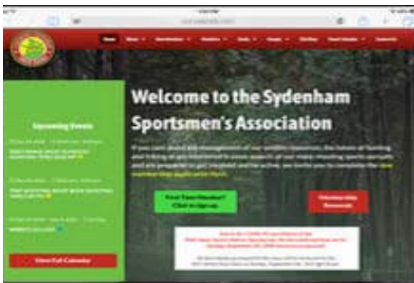




DECEMBER 2024



The December General Meeting of the SSA will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

This is our annual Nibble Night with members preparing favorite dishes and bringing them to be shared.

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}

President's Report **Scott Grimoldby**

Clubhouse Bookings

Contact
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ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com

Hello to all of you and Season's Greetings as we enter the holiday season. I remind all of you that the December General meeting will be our Annual Nibble Night. This is a long standing tradition that allows our members and guests to sample some of one another's cuisine and share some good times. We are having our nominations again at this and the January meeting for the 2025 Executive. I would like to pass along my thanks to all who helped to rejuvenate the SSA's youth program this year. We had numerous events this year lead by knowledgeable and supportive members that educated and mentored a keen group of youngsters. I look forward to what next year can bring and I pass along to all of you a Safe and Enjoyable holiday season. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

Over 75 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

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Chris Geberdt

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Mike Thompson

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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

Volunteers Needed

A very important announcement; Allan Smith is retiring from organizing and selling Boat Draw tickets due to moving to Nova Scotia. The boat Draw ticket sales in the stores is a very important part of the Salmon Spectacular. The volunteer is responsible for getting the table, hats and t-shirts to the store and set-up each day except Sundays. You are responsible for recording the sales for the day and turning over the tickets and money every 2 weeks. You will be responsible for getting volunteers to assist in selling the tickets. (There is a list of last year's volunteers with their phone numbers in the briefcase). If you talk to John Ford, he might be able to help with printing the schedule. Chris Geberdt will move the boat from store to store. Allan will help you up to when he moves to Nova Scotia. You would be selling 2 weeks at each store. (CTC, Princess Auto, Walmart, Home Depot and No Frills)

Fisheries Advisory Committee

Fish Hatchery

We were successful in collecting our allotment of Chinook Salmon eggs, we got 105,000 eggs, from the mill dam with our last collection on the thanksgiving weekend. The Lake Huron Fishing club and the Sarnia Bluewater Anglers were also successful this year in getting their collection. We want to thank the MNRF and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for their help.

This is not an easy task for any of us with timing the salmon run and coordinating manpower. We want to thank all of the volunteers who came out to get the job done. Collecting eggs down at the mill dam is a high profile event for our clubs with a lot of public interest and subsequently support for our programs.

The eggs in the incubation trays have eyed up now, a visible black dot inside the amber egg, indicating that the egg has been fertilized and can be sorted out from the dead white eggs. This also is a necessary but tedious job. Fortunately our mechanical engineer, well kind of, Craig Geberdt, and his apprentice Wyatt resurrected an egg sorting machine used many years ago by his father Fred Geberdt. This turned out to be very helpful just like Fred was.

We have around 95,000 rainbow trout in our small hatchery from eggs collected last May that are doing very well thanks to their daily feedings from our regular volunteers.

Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager mbprevost@hotmail.com



Early Bird Membership Drive and Draw---J Ford

Again at the December meeting, we will be accepting 2025 memberships. All who renew before the January General Meeting will qualify for 3 prizes. We will have our point of sale machine available so that you can pay by credit, debit or any other way that you want.

The renewal form is included on the last page of the newsletter.

Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular---J Ford

I know that it seems like the Derby is a long way away, but time flies. The 37th Annual McDonalds Spectacular will happen on August 22 to August 31. Again, we will need many volunteers to make this mammoth event happen. We are always looking for helpers to work at the booths that we set up along with setting up the event and taking down afterwards. I anticipate needing more computer operators in 2025. If you are interested in helping, contact a co-chair or derby committee member to offer your assistance.

Sydenham Conservation Foundation Photos

We have included 2 photos of a spring fed pond created on the Fred Geberdt-Walker Wetlands Conservation Area in the former Derby Township. This pond was planned and created by the Sydenham Conservation Foundation and Ducks Unlimited and is used by waterfowl and many other critters in that area.





Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Shooting Sports

On November 9th, SSA held a Military Shooting Event on the 100 Yard Range. There was a great turnout and everyone had a great time. I would like to thank Hugh Hunter and Richard Austin for coordinating this event.

Recently, Dave Mackinnon installed a new Heat Pump System in the Warm-up Building. We are planning on trying to maintain a constant 65-degree temperature and reduce the dependency on the propane unit that is there. A big thank-you goes out to Dave and his team for doing all of this work.

As mentioned in the last News Letter the Range Committee is still evolving and we are looking for an individual to fill the Treasurer/Secretary position and another to fill the one of the Range Committee Co-chair positions.

Trap and Skeet Shooting Events need additional Range Safety Officers (RSO) to run future events. If you are interested in running Trap or Skeet Shooting events, please talk with any of the Shotgun Sports RSO that currently run the events, we are looking at running a Shotgun Range Safety Officer Course in the future. There is a sign-up sheet in the Warm-up Building.

The Range Committee working on revising the SSA Range Operations Manual. The goal is to bring the operations manual in alignment with current legal requirements. Please stay tuned for the revised version.

Well, the time has come once again to start preparing for the winter season. At Sydenham Sportsmen's Association the 3D Archery the Upper Trap Field as well as the Sporting Clays Ranges have been put away for the winter and will be back in the spring.

The Handgun Range, 100 Yard Ranges and the Lower Trap/Skeet Fields are still open and available for use.

We hope everyone that is hunting this fall has a great and safe hunting experience.

Practice safe gun handling and Stay Safe.

Trevor Dollmaier - SSA Range Co-chair

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2025 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2024 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/24)

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 2025:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$225.00
	Adult	Individual	\$170.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$155.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time attendance as a student (no magazine)	\$90.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$60.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$85.00
	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
	OFAH Paper Magazine		\$20.00
	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 to All Members: If you want a Paper copy of the Ontario Out of Doors Magazine, you must pay the additional fee.

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2025 must pay a late fee of \$25.00. This is added on to your renewal fee.

Please use reverse side for additional names, ages etc. for family memberships

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: _____