - Jim Graham	Multi tool and knife set - Mac Gamble	Flashlight - Conrad St. Pierre
Speedy sharp and hat - John Morneau	Small flashlight - Bob Splov	Towels - Scott Hollywood
Bushmaster binoculars - Don Fosbury	Cuisinart knife - John Ford	Rain jammer suit and hat - Ken Miersh
Tarpaulin - John Snook	Rain jammer suit and hat =Sam Richardson	
Can and gloves - Ron Robb	Red tag spotting scope - Scott Grimboldby	

An **Application Form** may be obtained by using the link below.

[http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/2013-SSA-Membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/2013-SSA-Membership_form.pdf)

Just fill in the form, and mail to the address on the front page of this newsletter, c/o **John Ford.**

**>>> Proposal<<<:>>>Proposal<<<**

To form a new fun oriented series of shotgun shooting events for the various ranges at SSA over the spring and summer months. These shoots will help introduce new shooters to the various events and provide recreational shooting for a number of SSA members and guests who might prefer to shoot on weekday mornings. They will also help to keep the ranges active and generate more revenue for SSA.

When: Every even numbered Thur morning from April thru to Sept. (Apr 18; May 2, 16 and 30; June 6 & 20; July 4 & 18, Aug 8 & 22; Sept 12 & 26.)

Possibly a wrap up on Oct 10 with a bbq and maybe some fun awards if we can round up any at minimal cost [or donated]

Starting around 9:30 each day.

-shooting 50 birds per day [shoot more if you want but the first 50 will be recorded]

-the events will rotate through the different ranges and include approx. 2 dates at each range; trap on new range, wobble trap, doubles trap, skeet, trap at old range, and possibly 1 or 2 days at sporting clays [5 stations only ea day] IF we can arrange the necessary man power to operate that range.

Cost: regular rates as determined by SSA

Name: 'Crippled Clays League' is being tossed around.....since it will likely be a lot of crippled up old retired guys crippling more birds than are broken.

Sign Up: Just show up to shoot. There will be a board of probably 6 sheets [ or more] available and you sign yourself up for the position and relays you want to shoot on.

Ladies, youth, inexperienced, young, old, beards, clean shaven....all welcome.

Hoping to get 3 or 4 interested SSA members with keys to the facilities to help set up and operate the ranges, collect the fees, etc on a rotating basis.

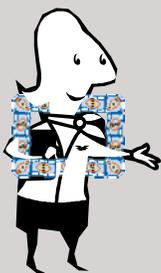
If you are interested in participating please reply to either:

Bill Douglas 519 372-0804                      bcdouglas@bmts.com                      or,

Garry Willis 519 376-5347                      willisgarry@rogers.com



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**Membership Fees Are Now Due!!--**

**-J Ford**

**Please remember that your 2013 membership fees are now due. The price is unchanged over the last 4 years. You are able to use the renewal form printed elsewhere in this newsletter with a cheque or your credit card information, or use the on line store on our website (www.sydenhamsportsmen.com)**

**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**

**Instinct:**

Trust your own instinct. Your mistakes might as well be your own!  
*Billy Wilder*

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." Harriet Tubman

**For more SSA Pictures:**

**Connect to the SSA website!**

<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/photoalbum/index.php> or  
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/index.php> then click PHOTOS (left side)

# S S A Renewal Form for 2013 (to be completed by 2012 members only)

Please take a moment to update your interests. If you send this with your payment or bring it to meetings, we can provide assistance for Committee Chairs in contacting workers.

**If you have a rural address, Canada Post requires your fire number and road as well as your rural route.**

**Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).**

Please use reverse for additional names, ages etc. for family memberships.

## **Membership Fees for 2013 are:**

**FAMILY** (Adult, Spouse, Children)-\$ 125.00

**STUDENT** (Age 13-16 or in full time study; (no magazine)...\$40.00

**ADULT** (Individual).....\$100.00

**JUNIOR** (12 and under; no magazine)..\$35.00

**SENIOR CITIZEN**(Age 60 & over)..\$85.00

**PROPERTY GATE KEY:** \$5.00 (without last year's key);

**SPOUSE:** additional \$25.00

\$4.00 (with the return of last year's key)

Please circle the appropriate membership above.

(Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra \$8.00)

**Note: If you have a computer with internet access and wish to receive your newsletter electronically, you will receive your newsletter in colour and save both the club and the newsletter chair considerable cost and effort. Please include your up-to-date email address below and place a checkmark here**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POSTAL CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Juniors and Students only)

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 \_\_\_

Turkey Shoots \_\_\_

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 \_\_\_

Pitch In \_\_\_

Fall Fair Gates \_\_\_

Computer \_\_\_

Other Interests (List Below)

Expertise (List Below)

Retired \_\_\_

Have ATT \_\_\_

Telephone Committee \_\_\_

**IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A STRONG AND VIABLE ASSOCIATION, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE**

**IN AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.** Please indicate which of the above activities are of special interest to you. This information is used in planning work parties, committees, etc.

