THE
# SPORTSMAN
"Conservation is Our Aim"

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# DECEMBER 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}

### Clubhouse Bookings

Contact
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### Get In Touch

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**Find us at sydenhamsportsmen.com and the following social platforms**

**The SSA December monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 7:30 pm.**

This will be our Annual Nibble Night. Members are invited to bring out their favorite dishes to share. Prizes will be awarded.

Business will be kept to a minimum and there will be no guest speaker. Nominations for the Executive will continue as well.

## President's Report
S Grimoldby

I certainly hope everyone who hunts in the fall had a memorable hunt in both bounty and comradery. Again, our December General Meeting will be our Annual Nibble Night. This night has always been a good turnout in the past and our members have offered up some very fine fare for those attending to sample. Ken Miersch has once again looked after the permit and supplies for the bar. For those interested in having a bit of Christmas cheer with fellow members, please donate generously. We, who live in the area, are aware of how fast the snow and awful weather can close in on us, I hope all of you are prepared and travel safely when you must. Also take note on meeting nights, if the weather is poor for travelling to the Clubhouse we may have to postpone meetings. I will try to send out email reminders early in the day if the executive plan to postpone a meeting. We will be having our 2nd round of nominations at our December meeting so if you are interested, let your name stand. As the holiday season approaches please stay safe and enjoy your time with those closest to you. Enjoy the holiday!

***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

## Membership

Our Early Bird Membership program will continue. Remember, everyone who renews by December 31 will get a chance on 4 prizes to be drawn at our January Meeting. The prizes are a free membership in 2028, a Calcutta cooler, an Express Tackle Bag and a Mini Spotlight Combo kit. The Renewal Form will be printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Gate Locks

We will be removing the locks on the Main Gate and the Top of the Hill gate for the winter as they tend to freeze. Please close the gate as usual.

## Gate Keys

New keys will be available in March 2027 at Watsons Guns and Tackle, the Warming Shack and at meetings. Next year's keys will have a black key spotter on them. Keep in mind that the gate locks change on April 1, 2027.



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## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range News---T Dollmaier

**Orientation Tours**

A reminder that with only a few months remaining for 2026, SSA Orientation Tours will be scheduled starting in January 2027 until June 2027. These tours require individuals to register on-line at the SSA Website "All Events Calendar" and is a requirement for new members to complete before using our ranges on their own.

**Range Status**

The 3D Archery Range is now closed until the spring of 2027. The Upper Trap Field is closed

Sporting Clays are over for 2026 and all of the equipment has been put in storage. With the winter season upon us again, if you are participating in any shotgun events like Trap and Skeet, please check the SSA "All Events Calendar" before you leave to go to the range to ensure the event has not been cancelled due to weather. We are doing our best to keep the calendar current and if you have any questions on whether the event is going occur or not contact the identified RSO for the event that day before you leave.

We are still seeing spent shell casings on the ranges not being picked up by the shooters using the ranges. Please ensure that you pick up all of your spent casings and leave our ranges better than how you found them when done shooting. That includes areas outside of the shooting benches.

As winter season starts to get near SSA is preparing for the snow. Please be careful when driving on the SSA Site, as metal stakes have be placed to mark the area where the organization that is removing the snow is to work. Some of the stakes are at the edge of the road ways and parking lots.

**SSA Range Approval**

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, SSA had a comprehensive Chief Firearms Office (CFO) Inspection to renew the Shooting Range Approval. The good news is that the SSA Ranges have been approved once again and we were able to obtain an additional Sporting Clay location bringing the total number to 14 and the ability to use 12 shooting stations at any given time instead of the current 10 stations. A special thanks goes to the Sporting Clay Range Co-ordinator for getting this completed.

**Attention All Archers**

In 2027 SSA would like to change the configuration of the 3D Archery Range. If you are interested in participating in the changes of the 3D Archery Range - please contact Trevor Dollmaier. We hope to complete the layout and planning in early spring.

**Upcoming Event**




On behalf of the Range Committee, we hope all our SSA Members “Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season” and we hope to see you all again in 2027.

Please practice safe shooting and safe travels.



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## Youth Report

Club Member Len Cox has expressed an interest in operating a monthly Youth Programme for 7 to 17 year olds. He envisions a monthly meeting throughout the week in an evening and some weekend activities. There will probably be a small charge to participate. This will be open to all. If you have an interest, please email Len len.cox58@gmail.com

## Classroom Hatchery Programme

I have included a couple of pictures of our classroom hatchery programme in 5 schools in Grey and Bruce counties

The class was so excited when the salmon arrived today! I've got to be honest - I was so proud of how many students were using some of the vocabulary words that we've been learning (like "alevin", "egg sack", and "fry"). The men from the Sportsman's Association were also asking them questions about the salmon and the students were showing their knowledge! It's going to be so cool to watch these little alevins grow for the next 6 months before we put them into the river in June.






**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**
**From the SSA Executive!**

# S S A Renewal Form for 2027 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2026 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/26)

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 2027: | | Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December). | |
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| | Adult Family | Includes immediate family members under 18 (includes OFAH) | $273.00 |
| | Adult | Includes basic OFAH Membership | $180.00 |
| | Senior Citizen | Age 60 & over includes basic OFAH Membership | $165.00 |
| | 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 |
| | Senior Family | Includes immediate family members under 18 (includes OFAH) | $258.00 |
| | PLEASE NOTE: WE NEED YOUR DATE OF BIRTH AND EMAIL ADDRESS | | |
| | 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, 2027 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: _____

DATE Of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd):_____

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**

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| | 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: _____