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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

March, 10, 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}

Dr John Anderson will present climate change - around the world and here at home. Climate change is one of the greatest challenges to face our society. Is the climate changing here, where we live. You bet.

Earth Day is to be held Saturday, April, 23rd from 1 to 3 pm behind City Hall!

President’s Message

As I begin to write my first overview for March as club president I will keep it short. First of all I would like to thank Jeff Caldwell for stepping up and taking on the task of Recording Secretary and to Fred Geberdt for once again taking on 1st vice within our Board of Directors. I know both will do a great job and thank Tim Lahey for the fabulous job he did last year in recording all of our activities.

Not much has transpired so far this odd but bearable winter from my stand point, but I do applaud the attendance at our January meeting on an occasion which obviously means so much to many of our members. As it was reported last meeting of our offer with partner, the Bruce Trail Conservancy to purchase the Weaver property, it seems the property owner is under the impression that his property is worth more than what we presented. I cannot comment much on what has transpired since but I know the March meeting (now on the 10th) those involved in this will enlighten you with any news they are privy to. As stated above the March meeting is moved ahead 1 week to accommodate the storage of the prizes for our Annual Conservation Dinner taking place on March, 5th. This group takes on the role each year to put on a top notch event that generates a substantial revenue for the SSA Conservation activities our club so proudly has been supporting for generations.

Also once again our tireless sales force have been attending and selling boat draw & Derby Entry tickets for this year’s upcoming 29th Annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular, this in conjunction with some of our many sponsor’s including the staff of the City of Owen Sound pitching in recently (keep up the great work). Stay safe if you ponder on what ice is available for hard water fishing or whatever form of activity you choose to take part in this last little bit of winter.

Scott Grimoldby

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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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



JANUARY 4, 2016

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Cloth towels | Sam Richardson |
| 2. Scissor set | Fred Geberdt |
| 3. Wrecking bar | Ron Robb |
| 4. Hammer | Mary Hillis |
| 5. C.L.R. | John Snook |
| 6. Gloves | George Albrech |
| 7. Tape measure | John Morneau |
| 8. Manicure set | Ken Miersch |
- Red tag \$50.00 Gift Certificate C.T.C.
John Morneau

Thanks to all for participating
Brian Clements



Important Notice to all 2015 SSA Members

As 2016 membership fees were due on January 1 of this year, this is the **last** newsletter that members who have not paid their dues will receive. As well, you must be a paid up member in order to shoot on our ranges on a regular basis. Membership dues remain unchanged from 2015.

Adults: \$110 Seniors \$95 Adult Family \$135
 Senior Family \$120 Student \$40 Junior \$35

Your membership must be paid before you can get a gate key for the property and the locks change on April 1.

You can renew on line, by mail or by calling me at **226 664 0960** and paying with your **credit card**. Please see the renewal form printed elsewhere in the newsletter. *(page 4.)*

Thanks for your co-operation
J Ford



SSA Gate Keys Available---J Ford

The new gate keys are available at the meetings, at the Gord Maher Centre or at Watsons's Tackle House in Owen Sound. The keys, this year, have a blue key spotter on them to help you identify them. The cost remains at \$4 with the return of last year's key or \$5 without. If you have paid with your renewal, just indicate them on the form.

Remember the locks change on April 1. The key with the yellow key spotter will not work from that date on.

Club Level Holster Course Saturday, April 9th 9am to 1pm

Cost \$10

This course will be required of any shooters who are not already holster certified and want to use a holster on the SSA ranges.

This includes Cowboy Action Shooting and Defensive Pistol activities.

Pre Registration is required , limited number of spots available.

Please contact **Peter Robson** for more details and to register.

toller@amtelecom.net

or **519-371-0115**

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Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival 2016

DATE CHANGE – May 17, 18 and 19

Without your generous help – we cannot do it without you!

Please volunteer to help us!

