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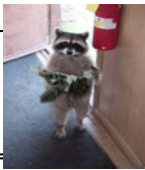
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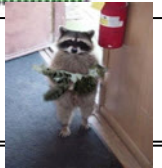
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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday

May 1, 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 speaker for May will be
Dr. Scott Petrie, exec director of
the Long Point Waterfowl
Association and professor at the
University of Western Ontario.

The title of his talk is:
Importance of the Great Lakes for
Waterfowl and the
Potential Impact of Wind Turbine
Development

Presidents Message

I am thinking that horny spring gobbler and fresh trout are going to be on the menu of many club members this May. I cannot think of a better way of shaking off this past winter then getting out hunting turkeys and fishing for trout.

Congratulations to all of the winners at our awards presentations in April at the general meeting. Remember these awards when you are out there doing your thing. Record weights and measurements, take a picture and fill out the award forms and don't assume that you do not have a winner.

I am planning on getting my name on that nice turkey trophy and I am not so proud to accept it even if my Jake is the only one entered. Speaking of the importance of these awards I do however have to question the criteria of the awards committee when a member can be presented with the prestigious Sportsmen of the Year Award and before the applause subsides be handed the shameful Hard Luck Award. Just doesn't seem right to me!

Something to be aware of out on your travels is litter. With the melting snow you can see it everywhere. Plan on taking a small garbage bag with you every time you are out and even if we just pick up a couple of pieces of litter, left behind by people I cannot understand, things will start to look a lot better and maybe others will follow suit.

Another concern that we can all help with is watching for and reporting Fish and Wildlife violations. Get your facts straight and send in your detailed information to the MNR tips hotline. This system works. The local MNR enforcement staff does the best they can to follow up on all reports. Phone 1-877-TIPS MNR (1-877- 847-7667). Keep that number handy.

Thanks Mike Prevost

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



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



China imported logs and lumber for a record nine billion dollars in 2013, with North America, Russia and New Zealand being the major suppliers



Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



Prize Winners Thursday April 3

General Meeting

Paper Towel and Gloves Al Hillis
 Rope Ken Miersch
 Rapala Fillet Knife
 Scott Hollywood
 Folding Knife Fred Geberdt
 Knife and Multitool Rick Wardrop
 Multi Tool Linda Hammill
 LED Work Light Dennis Green
 Handsaw Stan MacLean
 Hammer John Morneau
 Gloves Dave Skelton

\$50.00 Home Depot Gift Card
 John Morneau



RESTRICTED POSSESSION AQUISITION COURSE

to be held at the clubhouse
 SUNDAY JUNE 22nd from
 9:00am till 4:00pm.

ANYONE 15years of age and older who has passed the NON RESTRICTED PAL course is welcome to attend.

SIX PLACES ONLY!

Contact Bob McKay
 at **519-534-0827** for details
 and to register.



June Meeting

While you are doing your spring cleaning remember our June general meeting auction night and bring that stuff out to raise some more funds for conservation.

DRAW TICKET SELLERS

We are looking for volunteers to sell boat draw tickets at various locations around the city.

Our sales this year start Monday April 28 and run through to August 20. If you have not already been contacted please give me a call and help fill the schedule.

Thanks

Brian Clements
519 376-9410



There will be a

NON RESTRICTED POSSESSION AQUISITION COURSE

held at the clubhouse MAY 28th to 30th. Anyone interested in taking this course please contact

Bob McKay at 519-534-0827.

Make sure to disable call blocking as UNKNOWN NAME UNKNOWN NUMBER WILL NOT BE ANSWERED.

The cost of this course will once again be \$50.00 for members, \$100.00 for non members. ANYONE 12 years of age or older is welcome.

SIX PLACES ONLY don't miss out!



Last Chance for OFAH Lottery Tickets We will be sending out our remaining sold lottery tickets after the May 1st general meeting so if you want a chance at winning some great prizes to help you enjoy the great outdoors please get them at the meeting.

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.**

Conservation Dinner

submitted by Mike Prevost

It was a near capacity crowd that enjoyed the successful 19th Annual Owen Sound OFAH Conservation Dinner on March 1st. Thanks to the hard work of the dinner committee and more importantly the continuing support of our corporate and public sponsors we and the OFAH will be getting some beneficial funds for conservation projects.

