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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
June 7, 7:30 pm
AT THE CLUB HOUSE,

President’s Message (June 2018)

Welcome all to June and maybe finally we can get some nice weather, but also along with warmer days comes those pesky mosquitos & black flies. This will be our last General meeting for the summer so stay safe out there. As always June meeting will be our Annual Auction night so bring any items you can spare that has some life left in it and a fellow member may wish to purchase it. Also, I would like to thank those who brought Chili/Soup/Stew to our 2nd Chili Social evening, I believe it was another success with all attendees leaving full of the tasty mains to the sweet desserts on offer. I would like to thank those who helped organize the event. There were some crowd favourites awarded some prize money generously donated by member Ron McCartney, Bill Colborne was the favourite dish of his Moose Stew, followed by Guy Doherty’s famous Caesar Salad and Dave & Marilyn Hammer rounded out the favourites with their Chili.

All should be proud of what they served as they were all delicious. Enjoy the summer weather and activities and see you in the fall with the September meeting probably being the 2nd Thursday the 13th to accommodate the Fall Fair.

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}

It is the annual Auction Night General Meeting on June 7th, so bring your still usable items to be auctioned off to generate revenue for the SSA.

There will be refreshments available and always some home baked treats to be up for bidding.

Note: The September SSA meeting is usually the second Thursday in September!

Any members wanting a book of boat draw tickets to sell, email me at batesj@xplornet.ca with their address and how many books that they would like.
 Thanks; Lillie Bates

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Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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



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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

MAY 3, 2018
Prize Winners

1. Pizza Hut gift card Ken Miersh
2. CTC gift card Dennis McIlvenna
3. LCBO gift card Bill Douglas
4. MacDonalds gift card
Peter Duregger
5. Tim Hortons gift card
Brian Fulford

Home Depot \$50.00 gift certificate
Jim Hastie

Thanks to all: Brian C



Changed your email address or location address?

A number of times, I have heard members indicate that they are not receiving information from the club. Dave Skelton often sends out email blasts about a number of topics. If you have moved locations and have not informed us, we have no way of knowing. As well, we need to let the OFAH know so that your magazine can reach you.

In today's age of many internet providers, some frequently change providers. If you decide to do that, please let us know so that we can update your profile.

My email address is
johnrichardford5@gmail.com
Don't forget the 5 and my telephone number is 226 664 0960.



Bluebird Nesting Box Assistance

Bob Hunt, who co-ordinates our extensive nesting box programme, is looks for more help in checking our boxes. Please give him a call at the Maher Centre 519-371-8560 to offer your assistance.

Gate Keys for 2018

The 2018 keys have a black key spotter on them. They are available at meetings, at Watson's Tackle House, at the Maher Centre and from me. The cost is \$5.00 and I will recycle your old key(s) if you wish. In order to unlock the locks, you need to insert the key all the way in so that you are pressing against the key spotter.



OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

Thanks to those who sold tickets at the Mall in February and on your own. The SSA realized \$2031.00 for these sales. Thanks again!!



New Membership Cards

A number of members have asked me about getting a new membership card. This is entirely possible, however there are a couple of wrinkles. First, I only print new cards when new members are accepted into the club i.e. After executive meetings. Secondly, you will have a new membership number and finally the cost is \$5.00.

However, it is possible to print a new membership card for you with your current number. The problem is that I have to use up 8 cards in order to do that. If you are willing to pay \$10.00 rather than \$5.00, I will do it. If you need a new card and your membership is paid, contact me.



Lou: "I have been seeing spots in front of my eyes."
Logan: "Have you seen a Doctor?"
Lou: "No, just spots!"

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

2018 Stream Enhancement

In early May, a group of dedicated volunteer's planted 100 white spruce trees and approximately 150 red dogwood trees along a section of Telfer's Creek (Bothwell's) to stop bank erosion from happening in the future.

I would like to thank Ron Robb for the donation of the red dogwood trees and Don and Bruce Lobban, Dave Rutherford, Gary Willis, Ernie Lang and Rick Wardrop for helping to plant the trees.

In June, another work day will be planned to remove downed trees from three areas of Telfer's Creek.

SSA members who wanted to help with the first project, but missed it, will be called to see if they would like to assist with the tree clean-up in June.

SSA Volunteers



Back Row: Don Lobban and Gary Willis

Front Row: Bruce Lobban, Ernie Lang and Dave Rutherford

Absent: Rick Wardrop and Ron Robb

John Morneau, Wildlife Committee Member

Next Club Level Safety Course is June 24th

Location: Sydenham Sportsman Association Main Building.

Time/ Duration: Course will run from 08:00 – end of practical/ proficiency (about 16:00 hrs.)

