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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}

More renewal information on page 9.

The Handgun Range Has been Rented on the following dates and will not be available for the members from 9am - 5pm
Monday November 9th, 16th and 23rd



The time to start economizing is before you run out of money!

*What is the hardest part of skydiving?
The ground!*

President’s Message (November 2020)

Once again our only method of communication is through the newsletter to get our club information out to members. I would like to thank all of you for being patient and understanding through this way of life we seem to be trapped in and I, for one am looking forward to getting back to having our General Meetings and socializing again. Until that is allowed we are opening up our nominations for next year’s Executive, if you would like to let your name stand or would like to nominate another member in good standing please forward to me at Scott.Grimoldby1@gmail.com or contact me on my cell at 519-375-1925 and I will forward on to the rest of the Board for tracking. This is a first for us and we will try to ensure our voting and decisions are made in the best interest of the club. On a brighter note, I wish all of you who are getting out this fall to take part in our heritage of big game hunting or migratory bird hunting the best of luck and as always please stay safe and practice good conservation and values that we all stand for. This is truly a surreal time we are going through, we haven’t been able to get together for our Annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular our Chili/Soup evening or our long standing Earth Day. I wish all to stay safe and be well, we will get through this and our club activities resume. Feel free to contact me with any concerns and/or questions and I will do my best to address.

Yours in Conservation
Scott

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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



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On Friday, October 16, 2020, 3:25 PM, John Bittorf

<j.bittorf@greysauble.on.ca>

Hi Everyone

Over the next week or two, we will be removing more boards from the Rankin Dam. I don't think the lake will draw down very fast since it has hardly moved with the boards we have already removed. Its been a wet couple of months. We are going to try a new winter setting for the dam that we hope will make things easier for us next Spring.

Please remember that you can follow the lake and dam levels on our website.

John Bittorf Water Resources Coordinator/Flood Duty Officer
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority www.greysauble.on.ca

Please note that due to the escalating concerns regarding COVID-19, GSCA has closed its Administrative Office to the public and most GSCA staff will be working remotely and may not have access to office phones.

Please utilize email as the most reliable way to reach our staff at this time.

Rest assured that GSCA is committing to continuing to provide a high level of service and staff will be doing their best to ensure this.



TARGETS.

Our successful ability to be able to use our ranges during the current Covid crisis has created a temporary problem with paper target supply on our three ranges. At this time we, a combination of clubs, would be ordering a bulk supply of targets , this being coordinated by Kat. However, the other clubs that would share in the bulk order haven't been able to shoot as freely as SSA and they aren't needing to order more.

So, with the generous cooperation of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmens' Assn., we were able to purchase some of their unused stock. This should carry us through until another bulk order is needed. But, please, don't grab a handful ' just in case', we should have plenty and if you have a target with only a few holes in it, mark the holes and re-use them.

Keep shooting and be safe,

Stew , (Glad to live in Grey Bruce), Wallace.



This is the 2021 Fee Schedule:

New Members:

Adult \$275.00 Senior Citizen \$260.00 Family \$330.00
Student \$70.00 Junior \$65.00
Request for paper OFAH magazine \$18.00

SSA Renewals:

Adult \$150.00 Senior Citizen \$135.00 Family \$205.00
Student \$70.00 Junior \$65.00
Request for paper OFAH magazine \$18.00

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Cowboy Action

Stage 1

Ammunition: 10 revolver - 10 rifle - 4+ shotgun

Staging position: Pistols on table, rifle & shotgun staged in Gunsmith window. Starting Position:

Shooter standing behind table with thumbs in belt.

Gun Sequence: Pistol - Rifle - Shotgun

Shooters line: "Time to pay the piper."

Target Engagement: ATB with revolvers engage the 3 targets **on the left** as follows, 1st revolver (1,2,2,3,3) 2nd revolver (3,2,2,1,1). Move to Gunsmith window and with rifle engage Texas Star. Shoot Bottom plate first (red) All plates must go down. Then dump remaining rounds on target 5 **on the right** . Make rifle safe. Pick up shotgun and move to doorway and engage shotgun targets in any order. Targets must move and spotters need to call out "Misses by saying **again**". Re-engage if necessary.

Proceed to unloading table.

Stage 2

Ammunition: 10 revolver - 10 rifle - 4+ shotgun

Staging position: Rifle staged in Gunsmith window, shotgun staged on horse.

Starting position: Shooter holding lantern, standing to the left of Gunsmith window.

Gun Sequence: Rifle - Pistol - Shotgun

Shooters line: "You made you choice.."

