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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

May 5, 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}

A half century of salmon
It has been 50 years since Pacific-run salmon — first coho, then chinook — were planted in the Great Lakes!

Lake Huron's glory days as a salmon fishery are likely gone forever, according to a study by a leading researcher. Lake Huron's population of the alewife, the herring-like fish is the Chinook salmon's main food source.

The President's Message

As you are now reading this, the streams have once again opened for trout anglers and spring turkey hunt is in the mix as well. As at our last club meeting most of those have returned from their wintering spots south of us, welcome back. I would like to thank Dr. Scott Petrie for his presentation last meeting, it was very informative for those of us interested in Migratory bird hunting. I think our club should get the pattern for the Mallard hen houses and have some of these made up and installed in our local duck marshes. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping out with the building and/or placement of these. Enjoy what our great area has to offer for whatever you choose to pursue.

Scott Grimoldby, president

April 16th SSA volunteers stocked out 36,423 year old rainbow trout from our hatchery into the Sydenham River at Harrison Park. Many of these fish were over 6 inches in length.



Thanx/submitted - Mike Prevost

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



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

Newsletter: Dave Skelton
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OFAH Tickets are Due – J Ford

Those members who have OFAH tickets need to return the ticket stubs and money to John Ford by the May meeting. We need to send the remainder in early in May.



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



April 7, 2016

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Mini Maglite | Don Keeling |
| 2. Mini Maglite | Al Hillis |
| 3. Pruning Shears | Larry Fischer |
| 4. Kerslyaw knife | Fred Geberdt |
| 5. Clip on OFF | Jim Jansen |
| 6. Rod & reel | Wally Cunningham |
| 7. Flashlight | Klaus Wagner |
| 8. Tarp | Mary Hillis |
| 9. Rope 200 feet | Brian Gamble |
| 10. Saw | Cliff Springer |
| 11. Cloths | Scott Grimoldby |
| 12. Scissor set | Jack Osadzuk |
| 13. Knives | Bill Colborne |
| 14. Survival knife | Ken Miersch |
| 15. Rope 100 feet | Steve Cornett |
| 16. Knife/multi tools | Fraser Murray |

Red tag - \$50.00 Gift Certificate LCBO
 Matt Turner

Thanks to all for participating -
 Brian Clements



The Different cards that you have –

J Ford

There seems to be confusion about the 2 different membership cards that you have. First, the SSA Membership card is a laminated card with the club logo in the top left corner and the OFAH logo in the top right. This card has your name and membership number on it. You attach your membership year sticker on the back. The other card that you have is the OFAH membership card. It is largely blue and has a different date of expiry based on when you joined.

However, all SSA Memberships are for the calendar year. That means that they start on January 1 and end on December 31 no matter when you joined. I hope that clears up any confusion.

If you need more information, please call me, John Ford, at **226 664 0960**

The Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular is just Around the Corner –

J Ford

As usual, we need many volunteers to make the derby work. I will be asking people to help in the Weigh in station and on the computer starting in May. If you already know that you can help, please call me at 226 664 0960.

BOAT DRAW TICKET SELLERS

We are looking for volunteers to sell boat draw tickets at various locations around the city. Our sales this year start Monday May 2 and run through to August 24.

If you have not already been contacted please give me a call and help fill the schedule.

Thanks

Brian Clements **519 376-9410**



Gate Keys are Available –

J Ford

Gate keys are available to 2016 SSA members at Watsons Tackle House, the Maher Centre and at club meetings. The cost is \$4 with the return of last year's key or \$5 without.



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<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> select from SSA Newsletters - right side.

**29th ANNUAL
OWEN SOUND SALMON SPECTACULAR
LOOKING FOR ARTICLES, PHOTOS, ETC. FOR THE 2016 EDITION
OF THE SPORTSMEN'S OUTDOORS ANNUAL MAGAZINE**

At this time, the month of August and the Annual Salmon Spectacular seem long away, but the time-window for production of the magazine is shrinking daily. And so, the point of this notice being sent to all SSA members is in the event you are one who is interested in submitting some editorial content for this year's edition. Perhaps a personal tale or story from a hunt or fishing trip with family or friends, a historical item or a photo or two you would like to share.

The magazine is a great vehicle for SSA committee chairs to showcase and publicize upcoming events or functions surrounding their particular club activities such as shoots, projects and fund raisers or to share interesting or humorous tales of past events. I hope many SSA committees will take advantage of the opportunity by submitting material for publication.

Because we are hoping to circulate the finished magazine in early July, RBW Graphics requires the final press-ready material by May 31, 2016. This only leaves us a little over 3 months to gather articles, select photos, edit and do layout, and format the material on time.

If you are interested, we sincerely hope you can find the time to provide us with some much needed editorial material by or before the end of the first week of May, 2016 to allow us to meet our deadlines.

To help save time and prevent errors, if you have the means to submit editorial copy in a Word Document and photos as a JPEG Image either via e-mail or on a disk, it would be most appreciated. If not, please don't let that prevent you from writing and submitting.

If you plan to submit a story or item, please phone me at 519-376-4582 or e-mail me at wizard.oz@bmts.com as soon as possible to let me know what the article is about, so we can avoid similarity in story content by more than one writer.

Thank you for your contributions in the past. We look forward to hearing of your interest in providing articles and material that will help produce a first-class publication that reflects so positively on both the organization and the community of which we are all so proud to be part of.

Jack Osadzuk, Editor,
Sportsmen's Outdoors Annual



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

We often get the public involved in building and keeping these Robin nesting box / bird feeders and here is proof that they work.



Thans/submitted - Mike Prevost

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*

What kind of keys do children like to carry?

Coo-keys!

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



One of the first signs of spring that you see might be an American robin, tugging at an earthworm in the ground. A welcome sight after the cold of winter!

