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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
March 12, 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}

There will not be a newsletter for May, unless someone wants the job. From mid-April to the end of the month, I hope to be away. Any messages to be sent can be emailed to me April 30 to May 3 and I will EMessage them then.

SSA Clothing Available

Check out the clothing display at the club house. Those wanting to purchase any of these should go to Ram Sports on 20th St East to make your orders.

I am looking for volunteers to sell **boat draw tickets** starting on Apr. 13th. Interested persons can phone 519-387-9666 or talk to me at a Club Meeting or email me at allanswoodworks4@gmail.com
Al Smith

2020 Membership Fees Due

First, we want to thank the many 2019 members who responded to the Email Blasts from Dave Skelton and renewed their memberships for 2020. If you haven't paid yet, this is a friendly reminder that your 2020 fees are now due. A renewal form is included elsewhere in this newsletter. This is the last newsletter that you will receive until your 2020 membership is paid.

Your SSA Membership Card is the laminated card with the SSA logo in one corner and the OFAH in the other. SSA fees are always due on January 1. If you aren't sure if you have paid, look on the back of your membership card. If you don't have a 2020 sticker on the back, you haven't paid. There are a number of ways to pay your renewal. You can renew on line by going to our SSA Store on www.sydenhamsportsmen.com or send in the renewal form with your payment or finally, call me John Ford at 226 664 0960 and pay with your credit card. Any of these would be appreciated.

A renewal form is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby
1st Vice President: Fred Geberdt
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Bill Douglas
Recording Secretary:
John Thomson

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



Newsletter: Dave Skelton
Webmaster: Bruce Farrell
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Key Keeper: John Ford

Clubhouse Bookings:
Contact-
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
Home 519-794-3456
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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



\$20 Wal Mart Gift Card -
Bill Hutchinson
\$20 LCBO Gift Card -
Bill Hutchinson
\$20 Zehrs/No Frills Gift Card -
Don Fosbury
\$20 Canadian Tire Gift Card -
Don Keeling
\$20 Giant Tiger Gift Card -
Scott Grimoldby
\$50 Watson's Tackle Gift Card -
Scott Grimoldby

Attention all shooters:

Please be advised that the updated copy of the Shooting Ranges Operational Manual (Rev 3.3 2020/24/1) is now available on the Clubs Website.

We strongly recommend that all shooters review this new version so you are completely up to date on all the rules and regulations.

An updated copy is also available for your reference at each of the Ranges in the sign-in books.

Thank You!

Bill Douglas



Handguns for sale

1. Browning Buck Mark Field, 22L.R. semi-auto with Red Dote scope \$600.00
 2. Browning Buck Mark Camper 22L.R. semi-auto \$300.00
- Ken Cowtan email address: nc.cowtan@hotmail.com 519-372-2957



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 bohunt1@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.**

For a coloured version of this document, go to the SSA website at <http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> select from SSA Newsletters - right side.

Hundreds of wolves are slaughtered in BC every year, and the province plans to continue gunning down wolves from helicopters in 2020. Pacific Wild believes the province has been unlawfully issuing permits to shoot wolves from helicopters and has just issued a cease and desist letter to the BC government.

Wolves are now being targeted for aerial killing and expanded legalized hunting and trapping of wolves. These highly social and intelligent animals, icons of our natural heritage, should not be killed because of government negligence. Killing all the wolves in B.C. won't bring the caribou back in the absence of habitat protection.

Wolves are social animals which are integral to ecosystem function. It is the view of Pacific Wild that they deserve protection and should not be exterminated because the B.C. government has continually failed to protect and recover enough habitat for caribou. Gross mismanagement of species at risk in B.C., a province with no endangered species law, results in unethical culls of predators and competing species, such as cougars and moose. There are solutions and alternatives to protecting B.C.'s caribou, but killing animals should not be one of them.



SSA Orientation Tours for 2020

To insure safe use of SSA ranges this course is MANDATORY for anyone wishing to shoot at the SSA ranges unsupervised and to act as their own range officer for themselves, and their guests on the .22 rim fire range, the shotgun patterning area and, handgun range (additional Club Level Safety Course required for handgun range use). Guests and members may shoot on SSA ranges if supervised by a qualified SSA member.

Persons who wish to take the Orientation Tour must be a current member of SSA, have a valid SSA ID card, and have reviewed, understood and provide the acknowledgement sheet for the Range Operating Manual prior to taking this tour (may be handed in at Tour). The tour reviews the Range Operating Manual content covering the independent use of the facilities and the member's responsibilities.

The course takes approximately 2 hours to complete and involves a walk through of range facilities.

Please dress for the weather. There is no fee charged for this course.

