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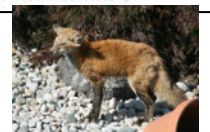
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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

January 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}

January Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker for the January meeting will be Gord Hedges. Gord is a member who will be talking about his experience helping at a whale research station at Long Point de Mingan on the St Lawrence River.

Enclosed is information on how to obtain the paperwork to record the measurements of Deer Antlers. Also, each member with an email address will receive an email containing PDF files of the forms.

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Also, enclosed is a link to a survey which is strictly voluntary. This survey is done on-line.

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President's Message

It's too bad that some of you had to miss our nibble night social at our December meeting as it was a fun night with some good food. The critical taste buds of those attending were put to the test and every year is a surprise. When I came home and asked my wife "Guess who won first place?" she said "Me". I'm not too proud to have to admit that she did most of the work. Last year was a big year for us with a lot going on for conservation. I would expect no less for 2013 thanks to the efforts of all of our club volunteers. Let's learn from a productive past year and plan for a prosperous new year. Let's not take our commitment to conservation and our fishing and hunting heritage for granted.

If you are making resolutions for the New Year think about attending more meetings and let us know your thoughts about what you want your club to be.

Mike Prevost

As a small token of appreciation, the Salmon Spectacular Committee is having this image and Message Of Thanks Plaque, mounted, for presentation to the many generous OSSS Sponsors



Photo - Rob Cameron

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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



Hal Lendon Receives a Lifetime Membership for over 25 Years of Service



SSA Welcomes New Members in 2013---J Ford

The SSA Executive would like to welcome the following new members who have joined for 2013. We hope all of you will take advantage of the many facilities and activities available through the SSA. An easy way to get to know people is to attend our monthly meetings at the clubhouse.

**Jordan Drysdale---Owen Sound,
 Mary Lou Emmerson and family---Owen Sound,
 Roland Foch---Richmond Hill,
 Ted Furness and family---Owen Sound,
 Andrew Grimes---Owen Sound, Keith Hagedorn---Durham,
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 Paulo Joaquim---Toronto,
 Bob Manson---Wiaraton, Doug Manson---Wiaraton,
 Cameron McIntyre---Port Colborne,
 Mike Thompson and family---Southampton.**



New Cookbook Out:

submitted by Arnie Clark

If you like wild game and fishy recipes, then the new Georgian Bluffs Community Cook Book deserves some shelf space in your culinary library. It's a 90 page doctrine, which includes some 20 pages dedicated specifically to game and fish recipes.

The book is a project by the Shallow Lake Community Centre Fundraising Committee.

Many of the recipes come from the experienced chefs on the committee, including SSA members, Karen and Bill Colborne.

At \$12, the book is a deal.... and a steal. Copies are available at the Georgian Bluffs municipal office, from fundraising committee members including Karen and Bill. Give them a call at **519-935-2861**.

The family of Jim and Lorraine Jansen invite you to celebrate their 75th Birthday. January 19th 2013. 7pm at the Chatsworth Legion.

Your presence is your present.

For more info call
Kim or Steve Bartley
519-794-9980

An **Application Form** may be obtained by using the link below.

http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/2012-SSA-Membership_form.pdf

Just fill in the form, and mail to the address on the front page of this newsletter, c/o **John Ford**.

Early bird Membership Draw

Our Early bird Membership Draw will happen at the January meeting. If you renew your membership that night, you will get a chance on two prizes. The first is a microwave oven and the second is a free membership for 2013. With any luck, our new credit card machine will work and you will be able to pay with your credit card or debit.



SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

is pleased to announce the two winners of our

55th ANNUAL MONEY DOLL DRAWS

Saturday December 15th, 2012

Wendy Cann,.....Meaford ON, #0011

Alma Claxton,.....Williamsford, ON, #0519

Special thanks to Tony Ersser, owner and the staff of Canadian Tire; Zellers, Heritage Place Shopping Centre; for all their support of our conservation fundraising efforts
Wishing Everyone The Best of the Holiday Season!

Scoring of Deer Racks for Best Buck Contest

SSA Member George McDougall has volunteered to score the racks of Bucks harvested this fall in Grey or Bruce counties by SSA members. George is a qualified scorer but we suggest that you call him first before you take him the rack. His number is 519-376-1699.

