

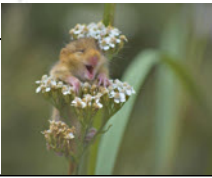


THE SPORTSMAN

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Wednesday

November, 11, 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}

Bill Easton of Easton Wildlife
Control will speak about Coyotes
and hybrids of the species.



Because of the week of the deer hunt
and some other circumstances the
November general meeting has
been moved to:

Wednesday November 11th, 7:30pm.

Spread the word!

Presidents Message

Note the change of the date of the general meeting to Wednesday November 11th, Remembrance Day. Speaking of which we have once again made a donation to the local Legion to have a wreath placed on behalf of the Sydenham Sportsmen’s Association at the cenotaph across from the city library. It seems now, more than ever, that we need to remember and be thankful for the sacrifices our armed services men and women made and are still making to provide us with the freedom and security we often take for granted.

The November meeting will be the start of our nominations for the 2016 executive so give some thought to that. Nominations will continue until the January meeting at which time the new executive will be elected.

The hunting season is well upon us and it is because of the week of the deer hunt, which is a big deal in these here parts, that we changed the date of the meeting. Speaking of remembering, please consider the two most important considerations of the hunt. SAFETY is PRIORITY ONE and includes so many aspects that it takes our full attention and we cannot become complacent just because nothing serious has happened to us yet.

The other is our public image which also includes so many aspects. Maybe this year instead of daydreaming on my stand of how I would spend my lottery winnings I will give some serious thought to how well I practise what I preach. Looking forward to hearing some good stories.

Mike Prevost, President SSA

Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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 Bill Douglas
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 Geoff Ford

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 Wayne Gallagher,
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 Tim Lahey, Ron Robb,
 Dennis Wiseman

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

Newsletter: Dave Skelton
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A sign seen by the side of a country road in Arkansas,

"Bob's Veterinary and Taxidermy Service.

Either way you get your dog back".

B.M.

Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners

October 1, 2015 Prize Draw Winners

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Knife & multi tool | Peter Harris |
| 2. Flashlight | John Snook |
| 3. Santoku knife | Dennis Wiseman |
| 4. Scissor set | John Ford |
| 5. Hatchet | Jim Hastie |
| 6. Gloves | Dave Skelton |
| 7. Axe | Larry Fischer |
| 8. Saw | Dave Hartrick |
| 9. H.D. Multitool | Mike Prevost |
| 10. Heat a seat | Carol Wiseman |
| 11. Kerslyaw | Wally Cunningham |
- Red tag - \$50.00 Gift Certificate P. C.
 Jim Hastie

Thanks to all for participating –
Brian Clements



From This Year's Derby

Like all of the children, Laila MacVicar of Owen Sound found that kids day was a great success for the community.

They were fishing and being successful from every size boat at this year's Owen Sound Salmon Derby.

Chris Yates of Owen Sound caught 4 salmon one morning from his Kayak. One of them was the top ten of the day



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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Nibble Night in December

Another reminder that our wild game nibble night is coming up at our December general meeting.!



2016 Executive Nominations Open at the November General Meeting

The members of the Sydenham Sportsmen are invited to nominate fellow members or themselves for the 2016 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 2016 and **do not need to be considered for nomination** –Bill Douglas, Jim Hastie, Al Hillis, Murray Smart and Dennis Wiseman.

An election will take place during the Thursday January 7, 2016 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. Please consider providing your volunteer time to assist in the management of your club.

Murray Smart

OFAH ZONE H ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOV 20th/21stThe SSA will be hosting the OFAH Zone H annual conference at our clubhouse on Friday November 20th and Saturday 21stThis conference is open to all OFAH members. You can just come out for the meeting and lectures on Saturday or include a roast beef banquet dinner on the Saturday evening. Registration and payment for the dinner can be made with Dennis Wiseman. For details contact him at taxman2001@rogers.com or 519-371-0911

Dennis Wiseman, Mike Prevost

SSA Membership Buttons

At one time, SSA members collected each year's button and wore it on their hats. However, now most members do not seem interested in doing that. Only the members who attend monthly meetings even get their buttons when they renew. We always have a large number of buttons left over and I have not had one person call me and ask to get a membership button.

I don't have the total cost but it is substantial.

What I am wondering if this is the time to discontinue buying and handing out the membership button? None have been ordered for 2016.

