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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING,

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

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}

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 and Derby Committee

All SSA Members:

In order to use the new Sydenhamsportsmen.com website properly, you need to **register a new account** using the **Register Button** on the main page <https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/registration/>. (LINK).

Note that your old account from the previous website, will not work. However, Some of you who have already renewed your 2022 membership online have already done this and thank-you.

If you want to see the private shooting calendar or book a spot on the Hi-Power Range, you need to have a registered account to log in first at <https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/book-a-range-time/>

We recommend that, if you have not already done so, please create an account and of course, you can pay your 2022 membership please do so online; <https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/members/membership-renewal/>

Lastly, please watch this Youtube video using <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTF8YfgknEQ> which will help you with this task of registering.

If you have difficulty, you can contact John Ford at johnrichardford5@gmail.com

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October 2021 Newsletter Submission — J Ford

Greetings to all SSA members. I hope your summer has gone well and that you are in good health.

Congratulations to all the volunteers and anglers who made the 33rd Annual Salmon Spectacular such a success!

I want to bring you up to date on our membership. First, we have increased our membership from 2020 and currently have 717 members. I want to thank all of you for renewing your membership at, for some, a difficult time.

I also want to announce that we are operating an Early Bird Renewal program again for 2022. This will start on October 1, 2021 and will go until the January 2022 meeting. At that time, a draw for the 4 prizes will be made and the winners announced.

Here's how it works: If you renew your membership during that time period, you will be entered into the Early Bird programme.

We have 4 prizes starting with a free membership.

We will have the on line renewal for 2022 available at that time.

As well, this newsletter will have a 2022 Renewal Form as a part which can be mailed in.

The on line new member component for 2021 was ended at the end of August. In the fall, we will activate the on line new member component for 2022 as was previously stated. New people can apply and, if passed, will receive a membership card for 2022 near the end of the year.

The other component of membership is our 2022 fees. Your executive has decided to increase the 2022 fees by \$5.00. So each type of membership has increased by that amount. Another issue has been the paper vs paperless Ontario Out of Doors Magazine. In 2021, all members were given the option of choosing either paperless or paying the \$18.00 for the paper version. Some wished that they had chosen paper and paid the extra. Again, in 2022 we are offering the paperless version at the 2022 rate or the paper version at an additional cost. It is your choice.



This is the student Andrias from Sweden working in the storage building down at the mill dam.

Andreas Ekström (Ph.D)
Department of Biological and
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See pages 5 and 7 for articles.

[As a member of OFAH Zone H, you are receiving this email to let you know about the upcoming Annual General Meeting and Elections scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.](#)

This meeting will be held in-person, following current public health measures, at the Dufferin Northern Peel Anglers & Hunters in Orangeville, which is located at 593343 Blind Line. This meeting will take place in the outdoor pavilion and provides a great opportunity for you to connect with the OFAH at the Zone level and to hear about both local and provincial fish and wildlife issues. You will have the opportunity to get involved as much as you wish in terms of asking questions or you can simply sit back and take it all in.

Additionally, members in good standing will have the opportunity to participate in the election process for the new Zone executive. OFAH Zone H is currently looking for conservation minded individuals to run for the executive positions. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to current Zone Chair, Wayne Forgrave at hillview27@gmail.com before October 1, 2021.

Meeting attendees will be required to complete a screening questionnaire provide contact information, wear a mask, and follow the physical distancing protocols in place. For more information regarding current public health measure, please visit the [Ontario Government](#) and/or the [Wellington-Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit](#).

Thanks Jack Osadzuk



Cowboy Action at SSA - 2021

Another successful season has been enjoyed by all the Cowboy Action shooters as the Twin County Bounty Hunters held their last Cowboy Action Shooting event of the year. Autumn Thunder for 2021 was put to rest this September. Along with regular members we are seeing shooters coming from other Clubs that are as far away as Sudbury, Guelph, Burlington, and Barrie. With colourful stages, interesting scenarios and the great ranges that are provided by the SSA we are hoping to keep them coming back. 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. Watch for dates in the coming months.

Bill Wattie (Curley Bill)



Handgun Range and Training Update

With the fall arriving and the requests for the Orientation Tour becoming fewer as normal for this time of year, requests for this training will be handled on a one on one basis. Also a reminder that there is now an Club Level Safety Course (CLSC) scheduled for October 17, but few have expressed interest in this course and date and is in jeopardy of being postponed. Information on these courses can be found on the SSA website under the "ranges" tab, "Courses and Training offered" subtab.

If you are interested in either a Tour or the CLSC, please contact Dave Fritz at daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com.

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SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2022 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2021 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/21)

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 2021:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$210.00
	Adult	Individual	\$155.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$140.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	\$75.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$70.00
	Property Gate Key		\$5.00
	OFAH Paper Magazine		\$18.00
Check off your selections above			Total

Note to Family Members: If you do not require a paper Ontario Out of Doors magazine, please check here _____

Note: Late renewal fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2022, must pay a late fee of \$25.00. This is added to your renewal fee.