Thanks George!

J Ford



HANDGUN

When you go down to the handgun range you'll see that improvements have been made to bring the berm up to CFO required standards. We had a busy day on November 24th. and a crew of around eleven to do the work. We even had a few pistol shooters turn up to help. Mostly arthritic, grey haired old geezers, well past their ' best before ' date. Where were the new , young, healthy members I wonder ?

A big " Thank You " to all who did turn up for a hard days labour and to Wobby for providing a hot, tasty lunch. When you use the range, please rake the berm up to the level of the wooden ' box' if it needs it.

There is also a donation box on the bench. We suggest a donation of a loonie or two to cover the cost of the targets (not available at press time but should be there by January) , range maintenance and range use use by guests. If you haven't made the required two attendances this year, please contact me. If you've already done that , I have your details, no need to contact me again.

Keep shootin' and shoot safely....' Muzzle Control, Muzzle Control, Muzzle control '

Stew. Wallace, Handgun Chair, swallace@bmts.com



Ontario Liberals Continue to Axe MNR Services

Notices from MNR that your Outdoors Card has expired, will no longer be mailed out to card holders in advance of the card's expiry. It's the latest cut in public service and program funding, by the Ontario Government.

More than 340,000 Ontario resident fishing and hunting Outdoors Cards expired on December 31, 2012. Many of those card holders won't even realize it that their card has expired, and to renew it, will take up to two to three weeks. MNR staff recommend that anglers and hunters be diligent in checking their cards frequently, renewing them well in advance of their expiry date.

The card can be renewed in three ways. The first is by connecting to the Outdoors Card website. Secondly, applicants can also use a toll-free automated phone system by dialing 1-800-288-1155. And thirdly, cards and related hunting and fishing license tags can also be obtained at select license issuers and Service Ontario centres.

While the Outdoors Card does not, in itself, allow fishing and hunting in Ontario, it is used for identification and administrative purposes and for the affixing of the various fishing and hunting validation tags.

Arnie Clark

For more SSA Pictures:

<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/photoalbum/index.php>
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/index.php>

Connect to the SSA website!

or
then click PHOTOS (left side)

SSA Renewal Form for 2013 (to be completed by 2012 members only)

Please take a moment to update your interests. If you send this with your payment or bring it to meetings, we can provide assistance for Committee Chairs in contacting workers.

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

Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).

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

Membership Fees for 2013 are:

FAMILY (Adult, Spouse, Children)-\$ **125.00**

STUDENT (Age 13-16 or in full time study; (no magazine)...\$**40.00**

ADULT (Individual).....\$**100.00**

JUNIOR (12 and under; no magazine)..\$**35.00**

SENIOR CITIZEN(Age 60 & over)..\$**85.00**

PROPERTY GATE KEY: \$**5.00** (without last year's key);

SPOUSE: additional \$**25.00**

\$**4.00** (with the return of last year's key)

Please circle the appropriate membership above.

(Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra \$**8.00**)

Note: If you have a computer with internet access and wish to receive your newsletter electronically, you will receive your newsletter in colour and save both the club and the newsletter chair considerable cost and effort. Please include your up-to-date email address below and place a checkmark here

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Fall Fair Gates _____

Computer _____

Other Interests (List Below)

Expertise (List Below)

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IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A STRONG AND VIABLE ASSOCIATION, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE

IN AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. Please indicate which of the above activities are of special interest to you. 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.

Credit card number: _____

Expiry date: _____

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

For a coloured version of this document,

Go to the SSA website at <http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/members/index.php>

Lost Winnipeg Hunter Survives 21 Days in the Wild:

This past Christmas was special for 46 year old Brad Lambert. He was able to be back home with his family after spending 21 days alone and lost in dense woodlands and marshes.

In November, the Winnipeg outdoorsman, who was on a deer hunting trip alone, took a wrong turn, finding himself in the middle of nowhere after getting his 4 wheel truck stuck on an unfamiliar bush road. Lambert was last seen on November 15th and when he didn't show up at home or work, family, friends and the RCMP launched a massive ground and air search in the Sandilands Provincial Forest area.

