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**OFAH**

**DECEMBER 2025**

### 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 general meeting of the SSA will occur on Thursday, December 4 at our clubhouse. This is our Annual Nibble Night when we bring food to share with other members in attendance. Usually there are prizes for the winning dishes. Due to these festivities, there will not be a guest speaker.**

### President's Report Scott Grimoldby

I hope all of you big game hunters had a safe and successful hunt. As you are aware, the December General Meeting will be our Annual Nibble Night. This night in the past has really brought out some skilled chefs and some tasty dishes. As always, we will have the bar open by donation for you to enjoy. As foul weather nears, always be safe in your travels and if need be, just sit indoors, tune in to your favourite channel and let it pass. Also we will be having our 2nd round of nominations at our December meeting, followed by the final nominations and elections at our January meeting. As the year will come to a close soon, enjoy your Holiday Season with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all back, safely in the New Year.

### Clubhouse Bookings

#### Contact

Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)  
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### Get In Touch

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Find us at [sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://sydenhamsportsmen.com)  
and the following social platforms



### 2026 Membership Renewal Reminder

Our Early Bird Membership window ends on December 31, 2025. All those of you who have renewed will have a chance to win one of four prizes to be drawn at our January meeting. You can renew by using the form included in this newsletter, by renewing on our website or by calling me, John Ford, at 226-664-0960 and using your credit card as well as in person at our December 4 meeting.

**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, Jay Murdoch,  
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](mailto:John@sydenhamsportsmen.com)

## **SSA Wildlife Advisory Committee -J Ford**

We still have some Bluebird Nesting Box runs that need to be maintained.

If you are interested, please contact me, John Ford  
[johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com) or call 226-664-0960

## **SSA Family Renewals**

Recently, I discovered that those of you who have renewed as a family, are entitled to receive a paper copy of the Ontario out of Doors magazine. I am in the process of correcting this now. I will keep you updated.

## **Gate Keys**

The current gate key, which has a blue key spotter on it, will work until March 31, 2026. We will make the new keys available in March at the usual places. I.e. Watsons Guns and Tackle, club meetings and the Warming Shack.

## **SSA Youth Conservation Program---J Ford**

We have attempted to restore our youth program over the last 2 years with differing degrees of success. Joe Gray and I want to involve more youth as well as parent mentors in 2026. We plan to have a meeting on a Tuesday night in February to do some brainstorming and planning for 2026. We will put this in the February Newsletter as well as send out an email blast. We hope to see lots of people who have ideas and are willing to participate.



## Shooting Sports Report---T Dollmaier

### Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range News

With winter getting ready to appear once again, work is underway to get the ranges ready for the winter season.

Sporting Clays is now done for 2025 and the equipment has been put away.

We are hoping to keep the Handgun, 22 Calibre Rimfire, 100-Yard and Lower Trap/Skeet fields open for the winter.

In order to accomplish this, we are looking for volunteers to assist with moving snow and keep the buildings free of snow buildup that can cause slip and trip hazards.

We are still looking for volunteers to blow snow on the 100 yard and Lower Trap/Skeet Field. If you are interested in learning how to run the Bobcat tractor please let us know and we will make arrangements to have someone help you.

All Trap/Skeet events are sanctioned events and are required to be on the "All Events Calendar". If you are planning on participating in these events, please check the "All Events Calendar" and if the weather is questionable contact the assigned RSO to see if the events have been cancelled or not. We are striving to do our best to keep the calendar updated, but sometimes weather changes rather quick, resulting in the event being cancelled.

Recently we have noticed an increase in spent shell casings not being picked up. Please remember that we are a volunteer organization and everyone is required to police their brass and pick them up. It should not be left to other members to do.

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association is planning a "Cold Finger 22 Cal Shoot" on December 6th starting at 10:00 a.m. please check the "All Events Calendar" for more information.

Looking back over the year, here are some pictures of the Youth Expo Event that occurred in early summer.



### On behalf of the Range Committee:

We Wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.  
Have safe travels if you are travelling and we hope to see everyone in 2026.



# **Frozen Holiday .22 Hunter Shoot**

**Saturday, Dec. 6th 10:00 am**

**Similar to the spring turkey shoot.  
Win \$25 Foodland Gift Certificates.**

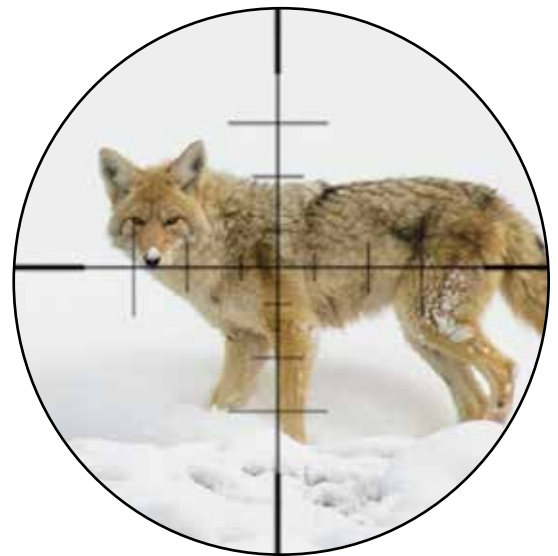
**This .22 shoot is limited to scopes  
adjusted to 10x or less.**

*SSA supplies CCI standard velocity.*

**No high end rifles.**

**No vudoos, anschutz or bergaras.**

- **25 yds 5 shot at 5 matches \$5**
- **50 yds spinner, 3 shots to  
swing the target one turn \$5**
- **75 yds 3 shots to cut  
the wire \$5**
- **100 yds 5 shot to hit  
all 5 targets \$5**



*Hamburgers and Sausages will be available at a small cost.  
We will be shooting in whatever type of weather there is that day.*

# 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		<b>Total</b>	

**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**

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

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