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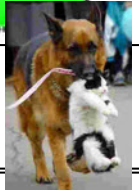
"Conservation is Our Aim"

SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION,

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

June, 5, 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}

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

Presidents Message

This will be our last newsletter before we break for the summer. You do not want to miss the June meeting. All the hotdogs you can eat, refreshments are available and a lively auction of who knows what. Remember to bring along all those things you haven't used for years but have been meaning to get rid of and some extra cash because there is always some hidden treasures. Home baked items get big bids so those items are always appreciated. This enjoyable social night will start at 6 pm.

Just because there will be no other newsletters during the summer months does not mean that we will not be keeping you informed of coming activities. Check our new and improved web site and face page. Watch for e-mail bulletins. If you do not have e-mail then I am sure you know a fellow member who does and can pass these messages to you. Trap, skeet, sporting clays, cowboy shoots, corn boil and of course the Salmon Derby are just a few of many events happening during the summer. Get your children and grandchildren involved or even more involved with the outdoors and the importance of conservation. Promote the club.

Enjoy the long awaited summer. Have fun and be safe.

Mike Prevost, President



Try this using this link... For you birders..

Click on each bird and it will sing

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/nature/birds/bird_songs_interactive.html

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



MAY 1, 2014

DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

Small flashlight	Doug Van Horne
Lure	Dennis Green
Pliers	Peter Robson
Binoculars	Tom Buckley
Yukon knife	Darwin Beard
Large flashlight	Mac Gamble
Multitool	Fred Geberdt
Life jacket	Frank Lehneis
Fish rod & reel	Stan McLean
Scissor set	Francis Coppes
Pocket knife	Bob Hunt

Red tag - \$50.00 gift certificate
 From Harrison Park
 Sam Robertson

Thanks to all, Brian Clements



EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Held Saturday April 26, 2014

Thanks go out to all the club members who turned out to help with Earth Day cleanup. In total we had 68 people come out to help.

Thanks go out to Gayle Clements who helped with the registration, and to Su Ann Geberdt for looking after the barbeque and hot dogs.

Also a big thanks to Fred Geberdt, John Ford, and Nathalie Ford for working on the pontoon boat to pick up the garbage along the river banks.

In total, we had 20 draw prizes that were drawn and given away
 Once again, many thanks to all.

Brian Clements



As of May 26, our address will be

70 4th Ave West, Owen Sound
 ON N4K 4V2.

Our telephone number will be
 226-664-0960.

Our email address will be
 johnrichardford5@gmail.com

My cell phone number is
 unchanged at 519-372-5060

John Ford, Membership Chair

The Sydenham Sportsmen Welcome New Members May 2014--J Ford

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our association.
 We hope that they all will get involved in one or more of our
 many activities:

D Robert Allen and family, Christopher Buckley, Spencer Caldwell,
 Dave Cordner and Cheryl Jobbins, Jeff Gautreau and family, Terry Gibbons,
 Dennis Green, Michael Hobson, Bob LeGrand, Ted McGinnis,
 Stephan Nicholls, Christopher Raike and Brian Schnurr.

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.**



Handgun
Stew Wallace



25 YARD .22 RANGE RULES

There has been some confusion regarding the types and calibers of firearms and ammunition that can be used on this range and this issue was discussed at the last Range Committee meeting.

Please note, for clarification :

This range is certified for the use of any .22 caliber rifle chambered for the .22 RIMFIRE (of any designation, including .17 rimfire and .22 magnum rimfire) cartridge.

It is also certified for the use of handgun caliber center fire or rimfire ammunition for Cowboy Action or Defensive Pistol, including organized practice sessions for these disciplines

The use of anything other than paper targets is also limited to Cowboy Action or organized shoots.

The use of any .22 center fire calibers, such as .222 or .223 is NOT covered by our certification and must not be used.

And....please pick up your brass after you have used the range. It's almost impossible in the winter but now we have no excuse and the exercise is good for you. !

SSA Range Committee.