Please be here 15 minutes prior to start time for Registration.

Cost: The Board has set the fee at \$30.00 (cash, cheque) which includes the course, written test and proficiency record.

You are welcome to bring your own handgun if you wish to use it for the proficiency record, a .22 handgun will be available however for that purpose.

Please bring: Lunch if you like, paper, pen, hearing and eye protection. PAL and Club ID Badge.

Questions...?? just ask.

Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thank you,

David Fritz daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com 226 909-2516

31 st Annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

The derby is really just around the corner, time wise. This year's Edition starts on Friday August 24 and ends on Sunday September 2. As you can appreciate, it takes many volunteers to make this major fundraiser for the SSA operate. We have a weigh in station, a food booth, a PR booth, a Bar and a food booth. All of these must be staffed over the 10 days.

We need volunteers to work on the many areas of the Salmon Spectacular. In particular, we need strong backs to help in setting up and taking down. If you can help or have ideas of where we can get help, please let a member of the Derby Committee know. Perhaps you know of one or more high school students who needs volunteer hours. Please let us know.

If you worked on the Weigh-In Station last year or would like to learn how, please contact me to offer your assistance. At the time of writing we still have more than a dozen shifts to be filled.

I plan to have the Weigh-In Station Schedule at each meeting so that you can easily sign up.

If you are new to the club, this is a great way to get to know people and also help to fund conservation.

You can also call me or email me to help. My telephone number is 226 664 0960 and my email is johnrichardford5@gmail.com

All of us could take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism!

For more SSA Pictures: Connect to the SSA website using
<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/> then click SSA Gallery Images (right side)

Thanks to some dedicated members here, we're proud to announce that **Ragnarok Tactical** will be coming to SSA on June 23rd to provide their Carbine Operator's Course at an exclusive discount (40% off of the regular rate). We're all very excited to bring this course to SSA to further develop competitive rifle shooting, and form a base of instructed shooters that we can build on for a safe and fun discipline on our ranges.

12 students will be registered on a first-come first-serve basis, with registration presently being open to SSA members only. This course has no pre-requisites, but shooters will be expected to be proficient with the safe operation of their rifles. The purpose of the course is to develop the skills the student needs to take their shooting to the next competitive level.

Registration is limited to 12 to ensure the students get individual attention from the instructors and to conform to space limitations on our rifle range.

Please note that this course is an all-day affair. Snacks, water, etc are recommended.

The SSA grill will be fired up for the mid-day break at lunch for anyone wishing to purchase a hamburger or hot dog.

See below for a complete course overview, registration information and required equipment list.

Ragnarok Tactical Carbine Operator Course at Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

Course Overview

Ragnarok Tactical's Carbine Operator Course is designed for any competitive shooter that employs a semi-automatic rifle or carbine. Students are expected to have basic of knowledge in their platform and strong desire to push themselves to the next level. Ragnarok Tactical offers Carbine Operator courses that are open to all modern semi-automatic platforms. We also offer courses tailored specifically for the AR15 or VZ58/C858.

The Carbine Operator Course will allow students to master the fundamentals of marksmanship and firearms manipulation skills to gain a competitive edge. The Carbine Operator Course focuses on fine tuning the application of the fundamentals of marksmanship students chosen platform in all types of competitive environments.

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Registration

- Up to 12 students can sign up via email andrew@ragnaroktactical.ca
- Registration will be exclusive to SSA members in good standing until June 15th, after which any remaining available spots will be open to non-members. SSA members will receive priority on the waiting list if applicable.

- Course fee: \$120

Cash payment can be provided to Andrew or Tyler Gerard (contact tgerard@live.de or 705-606-1437 to make arrangements)

or Credit card payment will be available to those that prefer contact andrew@ragnaroktactical.ca to arrange credit card payment.

Lunch is not included for this course, but the SSA grill will be staffed with burgers and hot dogs available at modest charge.

- Notes for cash payments: cash must be received within one week of registration or your slot will be forfeited to anyone waiting to register.

Course of Fire:

- Treated at a bullseye range
 - Students will engage targets to their front
 - Targets will be positioned at the base of the berm
 - Arcs of fire shall be inside the normal target positions
 - Targets will be IPDA cardboard
- Cardboard targets will be engaged from 5 to 100 yards

Topics:

- Nomenclature

Principles of marksmanship

- Magazine changes
- Target transitions

- Zeroing and sight offsets
- Shooting from cover

- Immediate Actions and Stoppages
- Transitions and shooting support side

Mandatory Equipment List:

- Eye and Ear protection ammunition
- Cleaning kit
- Magazines - at least 3 (more is better)
- Sling
- At least 300 rounds of
- Mag pouches/we gear/tactical vest/LBE/etc

Course Policies

Deposit Policy

Payment must be received within one week of registration or your slot will be forfeited to anyone waiting to register.

