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“Conservation is Our Aim”

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**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}

**Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular**

At present, we are organizing the 33rd Annual Salmon Spectacular starting on August 27 until September 5, 2021.

Last year, we had the computer operators schedule full and the weigh in station almost full by March, 2020 when Covid erupted.

Over the next several months, we will see how events unfold. If circumstances are positive, I will communicate with those who offered to volunteer in 2020 and hopefully convince you to participate again in 2021.

**President’s Message (February 2021)**

I hope all of you are staying well and safe and we can get through this soon and get back on with some normalcy. I would like to thank all the members who voted for this year’s club Executive and would like to welcome back Wayne Gallagher and to new board members Jay Murdoch, Mike Thompson, Gord Fraser and Joe Gray, thanks to John Thomson and Ron Robb who did the vote gathering and tallying. Both of these long standing members have since moved on from the Executive but will still be a big part of the club in one form or another. As this virus continues to control many of our activities the Executive held a vote on temporary closure of the ranges, the vote was carried and we have since temporarily closed the ranges. The range committee is diligently working on a Pandemic Plan for reopening of the ranges to ensure we comply 100% with the Provincial guidelines and maintain clean and safe ranges for our members and guests to resume usage. I know this closure will be poorly felt for some members, but please respect and support us in our decisions that we act on behalf of the membership and our decisions are made for the club as a whole.

For all of you enjoy the great outdoors and what they have to offer and I look forward to getting back together soon.

Scott

***Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation***



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby  
1st Vice President:  
2nd Vice President:  
Bill Douglas  
Recording Secretary:

Past President: Mike Prevost  
Treasurer: Dennis Wiseman  
Correspondence Secretary:  
John Ford

### Directors:

Jeff Caldwell, John Ford,  
Robert Lovelace, Jay Murdoch,  
Chris Geberdt, Jim Hastie,  
Al Hillis, Dave McKinnon  
Wayne Gallagher, Joe Gray,  
Al Smith, Ken Miersch,  
Mike Thompson, Gord Fraser,

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



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Clubhouse Bookings:  
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Home 519-794-3456  
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ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com

### Pelee Island Pheasant Hunt back for 2021

Good news for upland bird hunters as Pelee Island released hunting dates and information for a Fall 2021 return of the Island's famous annual pheasant hunt following the decision that cancelled last year's hunt due to Covid-19.

All the 2021 hunting dates and information such as licence fees and dates that licences must be purchased by, regulations, bag limits, "Mentor an Apprentice Hunter" offer, Ferry reservations, etc. can be found on <https://www.pelee.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/pheasant-hunting-youth.jpg>

NOTE: Licences must be purchased in advance and early this year, so if you plan to hunt Pelee Island this Fall start making your plans now and visit the Pelee Island website to get the dates and information.

*Happy Hunting! – Jack Osadzuk*

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### SSA TREASURER

**At the writing of this newsletter, we have completed the election and voting process that determines the members of our Board of Directors for the coming year. Once the various committee and executive positions have been filled, the SSA will be in a position to deal with the operations and interests that are the foundation of our organization.**

**Unfortunately, we haven't seen any interest, so far, in the position of SSA Treasurer for 2022 and beyond. I hate to think about what will happen should we reach this point next year, and still haven't found a volunteer to fill the SSA position of Treasurer. The SSA can't afford to hire an accountant to do this kind of work, without adding a significant monetary strain on our finances. Our operating costs are the bases for the work that is done to determine our annual membership fees, and if we are compelled to hire a treasurer, those fees would see a relatively large increase. Membership fees are always a concern, and we would prefer not to find ourselves in a position where we are compelled to consider this. It goes without saying that EVERYTHING THE SSA IS ABLE TO DO, IS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.**

**We need a VOLUNTEER that lives in the immediate area, having suitable accounting knowledge and computer skills; a volunteer that is willing to join the Board of Directors in 2022. If you feel you have the necessary skills, and are looking for a worthwhile project to be involved in, let us know. Time flies past so quickly, and before we know it, the end of 2021 will be here. Hopefully we will have a person in place before then; a person that is in a good position to take on the tasks of an SSA Treasurer.**

**Thanks  
Dennis Wiseman, SSA Treasurer**

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## **Orientation Tours and Club Level Safety Courses**

With the STAY AT HOME Emergency Order and the ranges being temporarily closed to support our health care system, the January Orientation Tour has been postponed and all registered participants have been contacted. The new date(s) will be scheduled as soon as possible. I am cautiously optimistic that the tours can be done prior to the Club Level Safety Course (CLSC) which is still tentatively scheduled for February 21 2021.

If you were not contacted, you are not on my list.

If you would like an orientation tour regardless if you are a new member or a long time member who just would like a refresher on ranges and rules, feel free to contact me.

The next scheduled tour date is February 28, 2021.

Those who were scheduled for the January Tour will be rescheduled and I will contact them when we have a reopening date.

Dave Fritz

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After much thought and deliberation the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Executive have made the decision to close the ranges effective 5pm today January 18th. The ranges will remain closed until at least February 12th. Further notification will be sent out once the decision has been made to reopen the ranges.