Also, we could use the money saved in other places.

Would you please respond with your vote? The majority will decide.

Thanks, John Ford

From The Derby 2015



A smiling Chris Geberdt with the owner and derby sponsor of AM Roofing Solutions.

Thanks to his crew and their first time up to bat the second and largest second Saturday Fish Fry Dinner was a great success cooking up 2200 lbs of fish nuggets.

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2016 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2015 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1, 2015)

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 2016	Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).		
Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under 21		\$135.00
Adult	Individual		\$110.00
Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over		\$95.00
Student	Age under 21 or in full time study; (no magazine)		\$40.00
Add a Spouse	Additional fee		\$25.00
Junior	12 and under; no magazine		\$35.00
Juniors & Students	Magazine available for Juniors & Students for an extra		\$8.00
Property Gate Key	With the return of last year's key		\$4.00
Property Gate Key	Without last year's 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. YES ___ NO ___

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

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Please Update your Email Address)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Juniors & Students only)

Wildlife Advisory Committee	Derby Committee	Fishery Advisory Committee
Public Relations Booth	Shotgun Shooting	Hatchery
Tree Planting	Social Activities	Derby Weigh In
Board of Directors	Fishing	I D P A shooting
Derby Fish Fries	Trap Shooting	Skeet Shooting
Sporting Clays Shooting	Cowboy Action Shooting	Handguns
Black Powder	Boat Draw Ticket Sales	Archery
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: _____

FAC REPORT – October 2015

FISH HATCHERY

Rainbow Trout -

The Rainbow trout number is sitting at approximately 62,000. Mortality numbers have stabilized, and things seem to be going according to our original plan, when we made the decision to stock the Rainbows out as yearlings.

Brown Trout –

Approximately 18,000 Brown trout fry within the smaller hatchery building are nearing the point where they will be stocked out. They will be replaced by our own Rainbow trout, giving them the space required to grow and be stocked out as yearlings in the spring.

Chinook Salmon –

We were once again successful in collecting our quota of Chinook salmon eggs this year. By the time we were finished, we had 112,000 eggs in the hatchery.

This year the salmon run seemed to be quite late, and it was difficult to get the eggs we were after. Once we had our quota, it still seemed quite possible that the Lake Huron Fishing Club and Bluewater Anglers would be coming up short, or doing without. The Mill Dam was shutting down right after Thanksgiving Day, and time was running out. About seven days before the shutdown, a decent run started and the two clubs managed to get their quotas filled as well; Bluewater the morning of Thanksgiving Day.

It would appear that the kidney pond is going to have to be cleaned out before the snow flies. I thought that since we did the spring clean out so late this year, perhaps we wouldn't have to do it again this fall; but from the looks of the pond, that doesn't seem possible.

COMMUNITY HATCHERY PROGRAM

Matt Smith has been named as Shane Wood's successor, to the position as the OFAH's CHP Coordinator.

OWEN SOUND MILL DAM

The Owen Sound Mill Dam has now been shut down to the public, for repairs to the dam's main structures.

The Fish Ladder Electrical Winch was found not to be operational, in spite of the fact that the MNRF has been aware of it for a full year. The difficulty of egg collections this year, gave a clear indication to the MNRF, as to how important the cage and winch equipment is to egg collection activities at the Mill Dam. Jody Scheifley noted that every effort would be made, in the coming year, to find the funds necessary to repair the fish ladder winch, and that the equipment would be operational and available to our use next fall.

SCHOOL SALMON HATCHERY PROGRAM

At the present time, we have four classrooms in Owen Sound involved in the School Salmon Hatchery Program; one at Alexandra Public School, two at Bayview Public School, and one at OSCVI. We also have a commitment from a teacher at Hillcrest Public School for the 2016/17 school year, plus an enquiry from a teacher at Keppel Sarawak Public School.

We are currently engaged in acquiring all the necessary equipment for the two extra classrooms created this year, plus replacing the bulk of the equipment at Alexandra.

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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.**

Once I hear from the Keppel Sarawak teacher, I'll go about acquiring the equipment for next year, sometime in January.

Ted Furness has taken on the position as primary contact person for the schools, and he will eventually be looking after all aspects of the program. I'm getting him involved with all the activities of the program this year, so he will be able to take charge in the near future.

Dennis Wiseman, SSA FAC



24th OFAH Zone H Annual

Our club will be hosting the 24th OFAH Zone H Annual meeting on November 20/21st at our clubhouse.

