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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
September 13, 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}

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President’s Message (September 2018)

Welcome all to September and by now a conclusion to our 31st Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular. As I write this the derby is in full swing and we already have leading fish exceeding last years winner. I hope you all remember that our September meeting will be the 2nd Thursday of September the 13th will the date. Don’t forget to try to offer up your help with parking at the Fall Fair as this is another one of our fundraising efforts that the more involved the easier it is for each person. I know many of you will be looking forward to the fall big game hunts or migratory bird hunting, best of luck on your outings and always stay safe while enjoying the great outdoors. As always, we are still looking for ideas on how to increase our Social activities at the club so bring forth any suggestions at a general meeting or via email and maybe we can get some more events happening at the club for our members to meet up with one another and do some socializing. I know that many of our members along with club friends will have put in countless hours during the derby, so my thanks go out to all of you that make this one of the premier events in the province if not the country. I look forward to what the fall will bring and try to make it to a meeting if you haven’t.



National Hunting, Fishing and Trapping day is Saturday, September, 15th

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



June 6, 2018
Steak Draw
Poter Duregger
John Morneau
Scott Grimoldby
Jack Doherty
Bill Hewitson
Guy Doherty
Ken Miersch
Richard Austin

Thanks to everyone, **Brian**



Handgun Safety Course

Next course will be **Sun October 21**.
08:00 – 16:00 at the
Main SSA Clubhouse.
Please contact Dave Fritz for details.
Thank you: **Dave Fritz**
daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com
226 909-2516



SSA Membership Report

We are happy to report that our 2018 membership is approximately 750 members. This is an all time high and can be attributed to the many conservation and shooting activities that we offer.

Our Early Bird Membership programme will start at the October general meeting. Again we will offer a couple of prizes for those to choose to renew early.

For 2019, you will need to provide us with your current Firearms Licence number and expiry date. We will provide a renewal form in the October newsletter. If you complete that and bring it to the meeting, the correct information will be provided.

Your Board of Directors has decided to keep the fees the same for 2019. The closure date for new members was August 31 so there will be no new members joining in the autumn.

Again new memberships will be available starting on January 1, 2019.

SSA Holster Course

If you are interested in taking the club level holster course please contact Tim Westover toastgod@hotmail.com Tim is looking to run a fall course later in September if he can get enough members who are interested. This will be the last holster course until spring 2019.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who helped out with boat draw sales around the city this summer. It has been another great year, and it sounds as though we will have another sell out.

Thanks again to everyone:
Brian Clements



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 and Derby

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Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, October 14th, 8:00am till 12:00pm

Buy, Sell, Trade



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.

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

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
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or 794-4423.



Hepworth Anglers Club Restoration Project

From: Bill Nafziger

The Hepworth Anglers Club has continued its Spring Creek Restoration Project in 2018 planting and maintaining trees.

Green Feet Ecosystem Services, a company specializing in drone imaging and analysis have completed their first flyover of Spring Creek to do a Digital Surface Model. This drone surface is funded in part by Bruce Power, one of the Hepworth Club's partners in the Spring Creek Restoration project.

Major restoration work will begin in July including continuation of improving stream habitat and conducting biomass studies, which are used to measure and assess restoration work completed to date.

Regards,

Bill Nafziger
Stream Improvement
Hepworth Anglers Club

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Sauble Beach, ON
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Sponsors' Day



Amanda Urbshott, Deb Thomson,
Stacey Urbshott and
Amanda Lynn Mayhew.

Fish Chicks!!

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**Derby Trophies**

Photo by Mike Prevost

There are 2 **sporting clays** dates for the month of September, it is a great way to get some wing shooting practice in to get ready for the upcoming hunting seasons.

Saturday Sept 8th is a side by side shoot, but you are most welcome to shoot whatever type of shotgun you like.

