



## **‘South Shore Wildlife Association’ 2019 Annual Report**

As I embark on my 22<sup>nd</sup> year as president of this club, I submit the following account of our ventures:

### **Club Activities :**

**Youth Hunting Camp:** For the 7<sup>th</sup> year SSWA once again took part in this event held during the March school break at the Lands and Forestry McGowan Lake facility in Queens County. SSWA received a letter of appreciation from DNR for our help and involvement each year. Once again SSWA covered the costs of three of the twelve registration fees. The lucky attendees had their names drawn at the end of the two day event.

**NSFA&H AGM:** In March, we sponsored three delegates to the Annual Convention in Truro and donated items for the auction table.

**Earth Day:** The various teams of SSWA members collectively spent 73 hours in late April/early May, collecting 116 bags of garbage along 11.5 kms of road side – that’s 23 km of ditches, in 6 communities. A full report was submitted to the Recycling Center administration.

**Fishing Derbies:** A great day on April 28<sup>th</sup>, despite being a bit cool, when almost 2 dozen young people plus several Bigs and parents from Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Mahone Bay Beavers/Cubs spent the morning attempting to land brook trout from the MARC ponds in Dayspring. All of the kids fishing caught at least one trout, with a total of well over 40 fish landed, cleaned and bagged for the young folks. SSWA received a “Thank You” certificate from BB/BS, and also a letter of thanks from the Maitland Beavers & Cubs who very much appreciate being included in this favorite outing for all.

Then, on a perfect day on May 07<sup>th</sup>, dozens of excited challenged adults from three support groups - CSSG, the Ark, and SCLO - enjoyed excellent weather and the best fishing we have ever had for these groups. Splitting the sessions between morning and afternoon, the more than 40 clients, and several staff members that fished, all caught trout. There was hooting and hollering all day as over 100 fish were landed throughout the day. Activities ran from 9:00 am until after 4:00 pm. This event is so popular that the clients immediately start talking about ‘next year’s outing’ as soon as this one ends.

**South Shore Expo:** For a second year SSWA took part in assisting at the Federation’s booth in May, helping to sell raffle tickets and sign up new members. This 3 day weekend event held at the Queen’s Emera Center in Liverpool hosts a large attendance and is good exposure for the Federation and our club. A total of eight members took turns helping to work the tables for that weekend.

**Michelln Health and Safety Fair:** The crowd was almost double that of last year, and 90% of the people who stopped at our tables were mainly interested in ticks and Lyme disease information. Other items of interest were also picked up from our booth, but Lyme Disease was the focal point. A lot of interest was shown in our samples of actual black legged ticks in various stages. Sarah Kucharski, Communication Officer for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, again helped at our booth and gave extra insight on the local tick situation.

### **Fund Raising and Donations:**

- In June we hosted yet another successful annual giant flea market, netting us over \$1100 in 4 hours.
- Other sources of income include membership fees, 50/50 draws at each meeting, Trout Tech fishing rod raffles, the Honda Cottage Package raffle tickets, and our annual year end Lobster Raffle draw.
- For our donation list this year, in addition to the DNR Youth Camp sponsorships, SSWA donated \$200 to Community Service Support Group, \$100 to the CSSA, \$100 to the Upper Clyde Social Club in memory of departed member Ruby Bower, \$50 to the Italy Cross/Middlewood Fire Dept., and \$500 to the Lunenburg Lyme Conference for Lyme Disease which was attended by over 500 concerned residents. Our club was advertaised as one of the supporting sponsors.

### **Guest Speakers:**

**July:** Angela Taylor and Kirk Symonds from Region 6 Waste Facility Management gave us an update on the war against littering in our areas, including information on their new anti-littering campaign involving extensive advertising, bold new roadside anti-littering signage, trail cameras to capture littering offenders in the act, and actual charges that were laid for both littering and illegal dumping.

Our association continues to meet monthly eleven times a year, and meeting minutes are still distributed to all members either electronically or by Canada Post, to keep them informed of their club's activities. Membership at year end sat at 135.

On a sad note, SSWA lost our two most senior members in the second half of this year. May they rest in peace.

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