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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

September 15, 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}

Did You Know That:
Next Year:
It is the
75th Anniversary of SSA
30th Year for the OSSS
150th Year of Canada!

Next Year’s OSSS:
August 25 2017 to
Sept 3 2017

President’s Message

By the time you are reading this, the kids will have returned to school, the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular will have come and gone and the thought of the fall hunts and fishing trips will be on the minds of many. I would like to thank ALL of those involved in our 29th Derby a huge “Thank You” from myself and the entire Executive.

I would also like to extend a big thanks to our sister club the BPSA who year in and year out help with the big part of taking out, putting up, taking down and packing up the tent and all our belongings used to make our event operate.

On another note I would like to congratulate our Shooting Club committee on their implementation of the new range at the club. From what I hear it is operational and quite the fun to shoot, I will have to make an effort to get out this fall to try.

Whatever your pursuit this fall, enjoy and stay safe.



Youth Expo 2016

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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



JUNE 2, 2016
STEAK DRAW WINNERS

Allon Smith
 Douglas Davidson
 Mac Gamble
 Doug VanHorne
 Bill Hewitson
 Wendy Doherty
 John Ford

Thanks to all, **Brian Clements**



Sponsors' Day - A Derby Event



The Pepsi Team



Here is a "selfie" of the Bayshore Broadcasting Community Cruiser gang with Stacey and Gerry on Media Day.

We didn't catch fish as we could only go out a very short time but what a nice boat ride! We had a great time out with these fine young people and look forward to seeing them representing Bayshore Broadcasting at the derby.

Gerry and I dropped them off just after 6 and went back out and put a salmon in the box!

Good Times!

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who helped out with boat draw sales around the city this another sell out.

Thanks again to everyone!
 Brian Clements



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Had a GREAT Day on the water with Captain Hutchinsom



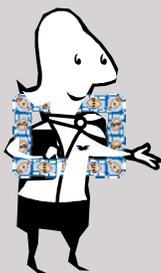
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<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> select from SSA Newsletters - right side.

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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The **Grand Opening** of the new **sporting clays** course will be taking place on Saturday September 10th at 10am. All members are invited to attend and try out the new course. Cost is \$40 and there will be a nice selection of prizes on the table. A round of sporting clays consists of 100 targets and will require 100 rounds of ammunition. 12 gauge and 20 gauge ammunition is available for purchase at the club. This is an excellent way to sharpen your shooting skills for hunting season.

Thanks Jeff Caldwell

NON RESTRICTED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE to be held at the Sydenham Sportsmen Clubhouse Sept 28-30 6:30pm-10:30pm.

ONLY FIVE PLACES AVAILABLE.

RESTRICTED TIREARMS COURSE to be held at the Sydenham Sportsmen Clubhouse Oct 15 9:00am-6:00pm

FIVE PLACES AVAILABLE.

Cost for EACH COURSE	REGISTRASTION	\$40.00
MEMBERS \$50.00	NONMEMBERS	\$ 80.00
Junior Members (NON RESTRICTED ONLY)		\$40.00
Under 18 NONMEMBERS (NONRESTRCTED)		\$60.00

RESTICTED MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER at the Clubhouse
October 15 9:00am-6:00pm

MEMBERS \$50.00 NON MEMBERS \$80.00

To register for ANY course see Bob McKay at the regular Club Meetings OR call 519-534-0366 between 6:30pm and 9:30pm
.DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TEXTING!

I do not do antisocial media. Phone me or speak to me in person at the club.

ONLY FIVE PLACES AVAILABLE for each course.

These are the **ONLY COURSES** offered THIS YEAR

SLAINTE! **Bob McKay**

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### Range Day

With Amanda Lynn Mayhew

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Indiana temporarily suspends Lake Michigan Chinook salmon stocking in 2017

The DNR will temporarily cease stocking Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan in 2017 out of concern that there isn't enough food in the lake.

For more SSA Pictures: **Connect to the SSA website using**
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> then click SSA Gallery Images (right side)

> Ontarians Reminded to Lower Their Risk of Lyme Disease

> Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health are reminding Ontarians to protect themselves from tick bites while enjoying or working outdoors this summer.

> Lyme disease can be serious. If not identified early, infection can lead to recurring arthritis, neurological problems, numbness, and paralysis. Lyme disease is spread to humans through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

> Tick populations are established in known risk areas throughout the province. In addition, multiple factors are allowing ticks to potentially establish populations in new areas throughout the province. These factors include climate change, warmer winter temperatures and ticks' ability to "hitch-hike" on suitable hosts, like birds or deer. Ticks live near the ground in woodlands, tall grasses and bushes, and thrive in moist environments, like those found underneath old leaves on the forest floor. The best way to prevent tick bites include:

> Wearing closed-toe shoes, long-sleeved shirts and pants

> Pulling your socks over your pant legs to prevent ticks from crawling up your legs

> Wearing light-coloured clothing to spot ticks more easily

> Using insect repellent containing DEET or Icaridin on clothing as well as on exposed skin, following the product instructions carefully.