During his ordeal, he had no food. Melted snow served as his only source of nourishment. Watching search aircraft fly over, he built several fires and openly walked out in a vast wetland wearing his hunter orange clothing, to attract attention, but to no avail. He eventually started to walk finding a trail which led to a road, where he was finally spotted by a trucker.

There are lessons to be learned here for hunters venturing into heavy forest cover ... to name a few, have means to keep a fire going, your backpack stashed with plenty of nourishing food stacks and bottled water, a compass, a GPS and topo. map, a cell-phone, become familiar with your hunting grounds, have a game plan so someone knows the location of your destination, and don't hunt alone.

After spending 21 cold and lonely days in the bush and swamps of Manitoba, and now safe and sound back home, this past year's Christmas was the best ever for Brad Lambert and his family.

Arnie Clark



2013 Executive Nominations Open at the January General Meeting

The members of the Sydenham Sportsmen are invited to nominate fellow members or themselves for the 2013 SSA Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted at the January General Meeting with the election of directors to follow. If you are unable to attend this meeting 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 2013 and **do not need to be considered for nomination** – Fred Geberdt, Chris Geberdt, Mike Prevost and Geoff Ford.

An election will take place during the Thursday January 3, 2013 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.

The following have been nominated already and have allowed their names to stand for election – (in random order) Wayne Gallagher, Brian Clement, Ron Robb, Sam Buzza, Bill Douglas, John Ford, Dennis Wiseman, Jim Hastie, Murray Smart, Al Hillis, Doug Murdoch, and Scott Grimoldby.

Please consider providing your volunteer time to assist in the management of your club.

Murray Smart

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



One of the Nibble Night Winners

Photo - Rob Cameron

If you mix flour, water and salt, you get glue. If you add eggs, baking powder and oil, you get cake. Where does the glue go?

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Carol C. Bradley, Phys.org

If you're catching and eating fish from a Lake Michigan tributary with a strong salmon run, the stream fish—brook trout, brown trout, panfish—may be contaminated by pollutants carried in by the salmon.

Research by Lamberti, professor and chair of biology, and his laboratory has revealed that salmon, as they travel upstream to spawn and die, carry industrial pollutants into Great Lakes streams and tributaries. The research was recently published in the journal *Environmental Science and Technology*.

It's a problem inadvertently created by people with good intentions, he notes.

"Most people don't realize that salmon are a non-native species in the Great Lakes," he says. "They were introduced to control alewives—another non-native fish species."

Although salmon fed on and contained the alewives—and have become important to sport fishing—there were unintended consequences. That's because of a lengthy history of industrial pollution of the Great Lakes.

"All the Great Lakes have some level of pollution," says Lamberti, "especially near cities—Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland. There are far fewer pollutants now than over the past century, but many are persistent. There are hot spots, and Lake Michigan has a lot of them—heavy metals, mercury, organic pollutants like PCBs."

PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) come from fluids in older electrical transformers. Also present is DDE (dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene), a breakdown product of the banned insecticide DDT, and PBDEs (polybrominated diphenyl ethers). PBDEs, notes Lamberti, are flame retardants used in furniture, mattresses and children's clothing. "They wash out when you do the laundry."

Brook trout with salmon eggs pumped from its stomach.

Even intentionally introduced species such as the Pacific salmon can result in unintended consequences for the ecosystem and the environment.

Salmon acquire pollutants through the lake food chain. When they are young, they feed on invertebrates—worms and insect larvae. As they grow larger, salmon consume more and more fish, such as alewives—which have also picked up pollutants through invertebrates they eat, which have picked up pollutants from algae and bacteria.

Salmon are a fatty fish, and these polluting chemicals are particularly "sticky," Lamberti says. "They are lipophilic—they absorb into fat tissue."

The consequence is that the salmon magnify the pollutants as they move up the food chain. "Salmon are longer lived, eat more, and the pollutants are then bio-concentrated."

The concern is that salmon are naturalized to many tributaries of the Great Lakes. "And it's a one-way street for them," Lamberti says. "They spawn, die in the stream where they spawn, and then leave their contaminant load in the stream. Stream fish eat salmon eggs, and may also eat carcass tissue as they decompose."

Fish in streams and tributaries with large salmon runs—fish that never go out into the lake, he notes—show contaminant levels very similar to that of Great Lakes salmon.