Dave Hartrick was the lucky winner of \$1000.00 in the Conservation Dinner 50/50 draw, even though it was his wife June who bought the winning card !

Auctioneer, Jim Snider, the tall good looking guy, is presented with this years Dinner Committe Award of Recognition for his continuing help with the dinner auction and support for conservation.



Your Membership Chair is Moving!!!

Yes, it's true. Valda and I are moving back to Owen Sound. Or course, my telephone number and email address is changing as well. So, as of May 15, please contact me either by calling my smar phone (519) 372-5060 or by mail at c/o SSA, Box 264, Owen Sound ON N4K-5P3.

Once we are settled, I will get Dave Skelton to send out an email blast giving my new contact information.

Thanks, John



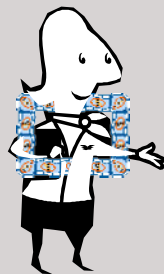
***You know you are getting older
when you bend over to tie your
shoes and then wonder what you
can do while you are down
there!***

The SSA Welcomes New Members---J Ford

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our club:

Jordyn Schnurr,	Jason Ward,	Chris Waite,	Karen Donnelly,
Bearach Mole,	Edward Layman,	Brent Beck,	Rod Quesnel,
Kyle Kilgour,	Drago Dvozdenovic,	Adam Hauwert,	Mark Hammond,
Garth Seabrook,	Mike Thompson,	Jack Brattain,	Trevor Urbshott,
Julie Nellis,	Dan Caldwell,		
Barry and Dorothy Mole,			
Steven Dunn,	Robert Mackey,		
Jim Smith and Miroslaw Szreder and family.			

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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

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

1. The John Campbell Adult Chinook Salmon Trophy is presented to Bill Colborne.
Bill caught a salmon with an estimated weight of 18.33 lb. Congratulations Bill.
2. The SSA Adult Brown Trout winner is Wayne Gallagher.
Wayne caught a fish with an estimated weight of 4.36 lb. Congratulations Wayne!
3. The S S A Hand Gun attendance Trophy is donated by Georgian Awards.
This goes to Mark Corden. Congratulations Mark!
4. The Hand Gun High Average Trophy is donated by member Gary Cameron.
Dan Peters is the winner for 2013. Well done, Dan!
5. The Best Buck Award, originally donated by Tebbutt Insurance, has been won by Jim Osborne.
Jim's buck had a score of 132 7/8. Congratulations Jim!
8. The Jim Weir Memorial Conservation Educator's Award. This is an award, presented for the third time, designed by Al and Mary Hillis in memory of Life Member Jim Weir. Winner is Ron Stephens
9. The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Adult Grant Ferris Memorial Conservationist of the Year.
Winner is Don Lobban
- 10 The Adult Sportsman of the Year Award was created and donated by a past member Ab Fenwick.
Winner is Mike Prevost



New Checklist for Birds of Grey-Bruce

The diligent effort of some of the region's top expert birders has paid dividends with the compilation and release of an updated birding guide entitled the Checklist of the Birds of Grey-Bruce. It's an update to a previous listing issued in 1997.

A valuable guide for expert and novice birders alike, it's an exhaustive listing that identifies 340 bird species recorded in Grey and Bruce Counties based on specimens, photographs, recordings or documented evidence accepted by the Grey-Bruce Birds Record Committee.

The Birds Record Committee appropriately included some of the nation's foremost birding experts, including Dave Fidler, who chaired the group, and Peter Middleton. Both are members of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists. Lynn Richardson, also a member of the Owen Sound club, Jerry Haslany, of the Saugeen Field Naturalists and James Turlind of the Huron Fringe Naturalists, served as members of the Checklist Committee.

For all 340 birds identified, the checklist details which species are permanent, summer or winter residents of Grey-Bruce, and those that are accidental, rare or are migrants.