> Showering or bathing within two hours of being outdoors to remove ticks that can be on your skin but not yet attached.

> Doing a daily full body check for ticks. Young blacklegged ticks can be as small as a poppy seed, so look carefully. Check children and pets for ticks as well.

> Placing outdoor clothing through the dryer cycle for 60 minutes on high heat before washing to kill any ticks that may be hard to see

> If you or a family member are experiencing serious symptoms and health effects, or have concerns about any symptoms, please contact your health care provider.

> QUICK FACTS

Dogs and cats can carry the ticks into your home and place families at risk of being bitten. Check your pets for ticks daily and talk with your vet about keeping your pet protected from ticks.

> The most commonly known symptom of Lyme disease is an expanding, non-itchy to mildly-itchy skin rash. The rash can begin at the site of the tick bite between three and 30 days after exposure and usually grows in size for several days. Although many people never get or see a rash.

> When doing a full body check for ticks, pay close attention to areas such as your scalp, ankles, armpits, groin, naval and behind your ears and knees. Use a mirror to check the back of your body or having someone else check for you.

> Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics if diagnosed and treated early. The earlier treatment is received the better.

> QUOTES "As a public health physician, I know that Lyme disease is a serious issue. Whether it's hiking, camping, golfing, working or any other outside activity it is important that Ontarians take these simple steps to protect themselves from tick bites this summer. " Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"The best defence against Lyme disease is to avoid being bitten by blacklegged ticks. That's why Ontarians should remember to be tick smart while enjoying or working outdoors this summer, and take simple measures to reduce their and their family's exposure to ticks that may be carrying the bacteria which causes Lyme disease. " Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health



RANGE REPORT

It has been a very busy summer at the ranges this year and listed below are just a few of the things we have been doing and working on.

- a.. We had our bi-annual range inspections on August 2nd by the CFO's office and passed it with flying colours, thanks again to all the Range Committee members and club members that helped out to refurbish each and every range.
- b.. We hosted two Women of the Outdoors Range Days on July 9th and August 6th, and have two more planned for Sept and Oct. (alot of the details can be found on face book)
- c.. Built and brand new Sporting Clays facility with 13 lane options (only use 10 at a time) alot of details already on face book and refer to the current write -up and schedule for more details and timings.
- d.. Moved and set up a new Walk-through Archery range were the old Sporting Clay range was.
- e.. Built a new extension on the Skeet/Trap building which joins the 100 yd Range shelter to the rest of the enclosed building.
- f.. Revised and updated the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Shooting Ranges Operational Manual to take into account the above changes and current regulations. It has already been posted on our web-site and would be a good idea for all shooters to review it as soon as possible

ARCHERY:

The archery practice facility has been refurbished and a few 3D targets have been added to enhance your shoot. They will be left out until mid October, so enjoy.

The walk-through archery range as you may know has been moved over the where the Old Sporting Clay Range used to be and is ready to be used. When you enter the club property take the road down beside the Club House and flip down the Range in Use sign and open the Gate to proceed down the hill to the Trap Range #4. On the left hand side of the facility you will notice a sign that says Archery Range "in use / not in use" flip it to say "in use", then pull out the rope and attach it to the post across the other side of the trap field. Hook the sign on that says "Archery Shoot in Progress - Danger" No entry beyond Rope". Please refer to page #7 of the Shooting Ranges Operation Manual for any further information on usage. You will enter the Archery Range on the left side of the field and proceed to shoot it from #1 station thorough to # 15. If there are more than one group of archers using the facility at the same time please keep at least one empty station between groups for safety purposes. We will be putting out a few 3D targets on this range also around mid September.

Hope you enjoy the new layout, some stations are quite challenging and a lot of fun to shoot. When leaving please just reverse the procedures you followed on opening up the facility.

100 YD. RANGE #3:

A few changes here, we cut vegetation on side berm and backstop, refurbished all target frames, sand bags and target holders. The one great improvement was that we got permission to raise the barrel height arrestor up a few inches and now we can use most Lead sleds, shooting rests and high mounted scopes without any line of sight problems [already done]. We also got permission to remove the Flag pole from in front of the Skeet/Trap building and now we can use the one on the 100 yd. range for both Ranges. In addition we got permission to convert one lane of this range to be used for a prone shooting lane, (this would be lane #6), and this will be reviewed and probably converted within the next 6 months. We are also in the process of ordering a new range shooting rules sign, which will be installed with-in a few weeks. Now that the range is connected to the Skeet/Trap building it will be much easier and comfortable for our RSO's and shooters during the colder Weather.