Target Engagement: ATB place lantern on hook. Then engage Texas Star with rifle. Shoot bottom plate first (red). All plates must go down. Then dump remaining rounds on target 2 **on the left**.

Move to Gunsmith doorway and with revolvers engage targets **on the right** at least 3 times each.

Move behind horse and engage shotgun targets outside, outside, inside, inside. Re-engage if necessary. Spotters need to call out "Misses by saying **again**". Re-engage if necessary.

Proceed to unloading table.

Stage 3

Ammunition: 10 revolver - 10 rifle - 6+ shotgun

Staging position: Shotgun on table, left side of Stagecoach, rifle staged in Sheriff's window.

Starting position: Shooter standing in front of right Saloon window with both hands on window sill.

Gun Sequence: Shotgun - Pistol - Shotgun - Rifle - Shotgun

Shooters line: "Shoot or give up the gun."

Target Engagement: ATB Pick up shotgun and engage Cowboy swingers. Move to **table on right of stagecoach** and engage knock-downs. Safely re-stage shotgun on table. With first revolver engage 2 targets in a continuous sweep starting on the right. Five shots. Pick up shotgun and move to right of stagecoach and en-gage 2 knockdowns. With 2nd revolver dump 5 shots on the swinging buffalo. Move to Sheriff window and with rifle engage 3 targets as follows 2-2-1-2-3-2-2-1-2-3. Safely stage rifle back in window. Pick up shotgun and engage 2 remaining shotgun targets. Spotters need to call out "Misses by saying **again**".

Proceed to unloading table.

Super Stage

Ammunition: 10 revolver, 20 rifle, 8+ shotgun

Staging position: Shotgun staged in left window of Saloon. First rifle staged on right window of Saloon. Second rifle staged on table in Sheriff's window.

Starting position: Shooter starts with hands resting on left window sill of Saloon.

Gun Sequence: Shotgun - Rifle - Shotgun - Pistol - Shotgun - Pistol - Rifle - Shotgun

Shooters line: "It's time for the fun to begin."

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

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2021 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2019 and 2020 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/20)

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 2021:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$205.00
	Adult	Individual	\$150.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$135.00
	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
	OFAH Paper Magazine		\$18.00
Check off your selections above			Total

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 2021 must pay a late fee of \$25.00. This is added to your renewal fee!

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	

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. In this difficult financial period, a paperless membership provides a significant savings to the SSA. This feature is not available to Family Members with more than 2 in your family. You will get a membership card emailed to you and can read the OFAH magazine digitally. However, you won't get a paper magazine. If you do not have an email address, you will receive a paper OFAH membership. If you choose to get a paper copy even though you have an email address, the additional cost is \$18.00.

Shooters line: "It's time for the fun to begin."

Target Engagement: ATB pick up shotgun. Hit both drop downs. Must go down. Spotters need to call "Misses by saying **again**". Take shotgun with you and safely stage in right window for further use.

Pick up rifle. Engage targets **in left bunker** in a 2-1-2 sweep starting on either end. Safely restage on table in window of Saloon. (Yes, you can do It dirty.)

Pick up shotgun. Move to **table at left side of Stagecoach**. Hit both Cowboy swingers. Swingers must move. **Safely re-stage shotgun on table for further use.**

Shoot through one of the windows of the stage coach with the first revolver at the two targets with a continuous sweep **starting from the left**. Five shots.

Pick up shotgun. Move to the table on **right side of stagecoach**. Hit both tall drop downs. Must go down. **Safely stage shotgun on table for further use.**

With your second pistol shoot 5 shots at the swinging buffalo from behind the table. Pick up shotgun and take with you to Sheriff's window. Pick up second rifle and shoot targets **in the right bunker** as follows. (1,3,1,3,2,1,3,1,3,2). Stage rifle back on table.

Pick up shotgun and hit shotgun targets through the window or door. Swingers must move. Spotters to call out "Misses by saying **again**".

Proceed to unloading table.

Stage 5

Ammunition: 19 + shotgun

Starting position: Shooter may have only 6 shotgun shells on their person. Remainder of box to be placed in bowl provided at center table. Shooter starts on left behind fence, shotgun loaded with 2 rounds shouldered and closed.

Shooters line: "Well goodbye then."

Target Engagement: ATB shoot the 2 knockdowns on the left then the 4 bank robbers. Robbers must be hit. Re-engage if necessary.

Move to center table. Action must be open. Engage the Cowboy swingers, visible hits on targets. Then engage the 5 Cowboy flippers. Plates must move. Then engage remaining swingers. Spotters need to call out "Misses by saying **again**". Re-engage if necessary.

