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SSA On Line



**The November Meeting will be held on
Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm
at the Clubhouse. All are welcome.**

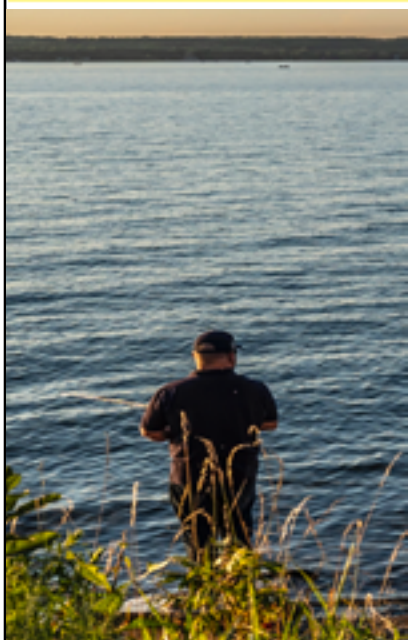
THE CLUB HOUSE is: on the
Lincoln Park Road,
in the township of Georgian Bluffs, or
{082535 Side Road 6}, or
{217567 Concession 3 Side road,
behind Gord Maher Centre}

President's Report

Welcome officially to fall, the last week here has been very rainy, cold and a sudden change from our warmer temps; brighter Summer days. By now most of you moose hunters will have returned back home and I congratulate those successful in harvesting one or more but I know this is not the only reason for this annual hunt, it is a chance to share some time with friends & family, enjoy the great outdoors we are so blessed to have and to continue a long standing tradition we are so fortunate to still be able to take part in. Once again November will be our start to nominations for our 2023 Board of Directors election that will take place in January. Our December General meeting will be the 1st and after a short meeting our Annual Nibble Night will take place, please bring a dish if you are able as this is a great night to socialize and sample some always tasty dishes our members provide us with.

Also I would like to extend my thanks to Chris Geberdt and Al Smith as they are going to resurrect our Money Doll draw that will lead up to the Christmas rush and will raise some funds for the club. Get out and enjoy our beautiful area and stay safe.

Scott Grimoldby



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has any changes!



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Clubhouse Bookings:
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Membership

Our Early Bird Renewal Programme is up and running. If you renew by the January General Meeting, you have a chance to win one of the following: a year's membership, a smoker, a small BBQ, etc. You can renew at the meetings, on line, by mailing in a paper copy which appears elsewhere in this newsletter or by calling me, John Ford, at 226-664-0960 and renewing with your credit card.

Gate Keys

The present gate key has a reddish key spotter on it. This will work until April 1 of 2023. I presently have some of those in stock.

The new key won't be available until next March and will have an orange key spotter on it. At that time, we will have keys in the usual locations. Remember, Drew Watson of Watsons Tackle House, provides this service to the club with no gain to himself and deserves our thanks!



New Life Members---Mike Thompson

At our November meeting, several members will be presented with New Life Memberships. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them!

Traditional Money Doll Raffle is Reinstated---Al Smith

We are trying to revive the money doll raffle. I am looking for volunteers to sell ticket between Nov 21 and Dec 17. The shifts are from 10 to 1 and 1 to 4. If I haven't contacted you, feel free to phone me at [519-387-9666](tel:519-387-9666) or email me at allanswoodworks4@gmail.com



Bruce Peninsula Sportsmens Association Celebrate Their 60th Anniversary | Mike Prevost

The Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association celebrated their 60 th club anniversary with a open house, fun day, BBQ and congratulatory speeches on Saturday October 16th at their club house. Not only surviving but growing for 60 years is no small feat for any club organization these days. From what I could see, representing the SSA, the event was well organized and the sun even came out for them. Families were enjoying themselves and there were a number of people signing up for new memberships.

We are proud to be neighbours and again on behalf of the Sydenham Sportsman's Association we congratulate you and wish you continued success.

Fisheries/Hatchery Report SSA Hatchery Mike Prevost, Hatchery Manager

We collected our allocation of 110,000 chinook salmon eggs which are now in incubation trays. Now we watch for the next stage of eye up of the eggs which is basically seeing a black dot in the center of the Amber coloured eggs which is the formation of the fish embryo. Eggs that die off turn white. As is normal we expect a die off 10 to 20 percent and all of these dead eggs have to be picked out by hand. With several volunteers we usually start off with a mass picking of dead eggs until our eyes start to cross and then continue daily as part of our normal Hatchery maintenance until the eggs hatch over a couple of months.

