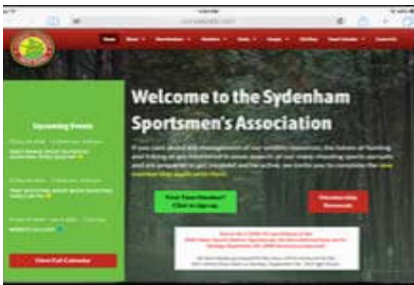




# THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

**APRIL 2024**



**The monthly SSA Club meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. All members and guests are welcome to attend.**

The Guest Speaker for this meeting is Executive Member Joe Gray. He will speak about the Junior Program that, we hope, will start in June.

## President's Report Scott Grimoldby

### 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}

Hello to all.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Conservation Dinner Committee for putting on another successful and sold out event. I wasn't able to attend but I assure you that all who were able enjoyed a great meal, some great social activities and to those who won prizes my Congratulations.

### Clubhouse Bookings

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

Thanks to all who attended and supported the Club in this fine event. I would like to invite all of you to come out on Saturday, April, 20th for our Annual Earth Day cleanup. We will be meeting along the East side of the Sydenham River along 1st Avenue East in Parking Lot #8. This event helps promote the Club's stewardship and Conservation efforts by cleaning up garbage, debris, etc. in the downtown core along the river, the Mill Dam and any other areas anyone willing to travel to of interest to them. The event will run from noon till around 3 pm. There will be light snacks and refreshments provided for those participating, as well garbage bags and gloves will be provided. Don't forget that this month the local rivers and streams open for trout season and if you are new to the area we have a great fishery in and around the Club in both the Sydenham & Pottawatomi Rivers. As always get out there and enjoy our fabulous trails, parks, conservation areas that we are so lucky to have in our own backyard. Stay safe and be well.

**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:**  
Allan Smith

**Treasurer:**  
Dimitrious Geberdt

**Directors:**  
John Ford, Jay Murdoch,  
Dave McKinnon, Chuck Cannon,  
Peggy Millar, Joe Gray,  
Trevor Dollmaier,  
Craig Geberdt, and Scott  
Millar, Ken Miersch, Mike  
Thompson, Gord Fraser

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



Got Questions? Contact  
[John@sydenhamsportsmen.com](mailto:John@sydenhamsportsmen.com)

## SSA Membership

We are happy to report that our current membership has surpassed the total from 2023; currently 657. If you know of 2023 members who have not renewed, please don't hesitate to remind them. Those people received a nonrenewal notice, either by letter or email recently. We ask that you use the windshield sticker on your vehicle which identifies you as a 2024 member.

## Gate Keys

We will be changing the locks on all of the gates and lock boxes on the property on April 1. From that date on, you will need a green key to unlock the gates. These are available at Watsons Tackle and Guns on 14th St West as well as at the Warming Shack on the club property. We will also have keys at our meetings.

## Fisheries Report---M Prevost

Our Rainbow trout, averaging 2.5 inches and our Chinook Salmon, averaging 1.25 inches are coming along fine and eating their way through our feed. John Bittorf is clipping the adipose fin on the rainbow trout and should soon have this job, a requirement of our MNRF Aquaculture license done soon. The next step we are getting ready for is the collection of our allocation of Rainbow eggs from this year's spawning run at Denny's Dam on the Saugeen River through the cooperative efforts of the volunteers of the Lake Huron Fishing Club. With these past early spring like conditions there have been reports of seeing a lot of rainbows swimming up the spawning channels below Inglis Falls and the Lake Huron crews have already been checking rainbows at Denny's Dam but have not seen any ripe females yet.

## Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager

Our newly wired small Hatchery is empty now but getting ready for the collection of this year's allocation of rainbow eggs. The troughs hold the individual egg incubation trays and sit over and drain into the larger tanks that the hatched fry will be dropped down into when big enough.





## Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

While promoting the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular and the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association at the Ottawa Boat and Fishing Show. We had a visit from a group of students taking a class on trade shows and Outdoors environmental studies from Algonquin College. Several of the students and teacher were very familiar with our event that is held in Owen Sound Friday August 23 to Sunday September 1, 2024.

*The picture of the Boat Draw is of myself, Chris Geberdt, the teacher and all students in the booth at the Ottawa Show.*



## KEADY ROD AND GUN SHOW

KEADY ARENA 116931 GREY ROAD 3

SATURDAY MAY 4TH, 2024

**8:00AM - 1:00PM Snack Bar Available**

**\$5.00 Admission Accompanied Children Under 12 Free**

**VENDOR TABLES \$25 TABLE SET UP TIME 6AM - 7:30AM**

**CONTACT: MOE BAIRD 519-500-2494**

**ALL CANADIAN FIREARMS LAWS APPLY**



## Club Teeshirts Available

Mike Thompson has arranged to have some teeshirts available at our meeting. Contact him for more information, his email is [bigmikey1@hotmail.com](mailto:bigmikey1@hotmail.com).





## Shooting Sports Report---Jay Murdoch

The All Events Calendar for the upcoming summer is pretty much set now – look online to see when and on what ranges everything is happening. If you have ever wanted to try Trap, skeet, sporting clays, cowboy action shooting, we want to remind you that everyone is welcome even if you have no experience. You can also find the contact information for the event co-ordinators on the calendar if you have any questions on how to participate.

### Upcoming Events To Note:

#### **Saturday March 30th - Easter Weekend Turkey Shoot**

Come out for fun shooting challenges, coffee snacks and prizes.

#### **Saturday April 6th - Skeet Referee Clinic**

At the SSA Clubhouse and Skeet Range

#### **Sunday May 5th - First Sporting Clays Date of 2024**

#### **Saturday June 1st - Youth Expo day at the SSA**

All ranges will be closed to members that day for youth to participate in activities like Archery, .22 rifle target shooting, geocaching, aquatic critter dip, fishing challenges, wildlife identification, etc.

We are still looking for 5 more volunteers on youth expo day to supervise a youth shooter with a .22 rifle one on one. Everything is provided, we just need your time and energy.

*Reach out to Trevor Dollmaier if you can help on this day. Lunch provided.*

# Youth Activity Event



**Sunday, June 30th 10:00 am**

**Tree Identification in the morning.**

**Free burgers & hot dogs at noon.**

**1:00 pm .22 rifle shooting.**

*Ages 10-15 years of age.*

*Youth SSA members, prospective members & guests.*

**Interested youth need to register.**

**Each registrant needs to bring an adult mentor.**

Any SSA member who can help with the .22 rifle instruction please contact Joe Gray at 519-364-1058 or John Ford at 226-664-0960 or [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com) for more information. *Come out and have fun and learn.*