5 Days you can Volunteer

Set-up – Friday May 13 (9:00 am)

The Festival DAYS – Tuesday May 17 Wednesday May 18 Thursday May 19

Take-down – Friday, May 20 (9:00 am)

If you are wondering about FOOD, the menu is:

Friday May 13 - Set-up – pizza – (meat and veggi)

Meat Lovers - Tuesday –Hamburgers, Wednesday – Lasagna, Thursday –Chili, Friday take-down – surprise

Or Vegetarians – Tuesday – Veggi burger, Wednesday – Veggi Lasagna, Thursday – Veggi Chili,

Friday take-down – surprise

Volunteers -arrival time for the Water Festival Registration is 8:15am - 8:30 am. The day ends at 2:30 pm

Check us out at www.waterfestival.ca

The assistance of the members of the **Sydenham Sportsmen's Association** is appreciated.

Please contact Amanda Farrell, Festival Coordinator at Cell: 519-386-7461

Email: gbcwaterfestival@gmail.com , Fax 519-396-2865 if you are able to help us out this year.

Submitted by Murray Smart

Reminder about OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets—

J Ford

We still have Conservation Lottery tickets for sale. The cost is \$3 per ticket and the SSA realizes \$9 for each book sold. So far we have earned over \$700 for our club.

Please see Wayne Gallagher at the meeting to get or return your tickets.

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*

SWAP MEET.

The Swap Meet on Sunday 21st was a great success, thanks in part to the strong contingent from BPS. The tables were all full and members stayed around nattering for longer than usual. We ran out of coffee and almost ran out of Tim Bits so were able to make a donation back to the club from the proceeds. Thanks also for putting the tables away before you leave, makes it easier on the organizers for sure.

A couple of observations pointed out to me/us at the meet. Make sure that all restricted/prohib.firearms displayed are trigger locked and actions open , and non-restricted arms are displayed with actions open. Also, if you sell a non restricted arm, make sure the buyer carries it away with the action open, or, offer to put it aside for him/her until they leave. It's not onerous and it makes us all feel warm and fuzzy !

There will be a spring swap meet in April. Tentative dates are April 10th or 17th. Watch for the new poster to get the finalised date.

Thanks to everybody who participated, it's a nice thing to look forward to on a cold winters day and we'll keep doing it as long as there's continued interest.

Gary/Stew

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<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> then click SSA Gallery Images (right side)**

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2016 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2015 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1, 2015)

We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records.

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

Membership Fees for 2015:	Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).		
Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21		\$135.00
Adult	Individual		\$110.00
Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over		\$95.00
Student	Age under 21 or in full time study; (no magazine)		\$40.00
Add a Spouse	Additional fee		\$25.00
Junior	12 and under; no magazine		\$35.00
Juniors & Students	Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra		\$8.00
Property Gate Key	With the return of last year's key		\$4.00
Property Gate Key	Without last year's key		\$5.00
Check off your selections above _____		Total	

Note: Help us save money and select to view the Newsletter on our website, please update your email address below. YES ___ NO ___

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

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Please Update your Email Address)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors & 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	I D P A shooting
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	Earth Day	Fall Fair Gates
Computer	Other Interests (List Below)	Expertise (List Below) Retired
	Have ATT	Telephone Committee

TO MAINTAIN A STRONG AND VIABLE ASSOCIATION, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

Please select activities of special interest to you from the list above. 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.

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ **Expiry Date:** _____

Security Code as it appears on the back of the Credit Card: _____

Canada poised to lead in tall wood buildings

Daily Commercial News -
Dec 07, 2015

While Ontario's building code approved construction of wood-frame midrises up to six storeys as of January 2015, designers are already out the gate with taller structures in Canada. Leading the way is an 18-storey students' residence at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver which just started construction, while excavation for a 13-storey mixed-use wood high-rise in Quebec City called the Origine is expected to commence next spring

A renewable and biodegradable alternative to Styrofoam

KTH.se - Jan 29, 2016

Maybe soon we can say goodbye to polystyrene, the petroleum-based material that is used to make Styrofoam. In what looks like an ordinary bicycle helmet, Swedish designers have replaced Styrofoam with a new shock-absorbing material made with renewable and biodegradable wood-based material.

