

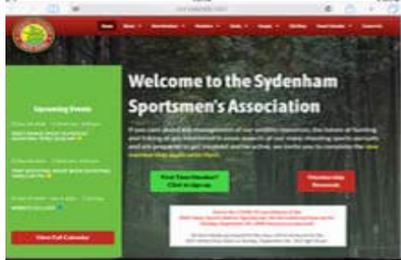


THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN’S ASSOCIATION,
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APRIL 2023



The April club meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6 at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm. The Guest Speaker will be Executive Member Joe Gray who will be speaking about pistol marksmanship in the Shooting Sports.

President’s Report

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}

**I am not a Criminal,
 I am a Gun Owner,
 and I do not deserve to be
 criminalized for that.**



Hello all and welcome to April. It is nice to have more sun these days with only better weather to follow. As always those who enjoy the great stream fishing that we have in our area streams and rivers, these will once again open the fourth Saturday in April. Get out there and try you luck! We will have our Annual Earth Day clean up on Saturday, April, 22 nd from noon till 3 pm with a BBQ & refreshments to follow. We will be located in the City of Owen Sound parking lot south of the Farmer’s Market along the Sydenham river. This is a great opportunity for students to get some volunteer hours as well as help clean up our local area. If anyone wants further information you can call me @ 519-375-1925. We partner with the City of Owen Sound and Miller Waste for this event and gloves & bags are provided for those participating. If you can’t attend you can do your part by cleaning up around your residence and I encourage all to do what they can to help keep our great community looking the best it can be.

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

Scott Grimoldby



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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



Got Questions? Contact
John@sydenhamsportsmen.com

In Memoriam

On February 21, our friend Wayne Gallagher, who recently received a SSA Life Membership lost his last battle with Cancer.

Wayne is well known around the SSA Property as he was our Property Manager for a number of years. He enjoyed working with Bob Hunt and Len Knutson at the Gord Maher workshop around the corner from the club. Wayne was part of the construction of bird feeders, Bluebird Nesting Boxes, Wood duck nesting boxes, bee boxes and the list goes on. When the Wildlife Advisory Committee helped to construct 2 ponds on Sydenham Conservation Foundation properties, Wayne was an active participant.

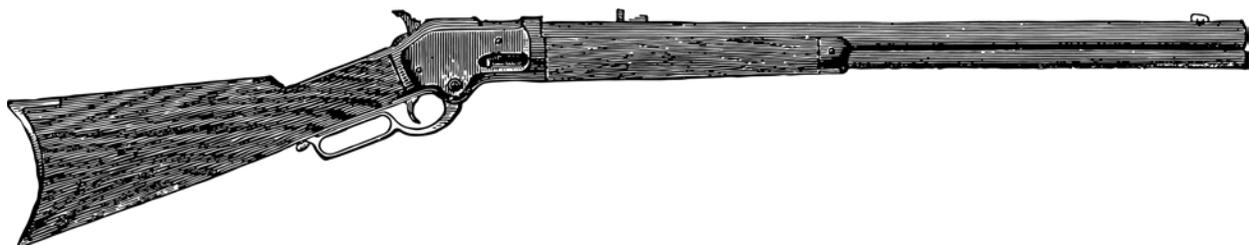
Previously, when trees were planted, Wayne was actively involved. When anyone needed something built, Wayne was the agent. I'm sure you join me in offering our sincere condolences to Wayne's wife Linda and all their children.

Somewhere Wayne is organizing a build. RIP my Friend!



Boat Draw Ticket Sales are Ramping up

Al Smith is asking for your help in selling Boat Draw Tickets again in 2023. Please contact him at 519-387-9666 or allanswoodworks4@gmail.com Your help is much appreciated.





Bluebird Nesting Box Maintenance

Since April is just around the corner, members who have Bluebird Runs are reminded to check your boxes and removed the mouse nests from 2022.

Youth Expo is being organized for 2023

We've happy to announce that the Youth Expo from prepandemic is back. Nancy Griffin, from Saugeen Valley is the co-ordinator. Again the SSA property will be the site and the date is 'Saturday, June 10. The Wildlife Committee would like to organize a Robin Rooster construction activity for the youth. Bob Hunt has informed me that he has all the parts ready to do this. What we need are 6 volunteers to make this a success. If you are interested, would you please call or email me, John Ford, 226-664-0960 or johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Gate Keys

Current gate keys are now available at **Watsons Tackle House in Owen Sound** and at Club meetings. The gate locks change on April 1. You need a key with an orange key spotter on it to open the lock.

Please remember that because of the key spotter, you must push the key in all the way before trying to turn it. Remember the locks change on April 1.