Registration is 10-11am

Sunday Sept 23rd the course will be open, registration is 1pm-2pm

If you have not yet shot sporting clays and are a shotgun hunter, you are really missing out on some great practice opportunities. So come on out and give the course a try. Anyone who wants to get regular updates on our clubs sporting clays events sign up to the email list by sending an email to [sydenhamsportingclays@gmail.com](mailto:sydenhamsportingclays@gmail.com) and ask to be added.

There will be an award for the SSA member who shoots the highest average on the sporting clays course based on their top 5 scores. Here is the current leader board ( top 5)

Some members bumped up their average at the last event. 4 more events to go for the year.

Mike Thompson is in the lead with an

86.2 average, Ryan Allen 82.4, Garry Willis 81.4, Jay Murdoch 81, Ric Willems 79.8

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Handgun Range Changes

The handgun range is slated for some much needed changes this fall. The range will be widened on the North side to allow access with the big tractor. The backstop will also be getting a face lift to make maintenance easier.

In order for these things to happen the fence will also be coming down around the range and some of the structure will get board and batten to replace the plastic sheeting. There will be some short term range closures (one or two days) while some of this work is done. Notices will be sent out via email and posted at the range.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with some of the work watch for work party notices.

On a hike this spring, we walked through a clear-cut area with tall grass and brambles. Afterwards, our pant legs were crawling with black-legged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*), also known as deer ticks, the kind that carry Lyme disease. Scientists with the Vermont Department of Health recently examined over 2,000 ticks and found that 53% of black-legged ticks tested positive for Lyme disease. A small percentage of the ticks carried pathogens that cause anaplasmosis or babesiosis, two other tick-borne diseases that can make people gravely ill.

Understanding the two-year life cycle of the black-legged tick can help prevent Lyme disease. In the spring of the first year, tick larvae hatch from honey-colored eggs in the leaf litter.

The six-legged larvae, about the size of a poppy seed, soon seek their first blood meal.

The larvae may become infected with the bacterium that causes Lyme disease through this blood meal; it all depends on what kind of animal they find as a host. If it's a white-footed mouse, they're very likely to contract the Lyme spirochete. If it's a chipmunk or shrew, they're somewhat likely. If it's a squirrel or a larger mammal, they probably won't.

After feeding, the larvae drop off into the leaf litter and remain dormant until the next spring.

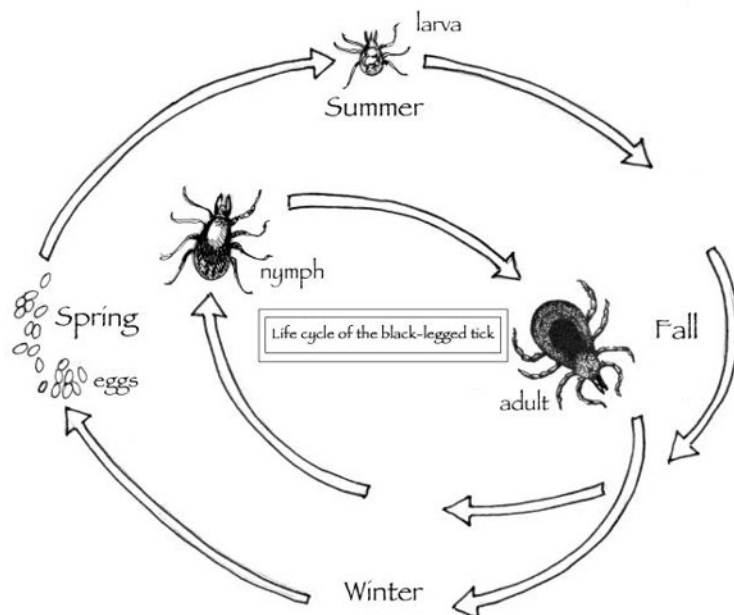
In the spring of year two, these larvae molt into eight-legged nymphs, the size of a pinhead, and seek another blood meal. While most feed on mice and chipmunks (and have another opportunity to contract Lyme disease), pets and humans may become unsuspecting hosts.

