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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

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}

Thursday

November 18, 7:30 pm

AT THE CLUB HOUSE,

The editorial comments in this
Newsletter do not always reflect the
policies or opinions of the SSA.

*Its not a cheaper car that people
want. Its an expensive car that costs
less!*

November 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to all, it most certainly now feels like Fall is setting in and the weather will certainly change to winter conditions before we know it. I know many of you enjoy this time of year as it brings the Annual big game hunting season on, good luck to all who take part in this tradition and always practice safe handling and operation of your firearms and respect the landowner’s property as I know you all do. We most recently were able to have a General Meeting in October which was well attended for such short notice, we will continue to meet again monthly with November being held on the 18th which is the 3rd Thursday @ 7:30 to allow deer hunting the first week and Remembrance Day falls on the 2nd Thursday. In December we will go back to having the General Meeting on the 1st Thursday being December, 2nd, this will be our Annual Nibble Night which did not take place last year but is always a fun and social evening with some tasty dishes and some spirited competition. To those interested please consider bringing your dish to this night, show up a bit early (7’ish) to get set up and we will have a short meeting before we get to the main event.

The bar will also be open by donation and it will be good to have some Social interaction among the group as it has been far too long.

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There will be a contact tracing sheet that you need to complete at the back table.
This also indicates that you are vaccinated which is a requirement to attend.

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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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President's Corner continued

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Starting at the November meeting we will be having our Annual nominations for the SSA Executive so if interested let your name stand as we are always looking and welcoming new faces to join the Executive. We are also looking to form a small Committee (3 to 5 member) to oversee the financial activities of the club and provide input and/or advice as our new duo of Treasurer and Accountant (Chris & Dimitrius Geberdt) have taken on this role that was left when Dennis Wiseman moved out west to be closer to his family (Thanks to Dennis for many years of SSA roles and most recently club Treasurer). We will be accepting kind of resumes from the members who have financial knowledge formal or informal who are in good standing and show an interest in the financial activities and well-being of the club, those interested can send their information to any of the current Executive members, myself included via email or paper copy.

Thanks, Scott



Membership

As well, we will be able to renew your membership and complete the Early Bird ballot at the meeting. Look for me in my normal spot.

As a reminder, everyone who renews by January 6, 2022 has an opportunity to win one of 3 prizes. The first is a free year's.

Alternatively, you can renew on line or by calling me directly at 226-664-0960 and renewing with your credit card.

We plan to have 2 Renewal Nights in November at the club house for you to renew as well. The dates are Tuesday, November 9 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Tuesday November 16 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

You will be able to renew with cash, cheque, debit or credit.

Again, you will need to sign the contact tracing sheet, be vaccinated and wear a mask.

Gate Keys

The current key which has a yellow key spotter on it, will continue to work until March 31, 2022. Of course, your 2022 membership needs to be paid to use club facilities. I anticipate having the keys available for the February 2022 meeting. As usual, we are happy to recycle your old keys if you return them.

Keep in mind, that we remove the locks from the 2 main road gates in the winter weather as they freeze and restrict entry. Please close the gates if you are last at using the ranges.

Upcoming Wildlife Committee Meeting

We have organized a Wildlife Committee meeting for Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 pm and the Clubhouse. We have lost some members due to sickness and location moves. As a result, we need more members.

Please consider coming to the meeting to see what it is all about and, hopefully lending your help.

Of course, you need to sign the contact sheet, be vaccinated and were a mask if you are less than 2 metres from another person.

Range Committee Update

New Trap House Construction - Thank you to all who responded for the request to help with cement and landscaping work in the construction of our new upper trap house. The old trap house is gone and the new concrete block house and the landscaping is now roughed in. We will call for volunteers again in the spring for grass planting and final landscaping, and we expect to be shooting targets out of the new trap house in the new year.

There is a **Range Orientation Tour** scheduled for November 14th. This is not just for new members - it is also for long time members that want a refresher on range procedures such as flag use, sign in procedures, etc.

Contact Dave Fritz at daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com.

Changes are coming to the 100 yard range. We have heard from many members that they want to access the 100 yard range more often. In 2022 we will be implementing a new training course so that members can access the 100 yard range for shooting from the 100 yard benches on their own. The course will be mandatory - before shooting at this range without a club Range Safety Officer present. For the remainder of this year - all the current rules and policies for using the 100 yard range remain in place. More information to come in the new year.

Range Committee Members Needed - Call for Volunteers

In January, two of our hard working (and long serving) range committee members are stepping down. If you see Jeff Caldwell (Range Committee co-chair) or Tim Lahey (100 Yard Range coordinator) please make sure to thank them for all their efforts to help make our ranges operate so well. In my short time as Range Committee co-chair I have learned how much work it takes to keep the SSA ranges open and operating - by volunteers - so we can all enjoy them. A big thank you to Jeff and Tim for all their work over the years.

The range committee is a team of members who organize and coordinate volunteers to maintain the ranges and make decisions on future changes to the range property. The committee is responsible for keeping the range manual updated and ensuring the ranges are open and operated in accordance with the range manual. You do not need to be on the executive of the SSA to be on the range committee. We communicate as a group by email regularly - and meet in person 3 or 4 times a year as needed. We are looking for individuals that can communicate well and work together as a team.

At the present time we have a strong representation for the shotgun spots on the committee and are looking to balance this out.

We need new committee members **specifically with a strong interest in the 100 yard rifle range, the rimfire range, and the archery range.** If you have ideas and some energy to give to our club and are a regular user of any of these ranges - please reach out.

Good luck with fall hunting season to all.. Jay



A Special Event Announcement- Reloading Workshop

On Saturday December 18, 2021, from 09:00 to 11:30, there will be a Reloading Workshop held at the SSA Clubhouse.

This workshop, with the emphasis on safe reloading of shotgun, rifle and handgun ammunition, will cover everything from the basics of why, to the how and beyond.

Just some of the topics discussed are safe reloading, the basics, costs and economic benefits, why reload, equipment and reloading components, and pitfalls that can be avoided, followed by a Q & A session where the audience is encouraged to share their experiences.

David Fritz will be the lead in this very interactive workshop. Dave has held similar workshops in the past and has offered to organize this one. If you are just thinking of getting started in reloading or you are an old hand at it, this workshop may be for you.

There is no charge for this workshop and is open to SSA members, family, friends and other shooting sport enthusiasts. The invitation is extended to other local gun Club members as well.

This is a NO Live Ammunition or Firearms Event.

Because of COVID requirements, registration is required and of course, due to social distancing requirements, space is limited.

Contact Dave Fritz to register, at daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com.

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2022 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2021 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/21)

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	\$210.00
	Adult	Individual	\$155.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$140.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	\$75.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$70.00
	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, please check here _____.

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2022, 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. 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.