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FEBRUARY 2026

The Clubhouse

Lincoln Park Road,
in the township of Georgian
Bluffs, or {082535 Side Road 6},
or {217567 Concession 3 Side
road, behind Gord Maher Centre}

The February Monthly meeting of the SSA will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 7:30 pm at our clubhouse. This will be our Annual Nibble Night which was postponed in December due to inclement weather. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Clubhouse Bookings

Contact
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
Home 519-794-3456
Cell 226-668-6031
ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com

I certainly hope you are all staying warm and safe with the winter weather that has played havoc on all of us this past several weeks!! The February meeting will be our Nibble Night that was put off of the regular December meeting due to weather. I hope to see many of you out to enjoy the dishes of fellow members and, as always, Ken will have the bar open for refreshments for those who choose. I and my partner, Craig Geberdt, have delivered all of the salmon hatchlings to local schools in our region including Alexandria, East Ridge, St. Mary's, Notre Dame and Tara to have the students in various grades raise and care for them, to be released in the Spring. This doubled this year from last year and I thank Craig for his support in assisting me. For those hard water anglers, I wish you luck and be sure to be safe in your endeavours. Always be sure and check with locals on ice conditions and let someone know your plans to ensure that you return safely and with a great bounty to share with family and friends. I would like to extend my condolences to the Clement family on the passing of Brian who was a long time member and huge supporter of all the SSA activities and functions, I took over Earth Day from Brian many years ago and with his guidance and knowledge assisted me in keeping this long standing tradition ongoing. Stay safe and warm out there and enjoy your time outdoors.

Get In Touch

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Find us at sydenhamsportsmen.com
and the following social platforms



In Memoriam

Unfortunately, long time member Brian Clements passed away in January. Brian will be missed by many veteran members. He served on the Executive and was the local Boat Draw Ticket Sales coordinator for a number of years. We send out our condolences to Brian's wife and family.

R I P Brian

Over 75 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

First Vice President:
Chris Geberdt

Second Vice President:
Mike Thompson

Past President: Mike Prevost

Recording Secretary:
Peggy Millar

Treasurer:
Dimitrious Geberdt

Directors:
John Ford, Dave McKinnon,
Peggy Millar, Joe Gray, Trevor
Dollmaier, Craig Geberdt,
and Scott Millar, Ken Miersch,
Mike Thompson, Fely Clarke,
Scott Stewart, Marc Lefebvre

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



Got Questions? Contact
John@sydenhamsportsmen.com

Early Bird Membership Draw Winners

Liam Barrett---free year's membership for 2027
Dave Perry---Electric Drill set
Walt Edworthy---Trail Camera
Bill Elgie---Range Finder
Stan Walter---Bag Chair

Congratulations to these winners

SSA Youth Conservation Organizing Meeting---J Ford

A number of members have indicated an interest in improving our Youth program. To that end, Joe Gray and I have organized a meeting on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse, please come with your ideas for Youth Conservation activities.

Everyone is welcome!! There are no bad ideas!!

In the event of bad weather, an alternative date would be Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.

SSA Membership Renewal---J Ford

As many of you know, your 2025 membership expired on December 31, 2025. Fortunately, many of you have renewed for 2026 already, so thank you to you. However many have not. Please send in your renewal, either by our website, the paper renewal posted as part of this newsletter or by calling me, John Ford, at 226-664-0960 and renewing with your credit card. Only 2026 members can use our facilities. Until you renew, your OFAH insurance may not be active.

Membership Chair Absent

Unfortunately, I will miss the Nibble Night on February. I will be in Oakville getting my nose attended to. While I am looking forward to getting this problem fixed as I have had it since July, what is important is that I will not be available to renew members on that night. You are welcome to contact me before and renew. Again number is 226-664-0960 If you want to contact me by email, my address is johnrichardford5@gmail.com



SSA Gate Keys

Your current gate key with the Blue key spotter on it will work until March 31, 2026. On April 1 all locks will be changed and you will need a key with a red key spotter on it to access all gates on the SSA Property. We will make these keys available at our March meeting, at the Warming Shack and also at Watsons Guns and Tackle in Owen Sound. The cost is \$5.00 with the return of last year's key and \$6 without.

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range News

The Volunteers are doing our best to keep the ranges open during the winter season. Please do your part and help with cleaning snow away from the entrances and walkways when you see snow buildup.

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range Operation Manual

The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range Operation Manual is in the process of being revised.

Some of the changes are as follows:

- The primary purpose of the Range Committee has been added. Requirement for all long guns to have full butt stocks and be aimed from the shoulder. We have had target structure damage from tactical style long guns not being aimed appropriately. This has resulted projectiles not going where they are anticipated causing damage to target structure and backstop structures. This causes extra work and materials for the volunteers that maintain the ranges. User donation of \$2.00 for all members using the Handgun, .22 cal. Rimfire, 100 Yard and both Archery Ranges everyday they use the range. The required Guest Donation of \$5.00 for those ranges still apply.
- The use of Red/Green Auxiliary Flags at the Handgun and 22 Cal. Rimfire Range has been added. We hope to have the revised document posted in the near future.

Shotgun Events

Trap and Skeet events are still running. We are doing our best to keep the "All Events Calendar" up to date on the status of the events. With the change in the weather that occurs this time of year, if you are unsure whether an event is going to occur, please contact the identified RSO for the event, before you leave for the range.

On behalf of the Range Committee, please practice safe shooting and we hope see everyone in 2026.

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2026 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2025 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/25)

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*** unless we already have it. NOTE: There are no refunds!!**
 If you have a rural address, Canada Post requires your fire number and road as well as your rural route.

Membership Fees for 2026:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	See accompanying form	
	Adult	Includes basic OFAH Membership	\$175.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over includes basic OFAH Membership	\$160.00
	Paper Out of Doors Mag		\$20.00
	Youth	Under age 18 (no magazine)	\$107.00
	Property Gate Key	The key cost is \$5.00 if you return last year's key. Otherwise it is \$6.00	\$5.00 or \$6.00
	Late Fee	After April 1, you must pay a \$25.00 late fee to be added to your Renewal	\$25.00
Check off your selections above		Total	

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2026 must pay a late fee of \$25.00. This is added on to your renewal fee.
 Please use the additional sheet at the end for family memberships and pricing.

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS (Include City/Town): _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Please Update your Email Address)

FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY _____

To keep membership fees reasonable, please help with the General Maintenance of your Club Facilities. Contact any Chair or Executive Member

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)	Shooting Sports Committee
Retired		

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: _____

SSA/OFAH Family Renewal Membership Fees for 2025 Renewals for 2026

Please note that both SSA and OFAH fees are compulsory. This form must accompany the Renewal Form

Adult Family SSA Fee	\$193.00
OFAH Primary Member	\$50.00
OFAH Spouse	\$25.00
Children under age 13 (names and ages below)	free
Children 13-17 (names and ages below)	\$5.00 each
<u>TOTAL FEES</u>	

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Senior Citizen Family SSA Fee	\$178.00
OFAH Primary Member	\$50.00
OFAH Spouse	\$25.00
Children under age 13 (names and ages below)	free
Children 13-17 (names and ages below)	\$5.00 each
<u>TOTAL FEES</u>	