2020 Orientation Tour Dates and info:

Start Time – 10:00 am Sharp

Location –

Meet at Warm Up Building by 100 yard / Trap Ranges on Sydenham Sportsmen's Association property
Sunday March 29, Sunday April 26, Sunday May 31, Sunday June 28, Sunday July 26

Contact is **David Fritz** daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com (preferred) or 226-909-2516

Registration is not required but would be an asset to organize enough tour leads.

We now have a club supplier for coats, hats, touques, T Shirts, hoodies and sweaters etc.

Ram Promotional (1580 20 th St E Owen Sound) will have a display at the clubhouse with some selected items and a price on those items, tax in.

As a member you can go to their shop and pick out items of your choice and they will give you a price for the item club crest or club name plus your name embroidered on the item, tax in .

This is for all members, as there are designs for Skeet, Trap, Conservation etc. to choose from.

If anyone has a question regarding this, please call me, **Ron Robb** at **519-371-7385** for more info. Thanks!

From Ron Robb, rjrobb52@gmail.com



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

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2020 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2019 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/19)

We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records. *PLEASE NOTE THAT WE REQUIRE YOUR FIREARMS LICENCE # AND EXPIRY DATE*****

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

Membership Fees for 2020:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$195.00
	Adult	Individual	\$140.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$125.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	\$70.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$65.00
	Property Gate 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.

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

NAME: _____	TELEPHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____	
POSTAL CODE: _____	
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Please Update your Email Address)	
FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY _____	

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)	
Retired	Have ATT	

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: _____



Spring Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, March 15th, 9:00am till
12:00pm



You need a new shotgun for turkey season? Or you need some cash for fishing trips this summer. Did you loose the big one at the Salmon Derby? This could be your lucky day. Come out to the spring SSA Swamp meet.

Fishing rods and reels. (haven't seen many out the the swap meet).

I'm sure you have some to sell? Another handgun, rifle or shotgun perhaps? Reloading supplies, hunting knives. Buy, sell or just come and browse. Set up a table or share a table. Dicker for the sale price. Sit and chat about hunting or fishing stories.

There will be coffee and donuts to purchase for a \$3 donation or bring a lunch. There is no entrance fee and no table fee, but donations are always welcome. Tables open to Sydenham members and invited guests.



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**.

Did you know that one of Costco's top-selling items, toilet paper, is destroying Canada's boreal forest? The boreal forest is home to hundreds diverse wildlife and its large size means it can absorb huge amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. But to date, over 28 million acres have been cut down — just for toilet paper. Costco - stop destroying the boreal forest and switch to a sustainable alternative by using recycled materials.

2020 Gate Keys

The locks will be changed on April 1, 2020. We will have keys available at the meetings in 2020. If you get a new key and recycle your old one, the new key does not work until April. As well as being at the meeting, we also have keys at Watsons Tackle House and the Gord Maher Centre around the corner from the club. The cost remains at \$5.00.

OFAH Conservation Lottery Ticket Sales

We will have tickets available at the meetings for you to sell as a help to our club. We realize \$9 for each book that you sell. If you buy the book that is mailed to you from OFAH we will get \$9 for that book as well. In 2019 we earned over \$3000 with this endeavour. Please take a book to sell for us.

Weigh in Station and Computer Operator Schedule for the 2020 Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

We have started to work on the schedules for this important event.

There are many shifts available for the weigh in station. The shifts are 10-2, 2-6, and 6-10. I would appreciate any help that you can give. You can contact me at johnrichardford5@gmail.com or 226-664-0960.

We are also looking for people to work at the weigh in station to make sure that each angler signs the book at the end of the weigh in station. These shifts are 10 to 2 and 6 to 10. If you can help, please contact us.

"Club Level Safety Course"

The next CLSC will be held on Sunday April 5 2020 at the main SSA building and then on the handgun range for live fire.

Please contact Dave Fritz @ daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com for info or to register."

Thank you; Dave Fritz



How can your pocket be empty and still have something in it? When it has a hole in it!



Handgun Facility Being updated

Sea Lamprey control in the Great Lakes

For decades the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and regional states have partnered to control sea lamprey in the Great Lakes. Without sea lamprey control, the world-class sport fisheries that anglers continue to enjoy wouldn't exist.

The latest adult lamprey population estimates for 2019 are in and provide a good example of effective control efforts.

Lake Ontario – Numbers of adult lampreys have been at or below target levels for the past seven years.

Lake Erie – Adult sea lamprey abundance is above the target, but decreasing. Recent, strong walleye reproduction may be helping reduce sea lamprey abundance through walleye predation on juvenile lamprey, and estimated adult sea lamprey abundance declined.

Wildlife Advisory Committee Project

On Sunday, March 8, the WAC will be meeting with the Sydenham Conservation Foundation directors to discuss a new Pond Dig project on a different Foundation property. This meeting will start at 2:45 pm at the clubhouse.