



THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN’S ASSOCIATION,
 P.O. BOX 264 OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO,
 N4K5P3
www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/
 Affiliated with the OFAH, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters



SSA On Line

 Web Site

Volume 37 No. 7 September, 2017



THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

September 14, 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}

See page 6: SSA concern

Updates on the Derby will be given, as well as an update on the Fish Hatchery search will be discussed.

Any topics/speakers etc. and suggestions for future meetings can be given to Jim Hastie at
jim_diane2004@yahoo.ca

President’s Message (September 2017)

As I write this, the 30th Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular is hours away from officially starting. Many of the tasks are complete but there are still numerous activities to complete prior to the start of 10 days of fishing, entertainment, food & fun. I would like to thank those that helped in any shape or form to make our event one of the premier activities in our region. Summer has now pretty much faded and is being taken over with cooler nights and shorter days of sunshine, many enjoy this time of year as numerous forms of nature’s bounty will be in full swing in the upcoming month’s.

Always stay safe in your pursuit of fish and/or game and Good Luck.



The Prince Edward Island Guardian, by John J. Rowe March 30, 2017
 Can we stop climate change? It’s hard to know for sure but we can certainly mitigate the effects and slow the process. How? Plant more trees and use more silviculture to help forests grow faster. About half of the mass of a tree is stored carbon. Trees store carbon in the cells of their tissues (wood), as well as in the leaves and roots below the surface.

Canada should brace for a tougher, hardline approach to trade negotiations with the U.S. under Donald Trump's new pick to front the trade file, experts warn.

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby
1st Vice President: Fred Geberdt
2nd Vice President:
Bill Douglas
Recording Secretary:
Jeff Caldwell
Past President: Mike Prevost
Treasurer: Dennis Wiseman
Correspondence Secretary:
John Ford

Directors:
Brian Clements,
Wayne Gallagher ,
Chris Geberdt, Jim Hastie,
Al Hillis, Jim Jansen
Ken Miersch, Ron Robb,
Murray Smart

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



Newsletter: Dave Skelton
Webmaster: Bruce Farrell
Membership: John Ford
Key Keeper: John Ford

Clubhouse Bookings:
Contact-
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
Home 519-794-3456
Cell 226- 668-6031
ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com



**Monthly Meeting
Draw Prize Winners**



June 2, 2017

Jim Jansen
Lorraine Jansen
Brian Fulford
Ken Miersch
Bruce McManus
John Ford
Jack Osadzuk

Thanks to everyone
Brian

*Canada has almost **10%** of the world's forest cover, but less than **1%** of the world's human population.*

Dates for NON RESTRICTED (Rifle,Shotgun) P.A.L Courses.

Sept 27th,28th,29th 7:00-10:00pm
Open to anyone 12 years old or older.

RESTRICTED (Handgun)
Courses: Oct 7th 9:00am-6:00pm
MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

To register for any course call Bob McKay at 519-5340 0366.
You really do have to call me as I am a DINOSAUR.
I don't subscribe to Antisocial Media and I don't accept e- paymentsts.

All courses are restricted to five students.

COST. REGISTRATION	\$40.00 PER COURSE
COURSE FEE	\$50.00 MEMBERS
	\$ 85.00 NON MEMBERS
	\$ 40.00 JUNIOR MEMBERS
	\$ 60 .00 UNDER 18 NON -MEMBERS

To register for any course please call Bob McKay at (519) 534- 0366 between 6:30pm and 10:00pm.I am NOT available at any other time.
I may hold courses at other times IF you can guarantee FIVE STUDENTS
The choice is your's.

ALL courses are restricted to FIVE STUDENTS.
REGISTRATION FEE is NON REFUNDABLE.
Balance due on first night of NON RESTRICTED COURSE or day of RESTRICTED COURSE.

Payment MUST be CASH or CHEQUE..

Lake Ontario property owners prepare for rising lake levels
People in the Thousand Islands are watching the high spring waters of the St. Lawrence River. Upstream, residents are trying to protect their shoreline property from potential flooding as water levels continue to rise on Lake Ontario.

There are two different kinds of fishermen- those who fish for sport and those who catch something!

Club Level Holster Course

to be held at the SSA Clubhouse on Sunday, Sept. 17th
starting at 10:30 am
Cost \$30.00

This course is required for members wanting to use a holster on the SSA ranges, mainly for activities such as Cowboy Action Shooting or Defensive Pistol.

Please note that this is an advanced training course and participants are expected to be proficient with their firearms and equipment.

Equipment required:

Handgun
Proper Fitting holster for Handgun
Sturdy Belt
50 rounds of ammunition
Hearing and Eye Protection
Extra magazines / speedloaders are an asset

Please bring a snack or lunch along as needed.

The course consists of in class presentations and demonstrations, dry fire practice followed by live fire training on the handgun range.

Advanced registration is required, if you are interested in taking this course or have any questions, please contact Jeff Caldwell
jrc870@gmail.com 226-668-4720



SSA Fee Structure for 2018---J Ford

Over the last 2 newsletters I indicated that your executive was considering an increase in fees for 2018. This increase was needed as our costs over the last 3 years have increased substantially.

After much consideration, the following decisions have been made:

Renewal Adult	\$130.00	Renewal Senior	\$115.00
Renewal Adult Family	\$175.00	Renewal Senior Family	\$160.00
Renewal Junior	\$55.00	Renewal Student	\$60.00

Again we will have Early Bird Renewal starting on October 1.

The earlier you renew, the more chances you have to win a couple of worthwhile prizes.