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	

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: _____

We are providing you with an OFAH paperless membership this year. In this difficult financial period, a paperless membership provides a significant savings to the SSA. You will get a membership card emailed to you and can read the OFAH magazine digitally. However, you won't get a paper magazine. If you do not have an email address, you will receive a paper OFAH membership. If you choose to get a paper copy even though you have an email address, the additional cost is \$18.00.

Salmon Egg Collection

We are getting ready to collect salmon eggs from the fish ladder at the Mill Dam in Owen Sound and hopefully by the time of this newsletter will have started. We have a MNRF permit to collect 110,000 eggs which we should get from about 30 ripe female salmon.

This will probably take us three days. Right after we get our eggs some members of the Lake Huron Fishing Club will come to the mill dam to get their allocation of eggs and they will be followed by members of the Sarnia Bluewater Anglers Club.

There was an early run of the salmon which then backed off. The heavy rains of September 22 have brought them back however the rain also caused the Sydenham River to rise to record levels. The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has had to make almost daily adjustments to the dam and has said that they have never had to deal with this heavy a flow before.

While the increased current attracts the fish to come up river the female salmon does not have the same stamina as the male and sometimes has to wait for the water level and current to subside to make it through the fish ladder. This is probably why we tend to see more male than females in our first collections.

The fall migration or the spawning salmon jumping at the Mill Dam is a really big daily attraction for tourists and the local community so our collection activities also attract a lot of attention, Club exposure and questions. Mother Nature has decided that the salmon that spawn will die after spawning so when we extract the eggs or sperm from the selected salmon we dispatch them on site. However these fish are not wasted or end up on the BBQ's of our volunteers. We give these fish to some people in our area whose family dietary needs rely mainly on fresh or canned fish. We like to think it is a win, win situation.

This year there are four students from Carleton University, Ottawa, that have already started to do a study on the Salmon at the Mill Dam. Their time here will probably continue past all of our collections.

Attached is some information about their study. Some scientific jargon but still interesting. I have to say that I am impressed with their diligence. They are there every day rain or shine, have managed to make an impressive work space in small quarters and work until it gets dark.

If you have any interest in what's going on drop down to the mill dam. If you have any interest in helping with the egg collection or want to check if and when we are going to be collecting or to help at or see our club hatchery contact me at home 519-376-7368 or cell 226-668-6430. (Chris Geberdt would say good luck with that !)

Email is mbprevosts@hotmail.com

I realize that some people have reached out to us to help before and have not been contacted. I apologize for that. Do not give up on us.

Mike Prevost



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Luis Ricardo Hernandez Martinez was troll fishing with Capt. Bobby Sullivan of Icebreaker Charters on Lake Michigan near Ludington early Saturday morning, Aug. 7, when he caught a Chinook salmon weighing in at 47.86 pounds and measuring 47.5 inches.

Truth in humor

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies.

Groucho Marx



We have not yet determined if a coffee break is for stimulation, relaxation or just plain loafing!

Fall shooting sports update from the Committee Co-Chairs

It has been great to see the shooting activities pick up towards the end of the summer and early fall this year - and October still offers many shooting opportunities before winter sets in.

Whether you are interested in Pistol or Shotgun sports, or still need to take a Club Level Safety Course to access the ranges - there are events in October. A reminder that all shooting sports activities are listed on the Event Calendar on the SSA website. We are using this calendar more and more as a tool for posting range information and registration for shooting events - including notifying members when ranges are closed for rentals or for maintenance activities.

In early summer we hosted a Shotgun RSO course, a requirement to act as a Range Safety Officer on the trap or skeet field. 10 individuals completed the training and have stepped up to help open the trap and skeet ranges on our normal bi-weekly shooting times. Thank you guys!

We intend to offer another RSO course next spring.

In August we had our official range inspection by the Chief Firearms Office representative, our ranges continue to meet or exceed all the requirements for us to hold a range licence. Thank you to the volunteers who helped prepare for this inspection and who continue to repair and maintain our 7 range facilities in top condition.

In September Inter-club trapshooting finished up with the Grey Bruce Open event hosted by the SSA.

We had 40 trap shooters each shoot 100 birds throughout the day and many scores in the 80's were posted.

For the year end results we as a club won the trophy for highest collective score in handicap shooting - great job SSA shooters. We came close to beating the North Grey Bruce club in the 16 yard event - they have been holding this title for a number of years - I know we can do it next year if we get all our shooters out on a regular basis.

In September the club successfully hosted both a Club Level Safety Course AND a Club Level Holster Course.

The Autumn Thunder event also took place under beautiful late summer weather.

Congratulations to Dave MacKinnon - Dave recently achieved his NSSA Level 1 Coaching Certification!

If you want sound advice to learn or improve on your shotgun skills on the skeet field reach out to Dave - he plans to offer opportunities for one on one coaching in the near future.

For October shooting events:

There are two chances left to shoot sporting clays, including the year end LOAD 3 event. For this fun LOAD 3 event - three targets are presented in a fashion that you must use an autoloader OR pump shotgun in order to shoot at all three targets. If you have not before - get out and Try It.

