

THE SPORTSMAN

"Conservation is Our Aim"



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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

October, 2, 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}

A **presentation** to SSA members about deer hunting, BEFORE the season.

Doug Kelly from Hanover will present and describe the details about his annual Big Buck Night contest.

Check out his website http://www.bigbucknight.ca/.

President's Message

Thanks to the consideration of Jim and Doreen Weaver we have been able to start collecting salmon eggs at the Owen Sound Mill Dam for rearing in our hatchery and I know that there are several people that want this to finish up sooner than later so they can make their plans to go to moose camp. Getting away to moose and later deer camps will be a welcome relief for many of our members that I know have been involved in a long stretch of conservation related projects. Thirteen days of the Salmon Derby followed by three days at the Owen Sound Fall fair, then compiling our years work for awards applications with the O.F.A.H. and then days of collecting and setting up salmon eggs can put a lot of stress on our volunteering. I shake my head when I think of how they do it year after year but thankfully we are a better club for it.

Again I want to comment on the number of work hours and variety of conservation projects our club does in a year. Nothing seems to be dropped off the list but something is usually added like our emergency wildlife committee and the building of butterfly shelters. I looked at a list of Lorne Smith's and Bob Hunt's Bluebird Routes and it consisted of 39 different sites with 7 to 50 boxes per site for close to 800 boxes. No wonder they are seldom home.

October can be a lovely time of the year. I seem to be hearing a lot of predictions for the coming of another nasty winter so I think we should all plan to get out as much as possible this fall with our family and friends to, as I have heard one wise members recording say, "enjoy the bounties of nature".

Mike Prevost

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



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

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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



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

Moose print Randy Moore Mike Prevost Tarp Old car/dog print Jack Osadzuk Poly rope Dennis Wiseman Heat seat Bill Thompson Towels **Steve Cornett** Bill Colborne Knife set Fishing rod John Bates Black shirt John Ford Hat & gloves Bill Douglas

Work gloves Wayne Gallaugher

Red tag - \$50.00 gift certificate From CTC John Ford

Thanks to all - Brian Clements



The

Sydenham Sportsmen Association

has available and is able to supply a wide variety of merchandise. This includes hats, crests, decals, pins, jackets, vests, shirts, etc. However, due to floor space restrictions during our general meetings we are not able to show all merchandise or have a permanent display for that matter.

Therefore, if the general membership could let me know as to what items they may be interested in we could put these articles on display and have them available for sale during these meetings.

Remember Xmas is just around the corner !!!!!!!!!

Thanks for your help.

Club Supplies Chair. **Jim Jansen. 519-376-3343** or mna.inspection@sympatico.ca

There will be a **Restricted P.A L. Course**

held at the Clubhouse October 11th from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

This is the LAST COURSE FOR THIS YEAR.

There will be NO MORE till after the snow leaves in the Spring.

Cost to register \$35.00 payable in advance and NON REFUNDABLE.(THIS IS IN ADDITION TO COURSE FEE).

Cost of course \$50.00 for members,\$85.00 for Non members payable on the day of the course.

ANYONE 15 years of age or older is welcome. **5 places only.**

To **register** call Bob McKay at 519-534-0827 (let the phone ring at least 10 times) or, see me at the October Regular meeting.

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Media Day 2014

Photo by Rob Cameron



June Meeting Auction Stuff!

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Membership John Ford

Early Bird Membership Draw and Fee Increase---J Ford

Again the SSA is sponsoring an Early Bird Draw. If you pay your 2015 membership dues in 2014, you will be entered into this draw.

One of the prizes will be reimbursement of your dues and a second draw is yet to be determined. If you pay in October, you will get 4 chances, November 3 chances, December 2 chances etc. When you renew, we would appreciate your filling out the renewal form printed in this newsletter.

You will also note that our membership dues have increased by \$10. Your directors decided that since the dues have remained unchanged for 4 years, and costs have increased annually, that a fee increase was warranted. This increase does not apply to Juniors, Students or Spouses.