The Lake Huron Fishing Club also came over from Port Elgin and got their similar allocation. The Sarnia Bluewater Anglers hope to complete their collection this Saturday 22nd. I think if you ask anyone, especially the public that watch the mill dam fish ladder every day, that the run just wasn't so visible this year. Everyone kept asking why are we not seeing the salmon jumping. Guess you have to ask the fish about that. [We continue to welcome any new potential Hatchery volunteers so let me know if you have any interest. Thanks.](#)



Mike Prevost, Hatchery Manager

Before Covid we had a school program where we placed aquariums in some school classes to care for and raise salmon to be released later. There is still interest from the schools so if there is anyone that would like to take on this program again please let me know. mbprevost@hotmail.com

Excerpt from the October 13th Great Lakes Basin Report. I found this interesting. Hatchery raised Chinook Salmon stocking in Lake Michigan is likely to increase next spring. Last year, about 650,000 chinooks were released from state hatcheries. The Michigan DNR is proposing to increase that number to 1million based on their observations of several good years of salmon growth and a slight increase in alewife biomass. Public comment at their meeting last month overwhelmingly supported the proposal.



SSA Shooting Sports Update | Jay Murdoch

****LOST your KEYS??****. There are two small sets of keys found this summer on the ranges that have still not found their owner. They are secured in the green warm up shack if anyone is looking for them.

There will be a few more club safety courses in November to wrap up our club training in 2022.

November 6th is a range orientation tour. November 13th there will be a 100 yard range safety course. November 27th there will be a holster course run by Chuck Cannon.

All of the details required to register and participate in these courses are on the All Events Calendar on the SSA website.

We are hoping to provide one more Handgun club level safety course if I can secure the volunteers required to run this club course. Contact Jay Murdoch if you want to be contacted when the course will be held.

100 yard range safety course update - If you have not had the chance to take the 100 yard range safety course and are in need of sighting in your rifle before hunting season - reach out to Trevor Dollmaier. Trevor is willing to help anyone who has not yet been able to attend a course to get certified on the 100 yard range with access to this range.

Trap Shooting - "NEW TIMES" on wednesdays. Starting November 01st the times for wednesday trap shooting will change to 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Thank you to all of the volunteers - new and old - that have helped to keep the ranges open this summer. Everything that needs to be done - grass cutting, general cleaning and maintenance, opening and closing the ranges for group activities - facilitating training courses - gets done by member volunteers at the SSA. On that note....

We are planning a range general cleanup day in November when we get a hopefully dry couple of days. We have a few rail fences that need to be re-secured, lots of branches and brush to cleanup, etc. Contact Jay if you are willing to participate.

A number of new members have applied by membership in 2023. If all of your paperwork is complete and you want to take a course offered by the SSA, you should [contact Jay Murdoch, Chair of the Shooting Sports Committee, at \[jayrcmurdoch@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:jayrcmurdoch@hotmail.com\)](#)

Reinstatement of SSA Club Awards | John Ford

Recently, the SSA Directors agreed to start up our Awards Programme after a lengthy delay due to Covid. Both Al Smith and Mike Thompson have agreed to help me with this programme. There will be more information upcoming in January and we plan to have the rules and application forms for the various categories posted on our website.

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2023 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2022 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/22)

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*** unless we already have it.**

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

Membership Fees for 2023:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under age 25	\$215.00
	Adult	Individual	\$160.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$145.00
	Student	Age under 25 in full time student (no magazine)	\$80.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$75.00
	Property Gate Key		\$5.00
	OFAH Paper Magazine		\$18.00
Check off your selections above		Total	

Note to Family Members: If you do not require a paper Ontario Out of Doors Magazine, please check here

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2023 must pay a late fee of \$25.00. This is added on to your renewal fee.

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

NAME:	TELEPHONE:
ADDRESS (Include City/Town):	
POSTAL CODE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	(Please Update your Email Address)
FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY	

To keep membership fees reasonable, please help with the General Maintenance of your Club Facilities. Contact any Chair or Executive Member

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		

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:

We are providing you with an OFAH paperless membership this year. You will get a membership card emailed to you and can read the OFAH magazine digitally. However, you won't get a paper magazine unless you don't have an email address. A Paper copy of the Ontario Out of Doors magazine is available for an additional cost of \$18.00

Filling feeders in Rainbow Trout hatchery.



Don Fosbury completing Rainbow Trout hatchery records.



Formaldehyde treatment to prevent fungus in Salmon eggs.

