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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
November 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}



Invasive grass carp pose threat to Lake Erie, surrounding Wetlands.

The Grass Carp, found in several Great Lakes, including Lake Erie, pose a serious threat to the ecosystem of the waters they invade.

Know the difference: Invasive versus common carp

There’s a lot of talk around the Great Lakes these days about carp, especially invasive or Asian carp. What about common carp, those monsters of Michigan waters anglers love to battle with fly rods? Are these fish one and the same and what’s the big deal about carp anyway?

The issue can be confusing.

To better understand the important differences, it’s best to start with a definition of what an “invasive” species is. “Invasive species are those species which are not native to a particular area – in this case Michigan – and whose introduction causes harm or would be likely to cause harm to the state’s economy, human health or environment,” said Joanne Foreman, communications coordinator for the Michigan Invasive Species Program. Just because a species is not native does not make it invasive. “Whether fruits, vegetables, livestock or field crops, most non-native species are not harmful and many provide benefits to Michigan, from boosting the economy to beautifying landscapes,” said Nick Popoff, head of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ Aquatic Species and Regulatory Affairs Unit. “When it comes to fish, some non-native species beneficial to Michigan through sportfishing enjoyment have included coho and Chinook salmon and brown and rainbow trout.”

Invasive species are those particular non-natives that pose potential harm. As the name “invasive” suggests, these species can out-compete native species by reproducing and spreading quickly in areas where they have no natural predators, thereby changing the balance of the ecosystems Michigan relies on for recreation, commerce, food and jobs.

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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

OCTOBER 5, 2017

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| Moose print | Tom Vanderholt |
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| LED work light | Doug Van Horne |
| Smoke alarm | Doug Fernal |
| Scissor set | Bill Colborne |
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| Head lamp | Jim Graham |
| Gloves | Doug Flood |
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| Pruners | Dave Skelton |

Red tag \$50.00 Tim Hortons Gift Card

Wally Cunningham



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*

Cormorants face vigilante justice in new Ontario bill

Earlier this month, MPPs quietly gave second reading approval to a private member's bill that would add the cormorant to the list of birds—including crows and starlings—that can be shot on sight. Conservative MPP Robert Bailey (Sarnia-Lambton) told the Legislature that his Bill 205 is designed to deal with what he called a population explosion among cormorants.

Changed your email address or location address?

A number of times, I have heard members indicate that they are not receiving information from the club. Dave Skelton often sends out email blasts about a number of topics. If you have moved locations and have not informed us, we have no way of knowing. As well, we need to let the OFAH know so that your magazine can reach you.

In today's age of many internet providers, some frequently change providers. If you decide to do that, please let us know so that we can update your profile.

My email address is johnrichardford5@gmail.com
 Don't forget the 5 and my telephone number is 226 664 0960.



Saturday Winter Skeet

Starting on Saturday , November 18th and ending in April we will be shooting skeet every Saturday from 10am until approx 1pm. This is weather permitting, if we get too much snow or it is storming we will not be shooting. For more information please contact Jeff Caldwell jrc870@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome to come out and participate.

Don't forget that every Thursday at 1pm all year round the skeet field is in operation, and again everyone is welcome.

Regular club rates apply per round of skeet. Ammunition is available for purchase at the range building or bring your own, #9 shot is required on the skeet field.

For a coloured version of this document, go to the SSA website at <http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> select from SSA Newsletters - right side.

SSA Fee Structure for 2018---J Ford

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| 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 an Early Bird Membership Renewal programme. The earlier you renew, the more chances you have to win a couple of worthwhile prizes. If you renew in November, you will get 3 free chances to win a prize, one of which is a free 2018 membership. The others are a cooler and a rod and reel. A Renewal Form is part of this newsletter. It is helpful if you complete the form and either send it or bring it when you renew.

Remember, you can renew on line, by mailing a renewal form to Box 264, Owen Sound ON, N4K-5P3 or by calling me at 226 664 0960. I won't be available during the rifle deer hunt.

Something new for this year is the OFAH Paperless membership. In order to choose this option, you need a computer, internet access and probably a smart phone.

This is not available to families of more than 2 persons.

Those who choose this option will get emails with the \$5,000,000 liability certificate that you can print if you choose. You will also receive a membership card that you can print. Finally, you will get the magazine in digital format. If you wish this option, you will need to let me know when you renew. We will need to verify your email address. Otherwise, I will assume that you want to continue as in the past.

The paperless membership is a cost saving to the club and certainly less work for me.

New memberships for 2018 open on line on November 1. The fee structure is as follows:

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| 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 |

2017 Derby Memories



Photos by Rob Cameron

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Canadians can easily pass for Americans as long as we don't accidentally use metric measurements or apologize when hit by a car.

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

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2018 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2017 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/17)

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 2018: | | Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December). | |
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| | Family | Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21 | \$175.00 |
| | Adult | Individual | \$130.00 |
| | Senior Citizen | Age 60 & over | \$115.00 |
| | Student | Age under 21 (no magazine) | \$60.00 |
| | Add a Spouse | Additional fee | \$45.00 |
| | Junior | 12 and under (no magazine) | \$55.00 |
| | Property Gate Key | | \$5.00 |
| Check off your selections above | | | Total |

Note: Help us save money and select to view the Newsletter on our website, please update your email address below.

