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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
March 8, 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}

The March speaker will be the one and the only **Jeff Caldwell** of the SSA executive who will put together a presentation about the SSA shooting sports, its current status, and where he feels it will be heading in the future.

President’s Message (March 2018)

Once again, I hope everyone is getting through the winter safely, as I write this we are seeing another melt which only means Disappointment for those in pursuit of hard water angling on our local lakes. If this is your passion, please ensure conditions are safe to venture out on as well as let your family and friends know of your plans in case of emergency.

The Winter Olympics are currently taking place and our great nation is doing very well in the medal category (13 at present) and it looks like we will continue to add to this. Maybe the SSA should hold a winter/spring Olympic challenge some time to get members out to utilize our facilities and have some fun in doing so. As always, we are looking for ideas for social activities so if you have any or wish to organize something please talk to myself and we can try to put something together.

I would like to see if we can have a 2nd CHILI/SOUP/STEW evening again and am looking for others wishing to put this together (see me if interested).

Enjoy the remainder of what winter we have left, and I know myself along with many others look forward to the streams & rivers opening to pursue our great local trout fishery we have.

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**Monthly Meeting
Draw Prize Winners**



FEBRUARY 1, 2018
PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

Armor All Wipes	John Snook
Tape measure	John Thomson
Knife sharpner	Klaus Wagner
Starfrit knives	Emmitt Briand
Drying mat	Bill Douglas
Dishclothes	Ken Haskins
Frank wipes	Doug Fearnall
Glass containers	Dave Fritz
Red tag \$50.00 CTC Gift Card	Ken Haskins



Bird Report for 2017

I look after 601 boxes on 34 trails

Birds fledged blue bird 264 swallows 1185
wrens 60 Total birds 1509

A big flock if all together more boxes check by helpers that report back

blue birds 264 swallows 1080 wrens 240
Total birds 1584

Over-all total 3093 birds

This was not a good year for bluebirds the numbers at down a lot. Just have to keep boxes up and looked after so can build numbers back again.

I am looking for lots of help to look after some of the runs . There is just to many for me to look after alone as you get older takes longer. Not take a lot of time if you take a couple of runs maybe 3 afternoons boxes need checked in spring and make sure cleaned out in fall you can check once in summer that helps.

You can contact me by phone at **519 376 7487** or email at **bobhunt1@hotmail.ca**

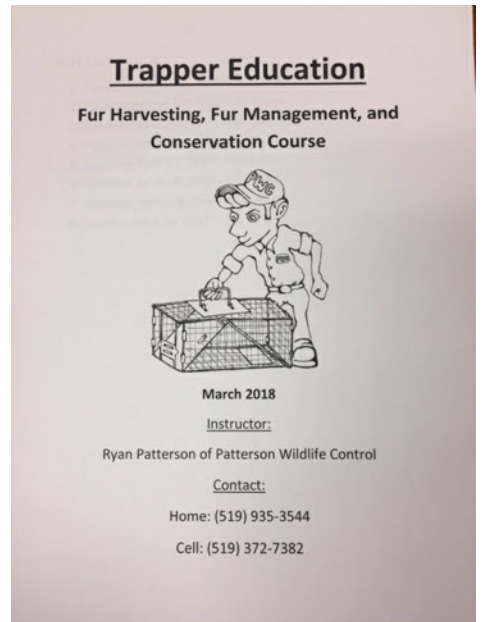
Hope to hear from a few good people. By **Bob Hunt**



Gate Keys for 2018

Your 2017 gate key (purple key spotter) will work until March 31. On April 1 the locks will change. The 2018 keys will have a black key spotter on them. They are available at meetings, at Watson's Tackle House (in February), at the Maher Centre and from me.

The cost is \$5.00 and I will recycle your old key(s) if you wish.



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Spring Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, March 18th, 8:30am till 12:30pm
Buy, Sell, Trade

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? Then come out to the spring SSA Swamp meet.

Fishing rods and reels? Another handgun, rifle or shotgun perhaps? 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 or 376-5347
Or
Stew Wallace at
swallace@bmts.com or 794-4423**



SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2018 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2017 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/17)

We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records.

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

Membership Fees for 2018:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21	\$175.00
	Adult	Individual	\$130.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$115.00
	Student	Age under 21 (no magazine)	\$60.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$45.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$55.00
	Property Gate Key		\$5.00
Check off your selections above			Total

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)	
DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors & Students only)	

Wildlife Advisory Committee	Derby Committee	Fishery Advisory Committee
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Property Care	Wildlife Enhancement	Stream Work
Fish stocking	Hunting	Junior Activities
High Power Shooting	Earth Day	Fall Fair Gates
Computer	Other Interests (List Below)	Expertise (List Below)
Retired	Have ATT	Telephone Committee

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: _____



Handgun Stew Wallace



TARGETS

We have a new supply of practice targets on all club ranges and managed to get a decent price by combining our order with another club, courtesy of Kat. However, like everything else, costs have increased over our last order. A suggestion, to save Dennis, our treasurer, from getting indigestion over the cost, is that we all throw in some money in the donation box each time we use the club targets. Nothing onerous, maybe a quarter or two each time and we'll be assured of always having targets for each of us to use.