Fellow shooters,

Dean Herzberg will be at Sydenham again this year for skeet clinics. This years dates are May 12-14th. If you are interested in this event contact him direct, all info is provided in the flyer. This will be the sixth year he has come here, so come out and improve your game! His program has helped many at the club, our own Dave MacKinnon is the 2022 12ga provincial champion! Mike Thompson.



Private Skeet Shooting Instruction

Friday May 12 2023 (5am - 6pm)

Saturday May 13 2023 (8am - 6pm)

Sunday May 14 2023 (if needed) 1pm- 6pm



Sydenham Sportsmen Association

Owen Sound, ONT

With Dean Herzberg

Level II NSSA Instructor

Pilla Pro Staff

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New or Inexperienced Shooters:

Learn sound fundamentals from a tried, tested and proven system for learning Skeet Shooting. Bad habits, whether mechanical, fundamental or mental, can cause you hundreds if not thousands of lost targets every year. Stack the odds in your favour by playing the game the right way. Let's break some old bad habits and build some new good ones!

Experienced and/or Competitive Shooters (2 to 3A Class):

No one is perfect out on the skeet field. Everyone has goals we need to improve on and finding those areas will help you take the next step in your game. When Dean works with competitive or experienced shooters, it is not about breaking you down to the beginning. Rather, finding the bigger problems and making small adjustments to increase the probability of the next target breaking. Dean works on all areas with experienced shooters, mechanics, mental game, advanced use of the eye for fast target acquisition and breaking targets in the right place. And of course DOUBLES.

Gain valuable insight from 5 x King of All America (Triple Sub), 8x Canadian Skeet Champion, 7x Ontario Skeet Champion, NSSA Level III and Zone 3 Instructor, Dean Herzberg.

His passion for skeet shooting and enthusiasm for helping skeet shooters improve, rubs off on all of his students. He can find the weak spots in your game and help craft a plan to help you achieve your skeet shooting goals.

Cost: \$125/ hour
Minimum 2 hour sessions for shooters that Dean has not worked with before.

Contact Dean to reserve your time slot or if you have any questions

sureshotcoaching_32@parad.com

613-096-6416



Keady Gun Show

KEADY ROD AND GUN SHOW

Saturday, May 6th 2023

Keady Arena 116931 Grey Road 3



BUY - SELL - TRADE

8:00am – 1:00PM Snack Bar Available

\$5.00 admission Accompanied Kids Under 12 FREE

VENDOR TABLES \$25 Table Set-up 6:00am - 8:00am

Please Contact: Moe Baird 519-500-2494

All Canadian Gun Laws Apply



Fish Hatchery

Spring had officially arrived and the developing fish in our hatchery seem to sense it, becoming more active.

Our Chinook Salmon, that hatched last November, are averaging about one and a quarter inches and will have to be moved soon from their incubation area to larger round tanks to make room for our anticipated rainbow egg collection that happened last year around April 15 th .

The salmon will stay there until the end of May/early June when they will be stocked out.

Our collection of Rainbow eggs is more of a “pick Up” thanks to the cooperative arrangement and work of the Lake Huron Fishing Club that literally collects our allocation of eggs at the end of their collection. Fortunately there is a strong run of spring rainbows at Denny’s Dam in Southampton and the Lake Huron club has a slick operation and experienced volunteers.

Our Rainbows that hatched last May are averaging around three inches but some are up to an impressive 6 inches. We will need to stock out these fish by the end of April.

Presently, this year, we have been able to have our rainbow trout fin clipped. This process of removing the Dorsal fin has been contracted out to John Bittorf, a club member, who has done this work for us in past years. We are very lucky that we can utilize his experience.

In past years both the salmon and rainbows have been fin clipped. Fin clipping allows us to see how successful our stocking program can be to the local fishery. Any clipped fish handled at the mill dam during our salmon egg collection or brought into the weigh station of our Salmon Derby are recorded. An angler can tell if his or her caught fish is a hatchery raised fish.

All of this would not be possible without the proper provincial licenses. We need to thank the Midhurst District and Owen Sound MNRF and local MOE offices for their assistance and expertise.

So with moving fish, incubating eggs and stocking out two species things get very busy at the hatchery for our volunteers. If you would like to help please contact me, Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager at mbprevost@hotmail.com





AWARD

Dave MacKinnon one of our Sydenham Sportsmen's members in a photo displaying the trophy he won in Oshawa on July 22-24. He placed in the 12 gauge skeet event. He also won it with a 99 out of 100 birds. He also won the Knotty Pine 200 12ga event with a 199 out of 200. At the Canadians, he ended up 3rd in 28ga. He was shooting a 99 out of 100 with a shoot off to determine a three-way tie for 2nd place. Congratulation Dave you make us all proud!