The spring thaw signals that it's time for hundreds of species of migratory birds to return to our landscapes. Birds like the Acadian flycatcher, which needs large areas of mature, undisturbed forest to breed, like southern Canada's Carolinian forest. Or the vulnerable Sprague's pipit, which breeds in native grasslands.

But 90 percent of Canada's Carolinian forest has already disappeared, and much of the mixed grasslands has been lost to development. And unlike the American robin, the Acadian flycatcher and Sprague's pipit can't survive in cities and the surrounding suburbs.

Recent estimates count only 20 to 30 breeding pairs of Acadian flycatcher scattered throughout the fragmented Carolinian forest, making it one of Canada's most endangered songbirds. And the Sprague's pipit population has declined by more than 80 percent in the last 40 years, making it a threatened species in Canada.



From Scott Petrie <spetrie@deltawaterfowl.org>

Date: April 20, 2016 at 7:43:10 PM GMT

Youth Hunting & Conservation Course

Hello,

We are pleased to announce that Delta Waterfowl and the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters will be hosting two Youth Hunting & Conservation Courses (YHCC) in southwestern Ontario during the summer of 2016. These courses are for boys and girls that are 12-16 years of age.

The YHCC Flyer and Application Package are attached and they can also be downloaded from the Delta Waterfowl website: www.deltawaterfowl.org/yhcc

There are only a combined 60 spaces available in the two courses and we expect that these spots will fill up very quickly. Please direct all of your questions to Tim Cameron, Delta Waterfowl's Ontario Waterfowl Programs Manager: Tcameron@Deltawaterfowl.org

Thanks, Scott

Dr. Scott Petrie Chief Executive Officer Delta Waterfowl Foundation 1312 Basin Ave
Bismarck, North Dakota 58504

<http://www.deltawaterfowl.org/welcome.html>

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A renewable and biodegradable alternative to Styrofoam

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.

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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**.

The SSA **partnered** with the city to host a Earth Day clean up. A BBQ and some raffle prizes were provided as a thank you to participants.

*Why can't bananas grow any longer?
Because they are long enough already!*



Thanx/submitted - Mike Prevost

If you can stay calm while all around you is chaos, then you probably have not understood the seriousness of the situation!

Shot gun Sports

As many of you know shotgun sports is growing in leaps and bounds and we are planning on moving our sporting clays range to the south side of the property down by the existing trap field and installing new automated traps . This way we will be able to shoot at each of the ten stands simultaneously (5 shooters on each stand) and make more money for the club . Existing clubs that have this set up can put one hundred shooters through the course in a little over two hours . Forecast is over \$ 40,000.00 CLEAR a year when it is up and running .

We were originally going to try for a Trillium grant to help fund this as it will be Handicap accessible But they have stopped all major funding until they get their ducks back in a row (government) . If and when we are up and running we will apply for a grant to finish what we need to get done to make all the ranges totally Handicap accessible .There is a tremendous interest from the handicap community for this to happen .

Don't panic yet !

One of our members is loaning us enough money to get started , (Buy some of the machines we need and some supplies) .

This loan is interest free over ten years and Shotgun sports can handle the payments there fore we are not asking the membership to be responsible for the payments but seeing as it is club related it should be put through the membership for a vote .

We are planning to have this vote at the general meeting in May so show up at the meeting to vote , we will answer all questions there.

Al Hillis - Shotgun Sports For the SSA

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### Defensive Pistol 101

Saturday May 7th

9am- 2pm at the High Power Range

Cost \$10

This is an introduction to defensive pistol shooting. Holster certification is required to attend this course. Participant must provide their own equipment.

For more details and to register email [sydenhamdpl@gmail.com](mailto:sydenhamdpl@gmail.com) or call **Jeff Caldwell 226-668-4720**

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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.

*What did one candle say to the other candle?
Let's go out tonight!*

Idealist: don't know where you are going, but you are on your way!

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

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



FAC REPORT – April 21, 2016

FISH HATCHERY

Rainbow Trout -

At the present time we have approx. 90,662 fertilized Rainbow trout eggs in the hatchery. These were provided by the Lake Huron Fishing Club guys on April 17th.

Chinook salmon –

The normal die-off's of salmon has concluded, and we now have about 68, 239 salmon in the hatchery, that seem to be doing very well. Between now and the start of June, they should be putting on weight. If all goes well, they will be fin clipped at that time, and probably stocked out by the middle of June.

FISH STOCKING

Rainbow Trout -

On the 16th of April, 36,423 yearling Rainbows were stocked out at Harrison Park. They measured approx. 12.5 cm in length, with some over 15.5 cm, and weighed in at an average of 32.8 grams each.

CHP FUNDING

The final calculations are being made to the 2016 CHP Funding Application form. The application and supporting documentation is due to the OFAH by the end of the month. Electronic copies will be sent as soon as the paperwork is finished.

Due to the uncertainty that surrounds the hatchery property at this time, I have elected to forego the capital acquisition component of the application, focusing only on the operating expenses that we are certain to incur.

WEAVER PROPERTY

Nothing of any great significance has occurred as yet with the Weaver Property. The Bruce Trail Conservancy and Mark McConnell are on the same page as the SSA with respect to what we, as a group, are prepared to spend in order to acquire the property. The limit of \$700,000 to \$750,000.00 was and still is the ceiling price that we place on this project.

SCHOOL SALMON HATCHERY PROGRAM

Recent events pertaining to school closures in Owen Sound are going to have some sort of impact on the SSA's School Salmon Hatchery Program. We know that Bayview Public School will be closing at the end of next June, and that OSCVI is switching from a High School to an Elementary School, but what the final impact is going to be to this program is anyone's guess.

Dennis Wiseman
SSA FAC