The main agenda will be on the Saturday 21st with the meeting starting at 10 am and running until around 3pm.

There will be some committee reports and elections. This is not as dry as it sounds as there will be some interesting speakers and free raffles. There is no cost to attend the meeting during the day on Saturday except if you stay for the lunch which is \$10.00 and is open to all OFAH members. This is an easy way to learn more about what our zone and the OFAH are doing as the voice of anglers and hunters. You can come and go as you please. As a host club it is always nice to see at least some kind of a presence from our own membership. Like I said if you are really not doing much that day you can just come out to see what's up and decide if you want to stay.

There is a roast beef dinner on the Saturday evening with a bar and some interesting entertainment.

For more information and to register / pay for the dinner please contact Dennis Wiseman at 519-371-0911 or email taxman 20012roger.com



2016 OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets

We will have these tickets available at the November general meeting.

Three dollars per ticket / \$30 for book of ten with a lot of great prizes.

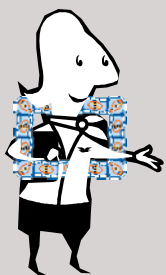
Our club gets to keep \$ 9.00 from every book we sell.

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*

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Here is be bird box report for 2015 from Bob Hunt and Lorne Smith.

blue birds 360 fledged lost 84 birds

swallows 1215 fledged lost 123 birds

wrens 84 fledged

We had a total of 723 boxes this year and 419 of them were used. both bluebirds and swallows were down this year.

The report for the monitors that look after a lot of boxes will follow later.

Thanks to all members that help out was great as we get older will be looking for more help any one interested please just let me know at bobhunt1@hotmail.ca

Thanks, Bob.

Use this link below to renew you membership! **Pay Pal or a Credit Card can be used**

<http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ssastore/>

MASSIVE EXPANSION OF SPRING BEAR HUNT

PETERBOROUGH – The Province of Ontario has proposed the expansion of the spring bear hunt pilot project.

The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, made the announcement locally today at the OFAH/Mario Cortellucci Hunting & Fishing Heritage Centre, while the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Bill Mauro made a simultaneous announcement in Thunder Bay.

First introduced on a limited basis in 2014 in an effort to address concerns from northern Ontario municipalities regarding nuisance bears in their communities, the pilot has been extended with some fairly significant changes. The most substantial change involves the expansion of the hunt to all 88 Wildlife Management Units across Ontario that currently have a fall bear hunt.

“The OFAH congratulates the provincial government for recognizing that spring bear hunting is a valuable and sustainable wildlife management tool that offers many ecological, socioeconomic, and cultural benefits throughout the entire province,” says Angelo Lombardo, OFAH Executive Director.

Additionally, the spring bear hunt expansion will include opportunities for non-resident hunters to travel to Ontario for the hunt, which will provide an increase in economic opportunities in northern Ontario and for the tourism industry in general.

Under the extended pilot, it will remain illegal to harvest cubs and female bears accompanied by cubs. In most units, hunters will only be allowed to harvest one bear per calendar year, though second game seals will remain available in certain areas.

“During the last 17 years, no one has done more to bring back the spring bear hunt than the OFAH. The OFAH fought hard to prevent the cancellation of the spring bear hunt, taking it all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. At the end of a three year court battle, we were the only group left defending the rights of black bear hunters. We never stopped believing that the spring bear hunt was the right thing for Ontario, and we are happy that our hard work has paid off,” Lombardo adds.

“Thank you to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters who have been relentless in pushing this forward to get where we are today,” Minister Leal said at today’s announcement. He also added: “It is a great day for your organization. You are great stewards for fishing and hunting heritage in the province of Ontario.”

While we applaud the announcement made today, we will continue to work with the MNRF to ensure that any new changes will not unnecessarily restrict bear hunters.

For more information on the benefits of the spring bear hunt in Ontario, download our fact sheet and other resources online at www.ofah.org/springbearhunt.

With more than 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters and 725 member clubs, the OFAH is the largest non-profit fish and wildlife conservation-based organization in Ontario. For more information, visit www.ofah.org, follow us on Twitter and on Facebook.

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It was so cold last winter that we had to wait for the phone lines to thaw out to find out what everyone had been talking about!

Nibble Night 2015

Photo Mike Prevost



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