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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
December 2, 7:30 pm
AT THE CLUB HOUSE,

December 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to winter as we were just hit with our first amount of snowfall. We have now had a couple of General Meetings and we round tabled stories and tales of the deer hunt last week. We will continue to try these on occasion and the topics will range from fishing, outdoor activities or whatever comes to mind. We began taking nominations for next year's Executive and will continue to do so in December and January with the election to follow.

As mentioned prior the December, 2nd General Meeting will be the Annual Nibble Night with donation bar. Please feel free to make a dish no matter what your cooking skills may be as this is always an enjoyable evening. We are still looking to form a small Committee (3 to 5 member) to oversee the financial activities of the club and provide input and/or advice as our new duo of Treasurer and Accountant (Chris & Dimitrius Geberdt) who have taken on this role.

We will be accepting kind of resumes from the members who have financial knowledge formal or informal who are in good standing and show an interest in the financial activities and well-being of the club, those interested can send their information to any of the current Executive members, myself included via email or paper copy.

Thanks;
Scott

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}

December 2 meeting:

Nibble Night
Donation Bar
Executive nominations

There will be a contact tracing sheet that you need to complete at the back table. This also indicates that you are vaccinated which is a requirement to attend.

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Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

First Vice President:
Chris Geberdt

Second Vice President::
Bill Douglas

Past President:: Mike Prevost

Recording Secretary: Allen Smith

Treasurer: Dimitrius Geberdt

Directors:

Jeff Caldwell, John Ford

Robert Lovelace, Jay Murdoch

Jim Hastie, Al Hillis

Dave McKinnon, Joe Gray

Wayne Gallagher, Ken Miersch

Mike Thompson, Gord Fraser

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



Got Questions? Contact
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Contact-

Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)

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Membership

As well, we will be able to renew your membership and complete the Early Bird ballot at the meeting. Look for me in my normal spot.

As a reminder, everyone who renews by January 6, 2022 has an opportunity to win one of 3 prizes. The first is a free year's membership.

Alternatively, you can renew on line or by calling me directly at 226-664-0960 and renewing with your credit card.

Thanks to the 35 members who renewed at our 2 renewal nights.

John Ford



Wildlife Committee Meeting

We held a meeting on November 7 with 7 members present.

We are currently looking for at least 4 to 6 members to serve on this important committee. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me at johnrichardford5@gmail.com or 226-664-0960.

Items discussed included removal of a large log on Bothwell's Creek that will impede salmonid spawning access.

Bob Hunt is no longer able to administrate the Bluebird Nesting Bob programme. Al Smith and John Ford agreed to take this over along with guidance from Bob for 2022.

Jim Hastie and John Ford toured the Fred Geberdt Memorial/Walker Wetlands site to view the constructed pond and some fence openings for wildlife. We found the pond to be full of water and there was some evidence of deer using the fence openings. Then we went to the Doug Reid Memorial site to view the pond constructed there along with the Butterfly Habitat area. The pond was 3/4 full of water then and I suspect that it is full now.

The Butterfly habitat needs to have the soil worked up as Napweed has taken over. Wayne Gallagher thinks that he will be able to use the club cultivator to work up this area.

It was discussed that we might be able to partner with other Conservation minded groups to receive more manpower. This is being explored.

John Ford



Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

I know that it seems early to reference the Derby but time does progress rapidly. If you worked on the Weigh in Station or the Computer in the Weigh in Station in 2021 or previously and are interested in doing so again, would you please contact me? We are presently working on those 2 schedules. Again my email is johnrichardford5@gmail.com and my telephone number is 226 664 0960.

A Special Event Announcement- Reloading Workshop

On **Saturday December 18, 2021**, from 09:00 to 11:30, there will be a **Reloading Workshop** held at the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association (SSA) Clubhouse.

This workshop, with the emphasis on safe reloading of shotgun, rifle and handgun ammunition, will cover everything from the basics of why, to the how and beyond.

Just some of the topics discussed are safe reloading, the basics, costs and economic benefits, why reload, equipment and reloading components, and pitfalls that can be avoided, followed by a Q & A session where the audience is encouraged to share their experiences.

David Fritz will be the lead in this very interactive workshop. Dave has held similar workshops in the past and has offered to organize this one. If you are just thinking of getting started in reloading or you are an old hand at it, this workshop may be for you.

There is no charge for this workshop and is open to SSA members, family, friends and other shooting sport enthusiasts. The invitation is extended to other local gun Club members as well.

This is a NO Live Ammunition or Firearms Event.

Because of COVID requirements, registration is required and of course, due to social distancing requirements, space is limited.

Doors will open at 08:00 to view some of the reloading stuff on display.