Reloading Seminar and Demonstrations

Sunday June 8th, 9:30 am

At the Sydenham Sportsmen Association Clubhouse

**If you are an avid reloader, or are interested in getting started.
Come on out and spend a morning talking and learning about
various forms of reloading and bullet casting.**

**Bring any surplus or unwanted reloading equipment or
components to swap, sell or trade.**

Lunch available

Contact Jeff Caldwell

jrc870@gmail.com 226-668-4720

Boxes for Bats are Essential Habitat

The truth is... the little brown bat is in serious trouble. You have heard us talk about white-nose syndrome (WNS) and how it's wiping out entire colonies. Researchers predict that 99 per cent of these bats will disappear and become extinct in some areas of Canada by 2020.



Right now, as this very email is being typed, we have dozens of kids at the Canadian Wildlife Federation's office building and installing bat houses across the property. One thing we noticed right away was that some students were squirming and saying "eww".



We want to change their "ewwww" to "cool!" or even "awwwwww"!

This is exactly why we must educate our children now about the ecological importance of bats. We've got to debunk all the myths surrounding these beneficial small mammals so that when our kids grow into adults they will not fear these amazing little creatures. The future of our wildlife depends on our kids.

That is why CWF is sending out 1,400 bat boxes to schools and groups across Canada for free with tons of resource materials like a poster and pamphlet with loads of bat and WNS facts. What's the catch? The school/group will monitor their bat box and report to CWF monthly if they are, in fact, being used by the bats. A win-win!

Not only will this help create more habitat, but it will also help schools raise awareness about bats and WNS to their students. It will also educate kids why bats are important so we can turn that "eww" into "bats are awesome!" The data collected from these schools will help CWF and our leading bat researcher, Karen Vanderwolf with our current research on the little brown bat and WNS. They'll literally be helping us turn the tide for bats.

For more information about our project, visit **HelptheBats.ca**. Also, if you know of any teachers, please forward this e-mail to them.

Thank you so much! Sincerely, Wade Luzny
CEO, Executive Vice-President Canadian Wildlife Federation

Submitted by John Ford



Change in Contact Information for John Ford

I know that many of you like to renew your membership either on the phone or in person and finally by email.

By the time you read this, I will have moved back into Owen Sound. So that old email and phone number won't work any more!!

New Address: 70 4th Ave West, Owen Sound ON N4K 4V2

New Email Address: johnrichardford5@gmail.com

New Telephone Number: 226-664-0960

FLETCHER SPORTS
It's The REEL Thing
• Rod & Reel Repairs • Parts & Service
• Retail Sporting Goods
LORNE & HAZEL FLETCHER
Tel: (519) 371-8587
Fax: (519) 371-2096
R.R. #5, Owen Sound #6 Hwy & Ledgerock Road
Ontario N4K 5N7 6 kms. North of Springmount

A Penny saved is a government oversight!



Now that 100 Yard Range has been operational with RSO's for some time and the sighting in of the members shotguns for the turkey season is over, it has become apparent that with the feedback from these two groups, the use of shotguns on the 100 Yard Range required some clarification.

We discussed this at our Range Committee Meeting on April 29th and decided that we needed an Addendum to our Range Operations Manual that detailed the usage of all types of shotguns and shells on our 100 Yard Range. This addendum below should clarify as to what is allowed and how they are to be used.

This information will also appear on our Web site under the Range Rules heading and can be printed out any time you need it. A copy will also be posted in the sign-in book at the Range.

Bill Douglas , Al Hillis

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Do you have photos?

We are looking for photos that involve our club. They could be photos taken during stream improvement projects or of any other club activity. You also may have photos taken at the Salmon Spectacular. Finally, you may have hunting or fishing photos.

If you would like to allow us to use these, either on our website or in facebook, please send them to me, in jpg format so that we can use them in the future.

johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Thanks for your help; John

Emergency Response Team

In response to the harsh winter of 2014 the Sydenham Sportsmen have formed a committee to support wildlife and fish that are in extreme distress. This could include making trails in deer yards, and making cedar browse available to deer. It could also include rescuing trout that are stuck in streams and removing young of the year fish from streams that will not support life.

The committee is co-chaired by John Morneau and Rob LeGrand, with Ron Robb as executive liason.

We are currently soliciting club members to form an action group. Any club member that is interested in being part of this group can contact Rob LeGrand at 519-371-6870, and your name will be added to our contact list.