Refund Policy

Any cancellations within the two weeks before the course takes place are not refundable.

In extraordinary circumstances, at our discretion, we will work with you to fill your spot, make arrangements for you to attend a future course, or may provide a refund.

Holster Policy

Any duty type holster is allowed. Hard plastic/kydex holsters are encouraged. Soft nylon or leather holsters are discouraged and if they pose a safety risk will not be allowed. One size fits all holsters are not permitted, the holster needs to be for the pistol you are using. Serpa holsters are permitted.

June Range Closures

ALL ranges will be closed on Saturday, June 2nd from 7am - 5pm as the club is once again hosting the Youth Expo The handgun range is booked on Sunday June 24th from 2pm-4pm for the live fire portion of the club level safety course.

As this is the last newsletter until September, any further range closure notices will be sent out via email.

Sporting Clays

The next sporting clays shoot will be held on Saturday, June 9th, Registration is 10am - 11am.

This is sub gauge prize shoot cost is \$40.00

Sunday June 17th will be our annual Father days shoot, registration is 1pm-2pm, cost for SSA member= is \$30.00.

Youth under 18 years of age shoot for \$20.00 at all sporting clays events.

For the rest of the sporting clays schedule check the club calendar. To sign up for regular sporting clays emails, or to ask any questions send an email to sydenhamsportingclays@gmail.com

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SSA Membership

If you have questions about membership or are looking for assistance, please contact me.

Unfortunately, I will miss the Nibble Night this year, as I am away.

All the best; John

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*

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.**

Misuse of the Ranges

This is a reminder that we are all expected to use the ranges for their intended and approved purpose. Recently it appears someone has been shooting a shotgun in the handgun range, this is not approved for this range and is in violation of many rules. The same goes for shooting targets that are not paper, this included plastic containers, and various other items that are occasionally found on the ranges. While investigating these occurrences in many situations there have been no sign ins on the range log book, again you must sign in at every range you use each and every time you are at that range. If we want to keep the handgun range and the rimfire range open for members to use on their own, we need to ensure they are being used in the proper manner. If you find anyone violating the range rules, please try and get that individuals name, membership number, even a photo of their vehicle and forward this information on to a board member or range committee member. Any members found to be violating range rules will be dealt with accordingly.

Dogs On the Ranges

There has been more than one complaint in recent weeks of dogs running loose on live ranges. In one case a dog ran onto the 100 yard range while shooters were actively firing. There will be a follow up in a future newsletter on this topic as the issue gets discussed at both the range committee and board of directors. It is up to the dogs owner to be in care and control of their dog at all times, no dogs are to be in or on a range while the range is in use. If the **range in use** sign is down at the top of the hill, dogs should be leashed at all times when in the range area. If you want to walk your dog when the ranges are in use please use the area by the clubhouse. We appreciate all dog owners assistance in addressing this issue. The alternative is no dogs allowed which is not something we want to see happen. Last but not least remember to poop and scoop.



Black Bear Barb – Wire Hair Traps

The MNRF is setting up wire hair traps on some Crown Lands and Conservation properties in the lower and upper Bruce Peninsula as part of their commitment to updating black bear population estimates across Ontario.

Survey stations will be set up in forested areas with a small amount of canned sardines to encourage bears to investigate the stations. As the bear comes to the station, it brushes up against a single strand of barbed wire which captures a small sample of the bear's hair. MNRF staff wearing brightly – coloured safety clothing will be visiting the sites once a week for six weeks to collect any hair samples and record activity.

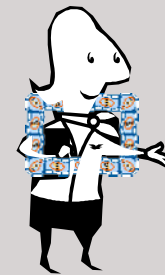
Signage will be posted in the area advising data collection is underway. Be aware of MNRF staff working in the area and be on the alert for black bear activity around the survey stations. Please keep all non – hunting dogs on a leash on these posted sites. Please do not disturb the survey stations and advise others about this activity.

Successful bear hunters should follow the mandatory reporting guidelines as shown in the most recent Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary.

Successful or not any local bear hunters with questions or information can contact Shari Haak, Resource clerk, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Owen Sound Field Office. Ph 519-371-6525 or email shari.haak@ontario.ca

Mike Prevost

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*Customer in Pizza Parlour:
Just cut my pizza into 6 slices.
I can't eat eight!*

Asian carp confirmed in Lake Huron

A delegate to last week's Coastal Municipal Forum in Goderich says there is conclusive evidence that Asian carp are now in Lake Huron, based on DNA found in the water.