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**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,**

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

**Thursday**

**October 5, 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}**

The speaker for October will be

**Jim McKane**

with the  
 Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Title - Sea Lamprey, the Great  
 Lakes Fishery Commission  
 and  
 Protecting the Great Lakes.

*Jim Hastie*

**Lake Huron – Salmon Population History**  
**A Lake Huron salmon and trout fact sheet**

**What caused the Chinook salmon population to crash?**

Salmon were stocked in the late 1960s to eat the over-abundant invasive alewives that were littering Great Lakes beaches by the billions. Management of salmon was easy at first; as more were stocked, anglers caught more and a world-class fishery was created. This changed dramatically nearly 15 years ago, and numbers stocked did not equate to numbers caught. Over time, the alewife numbers declined first in Lake Huron hitting historic lows by 2004 followed by historic lows in Lake Michigan by 2014.

Alewives have declined because they are losing the battle with quagga and zebra mussels for the same nutrients in the lake (they invaded the Great Lakes in the mid-1990s). Also, high stocking rates and increases in Chinook salmon natural reproduction in the 1990s through the 2000s were responsible for very high predation on an already unstable alewife population.

**What can we expect for Lake Huron salmon in the future?**

The combination of increased salmon predation and the competition from quagga and zebra mussels has squeezed the alewife population from the top and bottom. Current Lake Huron salmon stocking is designed to maintain adult returns to the Swan River Weir for sport and tribal fisheries, and to maintain fall fisheries in a few select locations. However, the food web is continuing to change, so managers and anglers will need to continue to work together to better balance our critical salmon and trout fishery.

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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## Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

September 14, 2017

1. Small light & hat Bob Hunt
2. Flash light Jack Osadzuk
3. Knife & hat David Bellamy
4. Batteries Bill Colborne
5. Kitchen bags Fred Geberdt
6. Frank wipes Don Fosbury
7. Hammer Ron McCartney
8. CLR Bob Esplen
9. Cleanwipes Klaus Wagner

CTC \$50.00 gift certificate  
 Bill Colborne

Thanks to all! Brian Clements



### 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. The latest was to indicate range closures when a work party was happening. 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.



*The four building blocks of the Universe are: water, fire, gravel, and vinyl.*

## SSA Fee Structure for 2018

---J Ford

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. If you renew in October, you will get 4 free chances to win a prize, one of which is a free 2018 membership.

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.

New memberships for 2018 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



*Anyone can say the right thing at the right time. The real skill comes in not saying the wrong thing at the perfect moment!*

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# Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.**



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

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

Open to anyone 12 years old or older.

RESTRICTED (Handgun) 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 Michigan Could Best Support Lake Trout and Steelhead**

Invasive mussels and fewer Nutrients from tributaries have altered the Lake Michigan ecosystem, making it more conducive to the stocking of lake trout and steelhead than Chinook salmon, according to a recent USGS and Michigan State U. Study.

Reduced stocking of Chinook salmon, however, would still Support a substantial population of this highly desirable recreational salmon species, which is a large contributor to the Great Lakes multi-billion-dollar recreational fishery.

**2017 Spring Creek Update:**

from Tim Lahey

The Hepworth Anglers Club (HAC) is in the midst of its fifth year of Spring Creek Fish fish habitat restoration work. Temporary deployment of a series of portable timber mats and cradles, as shown in the photos, provides access for equipment and habitat restoration materials, while protecting the stream banks, trees and existing in channel structure.



The project contractor is Tom MacDonald Excavating and the team includes equipment operators John Warwood and Sheldon Roote, student Trevor Hood, HAC members, stream restoration specialist Chris Cummings of Matrix/Parish Aquatics, Dr. James Hamilton and students of Wilfrid Laurier University, with support from various other organizations and individuals.

This year's work includes embedding cedar tree root wads and crowns into the stream bank to create cover, habitat complexity and local scouring, creating and enhancing spawning shoals and riffles by placing boulders and angular spawning stone in strategic locations, installing cedar log "lunkers" to create undercut banks for refuge habitat and planting riparian shrubs to create overhanging cover and stabilize banks. In addition, four side channels have been restored to increase rearing and nursery habitat. Physical aeration and cover structures using natural wood materials will be installed in other side channels. Also a jump pool below an old mill dam will be restored to enhance fish passage to and from upstream spawning and nursery areas.