**Students At Holland Chatsworth
Get Archery Lessons**

Photo - Mike Prevost

100 YARD RANGE SHOTGUN USAGE RULES

SINGLE PROJECTILE (SLUGS) USAGE - ALL GAUGES.

All rules are exactly the same as any center fire rifle, including the sighting in process.

2. MULTI PROJECTILE SHELLS UP TO #6's - ALL GAUGES.

For sighting in or patterning your shotgun on this range the following is the proper procedure.

If you arrive on a day that is not set aside for shotgun patterning please inform the RSO upon your arrival that you want to pattern your shotgun on this range, he will then work you into the schedule.

When shooters and the RSO are down range using the patterning board, the main gate into the 100 yd range will be closed and the sign prominently displayed that says there is downrange shooting going on and not to enter. All range safety rules are exactly the same as pertaining to transporting shotguns to firing line. Open actions, safe muzzle control, red flag operations, signing in of members and guests, first time shooters (direct and immediate supervision), wearing of eye and ear protection, cease fire conditions, etc. Etc.

The RSO will instruct the shooters on cease fires, active ranges and safe conditions as they apply to down range shooting.

All patterning will be performed using the pull-down paper patterning board, which will be positioned against the main bullet catch in place of the #5 and #6 target holders.

Shot gunners will be firing at the target and into the bullet catch from distances of 10 to 40 yards (their choice). That is on the downrange side of the 50 yard intermediate bullet catch.

When patterning your gun the loading of a single shell at a time will be the safe limit.

Approved and Supervised Shooting Disciplines such as Defensive Pistol, Cowboy Action, Security, Parks Canada, or Defensive Training may on occasion, from 50 yds. Forward to the bullet catch discharge the larger sized loads.

When finished please clean up hulls and targets as barrels and pails are provided for your use.



Why can't a woman ask her brother for help?

Because he can't be a brother and assist her as well!

Just a friendly reminder about our **Early Bird** Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular Tickets must be purchased before Monday July 14, 2014
AND

The Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular Breakfast is
Saturday June 14, 2014 - 8:00 am to 11:00 am

EARLY BIRD PRIZES

Must be purchased before Monday July 14, 2014 - 1st Prize – 12 Ft Sportspal Canoe, 2nd Prize Fish TV and 3rd Prize Lowrance Graph -

SINGLE TICKET \$25 AND FAMILY TICKET \$60

AND

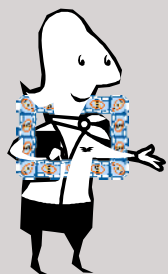
Salmon Spectacular Breakfast

Please Join Us For The Salmon Spectacular BREAKFAST - Proceeds to Conservation Saturday – June 14, 2014 Starting at 8:00 a.m. SSA Club-house Breakfast

Also Featuring Door & Raffle Prizes – Live Auction Breakfast TICKETS -\$12.00 Limited Number of Tickets Available

CONTACT: Arnie Clark 519-371-1152

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Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, October 5th

Buy, Sell, Trade

8:30 am till 12:30 pm

Fishing rods and reels? Camping and boating equipment?
Another rifle or shotgun perhaps?
Need reloading equipment or supplies?
Fitting yourself up in cowboy action gear?
Or is it time to sell or trade some of those firearms and hunting
or fishing gear that you don't use anymore to make room for new
toys?

Then you need to come to Sydenham Sportsmen Club.

You can bring anything you want to sell or trade sports related.
Set up a table or share a table. Dicker for the sale price.

Sit and chat gun or fishing stories.

