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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

October, 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}

October's speaker will be
Mike Williams
 Of
 Ducks Unlimited.

Presidents Message

Autumn has arrived. Finished off summer with a couple of nice days around a pool with some good friends. Got out for the early goose season and managed to miss as many of those tiny fast flying birds as I hit, must be that steel shot ! I have a nice big pile of firewood drying downstairs by my fireplace. I am done with summer and looking forward to some colourful days of fall. I think I will sit in my easy chair with a beer and wipe down my guns (I love the smell of that cleaning oil) as I hopefully watch the Blue Jays, between hunting videos, win the World Series.

Thankfully we are also done with another successful Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular. That was one hell of a hot and humid week. We always cap off our derby efforts with an appreciation fish fry dinner for all of our hard working derby volunteers on Sunday September 27th. Although there were a lot of comments of it being tough fishing out there our total catch for the week was up slightly from last year with a note that there were a lot more Lake Trout brought in to the weigh station. Of course there were some anglers that did not catch anything and at best had a few knock offs while I noticed that some others were signing in fish every day. That is the name of the game.

Although it is to be expected the derby salmon and trout winner and boat draw winner were more than appreciative of our efforts and organization of the derby having come to the derby for several years. That kind of positive feedback helps a lot. I just cannot wait to start planning for next year !

Mike Prevost, President SSA

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.

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*Tight Rope walker:
 A top of the line performer!*



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



September 10, 2015
 Prize Draw Winners

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Multi tool | Brian Clements |
| 2. Flashlight | Dave Hartrick |
| 3. Rope | John Ford |
| 4. Knife set | Walt Edworthy |
| 5. Muskol | Jack Osadzuk |
| 6. Gloves | George Albrecht |
| 7. Yukon Knife | Bill Douglas |
| 8. T shirt | Mike Prevost |
| 9. Cabelas hat | Don Lobban |
| 10. Rod & reel | Ken Trinkwon |
| 11. Tarp | Doug Van Horne |

Red tag \$50.00 Gift Certificate
 L.C.B.O. Don Keeling

Thanks to all for participating Brian Clements



Membership

John Ford

Announcing the 2016 Early Bird Membership Renewal Draw

Again we will be organizing an Early Bird Membership Renewal Draw. Simply, this means that we will have a draw for those who choose to renew their 2016 membership early. For example, if you renew your membership at the October meeting, you will get 4 chances to win the Early Bird prizes. Note that the fees are unchanged from 2015. One of the prizes is a free membership for 2016 and the other is still to be decided. If you wait until the November meeting you reduce the number of chances by one etc.

All 2015 memberships expire on December 31, 2015. So why not renew and get a chance to win something for free!!!

Yes, we will have the credit and debit machine at the meeting for your convenience.

J Ford

Asian carp would have adequate food to survive in Lake Erie

If invasive bighead carp and silver carp spread into Lake Erie, there would be enough food available for these species of Asian carp to survive, according to a new study by the U.S. Geological Survey. This information is critical in helping resource managers mitigate effects of an Asian carp invasion. If bighead and silver carp were to populate Lake Erie, they have the potential to damage native fish populations and the Great Lakes economy.



Jack Doherty Auctioning Baked Goods at June Meeting

Photo Mike Prevost



Fin Clipping Before Stocking

Photo Mike Prevost

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Swap Meet, SSA
Sunday, November 1st.
Buy, Sell, Trade
8:30 am till 12:30 pm

**Fishing rods and reels? Camping and boating equipment?
Another rifle or shotgun perhaps?
Need reloading equipment or supplies?
Fitting yourself up in cowboy action gear?
Or is it time to sell or trade some of those firearms and hunting or
fishing gear that you don't use anymore to make room for new toys?**

Then you need to come to Sydenham Sportsmen Club.

