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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
November 1, 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 month’s speaker, will be SSA member, **Chuck Cannon**. His presentation is called “who packs your parachute” which is an educational presentation about first aide, the different types/levels of first aide training and what organizations deliver it and why everyone should have some kind of training.

Thanks: Jim Hastie

President’s Message (November 2018)

Fall has arrived and soon to be followed by winter, we have had a few cool mornings in the last couple of weeks and even a bit of snow has been in the air. I hope all have success in the fall hunts and always stay safe during your travels. Don’t forget that our December General meeting will be “Nibble Night” and as in the past the evening will have many tasty dishes being offered.

We will also be starting nominations for the club Executive for 2019, if interested let you name stand. We are planning on having another Chili Social evening and have yet to set a date but are open to suggestions on a date as well as anyone interested in making a dish, please contact myself for any further information, this has been a fun evening and look forward to continuing this tradition.

Enjoy what the rest of the fall season offers and try to get out to the General meetings to get to know one another and share some stories.



Oh deer: Ministry warns fatal disease has reached Ontario forests

Brampton Guardian - With the fall deer hunt about to begin in the Dufferin County Forest, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) says white-tailed are facing a new threat in Ontario’s woods.

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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



OCTOBER 4, 2018 DRAWS
All are \$20.00 gift certificates

1. Tim Hortons Scott Grimoldby
2. L.C.B. Al Smith
3. Shoppers Bill Douglas
4. Giant Tiger Don Keeling
5. Boston Pizza Mary Hillis

Red Tag CTC \$50.00 Gift card -
Don Keeling

Thanks to all for participating: Brian



I would just like to get an idea as to what interest there is among current members for **club merchandise**.

We have been able to secure a local supplier for jackets, hats, golf shirts, T shirts, etc.

Costs of these items will vary with quantities ordered.

For example:

Jackets	\$ 40.00
Golf shirts	\$ 30.00
T Shirts	\$ 15.00
Hats	\$ 15.00

Please note: prices are subject to change but include sales tax.

At this time I would like to find out as to what level of interest currently exist among our members for such items.

If there is any interest at all or if you have any suggestions, please contact me at 519-376-3343 or mna.inspection@sympatico.ca

Jim Jansen

Gate Keys

Yes, the locks on our property will change in 2019. However it won't happen until April 1.

That means that your black key will work until then. However, we all know that you must have your 2019 membership paid before using club facilities.

Make sure you wear your membership card with the 2019 sticker on the back.



Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

We want to thank all of the volunteers who worked to make the 31st Annual such a success. What was particularly encouraging was the significantly greater number of fish that were entered.

The Derby Committee deserves a big pat on the back for a job well done!

Since I try to co-ordinate the Weigh in Station schedule as well as the Computer Operators Schedule, I am already working on both of those for 2019. I already have some requests for days and times.

If you have requests, this is the time to contact me.

Probably sending me an email is the easiest way.

(johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

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Cowboy Action at SSA

Another successful season of Cowboy Action Shooting was had by The Twin County Bounty Hunters. Our last shoot was put to rest in September. Along with regular members we are gradually seeing shooters coming from other Clubs that are as far away as Sudbury, Guelph, Burlington, and Barrie.

With colourful stages, interesting scenarios and of course with the serving up of some terrific grub, we are hoping to keep them coming back. We have a small but enthusiastic group of shooters and are always looking to encourage some of our original shooters to come back and join in on the fun, and of course continually welcome new shooters to come out and see what this sport is all about. We will continue next year with our Tuesday night practices and monthly Single Action Sunday shoots.

Also we will be bringing back Cowboy Camp in May where members introduce newcomers to come out and experience the fun of it all and learn the safe handling of the firearms that we use in CAS. All firearms and ammunition will be supplied by the TCBH.

Watch for dates in the coming months.

Come out and try it.

Submitted by: **Bill Wattie (AKA Curley Bill) and Kat McCulloch (Kactus Kat)**



Invasive species sighted in eastern St. Lawrence River

The head of the St. Lawrence River Institute says they have found an invasive species, new to this area, in the river this year. Dr. Jeff Ridal, the executive director of the institute, made the revelation while highlighting their fish survey they do with Akwesasne called FINS (Fish Identification Nearshore Survey).

“In fact, we have this year (found a new species) and it’s not the nicest one. It’s an invasive species called the Tubenose Goby. Relative of the Round Goby that everyone knows and in fact it’s making its way into the river,” Ridal said.

The bottom-feeder fish is normally found in the Black and Caspian seas between Europe and Asia, but showed up in Canada near Windsor in the late 1980s. It’s been occasionally sighted in the river near Kingston, according to Ontario’s Invading Species Awareness Program. They eat the young of other bottom-dwelling fish.

On the flip side, Ridal says they are seeing more sensitive species making a comeback. □



Selling OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets next February

We are presently finalizing plans for a selling location. However we are planning on selling tickets during the month of February 2019.

Last year we earned more than \$2000 by doing this.

We very much appreciate your help and I will start working on a schedule shortly.

If you have preferred dates and times, please email them to me.

Thanks in advance for your help. Johnrichardford5@gmail.com or 226 664 0960 or 519 372 5060

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

*Your refrigerator likes you!
That's why it puts the light on
every time you open the door.*

*My dog is not very smart! I bought
him a dog whistle, but he will
not use it.*

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

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2018 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2017 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/17)

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.