**If you would like to purchase your renewal by credit card, please enter the number and expiry date below.**

**Credit card number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiry date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Security code as it appears on the back of the Credit Card:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Handgun**  
**Stew Wallace**



The plastic enclosure at the handgun range has proven to be effective and popular, keeping the worst of the weather out and making winter shooting much more pleasant. Thanks Rob and Ken., well worth the effort. Practice targets have been picked up from the printers and will be on the handgun and rifle ranges just as soon as our carpenters have made up some containers for us. Busy guys, The Chippendales , don't know what we'd do without them. The targets cost the club five cents apiece and donations to cover the target cost and a bit extra for range maintenance are appreciated. ATT permits are taking a couple of weeks to process now so give me a months notice of you are needing one renewed. I don't notify ATT holders of pending expiry dates so please keep track of them. Last thing, a reminder to all SSA members to wear your membership card in a conspicuous place so that non members/trespassers can be ' monitored '.  
Keep 'em downrange, **Stew. Wallace.**

*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*

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**SSA Gate Keys for 2013**

The 2013 gate keys will be available at the March meeting. As well, we will put keys at Watson's Tackle House on 14th St West in Owen Sound.

As usual, the cost is \$4.00 with the return of last year's key and \$5 without. When you get your new key, you sign the tracking sheet with your first and last name and telephone number. Of course, your 2013 membership must be paid before you get your key.

This key will open the road gates as well as the range gates.

The date when the locks will change will be April 1, 2013. Before that time, the blue key will work. As of April 1, you will need a green key to access the club property and ranges.

Thanks J Ford



**SWAP MEET**

Our annual swap meet was an unqualified success with a record number of vendors and hunters'. Fortunately we were blessed with perfect weather and by 0900 the room was packed and deals were being made at a record pace.

Variety ?....this year you had a choice of a Samuri sword, live quail, quail's eggs and anything in between. If you couldn't find anything to buy here, you probably didn't need it anyway !

And, thanks go to the vendors who set up and took down their own tables. It makes life much easier for me and by 1.30 p.m. I had cleared up and was leaving the building.

Any enthusiasm out there for a fall ( pre hunting season ) swap meet ?...let me know.

**Stew. Wallace**





## Range Report - Shooting Sports

**Bill Douglas and Al Hillis**

### THE SHOOTING SPORTS - FEBRUARY 2013 RANGE REPORT

For all our members safety and for emergency situations we have installed new First Aid Kits in the Handgun Range, the 22/CAS Range, the High Power Range, and the new Skeet/Trap house shelter. These locations have been marked with a Red Cross on the outside of the building to indicate there is a First Aid Kit available inside. Lets hope we never have to use them. New Kits will also be provided at the other ranges once they become active in the Spring. [see photos]



The new "Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Shooting Range Operations Manual" is now in the process of being mailed out to all the remaining members who renewed their 2013 membership and don't have an E-mail address. This will complete the delivery of these

manuals to everyone. We would also like to remind everyone that if you have not already done so please sign and return the Declaration on the last page which states you have read, understand, and will abide by these

rules. Hard copies will continue to be available at any of the upcoming General Meetings, just ask Bill Douglas or Al Hillis.

The "Frozen Finger Rifle Shoot" on January 1st, was a success as you saw in the last newsletter. The results for the "Zombie shoot" are not in yet, since it hasn't happened as of the time of this writing, but it should be a lot of fun. The next big one that's coming up is the annual "Cowboy Camp" and everyone interested in Cowboy Action Shooting should make this one a must. Whether you're an old hand, a green horn, would just like to learn how its done, or just like to watch come on out and get involved. Keep a sharp eye out for all the details on this great day coming to you shortly via newsletter and special E-mails from SSA.



In early February we received some more information concerning our last Range inspection and we will have to do some more work on the height of the 100 yd range backstop berm. We have until July 1st to complete this work, and will be looking for some volunteers to help out as soon as the snow is gone and the ground has had some time to dry out. If your interested in helping out just let us know.

### **Shooting Sports Committee Chairs**



### **EARTH DAY (FORMERLY PITCHIN DAY)**

**Saturday April 27th, 2013**

This year the SSA and the City of Owen Sound have formed a new partnership for Earth Day (formerly Pitchin Day). Mr. Inkbee is on board as a sponsor, and will be setting up a face book page for this event to clean up our river banks and city.

Again this year we are going big, with lots of promotion throughout the city with various groups and organizations and advertising.

This year we will be gathering Saturday April 27th behind City Hall from 1 to 3 pm after which hot dogs and refreshments will be available, along with draw prizes.

Garbage bags will be available. There will be a dumpster located behind City Hall and at the north end of the Bayshore Community Center. It might be helpful if you brought along a pail with a handle, and a pair of gloves.

This has been a project that our Juniors have undertaken for a number of years, but still requires the assistance of our club members.

Fred Geberdt again this year will be the captain on the clubs pontoon boat to get at some of the more difficult areas along the river banks on the Sydenham.