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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.**

22/CBA RANGE#2:

No real changes here, just cut vegetation, refurbished target frames, backstops, numbers, target holders etc. Range in very good shape, please keep it clean and don't shoot the numbers.

HANDGUN RANGE #1

We did some work on the bullet catch, refurbished the target frames and replaced the target holders. We will be reviewing the current fencing around this enclosure, with the purpose of changing the design to make getting equipment like the Kabota in and out much easier. We will also review how we might enclose some parts of the shelter so all season shooting will be more enjoyable and have less plastic to put up.

Bill Douglas Range Committee Co-Chair**NEWS**

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
June 3, 2016

Illegal Wild Turkey Hunt Results in \$3,500 Fine

An Oakville man has been fined \$3,500 for illegally hunting wild turkey.

Ivan Bubanovich pleaded guilty and was fined \$3,500 for discharging a firearm from a roadway. He is prohibited from hunting in Ontario for two years and must complete both the hunter safety and the wild turkey hunting courses prior to having his hunting privileges reinstated. A prior hunting offence was taken into consideration when deciding on the penalty.

Court heard that on May 2, 2015, in response to complaints of illegal and unsafe hunting, conservation officers from the Midhurst enforcement unit set up a turkey decoy on posted private property in the township of Southgate, Grey County. A conservation officer watched as a vehicle stopped near the decoy. Bubanovich then exited the vehicle with a firearm and, while standing on the roadway, shot at the decoy. Conservation officers stopped the vehicle and arrested Bubanovich.

Justice of the Peace Michael Cuthbertson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Walkerton, on May 19, 2016.

Hunters are reminded that it is illegal to shoot down, from or across a roadway when hunting.

For further information on hunting regulations, please consult the Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary available at ontario.ca/hunting.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Anthony Zadworny, Midhurst Enforcement Unit, 519-371-8162

Rick Maw, Midhurst Enforcement Unit, 705-725-7514

ontario.ca/mnrf

Submitted by Jim Hastie

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

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

Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, October 23rd

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
Newtoys?

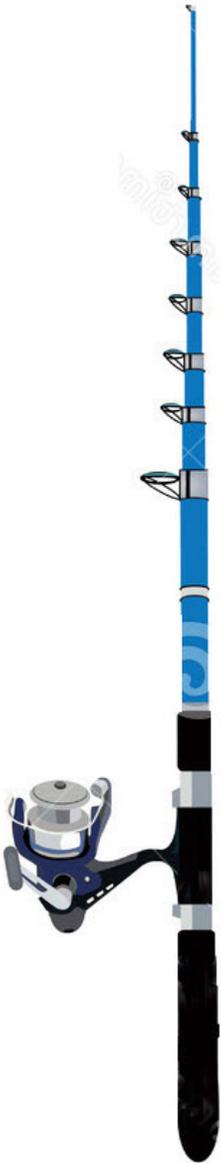
Then you need to come to Sydenham Sportsmen Club.

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 lunch.

There is no entrance fee and no table fee, but
donations are always welcome.

Tables open to Sydenham members and invited guests.



For more information contact:
Garry Willis at
willisgarry@rogers.com or 376-5347,

Stew Wallace at
swallace@bmts.com or 794-4423.



A response from MNRF Staff Sargent Randy Tippin, regarding taking a kid fishing in a boat with equipment such as downriggers.

Thank you for the opportunity to dispel the misinformation regarding sport fishing with children. I've collected email addresses from a few different sources to get as many receiving the same message as possible. Please feel free to forward this email to members of your club (or other individuals seeking answers on this topic) but I ask that you remove the email addresses of this original group to avoid unsolicited emails.

You are welcome to include my email address and full contact information should anyone wish to follow up with me directly.

I'm attempting to answer questions (and potential follow-up questions) from everybody in one note so I will attempt to be as concise as possible to keep the length reasonable.

First the definition: "angling" means fishing with a line that is held in the hand or attached to a rod that is held in the hand or closely attended.

As I'm sure everyone is aware, individuals who are deemed licence holders are entitled to be angling with as many rods as are permitted under the Ontario Fishery Regulations for the waters where they are fishing (children would fall into this category).

To be 'angling' does not require an individual to be proficient in all of the tasks associated with the activity (tying on a lure, casting, setting the hook, retrieving a fish, netting/landing a fish) however they must be holding in hand or closely attending the rods for which they are responsible. This implies being active participants in 'fishing', regardless of their level of skill or experience and is immaterial of the fishing technique or the level of assistance required or provided by others.