"Let's keep in mind," he adds, "there are FDA advisories for pregnant women and children on the risks of eating large Great Lakes fish, because of the danger of chemical contaminants."

"But there are no warnings for stream fish—that's the specter. If you're eating fish from a stream with a lot of salmon, you might as well be eating the salmon. I would err on the side of caution when eating any fish from a salmon river. Either that or harvest fish only upstream of where salmon spawn."

For comparison purposes, Lamberti's research analyzed the tissue of fish upstream from where salmon spawn and die.

"The upstream section of the same river was not contaminated. Below the salmon, the river had measurable levels of contaminants. There's no other way for the contaminants to get there but the salmon. Water doesn't flow uphill."

The conclusion?

Although salmon are an economic benefit to the Great Lakes and perform important ecological functions (such as controlling the population of alewives), we need to consider the impact of salmon on streams where they spawn.

"If we want to remove a dam on a river—and that will allow salmon to move upstream—we need to realize that the salmon will carry pollutants with them and disperse them into the food web," Lamberti says.

"In sensitive areas with a lot of native fish, we might want to prevent salmon from moving upstream. And in the Great Lakes, maybe we should consider restoring the native populations of lake trout and whitefish rather than encouraging more salmon."

More information: pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es301864k



SSA and the Local Rumour Mill

The rumour mill around Owen Sound and area has been ripe with misinformation about the SSA and an alleged "big audit by Revenue Canada". The SSA is participating as a random selected non-profit organization in the Risk Identification Project as noted below in the reprint from the Canada Revenue Agency website. We are not being audited and are fully complying with the supply of information requested. Please do not spread misinformation!
Murray Smart, SSA Treasurer

Non-Profit Organization Risk Identification Project

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is committed to supporting a strong non-profit sector.

As part of this commitment, the CRA is in the third and final year of a research project related to tax compliance in the non-profit sector.

The information gathered will help to provide insights regarding the way non-profit organizations (NPOs) operate under the provisions of the *Income Tax Act* (ITA).

It is important to note that the ITA contains rules that govern how NPOs may operate, so that there is a level playing field for all. Any organization seeking the benefits of NPO status must follow these rules.

In general, an organization will be a tax-exempt NPO if it is not a charity but is organized exclusively for social welfare, civic improvement, pleasure or recreation, or for any other purpose except profit, and does not make its income available for the personal benefit of members.

Some NPOs have received an education letter as part of CRA's research project to help raise awareness of the rules governing the tax exemption that is available to them.

If an NPO is unclear about the purpose of the education letter, they should contact the Director of their local [tax services office](#) for further information.

The CRA is committed to ensuring that all NPOs have the information and tools available to comply with tax laws fully and on time, and that they receive any benefits they are entitled to receive.

The CRA encourages you to learn more about NPOs at [Non-profit organizations](#).

Murray Smart



Shotgun Sports.

By the first of the year We should have our shelter at the new trap, skeet field closed in ,insulated and lined and heated so we will have a place to keep our powder dry and warm our hands feet and other body parts that get cold while trap or skeet shooting this winter.

In one Saturday with some great volunteers we managed to get the walls standing sheeted and strapped and the trusses up , This Saturday(Dec.22) we hope to get the roof on and the siding and maybe some insulation and interior sheeting That is God willing and it doesn't snow a great deal .(just now heard that the steel is here so we're good if the weather holds)

Some changes for this year are , one prize a month draw (one ticket each day you shoot trap or skeet)if you shoot trap,skeet and sporting clays you will get one ticket (each time you shoot all three)for one draw at the end of the season for a great prize (a sportspal canoe) we will also be scheduling some fun shoots like wobble trap , doubles crazy skeet and maybe some three stand ,plus our interclub trap plus sporting clays which our man Gord Fraser continues to change up and surprise us each time .Thanks Gordy for making it so much fun !

The winter schedule Skeet on wed afternoon 1pm till 4pm ,trap & skeet Sundays from 1pm till 4.30 pm.

Other days can be scheduled for groups if we had advanced notice .

Also we have ammo , No. 8s & 9 s 12 gauge for sale for use on our range .

