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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

Thursday
November 14, 7:30 pm
AT THE CLUB HOUSE,

SWAP MEET SUNDAY DEC. 8th

A couple of new ideas for our swap meet. We are trying an early winter meet this year, Sunday Dec. 8th. and PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START TIME. We are running from 0900 to noon this time to help our more distant attendees. If you are a vendor, we will be here at 0830 for set up. When you are finished for the day, please help out by putting your table and chairs away. Thanks, and see you there ,
 Stew and Garry.

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}

Our speaker for November will be the **Chief firearms officer** for Ontario.

2020 SSA Gate Keys

The current gate key will continue to work until March 31. The new locks and keys become active on April 1, 2020. Of course, you need to be a current member in order to use club facilities.

Handgun Range News and Updates – by Dave Fritz

The handgun range continues to be utilized and has gone through some improvements, thanks to the volunteers who assisted in giving the building a face lift. The East had a wall makeover. In 2020 the other walls will be improved by removing the plastic and installing board and batten and clear polycarbonate sheeting.

The handgun range was a big attraction at the Open House. There were over 150 adults and youths trying their hand in the handgun shooting disciplines.

A hearty Thank you goes to the volunteers who assisted in the Open House at the ranges and brought smiles to the faces of the participants.

Dave Fritz

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Monthly Meeting Draw Prize Winners



October 3rd, 2019 Draws

\$20.00 McDonalds gift card -
Larry Fisher
\$20.00 Boot & Blade gift card -
Jim Hastie
\$20.00 Cdn Tire gift card -
Tracy Allison
\$20.00 McDonalds gift card -
Georgina Springer
\$20.00 Elsie's Diner gift card -
Jim Wagner
\$50.00 Watson's Tackle House -
Brian Crompton

From Mike Prevost

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Wanted: Help with **bluebird program**, as my legs are not working as well any more; old age. Walking to check boxes is difficult to do. **Need help with the over 30 runs.** I have some good guys helping but just need more. Call me at 226 668 8241 or email [bobhunt1@hotmail.ca](mailto:bobhunt1@hotmail.ca) I want to keep this going as was started with Lorne Smith. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Thanks: **Bob Hunt.**

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Introduction To Skeet Shooting

For anyone interested in trying skeet shooting for the first time the SSA will be running 2 Saturday afternoon sessions on November 16th and 23rd from 1pm -3pm or later if required.

Standard rates for targets apply \$5 for members, \$6 for non members. Ammunition is available for purchase \$8.50 box. You are welcome to bring your own shotgun, some volunteers will have shotguns available to use/ try for these sessions.

Hearing and eye protection is required and it is a rain/snow or shine event so dress appropriately for the weather.

The session will include skeet theory, safety, hold and break points and of course shooting targets.

For more information contact

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

Cowboy Action at SSA

Another successful season of Cowboy Action Shooting was had by The Twin County Bounty Hunters at the Sydenham Ranges. Our final shoot (Autumn Thunder) was put to rest in September. The weather was co-operative and with colourful stages and challenging scenarios a good time was had by all. Along with regular members we are gradually seeing shooters coming from other Clubs that are as far away as Sudbury, Guelph, Burlington, and Barrie. Some terrific grub served up by Mary Hillis we are hoping to keep them coming back. The ranges were in great shape thanks to Wayne Gallagher always being there when we needed some work done.



We have a small but enthusiastic group of shooters and are always looking to encourage some of our original shooters to come back and join in on the fun, and of course continually welcome new shooters to come out and see what this sport is all about. We will continue next year with our Tuesday night practices and monthly shoots.

Also we will be bringing back Cowboy Camp in May where members introduce newcomers to come out and experience the fun of it all and learn the safe handling of the firearms that we use in CAS. All firearms and ammunition will be supplied by the TCBH.

Watch for dates in the coming months. **Bill Wattie**



2020 Changes to Range Snow Removal

For the last several years the SSA has kept the ranges accessible 7 days a week throughout the winter. This effort has been a benefit to the membership however it comes at a cost both financially and in volunteer hours required to do the work. In an effort to reduce operating costs, wear and tear on machinery, and most importantly wearing out the volunteers who spend countless hours moving snow the SSA is going to make some changes.

Starting on Jan 1st 2020 until March 15th, the SSA ranges will not have snow removal completed from Monday to Wednesday, this is on a trial basis for 2020.

What does this mean for those who use the ranges in the winter ?

While the ranges will not be closed on Mon - Wed there will be no snow removal done, which means there will be no scheduled activities such as 100 yard range shifts on those days.

Trap shooting will move from Wednesdays to Thursdays at 10am during this time.

It also means that if it snows after Sunday the ranges may be snowed in and not easily accessible until Thursday.

One path to the clubhouse and main range building will be kept open for emergency vehicles as required on those days but that will be it.

Snow removal will continue to be done from Thursday to Sunday so all ranges will be accessible on those days (unless we have big storms / snowfalls of course).

In the spring of 2020 the range committee and executive will review how this change impacted the membership, operating costs etc...