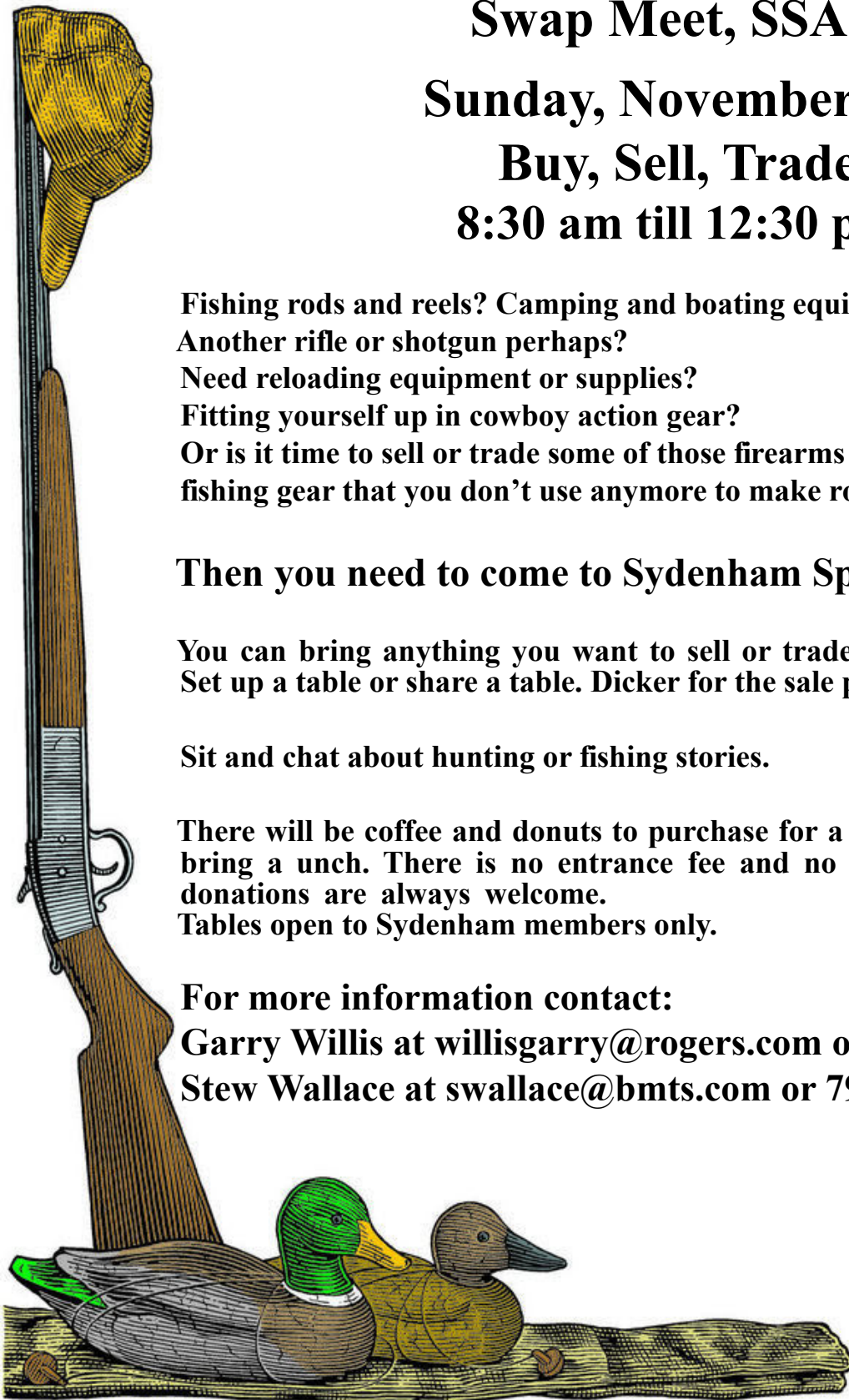
**You can bring anything you want to sell or trade sports related.
Set up a table or share a table. Dicker for the sale price.**

Sit and chat about hunting or fishing stories.

**There will be coffee and donuts to purchase for a \$3 donation or
bring a unch. There is no entrance fee and no table fee, but
donations are always welcome.
Tables open to Sydenham members only.**

For more information contact:

**Garry Willis at willisgarry@rogers.com or 376-5347,
Stew Wallace at swallace@bmts.com or 794-4423.**



Chinook Salmon in Lake Superior

A fin-clipping program is helping Michigan DNR fisheries managers evaluate the success of Chinook salmon stocking in Lake Superior. The numbers of clipped and unclipped Chinook salmon in anglers' catches indicated that about 4.5% of the 2-year-old Chinook salmon

Besides getting rough return rate estimates of stocked Chinook salmon, managers and anglers alike are interested in seeing where these fish are being caught. According to 2014 data, from 0-8% of the 2-year-old Chinook salmon examined by creel clerks at seven different survey sites were clipped, with Keweenaw Bay and Munising being the ports where the highest numbers and percentages were recorded. Turning these figures around, the data show that wild, naturally reproducing Chinook salmon made up 92-100% of catches at all ports.

The initiative to clip adipose fins to mark Chinook salmon stocked in Lake Superior started in 2012 as part of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's mass marking program. To date, slightly more than 1.1 million clipped Chinook salmon have been released at Black River Harbor and from sites near the Ontonagon, Dead and Carp rivers. These fish are marked only by their fin clip and do not have coded wire tags in their snouts. Anglers are expected to see an increased proportion of adipose-clipped Chinook salmon in their catches in 2015, due to additional marked hatchery Chinook salmon from multiple year classes being out in Lake Superior.