The checklist is available from the Owen Sound Field Naturalists for a nominal fee of \$1.00 and can be obtained by contacting the club at PO Box 401, Owen Sound, Ontario. N4K 5P7, or by e-mail at: info@owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca. An electronic form is available on the website www.osfn.ca

Arnie Clark

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*

Mom: "Don't be afraid of the dog, honey! He barks a lot, but see how he's wagging his tail?"

Susie: "But Mommy, I don't know which end to believe!"

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Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

3rd Annual

"G o o d M o r n i n g"

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 14, 2014

8:00 a.m.

SSA Clubhouse

Fun, Fellowship & Fine Dining
Breakfast by the Geberdt Family

Also Featuring

Door & Raffle Prizes – Live Auction

GUEST SPEAKER

MC – Bill Murdoch

Auctioneer – MPP Bill Walker

TICKETS - \$12.00 Each

519-371-1152 OR 519-371-6870

or by e-mail: **buckoadv@yahoo.ca**

PROCEEDS TO SSA CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Arnie Clark

News Release

Be Bear Wise This Spring

April 4, 2014

Ontario, OPP Remind People What to do as Bears Come out of Hibernation

Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding people to take simple precautions this spring to prevent attracting black bears as they come out of hibernation.

The potential for human-bear conflicts increases when there is little natural food available for bears. If this happens, black bears will search for other food sources, such as garbage and bird feed, which can draw bears to populated areas.

Follow these simple instructions to minimize the chances of attracting bears:

- a.. Store garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids.
- b.. Put out garbage only on the morning of pickup.
- c.. Put away bird feeders. Seed, suet and nectar also attract bears.
- d.. Pick fruits and berries as they ripen -- don't let them rot on the ground.
- e.. Clean outdoor barbecue grills after each use, including the grease trap underneath. Bears will be drawn by smells from great distances, including grease and food residue on grills.

Bears that enter a populated area aren't necessarily a threat to public safety. Public safety is at risk when a bear poses an immediate threat to your safety.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and OPP have agreed on the roles and responsibilities for both organizations to help the public understand which organization to contact when they encounter a bear.

If a bear is posing an immediate threat to public safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour, call 911 or your local police. At the request of police, during daylight hours the Ministry of Natural Resources will respond to emergency situations to assist. For non-emergencies, the Ministry of Natural Resources operates the toll-free, 24/7 Bear Reporting Line (1-866-514-2327) and the Bear Wise website to provide the public with information and advice.

QUICK FACTS

- a.. Since 2004, Ontario's Bear Wise program has been educating people about bears, how to avoid attracting bears and how to prevent human-bear conflicts.

LEARN MORE

- a.. Learn more about what you can do to keep bears out of your neighbourhood at ontario.ca/bearwise.
- b.. Bear Encounters - Who Do I Call?

MULTIMEDIA AND ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT

- a.. This News Release has multimedia content and a downloadable electronic press kit. Click here to access on news.ontario.ca.

QUOTES

"Nuisance bears are a very serious public safety concern, and while our government is taking steps to address this issue, it is also important for Ontarians to do their part in helping to minimize bear attractants. Taking simple steps to properly store garbage will help keep bears out of our neighbourhoods."

— David Oraziotti, Minister of Natural Resources

"I urge Ontarians to take all necessary steps to reduce their interactions with bears. If there is an immediate threat to public safety from a bear, the OPP will respond in our jurisdiction to protect our citizens with the assistance of the Ministry of Natural Resources."

— Vince Hawkes, Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police

CONTACTS Media Calls only: Andrew Donnachie Minister's Office 416-314-2198

Jack Doherty is organizing a group to volunteer to monitor the

**AINSLIE WOOD CONSERVATION AREA and the
LEITH SPIT at the mouth of BOTHWELL CREEK.**

The idea is to help keep these areas in their NATURAL STATE. This would be along the lines of ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM. This is a great opportunity for older members who would like to do something for conservation but cant do the HEAVY STUFF.

Be sure to come out to the MAY meeting and hear all the details!!!!

This will be your chance to join a clique and be on the inside of the activities!

JACK DOHERTY, PH. 519 376 3440



BPSA Hosts Fun-Filled Events (Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association)

Congratulations goes out to the Wiarton based, Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association for hosting a variety of social events for their members in the months ahead.