Shooting Sports Committee and Range update

Nice weather for shooting is just around the corner – here's an update on dates of events that are coming in April and early May. All of this information (and more details including times and contact information for organizers) are available on the **SSA Website All events Calendar**:
<https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/calendar/>

April 07 th (Good Friday) the SSA is hosting the first of two ATA trap shoots this year:
<https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/events/ata-trap-shooting-at-the-ssa/>

April 29 th is the first Interclub Trap shoot in the series of 9 Trap shooting events we share with our friends from the North Grey Bruce Rod & Gun Club and the Blue Ridge Sportmens' Club. This first event is at the North Grey Bruce clubs range. Interclub trap is a really great place to socialize with fellow shooters AND learn more about trap shooting.

In an effort to give people a chance to learn trap shooting AND practice some of those more difficult shots we will be hosting two "practice only" trap shooting sessions before interclub trap shooting gets started in April. Have you ever wanted to practice those hard right or hard left targets, or just practice from station 1 or station 5? These practice sessions are for you if you do.

The "Practice only" trap shooting sessions will be Wednesday April 5 th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm, and Tuesday April 25 th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm anyone is welcome to come and practice on the main trap field. This is perfect for those wanting to get ready for interclub trap as well!
 For those of you waiting for Sporting Clays – mark your calendars for May 07 th and May 22 nd . We need help preparing the stations and setting up to shoot sporting clays this year – please reach out if you can help on a few afternoons.

Registration for Sporting Clays at the SSA will be online only for 2023 – we have made improvements to our website this year and we are confident that the online registration will go smoothly.
 In the last club newsletter we reported that Chuck Cannon will be hosting a spring and fall cycle of his handgun proficiency training courses at the SSA. These courses are fully sold out, but there are still opportunities to shoot with and learn from Chuck coming in June!

First – Chuck will be the key note speaker at the SSA May general meeting – with the topic on how training to shoot is good for ones physical AND mental health.
 Second - On Saturday June 03 rd Chuck will host a training and practice event for the annual Cabin Fever Challenge on the SSA 100 yard range. This event challenges a shooter to shoot 4 inch targets at 50 yards from all four shooting positions – Standing, prone, sitting, and kneeling. With any .22 long range chambered rifle. More details will be posted on the SSA website soon, with morning and afternoon sessions available for registration on the SSA website soon.

Check out the following YouTube video for an introduction to the Cabin Fever Challenge:





Shooting Sports Committee and Range update (cont.)

Did you know shotgun ammunition is available for purchase at the SSA? We now have inventory of 20 gauge as well as 12 gauge ammunition in all of the shot sizes you need for the clay target sports we shoot at the SSA.

New in 2023 – the SSA Youth Shooting Incentive Program. The SSA executive and range committee are very excited to announce that in 2023 we will be helping subsidize the costs for youth (18 years and under) to participate in the shotgun sports at the SSA. This program is a financial incentive only – all existing range rules and safety procedures remain unchanged – and youth will pay HALF PRICE for targets and ammunition when they shoot trap or skeet at the SSA, and only \$15.00 for sporting clays targets plus half price on the ammunition they use for sporting clays.

The club does want to expand this program to other shooting and conservation activities in the future – we need volunteers for this. If you have an idea, please bring it forward and get involved. The SSA Youth Shooting Incentive Program is subject to a few more conditions (yes-we have to cover our butts.) But it really is simple – when your youth is ready to safely learn to use a shotgun OR is already shooting one – we are making it more affordable for you to bring them out shooting. If you have any questions reach out to Dave MacKinnon or Jay Murdoch. All details will be posted on the website soon.

CLUB LEVEL SAFETY COURSES – we have welcomed lots of new members in early 2023 to our club – and many have already taken their Orientation Tour and one or both of the Safety courses required before using the 100 yard range or handgun range. If you still want to take one of these courses, reach out to Trevor Dollmaier, John Stockmann, or Jay Murdoch.

We do often get asked – how do we decide when a club safety course will be offered? When there is enough interest (as a general rule at least 6 members request a course) we ask the club member volunteers who facilitate these courses to put a date together when they can help. These courses are 100% run by volunteers – if you are waiting for a course, please be patient. If you can HELP with any of these club courses - please get involved!

The Sydenham Sportsmen Team promoting the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular, Selling Boat Draw Tickets and Derby Ticket at the Toronto Sportsmen Show.

Thank you to everyone that Help. Hats off to everyone who purchased their tickets at the show.