The range committee and executive appreciate the memberships understanding in this matter.

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

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2020 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2019 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Nov 1/19)

We need you to take a few minutes to help us update our records. *PLEASE NOTE THAT WE REQUIRE YOUR FIREARMS LICENCE # AND EXPIRY DATE*****

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

Membership Fees for 2020:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$195.00
	Adult	Individual	\$140.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$125.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	\$70.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$65.00
	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)

FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY _____

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)	
Retired	Have ATT	

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: _____

Swap Meet, SSA

Sunday, December 8th,
9:00am



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.

You need a new hunting rifle? Reloading supplies, hunting knives. Or you need some cash for Christmas shopping at Cabela's? Did you lose the big one at the Salmon Derby. Then come out to the fall Swap meet.

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.



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**.

Update On Fish

It now seems absurd that anyone once believed the ocean was inexhaustible: fish stocks are in dismal shape and scientists say overfishing is a global problem with potentially irreversible consequences to ecosystems and human livelihoods.

Sustainability has become a key driver of seafood consumer choices, according to a 2018 survey by Globes can on behalf of the Marine Stewardship Council. But no longer is a visit to the local fish-and-chips restaurant a simple choice between cod and halibut. Consumers must also weigh geography, catch method and species in their food order. When did eating fish and chips get so complicated?

Why eat fish?

Taste aside, there are numerous health benefits to eating seafood, both for your brain and body.

Still, many Canadians remain confused or frustrated by varying health claims or unclear messages. They're concerned about mercury, microplastics and genetically modified foods. (A Health Canada assessment concluded that the AquAdvantage GMO salmon is safe for consumption.) It's not surprising that many consumers are confused. The seafood industry is diverse and very different than any other meat industry in Canada. For the most part, Canadians only eat one species of chicken, cow and pig. But an average grocery store sells a myriad of different species of fish and shellfish. Seafood is also a truly global commodity.

While most chicken and beef in North American supermarkets comes from Canada and the United States, fish species are imported from around the world — and come from very different growing conditions.

Choosing the right fish

Each consumer is different, so there isn't one fish that rules them all. Consumers base their decisions on a variety of qualities — health, sustainability, price and origin.

1. Health claims

Like apples or broccoli, many consumers eat fish because it's healthy. Fatty fish like salmon and mackerel are very high in important nutrients and omega-3s. Yet many health benefits are often highly debated, and claims can be confusing. That healthy choice is sometimes obscured by concerns over contaminants like mercury or the use of antibiotics in aquaculture. Some consumers, especially pregnant women or young children, may want to avoid larger, long-lived predatory fish like swordfish and tuna that can accumulate high levels of mercury. In many countries like Canada and Norway, antibiotic use in aquaculture has decreased substantially in recent years, yet it remains widespread elsewhere. Some consumers seek organic options because they are grown without chemicals. In Canada, there are some certified organic options for farmed seafood, including organic Mussels.

2. Sustainability

With increasing overfishing and declining ocean health, many consumers seek sustainable seafood options.

Shellfish like mussels and oysters are considered to have the lowest environmental impact since they have low energy requirements and do not need to be fed. In some cases, they can even clean the water where they are raised, potentially helping protect or improve degraded waters. Eating farmed fish helps reduce reliance on already vulnerable wild fish stocks. It also has a lower carbon footprint than terrestrial livestock farming. Yet debates about seafood sustainability, especially aquaculture, continue.

Eco-certification labels, like the Marine Stewardship Council and the Aquaculture Stewardship Council, help consumers identify seafood caught or grown in environmentally friendly ways. Depending on where you live, popular fish, including some types of tuna, salmon and halibut, have earned a spot on the "avoid" list of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch.

3. Supporting local

In recent years, some Canadians have focused on eating local to reduce their environmental footprint and support nearby producers. For many, this means avoiding most shrimp and opting for fish like Canadian Atlantic salmon and lobster if you live near the coast or fresh-water fish if you're inland. Consumers also need to know that many homegrown favourites are also imported, like Atlantic salmon from Norway or Chile, or tilapia from China or Indonesia.

4. Seeking affordability

While there are many great domestic seafood options, seafood in Canada is surprisingly expensive. Beyond taste, smell and appearance, price is an enduring priority for many Canadians. Canned fish like tuna is a popular lower-priced option. Fillets of haddock, tilapia and farmed salmon are also affordable. Consumers seeking organic claims and eco-certification labels will pay a premium. No easy feat!

When it comes to fish, food labels have been unhelpful to consumers. Producers are only required to show the common name of the fish (potentially lumping many different species into a common name like tuna, shrimp or rockfish) and the origin of the packaged or fresh fish product.

To complicate matters, the so-called origin of a fish is defined as the place where it was last "transformed" into a fillet or boxed.

For example, a fish caught in Canadian waters but sent to China for packaging could say

"Product of China." The origin thus doesn't necessarily indicate where the fish was caught or farmed.