Competitive lumber products help woodlots

Boundary Creek Times -
Jan 31, 2016

The weaker Canadian dollar has made this country's lumber products more competitive globally, which has helped not only large producers but also smaller operations like private woodlots.

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Weak dollar helps forestry, tourism

Chronicle Journal - Jan 17, 2016
If timing is everything, then there's definitely a worse time to be in the lumber business. Just ask Frank Dottori. When the veteran forestry executive was working on resurrecting White River's idle lumber mill about three years ago, few would have predicted just how far the formerly robust Canadian dollar would fall.



Asian carp could cause some Lake Erie fish to decline, others to increase

If they successfully invade Lake Erie, Asian carp could eventually account for about a third of the total weight of fish in the lake and could cause declines in most fish species—including prized sport and commercial fish such as walleye, according to a new computer modeling study. However, most of the expected declines in Lake Erie will not be as extreme as some experts have predicted,

Beech bark disease rolling through county

By Jenn Watt,
Haliburton County Echo -
Dec 14, 2015

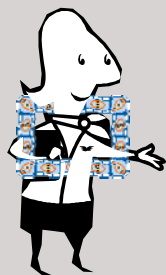
It starts as fluff on the side of a beech tree's smooth grey bark. Pinpricks of white wax dot the tree; sometimes sparsely, other times it nearly covers the trunk. That's the scale insect, digging in – opening up the tree's bark – and is the first step to beech bark disease. Next comes the fungus.

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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Mercury....

Between 1990 and 2010, global mercury emissions from manmade sources declined 30%,

Mercury is a metallic element that poses environmental health risks to both wildlife and humans when converted to methylmercury in ecosystems.

It can be converted into gaseous emissions during various industrial activities, as well as natural processes like volcanic eruptions.

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.**

Ontario to Expand Black Bear Hunting Pilot

Province Committed to Sustainable Black Bear Management

Ontario is expanding the spring bear hunting pilot to gather further information to assess concerns voiced by northern communities about human-bear conflicts, and to support economic growth and tourism in the north.

The spring bear hunt pilot expansion will include:

- a.. Extending the pilot by an additional five years, through 2020
- b.. All 88 wildlife management units that currently have a fall bear hunt
- c.. Non-resident hunters.

Under the expanded pilot, it will still be illegal to hunt bear cubs and females with cubs. Anyone convicted of this offence could face a fine of up to \$25,000 and up to one year imprisonment.

In most cases, each licensed hunter will only be allowed to hunt one bear in each calendar year.

Baiting of bears during all bear hunting seasons will be regulated to help address public safety concerns, including:

- a.. Bait must not be placed within 500 metres of a residence unless written permission is obtained from the residence's owner
- b.. Bait must not be placed within 500 metres of a public building
- c.. Bait must not be placed within 200 metres of a right of way for public vehicle traffic or a marked public recreational trail.

QUICK FACTS

- a.. Ontario is home to a healthy and sustainable black bear population with up to 105,000 black bears living in the province.
- b.. The spring bear hunt pilot will take place from May 1 through June 15, starting in 2016 and ending in 2020.
- c.. Currently across Canada, each province and territory with black bears has a spring and fall bear hunt except Nova Scotia, which only has a fall hunt.
- d.. For 2014 and 2015, Ontario held a two-year bear management pilot program in eight wildlife management units, all of which reported high levels of human-bear conflict. The hunt was open to Ontario residents from May 1 to June 15. Communities in and around these units include Timmins, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- a.. Black bears in Ontario
- b.. Who to contact if you encounter a bear
- c.. Hunting Regulations Summary\

QUOTES

"While science shows one of the biggest influences on the number of human-bear encounters is the availability of natural food sources, we also understand that bear-related public concerns are very real for people living in northern and central Ontario and we are committed to assisting those communities to deal with this problem."

— Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Submitted by Jim Hastie

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

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