**Please come out and support your club.**

## SSA Early 1984 Memories---J Ford

Well, members, one more trip down memory lane! For those of you that are recent members, please indulge those of us who are somewhat "long in the tooth". Again, my source is the excellent newsletters printed and edited by Jack Osadzuk at Stan Brown Printers. As some of you will know, Jack is now a richly deserved Life Member of the SSA.

In the January 1984 edition, we note that Archery Chair Ray Hoffer informs that the club archery course is now in operation and that the first shoot was January 22, 1984. Along with his CoChair, Jim Russel, Ray was asking for assistance to work on the shoot.

We noted that a 10 week Trappers Course for Grey-Bruce was being offered starting in early January at the Warton High School. This course was mandatory for all trappers who had not harvested fur for the last 5 years or new trappers in order to obtain a trappers licence. The cost was \$50.00 and the MNR contact was Gerry Harris.

Also included in the newsletter was an advertisement for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual OFAH Conservation Lottery. The first prize was a CJ7 convertible Jeep worth \$11,500.00 while the second prize was a AMC Renault Encore 5 Door. Apparently, there were 41 prizes along with 3 early bird prizes. Note: there are now 142 prizes in the current OFAH Conservation Lottery.

Also in the January 1984 newsletter an article, commending John, Judy and Melissa McKessock, was written as this family had agreed to act as custodians of the clubhouse in 1983 and cleaned up after each meeting.

Obviously, I was looking after the SSA memberships in 1984 as I wrote an article in the February newsletter, asking those who had paid the 1983 dues rate of \$25.00 to send in the additional \$10 as the dues had increased in 1984 and the old rate had been reported in the previous newsletter. I also asked members who moved or changed their telephone numbers to inform us. The same holds today. If you change your address or email address, please let me know so that I can keep our membership records as accurate as possible.

A whole page of the February newsletter is devoted to corporate sponsors of the Annual Awards Night and Banquet. These included Lowrance, Walker Deep Trollers, The Hookster and Producers fishing lures, Kwikfish, Evinrude Motors, Coleman Canada, Angling Specialties Rod Components, the Ontario Fisherman magazine, Great Lakes Taxidermy, Rapala Normark, Pro Tackle Sales and Silver Fox Fishing Charters. It is apparent that these companies made significant contributions to our Awards Night.

Not that much has changed in that the SSA very much depends on corporate sponsorship in order to finance our many Conservation Projects. While the names of the companies have changed, our major fundraiser, the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular still depends on our many sponsors.

That's all for now, but check future newsletters for another look at the past!



**To All Button  
Collecting SSA Members— J Ford**

As a result of being Membership Chair since the trees were very small, I have accumulated membership buttons from a number of years. I have saved 12 of each year and will have them at club meetings. If you collect these and are missing some, please look through the collection and help yourself.

*Make Love, not War-  
Heck, do both.  
Get married!*

*The main accomplishment of  
almost all organized protests is to  
annoy people who are not in them!*

## The 2 Different Membership Cards that You Receive

At various times, SSA members have been confused about the SSA membership card on the back of which you put the current year's sticker and the OFAH membership card which you receive each year.

First, the SSA card is laminated and you only receive one (when you first join). It is pictured on the left. This is the card where you affix the 2013 sticker. If you lose it, as has happened a few times, you will have to buy another at a cost of \$5.00.

On the other hand the membership card on the left is the OFAH card which is blue and has the title "The Voice of Anglers and Hunters" at the top. It also has your expiry date on it and your name. This is the card that you get new each year.

Hopefully, this will clear up any confusion about which card is which.



### A tip of the SSA hat

### Murray mart!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association I would like to pass on our appreciation for years of dedicated service to D.J. Farrow and his wife, Cora. D.J. has been responsible for keeping the snow under control on the SSA main property and the Gord Maher Memorial Centre through near blizzards to wet sloppy snow. The SSA recently purchased a snowblower attachment for the Bobcat tractor when were approached by our volunteer property manager, Wayne Gallagher, to be advised he had recruited club members to volunteer to snow blow on the club properties with the new equipment. Thank you, D.J. and Cora for years of unwavering service!

### In the beginning, there was a bog

Fifty years ago this month, a bold group of dreamers joined together with a vision for Canada.

These young naturalists had a vision where each new generation would be able explore shore line and wetlands, wide-open prairies and vast forests. A vision for a place where wildlife could thrive.

A vision that led them to found the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) on November 28, 1962.

In 1968, those naturalists and dreamers made that vision a reality with NCC's first conservation success, the Cavan Swamp and Bog in Ontario -- an exceptional complex of bogs and other wetlands covering about 3,400 acres. Today, the site is now the Cavan Swamp Wildlife Area and shelters an abundance of wildlife, including 22 species of orchids.

It's thanks to your support, and the generous support of our partners across Canada, that this work continues today. In fact, NCC now secures an average of 2 new properties every week, and NCC has helped to conserve more than 2.6 million acres of ecologically significant land across Canada.

Thank you! For nature. For now,. Forever. Teva Harrison Manager, Supporter Development