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## THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

**Thursday**

**December, 3, 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}

### **Last call for Nibble Night**

Plan to attend our December 3rd general meeting as we will be having a number of tasty wildlife dishes to sample as part of our Nibble Night. If you have always wanted to dabble in the culinary arts this is your chance. Cook up something from fish, fowl or fur and bring it out for us to sample. This is always a fun social evening and our bar will be available.

## Presidents Message

Here we are coming up to the end of another year. There are a lot of little things, important tasks, that get done throughout the year that are not always so obvious to the membership but being done certainly helps to keep the club functioning. Thank you to all those volunteers who make those tasks happen.

Recently the local United Way reached out to us to help with a same day short notice request to help them with a relief project. All I had to do was make a few phone calls and some members were ready to show up. The public knows our reputation; that we are out there as a resource for information and assistance as part of the community. Working alongside people who really do not fish or hunt for a common cause to help others benefits all of us. As a member of the well known Sydenham Sportsmen’s Association you are part of that reputation and we all need to remember to represent ourselves in what we say and how we act to uphold our status within the community.

The snow seems to holding off this year, probably jinxed it now, much to the chagrin of some late season black powder and bow hunters who want that tracking snow. Even have my artificial Christmas tree up. Although I hate digging out that box from my disorganized crawl space I do like the sense of serenity those white lights give off when it gets so dark so early now. Enjoy the season with your family. I hope you have good health and a Merry Christmas.

**Mike Prevost, President**

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Mike Prevost  
 1st Vice President: Scott Grimoldby  
 2nd Vice President:  
 Bill Douglas  
 Recording Secretary:  
 Tim Lahey  
 Past President: Dennis Wiseman  
 Treasurer: Murray Smart  
 Correspondence Secretary:  
 Geoff Ford

Directors:  
 Brian Clements, John Ford,  
 Wayne Gallagher,  
 Chris Geberdt, Fred Geberdt  
 Jim Hastie, Al Hillis, Jim Jansen  
 Tim Lahey, Ron Robb,  
 Dennis Wiseman

*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

### 2016 Gate Keys

As most of you know, the gate keys will change in 2016. Your present key (with the yellow spotter) will continue to work until April 1, 2016. On that day, the new locks are put on the gates. The 2016 gate key will have a light blue key spotter on it. The price remains unchanged ie \$4 with the return of the old key and \$5 without. During the winter, the locks on the 2 main gates are removed. Please assist us by closing these gates when not in use.



### Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

NOVEMBER 11, 2015

Set of 3 tin snips	Don Fosbury
Heat-a-seat	Doug Flood
Brown gloves	Jack Osadzuk
White gloves	Bob Hunt
LED light	Jim Hastie
Knife & case	Bill Blackwell
Camo folding knife	Mike Shewcunk
Buck knife	Dave Hartrick
Yukon knife	Wayne Gallagher
Multi function knife	Mac Gamble
Utility knife	John Ford
Scissor set	Carol Wiseman
Rope	Jane Cannon
Duck print	Scott Grimoldby
Moose print	Jim Wagner

Red tag – \$50.00 gift certificate  
 From MacDonalds The Big M  
 John Ford

### Draw on December 4th will be New York strip steaks for Nibble Night

Thanks to all; **Brian Clements**



*Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; hate less, love more; and all good things are yours*

### Membership Button Decision— J Ford

At our November general meeting, a discussion was held on whether to continue to purchase and hand out yearly membership buttons. The decision was that we discontinue this practice.

However, Fred Geberdt has come up with a novel idea to continue.

I have provided him with an old button and the 2016 Validation Sticker (the one that goes on the back of your membership card).

He has taken the sticker, cut off the year, and pasted it on the membership button. It looks quite good. I am prepared to provide these to anyone who wants them.



### Selling OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets— J Ford

Again, we have ordered 200 books of Conservation Lottery tickets to sell. The tickets cost \$3 each and the club realizes \$9 for each book that we sell. We will have these available at each meeting and ask that you take a book or two and sell them. The potential is that we could earn \$1800 if we were able to sell all 200 books.

As well, we plan to sell these each day at Heritage Place Mall during the month of February. If you can help by taking a shift at the Mall, please let John Ford know and thanks in advance.