On October 16th it will be our 3rd "annual" Fall 150 Bird Event. For this event each shooter experiences two full rounds of trap, skeet, and 50 birds of Sporting Clays variety. Its a fun way to Shoot all the clay target sports and have a chance at some prize money.

Chuck Cannon continues to offer his PRS Handgun Proficiency Training sessions at the handgun range in October and is working towards offering a handgun qualification shoot (to Canadian Forces Ann 1976 standards) in November. These training sessions offer tremendous value if you want to increase your proficiency with your Handgun.

AGAIN - For all these events and the regular Trap/Skeet/Crippled Clays opportunities go to the Event Calendar on the SSA website.

Volunteering

Range maintenance, grass cutting, club level courses, RSO duties on all the ranges - etc - are ALL DONE BY VOLUNTEERS. Thank you to the growing group of new volunteers this year who have stepped up to cut grass, members can shoot more often. Thank you to the members that continue to do these same activities after many years of already carrying the torch for so long. We will be looking for people to do snow removal, and some carpentry/concrete projects on the ranges in the near future.

We always welcome new volunteers - even if you are a new member. It is our goal to get the workload shared around - and its a good way to meet new people. Come out and get involved!

Gate Reminder

Please close and lock the gate behind you when you are the last person off the ranges. We continue to find the gates open with all the ranges un-occupied. Even if you are unsure - close and lock the gate. Any member on the range now will have the ability to re-open it and let themselves out.

Jay & Jeff

SALMON reproduction

Reproduction constitutes a crucial life-history event for salmonid fish. In some species, reproductive fitness is dependent on a once-in-a-lifetime migration to their spawning grounds. En-route mortality is common during normal conditions, but recent climatic warming exacerbates mortality, raising conservation concerns as salmonids hold great ecological, social and economic value.

This project will explore whether the increased mortality and failure to spawn is related to limitations in the physiological capacity of salmonids, and their capacity to cope with the challenging physical and environmental conditions faced during their migration. The migratory capacity of salmonids is determined by their metabolic capacity, which in turn depends on the heart's capacity to supply the body with oxygenated blood (i.e. cardiorespiratory capacity). The heart relies on its own oxygen supply, which is partly delivered by the coronary circulation, which improves cardiac function and swimming performance in fish. In salmonids, however, the perfusion of the heart via the coronary circulation is likely impaired by the fact that most salmonids suffer from arteriosclerotic lesions in the main coronary artery (coronary arteriosclerosis, similar to myocardial infarction in humans, albeit non-lethal), which narrows the lumen of the coronary artery and thus impedes coronary blood flow.

This condition is exacerbated during exposure to stress, e.g., during the spawning migration, yet, it is to date unknown whether this condition may be linked to a failure of salmonids to reach their spawning ground during the migration. By using state-of-the-art physiological bio-telemetrical animal tracking techniques, and by blocking the blood flow via the coronary artery, we will explore the relationship between cardiorespiratory and migratory capacity, and the importance of the coronary circulation for these traits, in chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) during their spawning migration.

Fish are captured at the Mill Dam fishway and are subjected to a surgical procedure during which the coronary artery will either be blocked by tying a thread around it (coronary ligation) or left intact (sham control). A PIT tag is then inserted into the abdominal cavity, to allow for tracking the fish using receivers in the river, and a spaghetti tag is placed around the dorsal ridge to allow for visual detection. The fish is then immediately released upon full recovery.

Tracking receivers are placed at strategic positions along the migratory route which allows for a detailed assessment of the migratory progress and migratory duration (swim speed, time taken to travel between receivers) of individual fish. The effects of an obstructed coronary blood supply to the heart on individual life-time fitness, will be assessed by evaluating whether the fish arrived at their respective spawning grounds, and how long it took them to get there. As laboratory-based findings demonstrate that the coronaries play a crucial role in determining the upper thermal tolerance limits in salmonids, the thermal conditions of the migratory route chosen by the fish will be characterized.

This will provide important clues into whether the thermal conditions of the river (continuously recorded at different locations using deployed temperature loggers) influences the probability of survival and migratory capacity of the fish.

This novel experimental approach will aid to reveal the physiological basis underlying the susceptibility of salmonids to warming river conditions during migration.

The acquired data can also be used to deal with ecological and fish conservation issues in a warmer future.

Submitted by Mike Prevost

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
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Derby 2021 - a few memories

SSA Fall 150 Shoot - 2021



Saturday October 16th

Morning flights for Trap & Skeet will be at 10:00, 10:45, and 11:30 by pre-squadding only
Sporting Clays range open for shooting at 10:00.

\$42.00 includes \$5 towards purse for 1st/2nd/3rd HOA.

For Questions & Pre-squadding contact Jay Murdoch

jayrmurdoch@hotmail.com 519-270-5296.

Program Notes:

- Optional \$5 Lewis for EACH discipline of Trap/Skeet/Sporting clays. Up to 19 shooters – 2 classes. 20 or more shooters - 3 classes
- All prize monies split 50/30/20. Ties settled by skeet format shoot offs
- Rain or Shine. Sporting clays and afternoon trap & skeet shooting will be walk on times only
- Ammunition available for purchase
- BBQ lunch available for \$5

