

First thing on the agenda....can everyone who receives this PLEASE hit Reply and just send back "ok" or "got it" to me please? Just so I know I have an active email for you and that you are receiving & reading these emails. I would greatly appreciate it.

So....on to what's been going on at the club lately.....

The Board of Directors had a planning meeting in early March and laid out a 5 year plan of where we would like to see the club progressing to. These projects include but are not limited to; building a new, wheelchair accessible porch on the clubhouse, bringing water back to the clubhouse, enclosing the cover on the 50 yd range & bringing heat & hydro to it, replacing the roof on the 50 yd range cover, upgrading the electrical in the clubhouse, fully automating the sporting clays course, indoor washrooms with a waste containment system, inspecting the base & roof of the clubhouse and making any repairs needed, a heating system for the clubhouse, exterior cladding of the clubhouse, enlarging the parking lot, planting trees on the berm by the road, installing a key card access system at the gate, replacing some fencing around the gate area, building a picnic shelter area, starting an archery group and restarting the youth group, along with some small rebuild and repair items.

For year one (2010), barring any unforeseen emergency expenses, the board has budgeted for the following projects (in no particular order)

- wheel chair ramp / deck
- roof on the 50 yd range - completed
- close in 50 yd range
- provide heat and hydro to the 50 yd range
- inspect base and roof of clubhouse
- purchase more clay machines
- electrical upgrade to club house
- start archery group
- restart youth group

We need volunteers to start up the archery & youth groups. If you're a "bow guy" and would like to see a set up at the club to be able to practice archery, please contact Dave Gorman. He's looking to get everyone interested together to form a committee to get this off the ground. Also, if you're interested in helping out with the youth program, please call Caron and let her know. We'd like to have a committee of 5 or 6 members that can get a schedule set up that we can advertise & post as we have a lot of interest from young people both in & out of the club looking for somewhere

to learn safety & shooting. The club has the .22 rifles and we have the range, we just need some members dedicated to getting it off the ground and running it.

The above was talked about at the AGM in March, where we have 54 members attend to find out what's been going on at the club & to hear Tony Bernardo from CSSA/CILA speak about current goings on in the government & the country of many aspect of our shooting sports.

At the Annual General Meeting, Rod Lawrence reviewed for the members a painless program to raise money for the Lambton Sportsman Club. By ordering shopping cards through the club for groceries, gasoline, restaurants, department and electronics stores (purchases that you are making already anyway), the club receives an average of 3% from all sales. If just 30 members of the club were to embrace this idea and make \$1000 in purchases per month, that would generate about \$900/month in revenue or \$8400 per year. There are a lot of projects that we'd like to do in the coming year with a price tag estimated at \$15-\$20,000 per year for the next 5 years. This is a wonderful way to raise much needed funds to enable these projects to proceed without raising membership fees. Since it's in your best interest to help us to raise the funds so painlessly, we're hoping that you will support the club by participating in this program.

"Okay", you say, "How do I do this?"

Two ways: either ordering through Rod or Irene or (preferably), log in to www.shopandsupport.ca and join as a supporter. This function will be available "soon". By doing this, you can place your own orders and make payment either by EMT (Electronic Money Transfer) or on-line banking, using the club's account number (100575565) during the "add payee" function of your on-line banking.

Until on-line ordering is available, place an order by calling Rod at 519-383-7297 or email him at horizons@cogeco.ca or Irene at 519-864-1465 or email her at injardine@ebtech.net

Cheques are to be made out to the Club so no money passes through our hands.

There are plans to hold a fund-raising marathon at the Open House Day when lots of people will be there. Make sure you bring your cheque book or extra cash for that so you can order as many cards as you want. Delivery is usually within 2 weeks. Booklets about this program were left in the club-house and you can always ask Rod or Irene for help on getting started.

Also, at the AGM, it was brought up that some members were interested in having the monthly board meeting minutes available. The board agreed to discuss this at the next board meeting and they did. The board agreed to post the minutes of the monthly board meetings in a binder at the club for anyone that is interested in seeing them. The binder is to remain at the club and it will contain a rolling 4 months of minutes beginning Jan 2010.

There has been another cutback in the hours available to use the indoor range. It is only available Mon - Thurs from 6pm to 9pm. Ron has been speaking to the management of River City regarding this and we will be making some decisions at the May board meeting as to the future of the indoor range. More information will follow when it is available.

We have a "Share the Wealth" Raffle going on. Tickets are available from Pat Alexander, Irene Jardine, Ken Ball or Ken Fowler. Please do your part & sell a couple of books, the benefits to the club will be huge and the more tickets we sell, the larger the prizes! The proceeds are going to "accessibility projects" at the club. If you need phone numbers or contact information for tickets, call or email Caron and she'll get you the info.

We are still looking for help for the grass cutting committee. If you can help out please call Steve Straub @ 892-3855, he'll show you how to use the tractor and keep it running right.

Everything is coming together for the Open House on June 26, 2010. We do need a lot of help for that day. Elsie or Shirley or Caron will be calling very soon to line up volunteers. Please help out to make this a huge success for OUR club.

Everyone should have their CSSA membership cards by now. If you haven't received your card, or if there is any problem, please contact Caron & she'll get it corrected.

If you're looking for some jobs to do around the club either because you'd like to get your volunteer hours in this way or because you're bored and your wife wants you to get out of the house or you're just a really great member & want to do some work, please call Caron or within the next few days, there will be a "Jobs To Do" section on the bulletin board that you can work from.

Russ McPhee still has some ATT's that haven't been picked up from last June. His # is 542-4644. Please call him and arrange to pick it up. Also, when you receive your new PAL, YOU need to call Russ & let him know so he can get your new ATT. The club does not receive that information.

Reminders of upcoming events.....

Saturday May 29 - Spring Work Day. Lunch is provided. This counts toward your volunteer hours to receive your \$50 credit.

Sunday May 30 - 3 Bird Shoot at our club. Put on by the Sporting Clays group. Bring out your pump shotgun or your semi auto

**shotgun and have a great time. Lunch will be available & prizes too!!
Sunday June 13 - Annual Spring Steak BBQ & Family Fun Shoot \$15 /
person in advance or \$20 at the door. Call Caron or Ken Ball or Irene
Jardine for tickets.**

Change of address.....Caron is moving May 28/10. The new mailing address for the club will be P.O. Box 1143, 390 Murray St, Corunna, Ont. N0N 1G0. Same phone # 862-2641

If you have any concerns that you'd like addressed, please feel free to bring them to the Board. If you'd like to be on the agenda for a meeting to discuss a concern, bring up an idea or a project etc, please call Caron a couple of weeks ahead of the meeting and ask to be on the agenda. The Board meets the last Tuesday of every month except December.

Now for the "not so great" stuff.....items at the club, belong to the club. They are not for you to take. This includes brooms, dustpans, rakes, wooden stools, cut firewood and clay birds in the field. We understand that the rakes, brooms etc might just be misplaced....but we can't find them. But, when members are seen in the field, stacking up clay birds & putting them in the trunk of their car, it's pretty obvious that they are stealing. We don't like to use that word, but that is what it is. If you see people doing something like this, remember, it is YOUR club. Everything that we have to buy & replace adds to the cost of operating the club. Go over to the person, introduce yourself and ask them why they are taking the wood, or the clay birds, or the rake or whatever. Give them a gentle reminder that these items are not their to take off the property. If you don't feel comfortable doing that, please call any of the Board members and let them know.