"We look forward to learning more about these dynamic fisheries as more angler catch information comes in," said Phil Schneeberger, Lake Superior Basin coordinator. "We appreciate angler cooperation with creel clerks who are collecting these key data..²



Youth Expo June 2015

Photos by Mike Prevost



An alarm clock is a device that wakes you up just in time to go back to sleep!



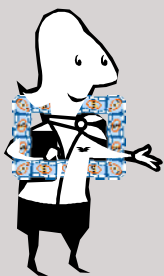
Adam Ivey of Grand Bend with his 18.43 lb Derby winning trout (Lake Trout)

Adam is trading in his older aluminum boat now that he has a new and improved one. He plans on being here again next year and has a chance to trade up again.

Photo by Mike Prevost



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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

How to introduce a kid to fishing

Taking a kid fishing can be rewarding, but less so if that kid is cold, hungry, insect-bitten, bored, frustrated, or beholden to an adult who can't put down their own fishing rod.

"Fun and safety are the most important considerations while bringing kids fishing," said Jeff Ledermann, angler recruitment, retention and education supervisor with the Minnesota DNR. "Kids love to fish. But when kids start out, adults need to be patient as they teach how to free tangled lines, tie-on and bait hooks, and take fish off the line."

To keep kids interested, use live bait to catch smaller fish like bluegills that tend to bite frequently. Smaller hooks and lighter line that match the size of the fish will increase the odds of catching something. Remember to congratulate kids on catching any fish, no matter the size, and take photos to capture the moment.

"A lifelong interest in fishing can be ignited or extinguished in a few introductory fishing trips," Ledermann said. "And let's face it, kids have plenty of competing ways to spend their time these days. That's why it's so important to have a game plan before heading out."

Shore fishing can be a good way to start because if a kid gets bored, it's easier to take breaks.

When considering a location, choose one that is comfortable and safe. Look for restrooms, playground equipment, safe access and a public fishing pier.

"Invite a friend or neighbor kids for even more fun. If they lose interest or the weather or fishing is poor, wrap up the outing before it becomes a negative experience and try again another day," Ledermann said.

Fishing reels, rods and other gear should be simple, appropriately sized and in working order.

Consider giving a child their own fishing rod that is easy to handle. Anyone 16 or older who is fishing will need a fishing license.

"Fishing doesn't need to be complicated or expensive. Nonetheless, be prepared by packing snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent and first-aid basics," Ledermann said. "With a little planning, you're more likely to discover one of the best-kept secrets about fishing—that in the end it's all about the lessons learned and the time spent together outdoors."

Nibble Night

Although Nibble night is not until our December meeting I want to get a reminder out early as the fall hunting season is arriving so think about putting some of your game and fish aside to make some new or tested recipes.. I have always wanted to try something with black squirrel ?

Mike Prevost



Range Report - Shooting Sports **Bill Douglas and Al Hillis**

RANGE REPORT - SHOOTING SPORTS

Well Summer is officially over, and things are getting busy on most of the ranges. This is an exciting time of year with Moose, Deer, Waterfowl, & Upland bird seasons about to begin. So let me give you a brief update on all that's happening during the Fall of this year on our ranges.

Range #1 - Handgun range: The brush and vegetation has been cleaned back on this range about 6 weeks ago and a work party has been planned to do some work to cover in a portion of the lower sections of the structure. We will also be replacing the wooden structure in the bullet catch with in a few weeks.

Range #2 - Rimfire/CBA: Here as well there has been a general clean-up and refurbishing of the backstop and targets. This range has been a lot busier this year with the many Defense Pistol & Cowboy Action sessions being held there. Don't forget to check our Calendar on the SSA website for all the details.

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Range #3 - 100 Yard Range: Work on the backstops, filling in the cavities, refurbishing and replacing many of the sandbags has been completed. The target backers and frames have also been replaced where it was necessary. We increased the height of the two bunkers by a couple of railway ties and this will hopefully make them more functional. The vegetation was also cut down on the main backstop and the side berms were trimmed. A new rifle rack was installed and the space behind the firing line was re-organized to give everyone more space. We will be creating a "safe area" for shooters to work on their firearms to the right of the shooting tables within the next few weeks.

Lastly, this range will be open on more occasions with some morning and evening times during this fall for our members convenience. Here again please refer to our Calendar on the SSA website for details.