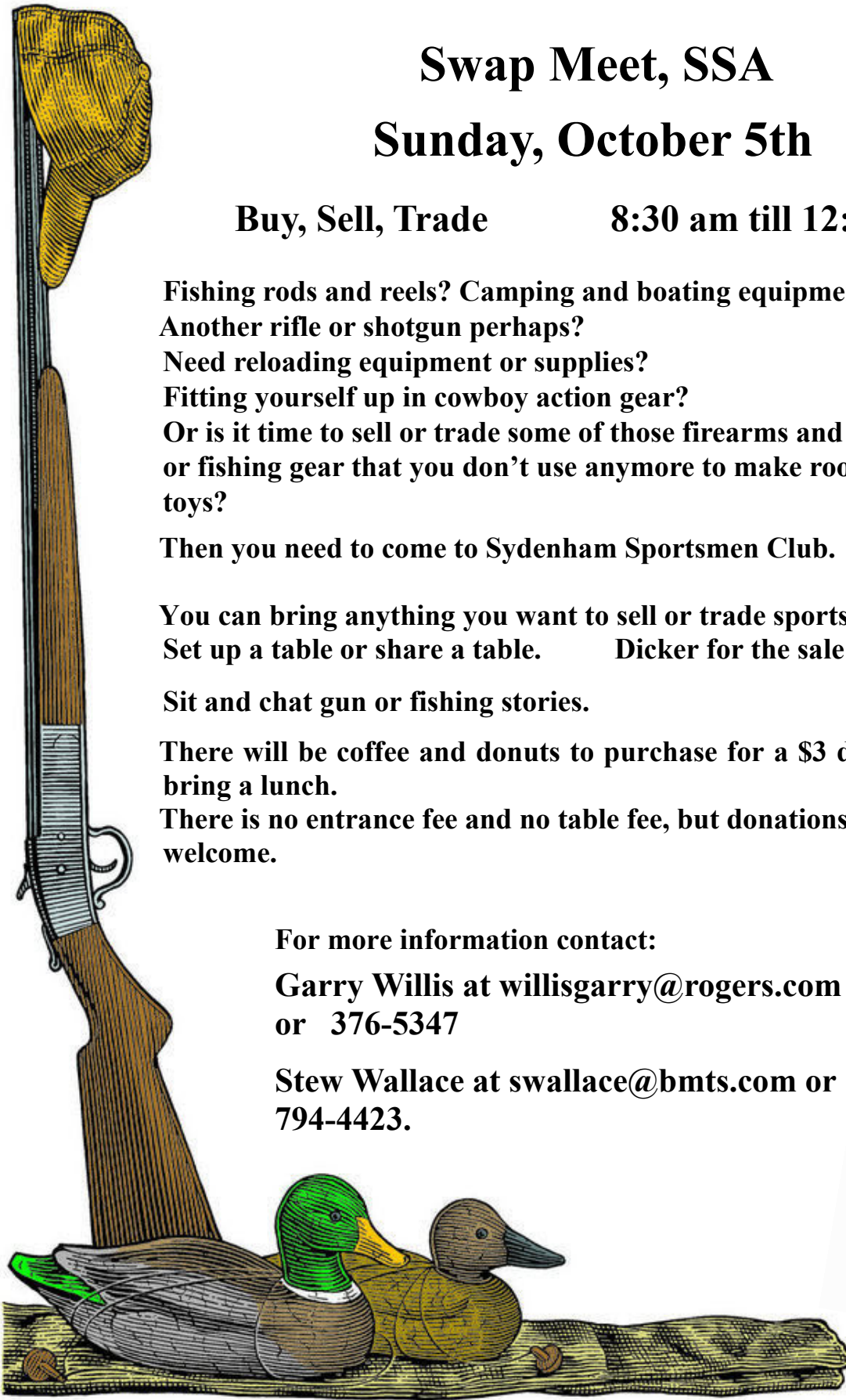
There will be coffee and donuts to purchase for a \$3 donation or
bring a lunch.

There is no entrance fee and no table fee, but donations are always
welcome.

For more information contact:

Garry Willis at willisgarry@rogers.com
or 376-5347

Stew Wallace at swallace@bmts.com or
794-4423.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

Champagne BREAKFAST



Saturday, June 14th at 8am

**Sydenham
Sportsmen Clubhouse**

GUEST SPEAKER

Matt DeMille

OFAH FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICES



**Lake Ontario Atlantic
Salmon Restoration**



Fun, Fellowship & Fine Dining

**Door & Raffle Prizes,
Live Auction & Boat Draw Tickets**

MC - Bill Murdoch • Auctioneer - MPP Bill Walker



Tickets - \$12 each

For Tickets Contact: buckoadv@yahoo.ca

Or Call: 519.371.1152 or 519.371.6870

PROCEEDS TO SSA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROJECTS

*Thanks to all for submitting
material for this newsletter.*

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