



# THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

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## **THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,**

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

**Thursday**

**February 6, 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}

February’s speaker is Lawrence Skinner who will present “So you want to go muskys” which will be a brief summary of what one needs to know to get started. He will bring along some pictures and props (lures, release tools, etc.)

## **President’s Message (February 2020)**

It has been awhile since I have submitted a newsletter article but welcome back to 2020. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and are getting through the winter. I would like to welcome a few new members to our Executive for this year; Al Smith, Dave McKinnon and Matt Turner have joined us and are willing to help out. As I write this it is non-typical January weather as it is raining and above freezing, this is going to make it hard for the avid ice-fishers who look forward to our local small inland lakes or a trip off to Simcoe or even further north. Once again we have been dealt an up and down weather pattern, so if you plan to venture out, check with locals on ice conditions and be safe if trying your luck. Once again the Derby Committee has started meeting to organize the annual end of summer hurrah to raise funds for the SSA, if you are looking to help out, make contact with any of the executive and they will guide you in the direction needed. For anyone who has or will have children attending post secondary school, the OFAH does offer scholarship’s in courses that are in the interest of fish & wildlife studies, we are working to get the full details to share with all, so stay tuned.

Stay safe; Scott

**March SSA monthly general meeting is one week later, March 12**

***Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation***



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

1st Vice President: Fred Geberdt

2nd Vice President:

Bill Douglas

Recording Secretary:

John Thomson

Past President: Mike Prevost

Treasurer: Dennis Wiseman

Correspondence Secretary:

John Ford

Directors:

Jeff Caldwell, John Ford,

Robert Lovelace, Matt Turner

Chris Geberdt, Jim Hastie,

Al Hillis, Dave McKinnon

Ron Robb

Al Smith, Ken Miersch

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



Newsletter: Dave Skelton

Webmaster: Bruce Farrell

Membership: John Ford

Key Keeper: John Ford

Clubhouse Bookings:

Contact-

**Ron McCartney** (Club Custodian)

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### Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



\$20 Canadian Tire - Guy Doherty  
\$20 Home Depot - Randy Moore  
\$20 Wal Mart - Al Smith  
\$20 Zehrs/No Frills - Ken Miersch  
\$20 Giant Tiger - Ron McCartney  
**\$50 LCBO - Fely Clarke**



### 2020 SSA Executive

Dennis Wiseman - Treasurer  
Bill Douglas - 2nd Vice President  
John Ford\*\*  
Ron Robb  
Mike Prevost\*\* - Past President  
Jeff Caldwell\*\*  
Fred Geberdt\*\* - 1st Vice President  
Ken Miersch  
Al Hillis  
John Thomson - Recording Secretary  
Chris Geberdt\*\*  
Scott Grimoldby - President  
Jim Hastie  
Robert Lovelace  
Matt Turner  
Al Smith  
Dave MacKinnon

\*\* 2 Year Term from 2020

**Earlybird Membership  
Draw Winners---J Ford**  
At our January meeting **10 lucky members had their names drawn.**  
**These members had paid their 2020 membership by the January 7 meeting.**

1. Mustang Life Jacket-- Michael Hartwick
  2. Lowrance Hook 4x graph-- Steve Barbe
  3. Landing Net-- Chris Nunes
  4. Coleman 70 qt cooler-- Ken McCollum
  5. Ugly Stick Big Water fishing rod---Brian Gamble
  6. Penn Filleting knife-- Dan Mills
  7. Penn Digital Scale-- Mike Forcier
  8. Little Chief Electric smoker-- Don Keeling
  9. Coleman Triton Stove--- Dennis Barker
  10. Cuda Titanium Filleting knife---Wayne Cripps
- Congratulations to all

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**"Club Level Safety Course** The next CLSC will be held on Sunday February 9 2020 at the main SSA building and then on the handgun range for live fire.

Please contact Dave Fritz @ [daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com](mailto:daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com) for info or to register."

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Wanted: Help with **bluebird program**, as my legs are not working as well any more; old age. Walking to check boxes is difficult to do. **Need help with the over 30 runs.**

I have some good guys helping but just need more.

Call me at 226 668 8241 or email [bobhunt1@hotmail.ca](mailto:bobhunt1@hotmail.ca)

I want to keep this going as was started with Lorne Smith.

Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Thanks: **Bob Hunt.**

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<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> select from SSA Newsletters - right side.

## SSA Orientation Tours for 2020

To insure safe use of SSA ranges this course is MANDATORY for anyone wishing to shoot at the SSA ranges unsupervised and to act as their own range officer for themselves, and their guests on the .22 rim fire range, the shotgun patterning area and, handgun range (additional Club Level Safety Course required for handgun range use). Guests and members may shoot on SSA ranges if supervised by a qualified SSA member.

Persons who wish to take the Orientation Tour must be a current member of SSA, have a valid SSA ID card, and have reviewed, understood and provide the acknowledgement sheet for the Range Operating Manual prior to taking this tour (may be handed in at Tour). The tour reviews the Range Operating Manual content covering the independent use of the facilities and the member's responsibilities.

The course takes approximately 2 hours to complete and involves a walk through of range facilities.

Please dress for the weather. There is no fee charged for this course.