Do not assume the ranges will automatically be reopened on Feb 12th.

While we understand outdoor ranges have been allowed to remain open, the executive made the tough decision to close things down in the best interest of the membership.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy in these difficult times.

Jeff Caldwell



## **Newsletter submission for February 2021**

### **Membership**

First of all, I want to thank all of you who renewed your 2021 membership under trying circumstances. We had pandemic difficulties along with launching a new website but many of you called me and renewed with your credit card. Others mailed in their renewals to help out. A number of people paid for gate keys with their membership. I have tried to mail out keys to those people. However, the key with the yellow spotter on them will not work until April 1, 2021. Currently Watsons Tackle House is curbside delivery only. Consequently, Drew will not be handing out keys. If conditions improve, as we all hope, we will have keys with Drew. We currently have about 500 people who have renewed for 2021. Hopefully, we can get back to normal in 2022.

A renewal form is included elsewhere in this newsletter for those of you who have not renewed. You can also use the online store to renew or call me at 226 664 0960 and renew with your credit card.

NOTE: Please be reminded that the SSA created a late membership fee for 2021. Those who renew after April 1 will have to pay an extra \$25.00 fee. This for renewing members only. It does not apply to new members.

## **Experienced Coroplast Wanted**

If you know where we might get used coroplast (the plastic signs and banners), please contact me.

We use this material for target backers, range signs, and lane markers etc.

Our supply is running low. No piece is too large and we are looking for "still white on one side" or "used on both sides". If you know someone or some business that might have this used material, please contact me or deliver it.

We can use it and divert it from the dump.

Thank you, Please contact Dave Fritz

[daveanpat.fritz@gmail.com](mailto:daveanpat.fritz@gmail.com)



# SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2021 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2019 and 2020 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/20)

**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). |                 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                 | <b>Family</b>              | Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25    | <b>\$205.00</b> |
|                                 | <b>Adult</b>               | Individual                                                           | <b>\$150.00</b> |
|                                 | <b>Senior Citizen</b>      | Age 60 & over                                                        | <b>\$135.00</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>   |
|                                 | <b>OFAH Paper Magazine</b> |                                                                      | <b>\$18.00</b>  |
| Check off your selections above |                            |                                                                      | <b>Total</b>    |

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 2021 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. This feature is not available to Family Members with more than 2 in your family. 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.

## 2021 SSA Executive

Dennis Wiseman  
Bill Douglas\*\*  
Ken Miersch\*\*  
Scott Grimoldby\*\*  
Jim Hastie  
Robert Lovelace  
Al Smith  
Dave MacKinnon  
Wayne Gallagher\*\*  
Jay Murdoch  
Mike Thompson  
Al Hillis\*\*  
Gord Fraser  
Joe Gray  
John Ford  
Chris Geberdt  
Jeff Caldwell  
Mike Prevost – Past President  
\*\* - Voted for 2 year term

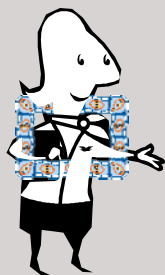


### **Switch your ceiling fan's Blade rotation**

Chances are you've never thought about what direction your fan spins. Changing the rotation clockwise helps push that warm air right back down.

This can help you save on your winter heating bill!

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## Early Bird Contest

On January 7, President Scott Grimoldby and I conducted the draws for all of those who renewed their membership by January 6.

The results are as follows:

Landing net: Peter Asfar who has donated it back to the club

Landing net: Evan Wilkinson

Camillus Knife: Brad Dewys

Little Chief Smoker: Garry O'Toole

One Year Free Membership: Brett Cybulski

Congratulations to all the winners and thank-you to all who participated.



## New Website

Recently we sent out an email blast with information about registering and creating a new account. A number of people have done that since the email was sent. If you created an account with the previous website, just ignore it as it won't work. If you haven't already, a new account will allow you to use the online store and to book a shooting time. In other words, it allows you to use the full capability of the new website. For those who don't have an account: If you go on the website, you will see the Registration Button on the main page at the top. Click it and create your new account.

Use that information to log in. Please record your user name and password for future reference. Now that you have an account, you can simply log in. If you need additional help, you are welcome to call me: John Ford at 226 664 0960.

Boat Draw tickets are now available in the SSA Shop for purchase. We are currently working on the online Derby tickets which are not available at this time. However, anyone can purchase Derby tickets from Chris Geberdt (cgeberdt@hay.net) with your credit card.



## **MN DNR reminds Ice Anglers: "Safety first"**

The recommended minimum thickness for walking on new, clear ice is 4 inches. Wait for 5 to 7 inches before heading out on an ATV or snowmobile, and keep cars off until there's 8 to 12 inches. Anyone planning to drive out in a truck, should wait until there's at least 12 to 15 inches of ice.

Double these minimums for white or snow-covered ice.

Wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).

Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.

Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.

Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.

Don't go out alone; tell someone about trip plans and expected return time.

Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts

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**.