****We Require Your Firearms Licence Number And Its Expiry Date!****

Membership Fees for 2018:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21	\$175.00
	Adult	Individual	\$130.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$115.00
	Student	Age under 21 (no magazine)	\$60.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$45.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$55.00
	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)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors & Students only)

FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY DATE _____

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: _____

SSA Membership Report

Our Early Bird Membership programme continues at our November general meeting. There will be 3 prizes this year. They are a free membership, a floater suit and a knife set for those to choose to renew early.

For 2019, you will need to provide us with your current Firearms Licence number and expiry date. We will provide a renewal form in this newsletter. We need you to complete this form as part of your renewal, so please bring it with you! There are a couple of changes in the current renewal. One is the firearms licence number and expiry date.

The second involves our family membership. Now children up to and including age 25 can be part of your family membership (if they are in full time attendance in school). The membership fees remain the same for 2019 as last year. If you prefer to renew on line, that option is now available but make sure to include your firearms licence number and expiry date in the comment section.

I want to thank those members who came to the last meeting ready to pay their renewals only to find that the point of sale machine wouldn't work, for their patience. We now have a cordless point of sale machine that does not use the telephone cord. I cautiously tell you that we should be able to renew your membership easily at the November meeting. We expect to have the 2019 windshield decals available at our next meeting and will make them available to all who have renewed.

We do not accept new memberships in the fall as our membership goes from January 1 to December 31. Again new memberships will be available starting on January 1, 2019. You need to be aware that a requirement for new members in 2019 is that the **firearms licence number** and **expiry date** needs to be included. As well, we require new members to provide a **current police check**.



Jack Doherty — Will be Missed — J Ford

On September 30, Jack passed on after a lengthy and magnificent battle with cancer. His impact on the SSA and the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular was immense. Our hearts go out to Donna and all of his extended family. I also want to thank all of his friends who went to visit him, both at home and at the hospice.

Jack worked on many important ideas, particularly with the Derby. His idea of the Fishing Machine, which he saw at the Spring Fishing Show, was a hit with youngsters and those not so young and is still a hit 18 years later.

Jack had a great many good traits. But one of his best was his positivity. When I couldn't figure out how to do something, I would call Jack. Usually, I would end up speaking with his secretary (his wife Donna) and then listening to Jack's wise advice on how to solve the problem.

For the first time in many years, I will need a new assistant to help me set up the club awards and hand them out. This year, because I knew that Jack was unwell, I offered to get someone else, but he insisted on helping: this illustrates what a great guy he was!!

I could continue with many stories about Jack but will conclude with this:

I think that knowing Jack Doherty has made me a better person and, I suspect, the same is true for a great many others.

R I P Jack, we salute you!

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

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

<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> Top menu Bar -> **Membership**

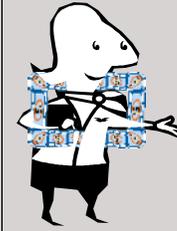
Just fill in the form, and mail to the address on the front page of this newsletter, c/o **John Ford**.



Photos by Mike Prevost

Always some improvements.
Upgrades are being made to the handgun range
New crossbow butts are now on the standing archery range

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We recently put up a new sign on one of our signature stream improvement projects on Maxwell Creek where it crosses Grey County Road 18 on to the Warrilow farm property. The cooperation of the Warrilow family is certainly appreciated.



Photos by Mike Prevost

Fall Boating – It takes a little bit more care

Toronto, ON -- Boating in the fall offers colorful vistas, quiet anchorages and excellent fishing but it is not without its challenges that necessitate self-sufficiency and taking some additional precautions to keep from running into trouble.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) and the Ontario Conservation Officer Association (OCA) want to remind all boaters enjoying the fall season on the water to follow these tips to ensure that their excursions are both safe and enjoyable.

Before heading out, be sure to check the weather forecast. The mixing of warm and cold air can quickly spawn high winds and waves making it treacherous for small boats. Fog, too, is an issue at this time of year making visibility difficult. Should boaters find themselves in a fog bank, they should proceed slowly and sound their horn at regular intervals to alert other boaters of their presence.

In October, daytime temperatures can occasionally be balmy but dressing for the water temperature will help slow the onset of hypothermia should the unexpected happen and the boater find himself in the water. Accidental cold water immersion can be shocking, but people shouldn't panic. It may take a minute or so to get their breathing under control after the initial shock but they will have at least 10-15 minutes, even in very cold water, to effect self-rescue before they start to lose muscle control in their arms and legs. This is where an approved lifejacket, either inflatable or inherently buoyant, is an essential part of a boater's wardrobe to keep them afloat after they can no longer swim.

In the fall, there are fewer other boats on the water to offer assistance, if needed. Boaters should be sure to leave a float plan with a responsible person on shore who will know what to do if they're overdue. A marine radio or cell phone will allow them to call for assistance should the need arise. Having a few tools and spare parts aboard will also allow them to fix minor problems that might otherwise cause them to be stranded out on the water.

It's important that boaters ensure that their boat and engine are in good shape and mechanically sound.

Ethanol-based fuel can allow water contamination in the tank. The use of a fuel additive prevents water in the fuel line from freezing which could cause the engine to chug to a halt. If the boat has portable fuel tanks, it's a good idea to have a spare on board as a reserve.

When you head out, be wary of reduced water levels that can result after a long, hot and dry summer season. Some of a boater's favorite shallow water fishing holes may be inaccessible at this time of year. Also, while underway, they should keep a sharp lookout for debris and chunks of ice that could penetrate the boat's hull at speed. ²