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“Conservation is Our Aim”



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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}

### President’s Message (June 2020)

It has been a challenging spring and start to summer for all of us and I certainly appreciate all the understanding and continued support by our members through these times. The range committee has done a fabulous job to get the ranges back opened and please be aware of the new changes we must endure to keep all our members and families safe. It appears we will not be having a general meeting now until September and the date will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> as there is no Fall Fair planned this year we will be back to meeting on the first Thursday. Of course if the current situation doesn’t improve we will not be gathering in groups, the Executive will keep you posted of any cancellations or date changes. Try to maintain your positive attitude through this and please stay safe and well, I look forward to getting back to normalcy and being able to get back together and socializing again.

Scott

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*You know when you are older when you bend to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you can do while you are down there!*



**Making an opening in a fence for deer to get through** Photo by Mike Prevost



Photo courtesy of Cheryl Jobbins  
**Recent fish stocking**

**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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### OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets on Line in 2021

There will be no paper tickets for you to sell in 2021. Instead you can go on the OFAH website and purchase your tickets on line. Right now, the OFAH is offering Chase the Ace tickets on line so the Conservation Lottery tickets won't be available until this contest is over.



### Conservation Activities

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

On the Doug Reid Memorial Conservation property, Wayne Gallagher has replanted Cover around the Pair Mallards pond that was created in 2019.

A Butterfly Habitat area at the west end of the property was worked up and Wayne has kept it in planting shape. The SSA Wildlife Committee is planning to plant appropriate species in part of this area, this fall. Thanks to Cheryl Jobbins for taking the lead with this important project. If you have ripe Milkweed Pods available, we would appreciate getting them for planting purposes.

Since the Sydenham Conservation Foundation purchased Shallow Lake a number of years ago, 4 wheel drive trucks and ATVs have illegally accessed the Lake to do "mudding activities" A number of attempts have been made to restrict these activities with questionable success Bill Douglas and I have met with concerned residents, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority staff and Georgian Bluffs staff to devise a plan. We hope to block access to the launching ramp on CA property to motorized vehicles at the parking lot.

Further we plan to stop ATV use to the Lake about 1.5 km north on the Recreational trail. As well, we plan to put up signage which indicates permitted uses and an explanation of what Shallow Lake is about.

We hope the Shallow Lake community will participate in keeping these vehicles out of the Lake.

I want to thank Ron Robb for providing the Spray Licence to allow us to spray the Demonstration Wildlife Management Area to control Wild Chervil. This is the area just to the west of the SSA property. We have sprayed this invasive species each spring for the last 8 to 10 years and have it under reasonable control.

While the DWMA has been named in memory of an esteemed Conservationist, Blake Smith, I invite you to stop by the front area planted with Red Oaks and have a seat on one of the benches provided. It's a great place for reflection! As well, in the DWMA, there is a gazebo for similar purposes.



**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**

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## Items for October 2020 Newsletter

On August 20, 2020, at the regular SSA Executive Meeting, a MOTION was duly moved, seconded and carried, asking for the approval of the SSA members to increase the 2021 membership fees by \$10.00 in order to cover the costs of Club operations.

Class New Member Renewal Member

Adult \$275.00 \$150.00

Senior \$260.0 \$135.00

Family \$330.00 \$205.00

Student \$70.00 \$70.00

Junior \$65.00 \$65.00

OFAH paper Magazine \$18.00 \$18.00

Note: New Member fee includes a onetime fee of \$125.00

Under normal circumstances members would be asked to support this recommendation at a regularly scheduled General Meeting. Unfortunately with Covid 19 we are far from being under normal circumstances, in fact the Premier has just lowered the social gathering numbers as of September 19, 2020 to 10 inside and 25 outside.

If you are in agreement with the Executives recommendation and approve of the motion, you are not required to send an email stating you are in favour, your vote will simply be tabulated as in favour. The club needs your ongoing support.

You are welcome to email your vote and comments to John Ford at [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

The Early Bird Membership campaign will start on October 1. We are including a renewal form in this month's newsletter 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 their membership in 2021.

Your 2021 membership will include the OFAH membership but in 2021 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.**

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 of more than 2, 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 and when Covid 19 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.