Please use reverse side for additional names, ages etc. for family memberships

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

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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 | Have ATT | Telephone Committee |

TO MAINTAIN A STRONG AND VIABLE ASSOCIATION, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. Please select activities of special interest to you from the list above. This information is used in planning work parties, committees, etc.

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: _____

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD)

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) is an infectious and often fatal virus in white-tailed deer that was first detected in Ontario in September 2017.

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) is an infectious and often fatal virus in white-tailed deer that is characterized by extensive hemorrhages at numerous sites throughout the body. EHD is one of the most common and harmful diseases to affect white-tailed deer in the United States. *Culicoides* midges, commonly referred to as “no-see-ums”, are the carrier of this disease.

It is important to note that there are no human health concerns from the EHD virus or from bites to humans from midges of the *Culicoides* species.

Deer hunters, wildlife managers, farmers and livestock owners need to know about EHD because of its ability to cause large-scale outbreaks in deer and its potential implications to the domestic livestock industry.

Currently there are no available effective treatments or vaccinations for this disease.

Symptoms:

Deer can develop clinical signs of EHD in as little as 7 days, post-exposure.

Infected deer typically show signs of:

- loss of appetite
- loss of fear of people
- weakness
- excessive salivation
- rapid pulse and respiration rate
- signs of fever, including submersing themselves in bodies of water to reduce their body temperature
- a blue tongue from hemorrhaging and the lack of oxygen in the blood due to the effects of the virus
- swelling of neck and head

Deer with this disease are often found dead in or near water bodies which deer may enter, trying to cool themselves.

How is this disease different from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)?

Some symptoms of EHD may be confused with chronic wasting disease (CWD), a disease that has not yet been detected in Ontario through ongoing annual surveillance. Deer with CWD would typically appear emaciated (very skinny), but would not have any swelling in the neck or head and their tongue would not appear blue.

What the ministry is doing?

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is working with the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC), Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and stakeholder organizations to actively monitor for the extent of the EHD virus in Ontario.

What you can do!

Report sightings of deer that appear sick or are found dead as soon as possible to the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940 or Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-866-673-4781.

Because midge larvae develop in water, you can also help by eliminating standing water such as old tires, planters, flowerpot saucers, buckets, trash containers, and by replacing water in bird baths frequently.

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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.**

Impacts to human health.

There are no human health concerns from the EHD virus or from bites to humans from midges of the *Culicoides* species.

Consuming meat from deer that was infected with EHD that is not showing signs of sickness, ulcers, abscess, or other abnormalities is considered safe. However, hunters should, as always, practice proper carcass handling and processing techniques when dressing hunted deer.

How is EHD spread?

The distribution of EHD largely depends on the distribution and abundance of the *Culicoides* biting midges, the level of existing immunity in deer, genetic variations in susceptibility, and seasonal weather patterns.

EHD occurs most often in the southern United States, where occurrence is characterized as frequent and mild, whereas in the north, the disease is less commonly observed, and outbreaks are characterized as infrequent but can be severe, and capable of high mortality as deer herds maintain lower antibody levels due to the infrequency of exposure to the virus.

Outbreaks of the disease in northern US are typically characterized by both significant outbreaks that occur on a 5-10 year cycle that may affect large areas, and smaller outbreaks that may only involve a few counties.

However, in worst-case scenarios, outbreaks have been known to cover hundreds of kilometres.

Handling wildlife carcasses.

To diagnose EHD, the entire deer carcass or vital organs must be submitted within 24 hours of death, before decomposition or necrosis starts. Detailed instruction on the submission of deer carcasses to CWHC is available at www.cwhc-rcsf.ca

Each municipality is different when it comes to the disposal of wildlife carcasses – call your local city or town for more information about the rules that apply in your local area.

More information:

Report any suspicious dead wildlife found on your property:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/dead-animal-or-fish-found-your-property>

Report and submit sick or dead wildlife to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative:

http://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/report_submit.php

Chronic Wasting Disease: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/chronic-wasting-disease>



Bird Feeder Program Montesorri School

In September Wayne and Bob cut out birdfeeders for school along with 30 fish for school to paint.

We went to the school in October and worked with students to build 32 feeders. With help from Gord Fraser Mary and Al Hillis and Wayne Gallagher had a fun morning putting them to gather.

The school is also starting a fish program.

Bob Hunt

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



RANGE REPORT - SHOOTING SPORTS - Bill Douglas & Al Hillis

Well we are in the middle of Moose season and by the time this gets published the Deer Rifle season will be about to start, and all the ranges are busy as usual. There is not too much to report since last months letter but here is the latest news.