Funding for this year's work was received from the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) and the Land Stewardship and Habitat Restoration

*Patient:*

*"Help! I think I am shrinking"*

*Doctor:*

*"Now settle down. Just be a little patient."*

## My Derby Update **Amanda Lynn Mayhew**

Morning!

Yes! The Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular is one of the most incredible weeks of my year for fishing.

Everything about the Derby is adrenalizing. The people, the fishing, the adventures and I am so proud to be a part of it. I cannot wait until next year when I can hopefully STAY on the leader board with maybe a Salmon, as I do quite well in the Lake Trout division.

I always enjoy the fishing but even more so, meeting the anglers and supporters of the derby while serving fish at the Fish Fry where we serve over 5000 people! WHOA!

This year I gave away 2 Bradly Smoker units during Cabela's Day and also autographed a few lucky flashers where one young man actually caught the biggest salmon of the day on the 1st! **WOW!**

Here are a few photos of the derby. Hope to see you there next year. I will be entering my own boat next year and I am super excited to share my adventures - maybe even produce it for a show? #justfish #justhunt

Even smoked some lake trout .. best recipe ever.

Please feel free to share or forward to anyone who might be interested in participating in the 2018 Salmon Spectacular to prove it is an event you DO NOT want to miss.



## News Release

### Ontario Continuing Fight Against Invasive Species

Province Working With Partners to Create Awareness of Invasive Species and Protect the Environment  
August 16, 2017 2:00 P.M. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Ontario continues to combat invasive plants and animals in order to protect the environment and allow people across the province to continue to enjoy rivers, lakes, parks and other green spaces.

Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough, were in Peterborough today to announce a number of new investments in programs to combat invasive species.

New investments this year include:

Support for the Invasive Species Centre's work to further research into new biological control agents for phragmites and dog-strangling vine

Additional support for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Invading Species Awareness Program - which is marking its 25th anniversary - to strengthen the reporting invading species hotline, online tracking system and mobile application, management and eradication of water soldier in the Trent-Severn Waterway as well as public outreach initiatives

New funding for the Ontario Invasive Plant Council so they can engage municipalities in the development of municipal invasive plant management strategies

Support for the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations and their work with lake front property owners to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, including A Shoreline Owner's Guide to Invasive Species

Ontario will continue to support the successful implementation of the Invasive Species Act and regulation through public education and working with neighbouring jurisdictions.

Creating awareness of invasive species and protecting our environment is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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.**

# 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).	
	<b>Family</b>	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21	<b>\$175.00</b>
	<b>Adult</b>	Individual	<b>\$130.00</b>
	<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Age 60 & over	<b>\$115.00</b>
	<b>Student</b>	Age under 21 (no magazine)	<b>\$60.00</b>
	<b>Add a Spouse</b>	Additional fee	<b>\$45.00</b>
	<b>Junior</b>	12 and under (no magazine)	<b>\$55.00</b>
	<b>Property Gate Key</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>
Check off your selections above			<b>Total</b>

**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*

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Wildlife Advisory Committee	Derby Committee	Fishery Advisory Committee
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Sporting Clays Shooting	Cowboy Action Shooting	Handguns
Black Powder	Boat Draw Ticket Sales	Archery
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Fish stocking	Hunting	Junior Activities
High Power Shooting	Earth Day	Fall Fair Gates
Computer	Other Interests (List Below)	Expertise (List Below)
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**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.*

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## Derby Kids Day



Photos by Rob Cameron



## Thousands of carp culled; battle continues in Ottawa to keep Asian carp out of Great Lakes

To reduce invasive carp populations in the Illinois and Fox Rivers, a team from the USFWS spent several days last week in Ottawa, Illinois, scooping up thousands of carp as part of an effort to keep them from reaching Lake Michigan



## Great Lakes Water Temperatures Much Colder; Better Bundle Up for a Frosty Winter

Falling right in line with what we saw from the ocean's surface temperatures, the Great Lakes are also reportedly much cooler than normal at this time of year, and that indicates the possibility of a frosty cold winter.