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## **2016 Executive Nominations Open at the December General Meeting**

The members of the Sydenham Sportsmen are invited to nominate fellow members or themselves for the 2016 SSA Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted at the December General Meeting with the election of directors to follow at the January General Meeting. If you are unable to attend these meetings and wish to let your name stand for election, please provide written authorization to a club member to present on your behalf.

The following directors will be serving their second year of a two year term in 2016 and do not need to be considered for nomination –Bill Douglas, Jim Hastie, Al Hillis, Murray Smart and Dennis Wiseman.

An election will take place during the Thursday January 7, 2016 meeting with the top five vote recipients to serve for a two-year term with the balance of those elected to a one year term. Please consider providing your volunteer time to assist in the management of your club.



### **Membership      John Ford**

#### **Early Bird Membership Draws**

At our Annual General Meeting in January 2016, 2 lucky people are going to win these draws. One will win a free membership for 2016 while the other will win a Coolatron.

In order to qualify your 2016 membership must be paid. Those who renew in December will get 2 free chances to win. If you wait until the January meeting, you will have 1 chance.

Again the fees for 2016 are unchanged and printed on the renewal form elsewhere in this newsletter. All 2015 members expire on December 31, 2015. If you would prefer to renew on line, please go to our website [www.sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com)



**Fred Geberdt and Ron Robb** are just two of many hatchery Volunteers who help to keep our hatchery operating 365 days a year.

*Photo by Mike Prevost*



### **Canada's softwood lumber rematch with U.S. awaits Trudeau**

Globe and Mail, by Barrie McKenna -

Justin Trudeau is barely off the campaign bus and he's already facing his first major trade showdown with the United States. And it's not over the Keystone XL pipeline, the Trans-Pacific Partnership or climate-change policy. The prime-minister-designate is about to get his introduction to the never-ending softwood lumber file.

### **Hundreds of ash trees to be cut down this winter in Kitchener**

Waterloo Record -

Kitchener — Some residents in northwest Kitchener will get a rude shock this winter, as crews cut down ash trees in an ongoing effort to manage the devastation caused by a destructive beetle. About 1,100 ash trees will be cut beginning in early to mid-November and continuing until the end of March, at a cost of about \$150,000.

### **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**



*To keep young, stay around young people. To get old, try to keep up with them!*

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# SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2016 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2015 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1, 2015)

**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.**

<b>Membership Fees for 2015:</b>	<b>Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).</b>		
<b>Family</b>	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21		<b>\$135.00</b>
<b>Adult</b>	Individual		<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Age 60 & over		<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Student</b>	Age under 21 or in full time study; (no magazine)		<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Add a Spouse</b>	Additional fee		<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Junior</b>	12 and under; no magazine		<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Juniors &amp; Students</b>	Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra		<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Property Gate Key</b>	With the return of last year's key		<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Property Gate Key</b>	Without last year's key		<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. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

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

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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.

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**Wayne Gallauger -**  
Property Manager

Wayne is seen here in his home away from home. Wayne is a fixture down at the club property who does more than his share to keep our property looking good and up and running.

**Thanks for all your help Wayne.**

## Ontario

### Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permits

Environment Canada now offers hunters the ability to purchase a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit online. The permit will be sent by email and can be printed by the hunter. Permits are also available for purchase through Canada Post Offices and some independent vendors. Ontario hunters are reminded that to have a complete and valid license to take migratory game birds; they must carry an Ontario hunting version Outdoors Card and Ontario license to hunt small game with their Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit. The Ontario license to hunt small game can be purchased online or from a participating ServiceOntario Centre.

*Procrastinator: One who puts off till tomorrow the things he already put off until today!*



Helping with the **Order of Good Cheer -** This November 28th, as in many past years, we will be helping with the Order of Good Cheer down at Harrison Park letting families build their own Robin Nesting/Bird Feeder boxes

*Photos by Mike Prevost*



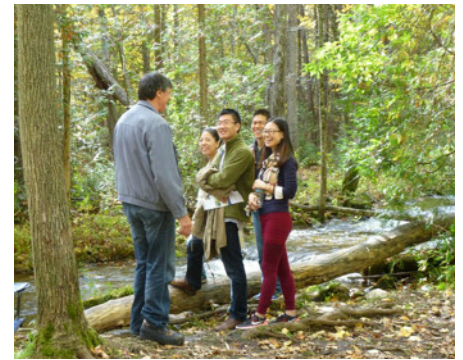
### Forest fire season 'quiet' in Ontario, compared to average

CBC News - Sep 15, 2015  
Northwestern Ontario saw 339 forest fires so far during the 2015 fire season. The number of forest fires in Ontario this year is more than double last year, but still remains well below the average fire season for the province, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The Ministry said 617 fires have burned across Ontario so far this season. In 2014, the total was 297 fires.