1. There has been a slight revision to the shooting hours for all of the SSA Ranges. The old hours from Dawn to Dusk have been revised to Sunrise to Sunset. (the only exception being Sundays when shooting doesn't start until 1 pm.) This is a result of a couple of complaints from our neighbours regarding shooting taking place after dark. The old terms Dawn to Dusk are anything but precise, whereas it is very easy to look up Sunrise and Sunset times for this area, and we will be within allowable shooting parameters. This is a "Good Neighbour Policy" and one we can live with. The Range Rules have been updated to reflect this change and you can download them from our website at your leisure.
2. The Red Lines in the Handgun, rimfire, and 100yd Ranges have just been repainted, thanks to Stew and Ray, and will be in good shape for the coming winter months.
3. This next point is a housekeeping concern, however, it is critically important. Over the last month the Gates at the Club have been left open and the Sign "Range In Use" has been left down on at least 3 occasions. This leaves our Ranges and Club Property open to any Trespassers or would be thieves, and as you know we now have a lot of very expensive equipment on site. So please check to see if you are the last to leave and if so close up the signs and lock the gates. It only takes a couple of minutes to check the ranges to see if your are the last one.
4. We have had an excellent year at our new Sporting Clay facility, and the last shoot of the year is on Sunday October 22nd, the same day as our Swap Meet so why don't you make plans to attend both. The Skeet and Trap Ranges stay open and you can check the Calendar on our website for dates and times. The 100 yd. range schedule will continue to be posted on the calendar but the shifts are reduced to 2 hours starting in December.

Range Committee Co-Chairs, Bill Douglas & Al Hillis

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Experience is simply a term used to justify our mistakes!

Confidence: What you start of with before you completely understand the situation.

Lake Michigan anglers asked to aid salmon, trout research-Anglers asked to save and donate heads of stocked fish

The Wisconsin DNR is encouraging anglers to aid critical fisheries research by donating the heads of fish they harvest.

The heads of stocked Chinook salmon and lake trout contain tiny coded wire tags. The tags hold important data and are being sought as part of an ongoing and collaborative effort lake-wide to document fish behaviour and provide information that will aid in management of the fishery. Mid- summer is an important time for data collection because salmon from throughout Lake Michigan and parts of Lake Huron travel to Wisconsin's shores to take advantage of the alewives gathered here.

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

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

Firearms Safety Courses

It was with some reluctance but no surprise that I had to cancel both the Non Restricted and Restricted Firearms Safety Courses scheduled for September and October. The plain fact is that ONLY ONE PERSON called to register before the Non Restricted Course deadline and NOBODY called to register for the Restricted course.

There will be no more courses offered by me this year. The next Non Restricted Course will be in May or June after the snow leaves. Restricted Courses will be up to you the members. Courses will be advertised in the newsletter THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE. IF I DO NOT HAVE 5 PEOPLE REGISTERED ONE MONTH BEFORE THE COURSE START DATE THE COURSE WILL BE CANCELLED.

Anyone wishing to take the course MUST speak to me. I WILL NOT take ANYONE'S word that a third party want's the course no matter who that person may be. The courses are limited to five students at a time so call early and keep calling till you speak to me.

Remember, I put these courses on for the benefit of the Sydenham Sportsmens Association , AND because I enjoy helping to create SAFE SHOOTERS. The rest is up to you the members.

Bob McKay



Coyote Threat - From Sarnia Observer

After a coyote threatened her two-year-old grandson, Donna Laird and her husband decided they had to do something. Laird and her husband, Ron, grow crops and raise goats, fowl and other animals on an Arkona Road farm in Lambton Shores where his parents and grandparents farmed before them.

Donna Laird said coyotes always have been around, but have never been as bad as during the last two years.

Days ago, her husband shot a coyote that killed six ducks and bloodied the couple's two large dogs. That was a week after a coyote appeared ready to leap at her grandson who was outside with family members.

Laird said she and her daughter were doing chores when a coyote came out of a bean field within about three metres of the child, who was holding a guinea pig at the time.

The boy's mother screamed and threw what she could find at the coyote.

"It crouched down like it was going to spring on him, and then she ran and kicked, and it ran," Laird said.

"That's pretty scary, when they're that bold."

Chris Martin, bylaw and protection services officer with Lambton Shores, said three "very aggressive" coyote attacks on livestock have been reported in less than a year in the Lambton County municipality, in an area between Forest and Thedford.

"In the previous three years, there might have been one," he said.

"Particularly in agricultural areas where livestock is plentiful, I think people have to be increasingly vigilant," Martin said.

The eastern coyote, in its present form, has been established through southern and central Ontario since the first half of the 20th century, according to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Concerns about coyotes have surfaced in recent years in Lambton County.

Laird said she says coyotes they would see on the farm didn't appear as aggressive years ago.

"You might have the odd duck disappear, or a chicken of something, but they didn't come into the barns, which they do now," she said. "They didn't come in broad daylight, which they do now, and it was occasionally you'd see them. Now, we see them every day."

Laird said their approach has been to leave coyotes that weren't bothering them or their livestock alone.

"If you do shoot the ones that aren't bothering you, other ones move in and they could be ones that have feasted on livestock" and now have a taste for it, Laird said. But she believes something has changed in recent years.

"The ones that are around now, are killers," Laird said.

Laird said they don't own a rifle, but her husband borrowed one after the incident a week ago.

"When they're coming right up for my grandson, that's it."