Final Membership Report for 2014---J Ford

This is the final report as new members aren't accepted during the fall months.

Adults 242 Seniors 171 Spouses 104

Juniors 40 Students 43

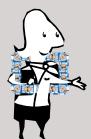
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Why did the overworked employee rip a piece off from his calendar?

He wanted a few days off!

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CBC News - Jun 27, 2014

A case of 'national importance' empowers First Nations, but may complicate big resource projects. The Supreme Court decision on Thursday granting the land claim of a B.C. First Nation is not only a game-changer for many aboriginal communities across the country, but also for the government and the resource industries. ... The ruling is also likely to have implications in other parts of the country, particularly in Ouebec, through the East Coast and in areas where land treaties don't exist. Veteran aboriginal rights lawver James O'Reilly believes the high court's ruling could be applied to 40 per cent of Ouebec's territory.

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





2014 Kids Day OSSS

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Most people will strive for success if they can start at the top and move their way up!

S S A RENEWAL FORM FOR 2015 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2014 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct. 1,2014)

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.

Membership Fees for 2015:	Memberships are based on the Cale	endar Year (January until December).
Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21	
Adult	Individual	
Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	
Student		
	Age under 21 or in full time study; (no magazine)	
Add a Spouse	Additional fee \$25.00	
Junior	12 and under; no magazine \$35.00	
Juniors & Students	Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra \$8.00	
Property Gate Key	With the return of last year's key \$4.00	
Property Gate Key	Without last year's key \$5.00	
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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
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activities of special interest to you from the	LE ASSOCIATION, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXP ist above. This information is used in planning work by credit card, please enter the number and expiry	parties, committees, etc.
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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 if you would like to take the course. You can contact me at bcdouglas@bmts.com. If you do want to take it, you must be prepared to do your fair share of shifts down on the 100 yd. range. Naturally all SSA approved Range Safety Officers must pass the course and be approved by the Executive.

The archery range has been spruced up and as we did last year we put out some 3D targets on positions #10 through #20, so all members can hone their skills for the upcoming archery Deer season. We anticipate leaving them out until late October or just before the snows come for your shooting enjoyment.

We seem to be experiencing what may be a serious theft problem, or if not would the person or persons who borrowed without permission the following items please return them ASAP. Within the last couple of months two of the youths Compound Bows have gone missing, along with approx 8 arrows, and within the last week one of the 3D targets has vanished. (to replace these items the Club would have to pay around \$500.00). Please return them.

By now most of you have probably heard that our CFO range inspections on July 23rd went extremely well, and we only have a couple of things to do to bring the 22 rim fire/CBA range into compliance. Al and I would like to thank all those involved for the extra effort put forward in proactively preparing the ranges for this inspection.

The "Hilton" got a new window and paint job (in progress) and it's starting to looks so good it may last another 20 years. We would like to thank all the CBA crew for their hard work, especially Jeff, Kat, Bill & Graham.

Range Co-chairs Bill Douglas & Al Hillis



At The Demonstration Tree Plant Area

/CBC News - Jul 17, 2014/

Northern Ontario explorer Bill Steer says there are three trees in northeastern Ontario that are contenders for the province's tallest. For years the tallest tree in Ontario could be found in the Kirkwood Forest north of Thessalon.

It sprouted in 1642 and grew to a height of 49.4 metres and diameter of 1.4 metres. It crashed in a windstorm in 1997. The Ontario Forestry Association compiles an honour roll of trees detailing the tallest of each species in the province.

It lists a pine tree in Haliburton Forest southeast of Algonquin Park as the tallest, at 45.1 m.

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.



/The Enterprise-Bulletin - Aug 26, 2014

/THE BLUE MOUNTAINS — Donna Lacey makes her way through the long grass, bee lining her way toward an emerald ash tree. Kneeling down, she carefully drills several holes into the base of the tree, and inserts devices that look similar to miniature caulking tubes. The devices contain a natural pesticide, TreeAzin, which is derived from a plant native to the Indian subcontinent; essentially, the trees are being inoculated to prevent the spread of the pest that's now