Range #4 - Single Trap Field: Based on the increased number of Trap shooters coming out to the ranges, this one will definitely be open more this year than last. Al has put up an overhead shelter down there for our shooters and observers convenience. This range also got a general clean-up especially around the perimeter .

Range #5 - Field Sporting Clays: The process of investigating how we can improve our Sporting Clay field is well underway. We are currently looking into moving this range to a new area and are exploring many different scenarios at this time. This process is going to take some time, since once we determine what is the best layout, and how many teams can shoot on the course at the same time. We still have to get it approved by our Executive and then approved by the CFO's office. Not to mention how much it will cost, what grant money is available, will we require some selective tree harvesting, and when can we start the work of making it happen. A sub committee is being set up to deal with all these issues and as this process moves along and we will keep everyone informed of our progress.

Range #6 - Single Skeet Field/Trap Field: This field is seeing more use this year than it ever has, we have had some great turnouts.

The new voice activated system on the Trap Field is up and running, and working out very well. The new 40 ft. container for storage is in place and the small door installed. We are now looking at a paint job for it.

We will also be installing a new shotgun patterning board on the left side of the High House in the very near future, which should take some pressure off the usage of the high power range for that purpose.

Archery Practice Facility: This area got some new carpeting put on the older targets earlier this year and a general clean-up of the area. So it's ready to go.

Archery Walk-through Range: We have cleared the windfalls, trimmed the lanes and refurbished and/or replaced the old butts. We were trying out a few new type of polypropylene target faces earlier this year, and they seem to be working out quite well. They last longer, take more shots and stand up to the weather better than the old burlap ones. Unless we hear any negative comments we will be using these exclusively next year.

During the second week of September we put out 12 of the 3D targets for your usage, prior to the hunting season. They will be taken back in just before the snow flies, so go get out and enjoy them.

Range Safety Officers: We are continuing our in-house program to train more Range Safety Officers and will be able to notify all interested parties on the date of the next training session in the near future. We have eight interested individuals to date and would like to hear from any other members who want to take the course. You can contact me at bcdouglas@bmts.com if you would like to take it, however, you must be prepared to do your fair share of shifts down on the 100 yd. range as an RSO. Naturally all SSA approved Range Safety officers must pass the course and be approved by the Executive.

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

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

Bill C-42 - Common Sense Firearms Licensing Act.

On September 2, 2015, the Common Sense Firearms Licensing Act came into force. Bill C-42 has changed significantly how the issuance of Authorizations to Transport (ATT's) are done, as well as eliminating the POL. To help our members understand these new procedures and answer most of their questions we have put the latest information from the CFO's office on our website, and we recommend you read it if you have any questions or doubts on the new procedures.

SSA is developing its own in-house Handgun Safety Course which will be a requirement for all **new** members who want to shoot **handgun** at our facilities. It will also be a requirement for any current members who want to **start** shooting handgun for the **first** time and do not have a SSA sponsored ATT.

All current members who have a SSA sponsored ATT will be grandfathered into the program and are exempt from taking the course.

More details on this program will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Reminder/Clarification on new Guest Fees.

As of July 1st 2015 there was a charge of \$5.00 instituted for all guests over the age of 16, (children 16 years old or younger are free). On ranges #1 and #2 it is on the honour system and the fees are to be deposited in the donations boxes at those ranges. At Range #3 the acting RSO will collect and deposit this fee in the donation box at the time of sign-in. If your guest uses all three ranges on the same day the one \$5.00 charge covers all. The shotgun ranges already have a guest fee included in the charges for those ranges.

Club sponsored Invitational events such as Autumn Thunder, Defense Pistol interclub matches, Interclub Trap Shoots and Reciprocal Shooting arrangements are exempt from these charges. However, normal shooting practice sessions such as Defense Pistol practices, Cowboy Action practices, Single Action Sunday practices do require a guest fee.

Range Committee Co-Chairs

Al Hillis & Bill Douglas



Jason Batson of Sarnia picks up his winning 17.2 ft Yamaha boat, motor and trailer, a \$35,000 package, from Chris Gebert. I had no problem telling Jason to smile for the camera.

Thanks to Chris and his travelling sales crew that spent many weekends and weeks away from home selling boat draw tickets and promoting the Salmon Derby and tourism for Owen Sound. Jason purchased his winning ticket at the Toronto Boat Show.



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Mike Sucasca of Cambridge with his 23.11lb Derby winning salmon that he caught off the inner harbour wall. Mike has been a long time Angler in the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular and says he hopes to retire in Owen Sound one day.



Photos by Mike Prevost

Repairman: A person who can make you smile when all goes wrong!

*Why does a stork stand on one leg?
Because if it lifted the other leg, it would fall down!*