Shoot, shoot a lot, and shoot safe,
Stew.

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.

If you need a new card and your membership is paid, contact me.

John Ford



Membership Renewals

2018 membership renewals are past due. Have a look at your membership card. That's the one with the club logo in one corner and the OFAH in the other. If you are renewed you will have a 2018 sticker on the back. If you have a 2017 sticker on the back, you should not be using club facilities until your membership is paid.

A Renewal Form is part of this newsletter. It is helpful if you complete the form and either send it or bring it when you renew. Remember, you can renew on line, by mailing a renewal form to Box 264, Owen Sound ON, N4K-5P3 or by calling me at 226 664 0960.



Something new for this year is the OFAH Paperless membership.

In order to choose this option, you need a computer, internet access and probably a smart phone. This is not available to families of more than 2 persons. Those who choose this option will get emails with the \$5,000,000 liability certificate that you can print if you choose. You will also receive a membership card that you can print.

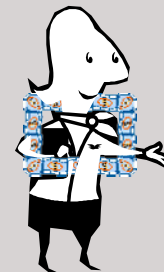
Finally, you will get the magazine in digital format. If you wish this option, you will need to let me know when you renew. We will need to verify your email address. Otherwise, I will assume that you want to continue as in the past. The paperless membership is a cost saving to the club and certainly less work for me.



OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

We will have tickets for sale at each meeting. We ask that our members assist by selling a book or 2 as this is a fundraiser for the SSA. We realize \$9.00 for each book that is sold. You can get these tickets at the meetings from Wayne Gallauger.

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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**.

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.



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

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Lambton Shores officials urge residents from Forest to Thedford to be vigilant after a string of "very aggressive" coyote attacks on livestock in less than a year.

(Tech Xplore)—The US Department of Energy says "Reducing a vehicle's weight by just 10 percent can improve the fuel economy by 6 to 8 percent." Scientists in Japan are busy working on the role of wood pulp as a potential ingredient in lightening up cars.

Virginia Harrison reported on their work on Friday for BBC News.

"Researchers in Japan are working to create a strong material out of wood pulp that could replace steel parts in vehicles within a decade," she wrote.

The researchers are from Kyoto University, and they are working on a material from wood pulp that could hold up with strength of steel yet lighter. The research team said it could replace steel in auto parts. Prof. Hiroyuki Yano leads the work at the university, said the BBC. He said the material could be used to make door panels, fenders and car bonnets.

Specifically, they are working with "a material made from wood pulp weighs just one fifth of steel and can be five times stronger," said Reuters.

How do they do that? Harrison: "The team chemically treats wood pulp, which consists of millions of cellulose nanofibers (CNFs), and disperses these CNFs into plastic."

(CNFs are used in products, from ink to transparent displays.)

The hybrid material is the result of this CNF blend with plastics.

Naomi Tajitsu and Maki Shiraki in Reuters said the university, along with auto parts suppliers, are developing a prototype car using cellulose nanofiber-based parts. They said the expected completion date is 2020.

An automotive analyst saw the bigger picture.

Paolo Martino, principal automotive components analyst at IHS Markit, said in the BBC article that the rush was on "to try and cut as much weight as possible, especially on cars which will pollute more," like pick-up trucks and SUVs.

As mentioned, "Reducing a vehicle's weight by 10 percent can improve the fuel economy of the vehicle by 6 to 8 percent." Also, "Magnesium and carbon fiber have the potential to reduce the weight of some vehicle components by 75 percent."

Martino, meanwhile, pointed out manufacturers also seek to lighten their electric models, for an ability to travel further on a single charge.

Tajitsu and Shiraki in Reuters said that "a reduction in car weight will mean fewer batteries will be needed to power the vehicle, saving on costs." They quoted Masanori Matsushiro, a project manager overseeing body design at Toyota Motor Corp. "Lightweighting is a constant issue for us."

Nonetheless, as Reuters also pointed out, their material faces "competition from carbon-based materials, and remains a long way from being commercially viable."

The BBC quoted Vivek Vaidya, senior vice president at Frost & Sullivan, who said parts manufacturers might struggle to keep pace with auto production lines. "Most components are supplied on-demand, [so] whether a wood or organic material can be made available in a just-in-time way is "Analysts say high-tensile steel and aluminum will be the more popular alternative for many years to come, said Reuters, "considering parts makers would need to overhaul production lines and figure out ways to fasten new materials like cellulose nanofiber onto other car parts."