2020 Orientation Tour Dates and info:

Start Time – 10:00 am Sharp

Location –

Meet at Warm Up Building by 100 yard / Trap Ranges on Sydenham Sportsmen's Association property

Sunday February 23, Sunday March 29, Sunday April 26, Sunday May 31, Sunday June 28, Sunday July 26

Contact is **David Fritz** [daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com](mailto:daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com) (preferred) or 226-909-2516

Registration is not required but would be an asset to organize enough tour leads.



We now have a club supplier for coats, hats, touques, T Shirts, hoodies and sweaters etc.

**Ram Promotional** (1580 20 th St E Owen Sound) will have a display at the clubhouse with some selected items and a price on those items, tax in.

As a member you can go to their shop and pick out items of your choice and they will give you a price for the item club crest or club name plus your name embroidered on the item, tax in .

This is for all members, as there are designs for Skeet, Trap, Conservation etc. to choose from.

If anyone has a question regarding this, please call me, **Ron Robb** at **519-371-7385** for more info. Thanks

From Ron Robb, [rjrobb52@gmail.com](mailto:rjrobb52@gmail.com)



## Weigh in Station and Computer Operator Schedule for the 2020 Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

We have started to work on the schedules for this important event. We are in need of computer operators for the 2 to 6 shift through the week. If you can help, please contact me, John Ford, at 226-664-0960.

There are many shifts available for the weigh in station. The shifts are 10-2, 2-6, and 6-10,

I would appreciate any help that you can give.



## Paired Mallard Pond Conservation Project

The Sydenham Conservation Foundation and the Sydenham Sportsmens Association paired with the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Ducks Unlimited to create a Paired Mallard Pond on the Doug Reid Memorial Conservation Property. The construction was completed in October and Clover Seeding on the landscaped area will occur in early spring.

We anticipate having an official opening this spring.

We anticipate starting another conservation project in 2020.

## OFAH Conservation Lottery Ticket Sales

We will have tickets available at the meetings for you to sell as a help to our club. We realize \$9 for each book that you sell. If you buy the book that is mailed to you from OFAH we will get \$9 for that book as well. In 2019 we earned over \$3000 with this endeavour.

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 2020 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2019 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/19)

**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 2020:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	<b>Family</b>	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	<b>\$195.00</b>
	<b>Adult</b>	Individual	<b>\$140.00</b>
	<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Age 60 & over	<b>\$125.00</b>
	<b>Student</b>	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	<b>\$70.00</b>
	<b>Add a Spouse</b>	Additional fee	<b>\$55.00</b>
	<b>Junior</b>	12 and under (no magazine)	<b>\$65.00</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*

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	

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Spring Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am till  
12:00pm



**You need a new shotgun for turkey season? Or you need some cash for fishing trips this summer. Did you loose the big one at the Salmon Derby? This could be your lucky day. Come out to the spring SSA Swamp meet.**

**Fishing rods and reels. (haven't seen many out the the swap meet).**

**I'm sure you have some to sell? Another handgun, rifle or shotgun**

**perhaps? Reloading supplies, hunting knives. 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](mailto:willisgarry@rogers.com) or 376-5347, Stew Wallace at [swallace@bmts.com](mailto:swallace@bmts.com) or 794-4423**



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.**

## 2020 Gate Keys

The locks will be changed on April 1, 2020. We will have keys available at the meetings in 2020. If you get a new key and recycle your old one, the new key does not work until April. We recommend to get the new key in March.



## 2020 Membership Fees Due

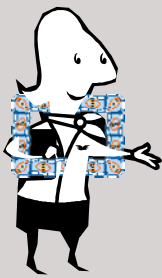
If you haven't paid yet, this is a friendly reminder that your 2020 fees are now due.

A renewal form is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your SSA Membership Card is the laminated card with the SSA logo in one corner and the OFAH in the other.

SSA fees are always due on January 1. If you aren't sure if you have paid, look on the back of your membership card. If you don't have a 2020 sticker on the back, you haven't paid. There are a number of ways to pay your renewal. You can renew on line by going to our SSA Store on [www.sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com) or send in the renewal form with your payment or finally, call me John Ford at 226 664 0960 and pay with your credit card. Any of these would be appreciated.

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## 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

*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*

Last week, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski announced a proposal to fully restore the spring bear hunt in Ontario. Cancelled unnecessarily in 1999, it was brought back as a pilot project in 2014 and is currently set to end automatically in 2020.

Strong advocacy efforts from the OFAH convinced the government to take this first step, but now we need to do more to get this proposal across the finish line. The government needs to hear loud and clear support from the hunting community.

Now we need your help.

Visit [www.ofah.org/supportspringbear](http://www.ofah.org/supportspringbear) and use our simple form to tell the government you support the spring bear hunt. Submissions can be as simple as "I support the spring bear hunt" but feel free to provide more detail about why you support the hunt.

This subject stirs up fierce opposition from anti-hunting groups, and opponents of the hunt will certainly be mounting a campaign aimed at trying to convince the government to abandon this proposal. They'll use predictable tactics to get public support for their cause, even lying publicly about the impact on bear populations or on bear cubs. Some opponents might even blame any and all orphaning on hunters.

Whether you are a spring bear hunter or not, you can appreciate the fact that the OFAH relies on your continued support to hold governments accountable and keep your outdoors traditions alive.

Voice your support today.