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# 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).	
	<b>Family</b>	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	<b>\$205.00</b>
	<b>Adult</b>	Individual	<b>\$150.00</b>
	<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Age 60 & over	<b>\$135.00</b>
	<b>Student</b>	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	<b>\$70.00</b>
	<b>Add a Spouse</b>	Additional fee	<b>\$55.00</b>
	<b>Junior</b>	12 and under (no magazine)	<b>\$65.00</b>
	<b>Property Gate Key</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>
	<b>OFAH Paper Magazine</b>		<b>\$18.00</b>
Check off your selections above			<b>Total</b>

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.

## TWO OF LAKE HURON'S TOP PRODUCING SEA LAMPREY STREAMS RECEIVE LAMPRICIDE TREATMENTS AFTER YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Three tributaries to Lake Huron produce more than half of the lake-wide sea lamprey larval population: the St. Marys, the Mississagi, and Garden Rivers. For the past several years, lampricide treatments on the Mississagi and Garden Rivers, which are located on First Nation lands, were not conducted due to concerns from the First Nation communities. Discussions over several years that engaged the community, provided information, and built relationships led to an acceptable treatment plan for both of these high-producers. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission and its Sea Lamprey Control Program are pleased to report that the Mississagi River was treated in August 2019, and the Garden River was just treated in July 2020. Crews from Fisheries and Oceans Canada led the treatments with support from the Mississauga and Garden River First Nations.

Treatment of the Mississagi River occurred on August 7-9, 2019. Mississauga First Nation began the treatment with a water ceremony at the upper limit of the treatment, and observed the treatment throughout the duration. Garden River First Nation Lands and Resource department staff also attended to observe. The treatment was very effective in the flowing portion of the river and crews reported seeing abundant numbers of several year classes of larval sea lampreys, including those currently undergoing metamorphosis into the parasitic life stage, the stage in which they damage fish. However, the river has a unique [for the Great Lakes] bird's foot delta, and the lake level and flow pattern for the river resulted in incomplete coverage of TFM in this area. Post-treatment sampling by DFO and Mississauga First Nation discovered sea lampreys were still present in sections of the delta and a follow-up treatment using Bayluscide, which will allow for more precise targeting of this small population, is tentatively scheduled for later in 2020. This may need to be delayed until 2021 given programmatic constraints due to COVID-19.

Following approval by Garden River First Nation's Chief and Council in fall 2019, 73.7km of the Garden River was treated July 22-25, 2020. The following week, two tributaries to the Garden River, Maud and Driving Creeks, were treated. Prior to these treatments, the Garden River had not been treated since 2014. Before beginning the application of lampricide, DFO assessment crews conducted an electrofishing demonstration for community members to show how many sea lamprey larvae were in the system. Crews reported densities of larvae in the Garden River beyond any that have ever been seen in this river since the control program began, including at least 4 age classes with abundant large larvae, including many beginning metamorphosis. Initial reports indicate that the treatment was very successful. The Garden River First Nation Lands and Resource Office staff participated in the treatment and a number of community members were present during treatment. At the completion of the lampricide application, another electrofishing demonstration was held in the same area as the pre-treatment demonstration; no larval sea lampreys were detected. Full post-treatment assessment is ongoing but early indications are that the treatment was a great success.

These treatments highlight the need for consistent, open communication; the necessity of working to understand the beliefs and concerns of local communities; and, the value of partnerships among Sea Lamprey Control Program staff and First Nation communities. In addition, relationships with U.S. tribes, specifically the Sault Tribe and the Bad River Tribe, were critical to facilitating the treatment negotiation. Tribal and First Nation communities share concerns about the use of lampricides in water, yet also have a vested interest in maintaining healthy Great Lakes fisheries. Understanding how other Indigenous groups have reconciled their concerns about lampricide application with their community needs helped Mississauga and Garden River First Nations work towards the decision to permit these much-needed treatments.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission and its Sea Lamprey Control Program shares the First Nation's interest in a healthy, vibrant fishery, which motivated us all to work together towards that objective. The Commission is committed to continuing efforts to foster these relationships by being open and direct with information, available for discussion with any group, and persistent in promoting the necessity of sea lamprey control in the Great Lakes.

*Article thanx to Jim Hastie*



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