As of this writing I would like to thank the volunteers that have helped with the shelter so far Tim Lahey , Klaus Wagner ,Ray Hoffer ,Jim Jansen Brain Clements ,Murray Mein ,Bill Douglas ,Wayne Gallagher, Stew Wallace ,and Ted Furness , it was great working with you guys , the Omish have nothing on us.

Al Hillis, al.hillis@gmail.com 519 371 3825 Home 519 374 3069 Cell

SSA FISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SSA Fish Hatchery –

Towards the end of September we were able to fill our Chinook Salmon Egg Quota of 110,000 eggs. At the present time we have approximately 84,000 salmon in the hatchery that are at the swim-up stage, feeding on .70mm fish feed. The initial die-off has virtually ended and we should end up with a good number of strong and healthy fish to stock out in May/June of 2013.

According to the record books we have 62,000 plus Brown trout in the small hatchery building. We have put a plan in place that will allow us to hold all the Brown trout over the winter for stocking in the spring, as yearlings. In mid-January we are scheduled to receive somewhere between 102 and 106,000 Brown trout eggs from the Sault Ste. Marie MNR Fish Culture Station. For now, they will be placed in egg trays located in the large hatchery building, and once the large Browns are stocked, they will be transferred to the circular tanks in the smaller building.

Not being able to collect any Rainbow trout eggs of our own this year, the Lake Huron and Wiarton clubs transferred approximately 49,000 trout to our hatchery facility, for us to raise and eventually stock into the Sydenham River. We had a bit of a problem with Gill Disease in the first few weeks, which caused a significant loss of young fish. Having resolved that problem, we ended up with 30,000 plus healthy Rainbow trout to eventual stock out. At the start of December we stocked out about 17,000 Rainbows, leaving us with approximately 13,000 fish to hold over winter, to stock in the spring.

Five SSA members faced the cold wet weather of November, to clean out the septic tanks and kidney pond, for the coming winter. Since the experiment with barley straw pellets had such good results this past summer, we placed six bags of the pellets in the kidney pond, two in each section.

Thanks to the help of our workshop volunteers, we have two new sets of fish grading boxes for use in the hatchery. Unlike the old boxes we had, with only one size of slot, these boxes come with a series of different sized interchangeable grading slots, permitting us to separate fish of various sizes. Grading and separating large fish from small fish should help reduce problems associated with overcrowding and competition for food.

Bill Stonehouse Property Stream Fencing Project –

This project finally got underway towards the end of October, and by the end of November was completed. When it was finished, the stream was fenced on both sides, a proper cattle crossing was in place, and a high quality gating system had been constructed. Now the cattle have been stopped from muddying and fouling the water, while allowing the farmer to move them from one field to the next as quickly and easily as possible. From here on; the fenced in stream area will have a chance to recover from years of neglect and misuse, permitting ground cover to take hold, stabilizing the stream banks, reducing the water temperature and improving the water quality in that area. Mr. Stonehouse is extremely pleased with the results of this project and is open to the possibility of more stream work being done at a later date. If the club were interested, there is an opportunity for SSA volunteers, young and old, to do plantings and bank stabilization work on this stretch of stream.

Sydenham River / City of Owen Sound –

The City of Owen Sound is looking at ways to improve the area on both sides of the Sydenham River, between the 8th Street and 10th Street bridges. Mike Prevost and I met with the landscape architect, hired by the city for this project, to walk the river and discuss various ideas that had been proposed/considered at that point. Of primary concern was that those ideas didn't have a negative impact on the river in that area, or upstream to that area, or on the aquatic life that depends on the river remaining in a more or less natural state. It was this kind of information that the architect was interested in hearing, prior to holding a meeting where the general public would be involved and have their say in what they would like to see happen in that area. After attending two public meetings on the subject, I have come to the conclusion that this project could proceed without any real concerns or issues needing to be addressed.

School Salmon Hatchery Program –

After the success we had with the School Salmon Hatchery Program last year, Bayview Public School decided to run the program once again. The teacher is new to the program, and the class has changed, but everything else is the same. Last year, of the 100 eggs we placed in the classroom, 92 eggs hatched out, and 82 fish were stocked into the

Sydenham River. Numbers like that indicate that this program can and is operating successfully in a classroom setting. Add to this the benefits that the class and the school receives from this type of educational tool, and you see how everyone comes out a winner on a project like this one. As of today, all 100 eggs that we put into this year's classroom have hatched out, and the students and teacher are extremely pleased as to how things are progressing. If things continue as they have been, this year's classroom hatchery project will be a big a success as it was last year.