### Skilled trades shortage impacting forestry rebound

Northern Ontario Business - Aug 25, 2015  
A forestry workers union head said there's a plethora of well-paying mill jobs to be had in northwestern Ontario, but many employers are struggling to find skilled jobs to fill them.



**Dennis Wiseman** tells the story of the life cycle of salmon and how the SSA has and does work to promote this fishery as part of the Owen Sound Salmon Tour that attracts several hundred visitors most from the cities.

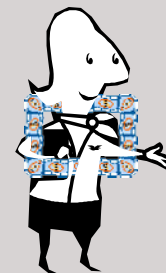


### Wood pellets in high demand and short supply

CBC News - Sep 14, 2015  
Wood pellets are becoming harder to find on store shelves months before snowfall. Wood pellets have become a favourite for those who shy away from electricity or fuel to heat their home. But they're becoming harder to find.



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<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.**

## **Bird Report**

Here are the bird box report of the people that check box for me .

bluebirds fledged 380                      swallows fledged 1193

Wrens fledged 168                          chick a des fledged 42

From all our boxes this year the ones Lorne and Bob and the all the rest.

A total of 3438 birds fledged

That would be a big flock of birds

**Thanks , Bob Hunt**

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## **Proposed Extension and Expansion of Spring Bear Hunting Pilot**

Key Messages for Staff to use with the public

- Ontario is home to a healthy and sustainable bear population.
- In 2014, the ministry introduced a limited spring bear hunting pilot for two years to see if it would address concerns from northern Ontario municipalities regarding nuisance bear occurrences in their communities.
- Ontario is proposing to extend the spring bear hunting pilot by an additional five years in order to gather further information to assess concerns voiced by northern communities about human-bear conflicts, and to support economic growth and tourism in Northern Ontario.
- The extended and expanded spring bear hunting pilot would include all provincial Wildlife Management Units with a fall bear hunt. The inclusion of non-resident hunters in the expanded spring bear hunting pilot is expected to lead to increased economic opportunities for Ontario's northern communities and the tourism industry.
- Under the expanded pilot proposal, it would still be illegal to harvest cubs and female bears with cubs. Anyone convicted of this offence could face a fine of up to \$25,000 and up to one year imprisonment.
- In most cases, each licensed hunter would only be allowed to hunt one bear in each calendar year.
- Baiting of bears during all bear hunting seasons would be regulated to help address possible public safety concerns.
- We will monitor and evaluate the success of this pilot.

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## **Ontario bear sanctuary gives cubs a second chance to go wild**

CBC News - Aug 24, 2015

Three orphaned bear cubs from Sudbury are settling into their new home. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry brought the cubs to a bear sanctuary east of Parry Sound on Friday. The ministry's Sudbury district manager said when bear cubs are orphaned, the ministry tries to get them to animal shelters.

From: **Birds and Windows**

<birdsandwindows@ualberta.ca>

Date: November 17, 2015

Birds and Windows

Project Results

Hi everyone,

I'd like to share some results from the Birds and Windows Project.

This is the first stage of results, I'll send the remainder in the next couple weeks.

Here's the link to the

Birds and Windows main page:

<http://wp.me/p6GAjW-dz>

Thank you for your help with the project. This would not have been a success without all 1315 of you.

Thanks again,

Justine

From **Jim Hastie...**

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## **Why Canada's Forests Matter**

Huffington Post,

by Dan Kraus - Sep 25, 2015

Canada is a nation defined by many things: multiculturalism, hockey, universal health care, politeness, eh? We're also a nation defined by our landscapes.

Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King once referred to Canada as a country with "too much geography." Yet it is that vast geography that defines Canada and Canadians, and no other habitat within that geography defines our country more than forests. Canada is a forest nation.

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