Move to right fence. Action must be open. Shoot the 2 fleeing bank robbers then shoot the can popper. Shooter must shoot at can, Hit is 5 second bonus, a miss is not a penalty. (If you miss the trigger plate, load before taking your second shot.)

Show Clear.



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Kat McCulloch, rkmcc@gbtel.ca



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

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.**

Membership Information:

The Early Bird Membership campaign is ongoing. Thank-you to those who have already renewed.

We are including a renewal form for you to use. We anticipate having several prizes to hand out to members who renew by January 7, 2021. After that date, we will inform the winners.

There are some changes for members renewing in 2021.

First, the membership fee has increased by \$10. Secondly, your 2021 membership will include an OFAH membership but it will be a paperless membership. What that means is that if you have an email address, you will get an email from OFAH and you will be able to print out your membership card yourself.

The insurance will remain the same and you will get a digital magazine. **WHAT YOU WON'T GET IS A PAPER COPY OF THE MAGAZINE.** However if you really want the paper copy, you can pay an additional \$18 and we will order you a paper copy. Keep in mind that the SSA does not make any money on this additional cost.

However, there are a number of members who do not have a computer and an email address.

Your OFAH membership will remain as usual.

Finally, if you have a family membership you will get a paper copy as the paperless membership only applies to individual members.

If you have further questions, please give me a call (John Ford, 226 664 0960.)

An additional change to the SSA Renewal is the Late Fee charge for 2021. You have until April 1 to renew your membership without penalty. If you choose to wait until after that date, you will have to pay an additional \$25.00 when you renew.

The current property locks and keys will work until April 1, 2021. Of course, your membership must be current in order to use the club property and facilities. The 2 ways to obtain a gate key are to pay an additional \$5 with your membership renewal. The other way is to pick up and pay for a key at Watson's Tackle House. I want to give a big Shout Out to Drew Watson. He hands out these keys as a service to the SSA and does not make any money for doing this. However, he does not put the cost through his business. For that reason, you must pay with cash. Since the locks aren't changed until April 1, I suggest that you get your new key in March 2021.

If Covid restrictions allow for face to face meetings, keys will be available there as well.

You can also call me, John Ford at 226 664 0960.



As previously announced, the SSA was the winner of the **OFAH Mary Pickford Conservation Award** for the top Conservation Club in Ontario. Recently Wayne Forgrave, the OFAH Zone H Chair presented us with the keeper plaque.

The Sydenham Conservation Foundation owns a property named the Walker Wetlands. This is close to the headwaters of the Pottawatami River. We decided to create a wildlife pond in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited. The planning and drawings were completed in July and construction began in September. We are happy to report that the pond is now full of water. Thanks to Bill Douglas, Mike Prevost, Wally Cunningham, Wayne Gallagher, David McLaughlin (DU biologist) and John Ford

During the past year, the SSA Wildlife Committee was advised that a number of deer had been caught in a fence separating the Walker Wetland property from a private holding. We decided to brace 2 openings in the fence and cut it to provide openings for deer travel. Thanks to Bill Douglas, Wayne Gallagher, Mike Prevost and John Ford for completing this important project.

Conservation Activities

Even though many club activities have been curtailed due to Convid 19, some conservation activities are continuing.

At the SSA Hatchery, we currently have our complement of Salmon Eggs developing.

Recently we clean out the Kidney Pond which acts as an additional settlement pond for the Hatchery Outflow.(P) A Butterfly Habitat area at the west end of the property (Doug Reid Memorial) was worked up and Wayne has kept it in planting shape. The SSA Wildlife Committee has made a start in planting this area. Cheryl Jobbins, Mike Prevost and John Ford planted about a dozen species that Cheryl purchased and planted for the summer in her garden. Then they were transplanted to the Butterfly Habitat area. About ¼ of the area is now planted, largely with Milkweed seeds.

As an update to Shallow Lake, Bill Douglas and I are happy to report that the Lake is now full of water which is a benefit both to stopping illegal activities and promoting wildlife species. Bill and I also put yellow dots on trees in both locations.

Recently the Truvist Chervil spray has been purchased and picked up. This will be used on the Demonstration Wildlife Management Area beside the SSA property.



Kidney Pond at Hatchery



New wildlife pond at Walker Wetland



Shallow Lake

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ARCHERY PROGRAM

The fall archery deer hunt has been underway now for a few weeks and I hope this note finds a good number of fellow archers with some venison in their freezer. I unfortunately haven't got one with my bow yet, but with a few weeks left, and I'm still hoping to bag a nice buck.

On Monday Oct. 19th a few of us went through the archery practice facility and the walk through 15 target range to ensure everything was in good order. The facilities are in great shape for anyone wishing to get in some last-minute practice or just have some fun. I noticed that they have been used more frequently this past fall and hope that trend continues. They are there for all members to enjoy so make the most of them.