At this time, Bayview Public School is the only school we support in this program, but we would certainly entertain the idea of getting involved with any other school in and around Owen Sound that has an interest in bringing this program into one of their classrooms. Not sure why the word hasn't gotten around as yet; maybe the teachers we have been dealing with could assist.

Dennis Wiseman, Fish Advisory Chairman



Environment Survey

My name is **Jane MacIntyre** and I am currently involved in a research project at Tyndale University in Toronto. As a resident of Grey County and former teacher, I am concerned about the lack of environmental experiences that occur in our present educational system. My research is entitled "D.N.A (daily nature activities), for a Healthy Planet". As part of my research, I would like to determine some of the factors that may influence people in becoming sensitive to environmental issues and in taking an active part in helping to care for the environment. The research proposes to explore the connections between childhood involvement with the natural environment and adult behaviours toward the environment. It is my hypothesis that there are three important factors to be considered: early experiences with nature, a strong environmental role model and coaching with respect to environmental practices. By identifying these factors, they can then be incorporated into our educational system in order to help our students learn to appreciate and care for the natural world.

As people who take an active part in caring for the environment such as operating a fish hatchery, looking after properties such as Shallow Lake etc., I would like to invite members of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association to complete an anonymous and voluntary three part survey. Part A asks participants to provide some background information; in part B participants are asked to indicate their current environmental opinions, interests, activities and practices; and in part C they are asked to respond to statements based on their childhood and/or teenage experiences. This survey takes approximately 15 -20 minutes to complete and can be accessed at:
<http://surveymonkey.com/s/23SDQHT>

I would like to thank you for any support you can give me with respect to my research. If you would like further information I can be reached at 519-376-0859 or by email at jmacintyre@tyndale.ca

Jane The web site survey address can be copied/pasted into your browser or Internet Explorer!

<http://surveymonkey.com/s/23SDQHT>



Note:

Extra hard copies of - how to measure Deer Antlers (Typical and Non Typical).
(like the ones sent by surface/snail mail) are available in PDF format.

These are available to SSA members with email, and you can print these from your own printer if desired.

If you wish the above emailed to you separately (as PDF files), just let me know via dskel@golden.net.

The Deer Antler measurement sheets will be available as a printed document from John Ford, who will bring to the next general meeting. Let him you via johnrford@xplornet.com that you wish a printed copy.

Dave Skelton, editor

THE SHOOTING SPORTS - JANUARY 2013 RANGE REPORT



1. Al Hillis has included an update on the winter shelter for the Trap and Skeet shooters down on Range #6. As he has stated this structure is well on the way to being totally completed. Thanks to a great volunteer crew for making this possible. [see picture, more to come] Please remember, Skeet on Wed. afternoons and Trap and Skeet on Sunday afternoons all winter long

2. Since the last newsletter we have installed the new bullet stop on the Handgun range, and it is again up to code. Thanks again to those members who pitched in and got the job done in record time. [check out the picture of the crew]

3. The electronic version of the new "Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Shooting Range Operations Manual" has been distributed to all the 2012 members that have an e-mail address registered in our data base. The remaining members [those without an e-mail address] will be given/mailed their copies in January or later after registering as a 2013 member. The same applies to all new members. Hard copies will also be available at any of the upcoming General Meetings, just ask Bill Douglas or Al Hillis. We would also like to remind everyone that if you have not already done so please sign and return the Declaration on the last page which states you have read, understand, and will abide by these rules.

4. Don't forget the "Frozen Finger Rifle Shoot" on January 1st, weather permitting. Peter Robson sent out all the detail earlier, it looks like a lot of fun.

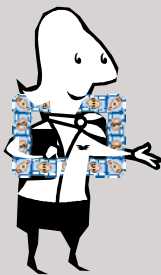
5. From all the members of the Shooting Sports Committee we want to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shooting Sports Committee Chairs Bill Douglas and Al Hillis



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