There will be a sign in register for the COVID requirement of indoor gatherings and just like restaurants, theatres, SSA meetings, and other indoor venues, double vaccinating is the requirement.

Contact **Dave Fritz** to register at daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com.

From the Range Committee.

Jay Murdoch

For many years we have relied on a very small number of volunteers to do all of the snow removal at the ranges - with our Bobcat tractor/blower and by hand where needed. Snow removal was discussed at the SSA executive meeting last week and I want to update you on the club plan for this winter.

We have hired a third-party to provide additional snow clearing services to help keep the road access and parking lots clear - but this will only occur from Thursdays to Sundays. So this means roadway access down to the ranges from Monday to Wednesday cannot be guaranteed if there is any significant snowfall.

Again, it is our plan to have range access open ONLY from Thursdays to Sundays for shooting activities when there is snow accumulation.

We will still be relying on club volunteers help clear around doorways and target areas, etc. There will have shovels and salt at each of the ranges. So if there is fresh snowfall - plan to come early and help keep things clear before you shoot. Thank you to everyone that helps with this.

If you have experience with a tractor and snowblower and would like to volunteer part of a day or two a week clearing snow for us please reach out and we will get you set up with access to the tractor.

All the best to everyone over the holiday season.

Gate Keys

The current key which has a yellow key spotter on it, will continue to work until March 31, 2022.

Of course, your 2022 membership needs to be paid to use club facilities.

I anticipate having the keys available for the February 2022 meeting. As usual, we are happy to recycle your old keys if you return them.

Keep in mind, that the locks from the 2 main road gates are now removed due to the winter weather as they freeze and restrict entry. Please close the gates if you are last at using the ranges.

John Ford

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2022 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2021 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/21)

We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records.

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT WE REQUIRE YOUR FIREARMS LICENCE # AND EXPIRY DATE*****

If you have a rural address, Canada Post requires your fire number and road as well as your rural route.

Membership Fees for 2021:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$210.00
	Adult	Individual	\$155.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$140.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	\$75.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$70.00
	Property Gate Key		\$5.00
	OFAH Paper Magazine		\$18.00
Check off your selections above			Total

Note: To Family Members: If you do not require a paper Ontario Out Of Doors, please check here _____.

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2022, must pay a late fee of \$25.00 This is added to your renewal fee.

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

NAME: _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Please Update your Email Address)

FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY _____

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)	
Retired	Have ATT	

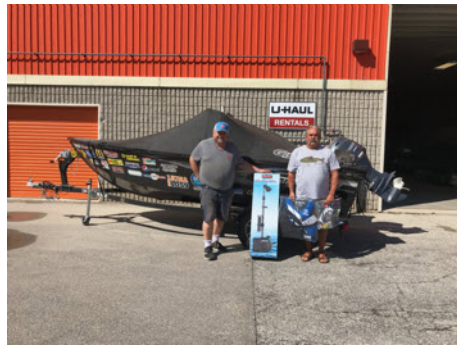
If you would like to purchase your renewal by credit card, please enter the number and expiry date below.

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ **Expiry Date:** _____

Security Code as it appears on the back of the Credit Card: _____

We are providing you with an OFAH paperless membership this year. In this difficult financial period, a paperless membership provides a significant savings to the SSA. You will get a membership card emailed to you and can read the OFAH magazine digitally. However, you won't get a paper magazine. If you do not have an email address, you will receive a paper OFAH membership. If you choose to get a paper copy even though you have an email address, the additional cost is \$18.00.



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
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Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular 2021

THANK YOU SPONSORS

Thank you to all of our Sponsors for supporting The Owen Salmon Spectacular. Please show your appreciation by patronizing our Sponsors.



Have A Great Derby!
Thank You from the 33rd Annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular Prize Committee

Recently after a long absence of our SSA meetings from the Covid-19 pandemic, the SSA President Scott Grimoldby was presented with a \$500 cheque by Bill Wattie of the Cowboy shooters.

We wish to thank them for all their support. Keep up the great work. I have included a 2021 **Thank You** to all our sponsors.

CONGRATULATIONS to Scott Graham of Owen Sound, who's 24.29 lb. Salmon caught on Day 2 of the 2021 Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular held on to take top prize.

Owen Barfoot of Georgian Bluffs, who held on to take top prize in the Trout Division with his 22.20lb. Lake Trout caught on the 2nd last day of the derby.

Jake Horsley took top spot in the Rainbow Trout Division with a 14.72 lb. Rainbow.

Dave McKay took top spot in the Brown Trout Division with his 8.88 lb. Brown Trout.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated and volunteered in this years derby and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Friday August 26 to Sunday September 4, 2022 for the 34th Annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular!

Thanks!
Chris