As an extension to the above and more directly applicable to the current events that have lead us here; a child is not legally obligated, nor expected, to operate downriggers when 'downrigging' but must be able to participate in at least some way to be considered angling. In absence of any participation, they simply aren't angling. Therefore whoever is actively tending that rod, in addition to what they would call their own, may be tending more lines than permitted. The very real example during the Salmon Spectacular last year where 'dad' stated one line is his, the other belonged to his infant, and the other to his 2 year old child is very clearly a man fishing with 3 lines. As children age, they learn skills at different rates so it is prudent for the officer to ask questions about a young person's ability to participate in angling. If they can't explain or demonstrate any aspect of angling, how can the officer conclude that the child is participating in some element of angling?

Another response we receive periodically from adults involves safety- not allowing a child to move around a boat or reel in a line. If a parent will not allow a child near a rod or to reel in a line that doesn't even have a fish on it then clearly there is no opportunity for that young person to engage in angling.

I am the reporting manager for all marine (Great Lake) Conservation Officers on Lake Superior, Georgian Bay and Lake Huron and I can tell you that we are not out for parents/grandparents/or anyone else assisting a young person who wants to go fishing. Angling is something we actively encourage with our youth and this type of charge would not be supported without extreme circumstances and a great deal of explanation articulated by the officer.

As I understand, there is a derby rule that during the Salmon Spectacular everyone in the boat must be registered for the derby and there is a 'Family Pass' to help promote this very same principle of engaging our youth. I suspect it might also be to ease the financial burden for those passing on such an amazing pastime to their kids and extended family. However there are those that see the Family Pass as an opportunity, defending their use of extra lines to Conservation Officers by stating that because they purchased a family pass they have bought that right in the name of an infant registered for the derby that happens to be riding in the boat.

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This clearly is outside the definition of angling described above and as event organizers I'm confident you would not endorse.

Some of the questions intentionally not addressed in this email are in relation to specific details of the events last week. Even though a charge was not laid, it would be inappropriate for me to discuss those private details. I can assure you it fell into the circumstances described above and the Conservation Officer chose to use his discretion to educate the individual on the responsibilities of a young person tending a line and of an older person who may be required to assist.

On a personal note, it disturbs me to read the amount of antagonism I've seen in the past few days. Conservation Officers live and work in these communities. I can't think of one exception when I say we all love to hunt and fish. Many of us belong to clubs in our own area and I suspect there are some within the ranks of your clubs that may want to be, or once wished to be, a Conservation Officer. We are also for the most part parents who enjoy taking our own kids out fishing, hunting, and to appreciate and cherish the amazing natural resources we are so fortunate to have at our doorstep. Perhaps it is just a sign of the times when faceless emails and online posts can be made without giving any thought but it is for this reason that I look to you as leaders in your own right to disseminate the message above to a broader audience (I direct these comments to you because you have an organized network, not because I believe the animosity is rooted within your clubs).

Working in enforcement will never win the hearts of everyone, but if you or your club representatives wish to discuss how to close that disparity between resource users and our officers

I would welcome that conversation. I'm more than willing share information on workload, how I plan officer time in our annual plans, or any other aspect of enforcement work as it relates to Conservation Officers.

S/Sgt Randy Tippin, Manager - Northern Marine Enforcement Unit Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry
(desk) 705.946.7428 (cell) 705.989.5566



Lake Huron continues to post above average water levels despite poor rain

7/14 - Lake Huron – Despite the dry conditions Manitoulin Island has experienced so far this summer, Lake Huron is holding its own in the water levels department, posting above-average levels for July.

“There are interesting things going on with Lakes Huron and Michigan,” said Derrick Beach, editor of Environment Canada’s LEVELNews.

Beach explained that in November and December, the period that would normally see a seasonal decline, Lake Huron saw a small rise – a first in a century of record-keeping. Beach said there are two reasons for this: warmer temperatures that saw precipitation falling as rain directly into the lake, rather than snow or ice, and the fact that there were no major temperature spikes, the kind that cause evaporation.

March added to the mix of conditions that lent itself to keeping the levels high, as Lake Huron saw double the average levels of precipitation fall that month which made up for the lack of spring runoff.

“This set us up for April to June,” Beach continued. These three months saw well below the average precipitation numbers, but the beginning of July levels are still above average, by 28 centimetres, and 12 centimetres above last year’s levels for the same time— the highest levels since 1998.

“So we’re doing well,” he said. “It’s the sum of all the different parts.”

Lake Superior, however, has seen record breaking precipitation recently, which has also helped keep Lake Huron’s numbers high; that and the fact that the beginning of July precipitation figures for Lakes Huron and Michigan are actually higher than average for the watershed, this thanks to rains in Michigan.

Beach said that should Lake Huron see extremely dry conditions for the rest of the summer, the Great Lake will still see above average levels until November. “There’s enough water in the system to provide a buffer,” he added. “We’re predicting that we’ll stay well above average.”

Manitoulin Expositor

Submitted by Jim Hastie