*Thanks to those submitting material for this newsletter.*

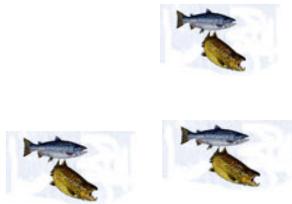
*Anyone with articles for this Newsletter should get them to me by the 20th (or sooner) of the preceding month.*

*Dave Skelton 519-376-9554  
dskel@golden.net*

## 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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## Non-native species slowly spreading throughout Canada's Ontario province

Step aside zebra mussels and phragmites, another foreign invader is lurking beneath the surface of Southwestern Ontario's lakes and streams—a little umbrella-shaped creature that's making people who see it do a double take. They're freshwater jellyfish, a non-native species that's been spotted in Port Dover, Welland, Fort Erie and in lakes and streams across Central Ontario. The small and slimy translucent animals are a rare sight, but clearly they're here to stay.

"There's no known way to remove freshwater jellyfish from a lake ecosystem once it is there," said Jeff Brinsmead, senior invasive species biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

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## Quick Facts

**For 2016-17, Ontario is investing \$1.6 million in invasive species partnerships.**

Ontario provides annual support to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters to deliver the Invading Species Awareness Program to track invasive species sightings and provide public education and outreach.

Invasive species often out-compete native species for food and take over their habitats, threatening both the environment and economy. In 2016, Ontario prohibited and restricted 19 invasive species to prevent their arrival, control their spread in the province and protect the environment.

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

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

## **RANGE REPORT - SHOOTING SPORTS**

**Bill Douglas and Al Hillis**

Well summer is officially over, and things are busy on most of the ranges. This is an exciting time of year with Moose, Deer, Waterfowl, and Upland bird seasons about to begin. So let me give you a brief update on what is happening or happened on the ranges this fall.

Range #1 - Handgun range: Some of the brush was cut back and a work party was in and repaired the wooden structure in the bullet catch. Then the entire bullet stop was re sanded and all holes filled in. It's in tip top shape for fall, more info to come on possible improvements to the structure.

Range #2 - Rimfire/CBA: Here as well there has been a general clean-up and refurbishing of the backstops and target holders. The bullet catch has had more sand added and positioned to the proper angle. The brush was also cut back where needed and trimming of the vegetation on the backstop was completed. A motion activated solar powered light will be installed on this range within the next couple of weeks.

Range #3 - 100 yard Range: Work on the backstops, filling in the cavities, refurbishing and replacing many of the sandbags has been completed. The target backers and frames have also been replaced were it was necessary. In the not too distant future we will be replacing the pea gravel filled wall which separates this range from the Skeet range. We will probably just be putting up a wall on the end of the 100 yard structure and using a fence to prohibit entry to the range from the skeet area. The vegetation on the main bullet catch (high berm) has yet to be trimmed, so any volunteers for this duty are welcomed, just call me and I'll set it up. Refer to the web-site calendar, our monthly schedule or the one at the range for all the times and dates this range is open.

Range #4 - Single Trap Field: Nothing too much to report here, range is in good shape.

Range #5 - Sporting Clays: This new range is working out fantastically. Many great reports and certainly lots of usage. Each time I shoot it there seems to be something new to make the round even more enjoyable. The trampoline bounce and the new rabbit run certainly got my attention and I actually hit a few of them. The inclement weather earlier in the season cut back on some of the participation, however the last month or so has been great and it is keeping everyone very busy. Make sure you keep an eye on our web-site calendar and newsletter to know the exact sporting clay shoot dates for the rest of the season.

Range #6 - Skeet Field/Trap Field: This field is seeing more use this year than it ever has, we have had some great turnouts. Not too much new to report for this fall, range is good shape and is being maintained.

Archery Practice Facility: This area got a general clean up about a month ago and some new carpeting installed. We put out three 3D targets for the last Ladies Range Day and left them out for our members to use. They will be there until Nov. or the first snowfall.

Archery Walk-through Range: We have cleared the windfalls, trimmed the lanes and refurbished or replaced the old butts. We also did some work on smoothing out the trails and making them easier to walk on for our members. Last week we put out 16 of the 3D targets for your usage, prior the hunting season. They will be taken back in just before the snow flies, like the ones down on the practice range.

Reminder on Guest Fees: Just a quick reminder that a \$5,00 charge is applicable to all guest you bring over the age of 16. (children 16 years old or younger are free). On ranges #1 and #2 it is on the honour system and the fees are to be deposited in the donations boxes at those ranges. At Range #3 the acting RSO will collect and deposit this fee in the donation box at the time of sign-in. This doesn't apply to the shotgun ranges as they have a different method. (Full details can be found in the Range Rules Manual)