SSA members are welcome to attend these fun-filled club events. Here's a summary of the BPSA social itinerary for the balance of 2014.

- **April 5 – Awards Presentation & Pot Luck Dinner**
- **May 9-11 – Club Fishing Derby**
- **May 11 – Fish Fry**
- **July 5 – Kids Fishing Day**
- **July 13 – Beef & Pork BBQ**
- **Sept. 14 - Community Living “FISHING IN THE POND” Day**
- **Nov. 22 – Potluck Dinner**

For more information on these and other BPSA events, contact 519-534-2502 or by e-mail at: bpsportsmen@gmail.com



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.

Right now, my email address is johnrford@xplornet
However by the end of May it will be johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Thanks for your help; John

Federal ammo ballistics calculator available online

Federal Premium introduced its online Ballistics Calculator on www.FederalPremium.com. This neat tool allows users to quickly determine trajectories for any Federal Premium rifle or handgun load by simply entering the applicable data. Reloaders can also use it.

Users who create a profile can save an unlimited number of loads for future reference, and will appreciate how easily they can gather, record and print info. The tool is perfect for game and shooting competitors. The Calculator lets shooters manipulate multiple variables such as temperature, elevation, wind speed, sight height and zero range, and displays results in inches, centimeters, MOA or Mils. Wind drift, vertical drop, velocity and energy can be calculated out to 2,000 yards. The calculator features the most up-to-date info and can be accessed from Macs, PCs and mobile devices. www.federalpremium.com.

April 22nd is Earth Day.

What are you doing to show your love for the planet?

Here are 3 great ways you can give time for nature and spread some nature love:

♥ Run to your nearest park and give a tree a big hug! Spend some time in nature: go for a walk in your favourite park, give your garden some love or http://www.e-activist.com/ea-campaign/broadcast.response.do?ea.url.id=221784&ea.campaigner.email=EP7oMvtte4ScbAvVLEbyI9rfETNni0nM&ea_broadcast_target_id=0.

♥ Clean up garbage in your local community. There are lots of spring clean-up events across Canada. Check out some of NCC's events http://www.e-activist.com/ea-campaign/broadcast.response.do?ea.url.id=221785&ea.campaigner.email=EP7oMvtte4ScbAvVLEbyI9rfETNni0nM&ea_broadcast_target_id=0.

♥ Send an Earth Day e-card featuring beautiful photos of Canadian natural habitats and species. http://www.e-activist.com/ea-campaign/broadcast.response.do?ea.url.id=221786&ea.campaigner.email=EP7oMvtte4ScbAvVLEbyI9rfETNni0nM&ea_broadcast_target_id=0

Could maple syrup plantations be a way of the future?

Toronto Star - Feb 03, 2014

New discovery could mean alternatives to traditional sugar bush. To many a sentimental Canadian, maple syrup evokes scenes of towering maple trees in quiet forests, the drip-drip of sap into metal buckets and steamy sugar shacks where sap is boiled into the golden nectar we drizzle on everything from pancakes to salmon. But that notion of the iconic sugar bush could soon be joined by a radically different landscape, thanks to a discovery by Vermont researchers.

Picture this: plantations featuring row upon row of saplings, tops cut off and fitted with caps to suction sap from their stems.

CNW - Feb 27, 2014

Jim H. Louie and Judy Lowry's 135-acre Grey County property is a quick study when it comes to revealing the couple's two passions: art and trees.

Their farm, located just south of Owen Sound, is surrounded by an assortment of young and old native tree species, some of which border picturesque trails.

Also on display are colourful, beautifully-crafted sculptures and pottery - on and around their approximately 600-square foot art studio, situated just behind the couple's home. Art aside, Dave Taylor, an associate registered professional forester and friend, confirms: "they're tree huggers!"

Which Canadian animal are you?

In honour of Canadian Wildlife Week, 10-year-old sisters Astrid and Sofia created a quiz to help you discover your inner Canadian animal. Find out which animal you would be!

http://www.e-activist.com/ea-campaign/broadcast.response.do?ea.url.id=221267&ea.campaigner.email=EP7oMvtte4ScbAvVLEbyI9rfETNni0nM&ea_broadcast_target_id=0