New memberships will open on line on November 1. The fee structure is as follows:

New Adult (including \$100 initiation)	\$230.00
New Senior (including \$100 initiation)	\$215.00
New Adult Family (including \$100 initiation)	\$275.00
New Senior Family (including \$100 initiation)	\$260.00
New Junior	\$55.00
New Student	\$60.00

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*

FLETCHER SPORTS

It's The REEL Thing

• Rod & Reel Repairs • Parts & Service

• Retail Sporting Goods

LORNE & HAZEL FLETCHER

Tel: (519) 371-8587

Fax: (519) 371-2096

R.R. #5, Owen Sound
Ontario N4K 5N7

#6 Hwy & Ledgerock Road
6 kms. North of Springmount

CBC News - May 23, 2017

Forest fire officials in northwestern Ontario say the decidedly wet, cool weather across most of the province this spring has had a dampening effect on the start of the forest fire season.

WINNER!

member sales of boat draw tickets was **Don Keeling**.
And thanks to all who sold tickets!

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

Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, October 22nd, 8:00am till
12:00pm



You need a new rifle for deer season? Or you need some cash for Christmas shopping at Cabela's. Did you loose the big one at the Salmon Derby. Then come out to the fall Swamp meet.

Fishing rods and reels? Another handgun, rifle or shotgun perhaps? Buy, sell or just come and browse. 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.**



From Jim Hastie

The below is from MNRF for members who may still be deer hunters - for your information
Interesting, only 37 comments received back

SUBJECT: Decision Notice Environmental Registry Posting:
White-tailed Deer Management Policy for Ontario

I am writing to provide an update about the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's proposal to develop a white-tailed deer management policy for Ontario.

Building on the input provided by all sources, a draft white-tailed deer management policy was developed and posted to the Environmental Registry for 46 days from March 20, 2017 to May 4, 2017.

The Ministry would like to thank all those who submitted comments. A decision has been made to proceed with this proposal with minor revisions in response to comments received. MNRF is committed to sustainable management of Ontario's white-tailed deer to maintain healthy populations while balancing social and economic interests.

This policy complements existing ecological frameworks and modernizes deer management practices, allowing MNRF to better align and co-ordinate resource management activities. This policy provides guiding principles, management objectives and strategies to help ensure the long-term, ecological sustainability of white-tailed deer populations.

To review the White-tailed Deer Management Policy please visit www.ebr.gov.on.ca and search 013-0056 for the decision notice.



Defensive Pistol Hawaiian Shirt Match

The 3rd Annual Hawaiian Shirt Match was shot under sunny skies with warm temperatures, which seems to be a rare occurrence this summer. 14 well dressed Shooters shot 5 stages with a variety of new challenges thrown in to test their handgun shooting skills.

Class winners were.

Stock Service Pistol - Jeff Caldwell

Custom Defensive Pistol- John Lloyd

Stock Service Revolver- Tyler Gerard

Defensive Pistol will be having their final 2 practices on Tuesday Sept 5th and 19th starting around 5:30pm. If any members are interested please come out and see what it is all about.



Sporting Clays

The Sporting Clays shoots continue to be well attended.

If you have not had a chance to make it to one of these events there are 2 scheduled for September. Sunday Sept 10th at 1pm, and Saturday Sept 16th at 10am.

If you would like to receive updates regularly sign up for the email list by sending an email to sydenhamsportingclays@gmail.com

Trespassing Issues

There have been 2 recent incidents where non members have been found using the SSA ranges.

This is a concern for the range committee and executive for many reasons. All of our firearm ranges are ran under conditions set out by the CFO and those conditions must be followed. Those who use the ranges and are not members have no idea about these rules and risk having the ranges shut down.

While the executive and range committee are taking action against trespassers we need the help of the membership. If you are down at the ranges and see any individual(s) you do not recognize , strike up a conversation and make sure they have a membership card displayed. Having your membership card displayed is a requirement when using the ranges. We are not asking anyone to be confrontational, if someone cannot or will not show you a membership card, try and get their name(s). You can write down a license plate number , take a picture with your phone and let a member of the range committee or executive know.

If you bring a guest along to the ranges , make sure they are aware that they cannot use the facility unless they become a member, or are accompanied by a member as their guest. We appreciate your assistance at putting a stop to this unauthorized use of the ranges.

☞☞☞

Injecting trees with a concentrated form of garlic might help save trees in the UK from deadly diseases. Operating under an experimental government licence, a prototype piece of technology to administer the solution is being trialed on a woodland estate in Northamptonshire.

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

Quebec government concerned by presence of Asian carp in St. Lawrence River. The Quebec Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks confirmed that the Asian carp, a fish that is destructive to the ecosystems in which it settles, has arrived in the St. Lawrence River.

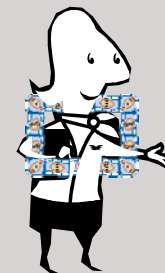
Asian carp update plan postponed

The Trump administration has ordered a hold on the release of a tentative plan to stop Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes by strengthening a choke point in the Chicago waterway system. The White House wants to review the plan for stopping Asian silver and bighead carp at the Brandon Road Lock & Dam, which the U.S. Army Corps had been scheduled to release in draft form on February 28. The release is on indefinite hold for now, confirmed Allen Marshall, public affairs officer for the Army Corps Rock Island District.

Canada has 60% of all freshwater lakes in the world

More than 1/3 of the Canadian land base is covered with trees.

Disclaimer:



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

Reproduction of any SSA material in this document is encouraged by any paid up member of the SSA.

Invasive Asian carp less than 50 miles from Lake Michigan

The news is mixed as Great Lake states and the federal government continue to devote money and brainpower to stopping a potential Great Lakes ecological disaster — invasive Asian carp species making their way from the Mississippi River into Lake Michigan

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.**