In late summer and fall, the adult ticks, now the size of an apple seed, attach to large mammals, usually deer, where they feed and mate. People and pets are susceptible to picking up ticks at this time, although at this stage they are easier to see and feel. After this last blood meal, the females lay up to 3,000 eggs and the two-year life cycle begins again.

Lyme disease was first recognized in the US in 1975, after an unusual outbreak of arthritis in Lyme, Connecticut. Today, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates there are over 300,000 cases in the US every year. A CDC map of Lyme cases shows that most are in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic, upper Midwest, and West Coast. Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, and New York are all considered high-incidence states and the number of cases of Lyme has risen in recent years.

The reasons for the increase in Lyme disease are many. Climate change is probably part of it.

Milder winters have allowed ticks to expand their range and emerge earlier in the spring, as well as leading to a surge in the deer and mouse populations that feed them. Forest fragmentation has contributed to an increase in mice, which thrive in small patches of woodland, while their predators need larger forests to survive. In his groundbreaking 2011 book, *Lyme Disease – The Ecology of a Complex System*, disease ecologist Richard Ostfeld of New York's Cary Institute advocated for biodiversity — managing our landscapes for ecological health to promote human health. A diverse woodland is home to many other animals besides mice and deer that attract ticks but don't infect them. Some, like opossums, even eat ticks.



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An **Application Form** may be obtained by using the link below.

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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.**

Ostfeld and Bard College ecologist Felicia Keesing predicted that 2017 would be a bad year for Lyme disease because of high mouse populations last year, due to an abundant mast crop in 2015. In some areas, said Ostfeld, 90 percent of mice harbor Lyme disease, which translates into correspondingly high infection rates for ticks.

Ostfeld and Keesing are searching for methods to control ticks and Lyme disease. Their Tick Project, in partnership with the CDC, New York Department of Health, and others, is in the second year of a five-year study in Dutchess County, New York, which has one of the nation's highest incidence of Lyme disease. The study will determine whether two tick control methods, used separately or together, can reduce the number of cases of Lyme disease in twenty-four neighborhoods. This spring, small bait boxes that attract rodents were placed in the study area. When an animal enters the box, it receives a dose of fipronil, the active ingredient in many tick treatments used on dogs and cats. The other tick control method in the study is a spray containing a fungus that occurs naturally in northeastern forest soils and has been shown to kill ticks. This fungal spray was applied to vegetation in the study area. If these methods are found to be effective, they are already commercially available and others could begin using them immediately, offering hope in the battle against ticks and Lyme.



How much do you know about Canadian pollinators?

By pollinating our food crops, pollinators are responsible for one of every three bites of food Canadians take. They are also important for maintaining the health of our ecosystems.



Bringing back the butterflies

How? By removing invasive species, reintroducing regular disturbances, such as prescribed burns, and planting native grassland species.

The importance of honey bees

Honey bees are always working, and they travel incredible distances to collect pollen. It's because of these amazing journeys that we are able to enjoy many foods like cucumbers, pumpkins, cherries and apples.

One out of every three bites of food we eat is a result of pollinators like honey bees, and crops like blueberries and cherries are 90 per cent dependent on pollination. Honey bees are so important that farmers often have bee hives transported and then placed on their farm to provide pollination for their crops.

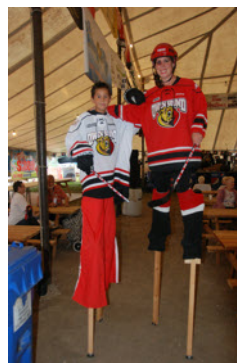
It's a coexistence that needs to be protected: honey bees need healthy crops and healthy crops need honey bees. In fact, the involvement of honey bees in the growth of crops is essential for farmers to maintain their livelihood, but it's also necessary for people to keep enjoying the foods they love. That's why it's so important to keep their hives healthy and why farmers are so invested in their thriving presence across the country.

Now you know!

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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Photos by Rob Cameron

2018 Derby Memories

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