Recent investigations into fish species and origins by the conservation group Oceana have found that seafood products in Canadian grocery stores and restaurants are often mislabelled. For example, of the 472 seafood samples tested between 2017 and 2019, 47 per cent were labelled as something else. Red snapper was often substituted with tilapia and wild fish were replaced with farmed fish. As Canadian consumers, we have a responsibility to demand more information about where and how fish reaches our tables and encouraging labelling requirements and responsible practices.

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

Winter Trap & Skeet Schedule

2019 / 2020

The Trap Field will be open on the following days:

Nov – Dec 31st Wednesdays 10am-1pm
Jan 1st – March 15th Thursdays 10am-1pm
Every Sunday 1pm-3pm

The Skeet Field will be open on the following days:

Thursdays 1pm-3pm , Nov 16th –Mar 15th
Saturdays 10am -1pm

Members and non members are welcome.

Rates per round (25 targets) members \$5, non members \$6

Ammunition is available for purchase \$8.50 per box (25)

All winter dates are subject to weather. If there is heavy snow, extreme cold or freezing rain the SSA will be cancelling these activities. Check the clubs website or facebook page for cancellation notices. www.sydenhamsportsmen.com

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Website Upgrade

For several years, your executive has discussed the need to a major upgrade to our website. Recently, we hired Gem Webb, a professional website designer to start working on such an upgrade. We are looking for electronic photos and videos on the various club projects that we all work on. I know that Jeff Caldwell has asking the coordinators of our shooting sports for this. I am asking those of you who work on our many Conservation projects for photos from your phone and videos. They don't have to be current. If you can send them to me, I would appreciate it. Johnrichardford5@gmail.com



New Member Applications

We have received a number of new applications for 2020. These will be passed at our Executive meeting on November 21 and become effective on January 1, 2020. If you have prospective new members who are interested in joining, please make sure I get the applications before Nov 21.

Remember that each application requires a firearms licence number with expiry date and a police check.

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

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

SSA Early Bird Membership Draw

This year, our Early Bird Membership Renewal will have 10 prizes to be drawn at the January 2020 meeting.

Each member who renews for 2020 will get one chance to win a prize.

You can pay with cheque, cash, credit or debit. You are also welcome to call me at 226 664 0960 and pay with your credit card.

Please be aware that your 2019 membership expires on December 31.

A renewal form is included elsewhere in this newsletter. Please fill it out and bring it with you to the meeting.

Please note that the SSA Renewal fees have changed for 2020:

Family \$195.00 Adult \$140.00 Senior \$125.00

Student \$70.00 Junior \$65.00

Spouse can be added to Senior for an additional \$55.00

There are 2020 New Member Applications available in the Clubhouse.



OFAH Conservation Lottery Tickets for Sale

Again, this year, we have Conservation Lottery Tickets for sale. We will have these at each meeting for you to pick up and sell to your friends. The price remains at \$3 per ticket. If you receive a book from OFAH in the mail, feel free to buy it as our club will get the \$9 per book either way. Last year, we generated over \$3000 in revenue for the SSA.

Also, we plan to sell these tickets at Giant Tiger again this year. You should know that the 5th place winner bought his ticket at Giant Tiger in Owen Sound in 2019 and won a boat. We hope to do this for 5 to 6 weeks starting in mid to late January and continuing until the end of the first week in March.

We had a dedicated group of volunteers in 2019. Hopefully we will have even more in 2020. Please call or send me an email if you can help. (226 664 0960 or johnrichardford5@gmail.com)



Bruce Peninsula Invasive Plant Awareness Project

During the Salmon Spectacular, I was approached by Jim Martel of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmens Association about this project that his club has been working on. He mentioned that they wanted to expand the project beyond the Bruce Peninsula but wanted to know what our reaction would be about working in Grey County. After checking with some SSA Executive Members, I told him that we had no problem with this. We even suggested that, perhaps, we could fund 10 of these work stations, complete with signage in Grey County. Basically each of these stations has explanatory signage along the Bruce Trail with a boot scrubber to remove invasive plant seeds.

Your executive felt that this was a worthy conservation project and agreed to provide \$3600.00 for 10 work stations south of Wiarton along the Bruce Trail into Georgian Bluffs. Our club will receive recognition on each of these 10 work stations.

Salmon Spectacular Version 33

Even though I didn't plan to work on a schedule for the Weigh in Station or Computer Operators, this soon; I had a number of volunteers tell me to put them down for the same time next year. Since my memory isn't that good, I had to start. If you haven't contacted me to indicate when you want to work, please give me a call or email as I am working on both schedules now.



Paired Mallards Pond Update

I wanted to provide a brief update on our latest Conservation Project on the Sydenham Conservation Foundation Doug Reid Memorial Conservation property. Recently, we contacted the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Ducks Unlimited about creating a Wildlife Pond on this property. We received permission from the Conservation Authority based on a plan created by DU.

I'm happy to report that the necessary trees have been transplanted, the pond dug and the needed landscaping completed. We plan to plant clover to create wildlife feed on the landscaping.

We owe a big vote of thanks to Wayne Gallagher for working with King Contracting to get this important project done. David McLaughlin, from DU, will inspect the project at a later date.



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