Just a reminder that the 3D targets will be removed in the next few weeks, so get out there and hone your skills before they are put away for the winter.

Wishing everyone a healthy and successful fall hunting season.

Bill Douglas / Doug Heighes

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

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

From September 25th to October 2nd our club, the Lake Huron Fishing Club and the Sarnia Bluewater Fishing club were each able to collect our allocation of 110,000 Chinook Salmon eggs from the Mill Dam/ Fish ladder on the Sydenham River in Owen Sound. The eggs are presently incubating in our hatchery and should, by the time of this newsletter, be eyed up as the first stage of their fish development. It is worth noting that 34% of all of the fish that were handled to check for viable male and female salmon had been adipose fin clipped indicating that they had been raised in our hatchery.



Thanks to all of our volunteers and the cooperation of the M.N.R.F and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

If you like to become involved in our hatchery program please contact Mike Prevost at mbprevost@hotmail.com Or 519-376-7368



SSA TREASURER POSITION

The time of year has come when consideration has to be given to the Board of Directors for the coming year. Nominations are accepted at the November and December Regular Meetings, and again at the January meeting in the new year, at which time the actual voting also takes place. This year, with COVID 19 still being an issue, the nominating and voting process will be a little different, but it will still be taking place, and you will be made more aware of how it will work, as we get closer to that time.

One thing that is also coming up, though it won't actual happen until the end of 2021, is the need for a "new" club treasurer. After more than fifty years in accounting and taxation, and several years beyond the "normal" retirement age, I've decided that enough is enough, and I am going to pursue interests beyond what has been "work" or work related. To this end, the Board of Directors is now looking for an SSA volunteer, living in the immediate area, and having suitable accounting knowledge and computer skills, to join the 2021 board, in order to gain some knowledge and experience in everything that is required of an SSA treasurer. At the end of 2021, beginning of 2022, I will no longer be on the board, and that individual will be placed in charge of the club's finances.

Not to worry; that person will not be totally alone since I will still be available to offer guidance when, where, and if necessary, should an issue arise that is new or unfamiliar to my replacement.

If you would like to get involved in the activities of the SSA and feel that this is an area that you can make a contribution, please let the Board Executive know of your interest and qualifications.

We would like to hear from you and discuss any and all questions that anyone might have, and that includes you, as a potential treasurer for the best conservation driven organization in this part of Ontario.

The SSA needs and values it's many volunteers, so don't leave the position vacant on December 31, 2021.

Thanks
Dennis Wiseman
SSA Treasurer



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SSA Membership Renewal Nights

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we are unable to have our monthly club meetings.

I know that many of you would normally renew your membership for 2021 at these meetings.

In an effort to help you, I have decided to have 2 renewal sessions at the clubhouse.

I will bring all of my membership supplies including the credit card machine and renew your membership at these times. **Please bring and wear your mask as will I.**

Tuesday, November 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Tuesday, November 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

If you plan to attend one of these sessions and have a computer, I would appreciate an email from you, letting me know. My email address is johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Thanks for your help;

John

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Covid-19 Range reminders.

The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association must follow all provincial rules and health requirements related to the Covid-19 Pandemic and physical distancing rules. That means all members when on the ranges must abide by these rules and requirements. As restrictions change we will also make the required changes to stay compliant. While we understand some of these requirements have become somewhat controversial, we as an organization are required to follow them. Personal opinions on the matter do not come into play while on the SSA ranges, please keep your opinions to yourself.

We have opted to provide shooting opportunities for the membership with these restrictions.

If there is a complete disregard for the physical distancing requirements the SSA will have no choice but to close all of the ranges once again. Remember there are cameras in all ranges and parking areas which will be checked to ensure we are compliant.

Please observe the physical distancing requirements of staying 2 Meters (6ft) away from each other. While we understand that most people enjoy shooting AND the socializing we are asking members to come and shoot, pack up and leave the property right after. If you must have a brief conversation with another member please do so in the parking lot away from anyone else and not inside any of the ranges. Respect other people's spaces, just because you may think physical distancing rules are stupid does not mean that others feel the same way !

**IF YOU ARE SICK, HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS,
TRAVELED IN THE LAST 14 DAYS OR HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH ANYONE
HAVING COVID19 PLEASE STAY AT HOME!!!**

There is hand sanitizer in every range, as well there will be a spray bottle of disinfectant and paper towel that can be used to sanitize the shooting positions / surfaces etc.. Please use these, just remember some of the products can be hard on your firearms finishes !