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FEBRUARY 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 February 2025 monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. All members and guests are welcome.

Hi Folks---Chris Geberdt

We have had a change for the General meeting Guest Speaker on Thursday Feb 6, 2025. We have decided to have a Hot Dog and Beer Evening for Thursday Night General Meeting.

Clubhouse Bookings

Contact
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
Home 519-794-3456
Cell 226-668-6031
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President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Welcome to all and welcome to the new 2025 Executive. I would like to thank all for coming out to the general meeting and voting, welcome to new executive members Marc Lefebvre, Fely Clarke and Scott Stewart. Winter has set in upon us and I have heard of some having some luck ice fishing in our local inland lakes. Always remember to check the ice conditions before venturing out as they can change quickly. Once again Chris Geberdt and fellow members will be attending various shows to promote the Salmon Spectacular and the SSA while selling tickets on our Annual Boat draw. This group deserves a big thanks for taking on this and I know Chris is always looking for help for these events. Please take time to enjoy the outdoors and the great hiking trails that our area offers.

Get In Touch

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Sound, Ontario N4K 5P3

Find us at sydenhamsportsmen.com
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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

Congratulations to the Early Bird Membership Draw Winners

At our January general meeting, 4 lucky winners were drawn. Stephen Ciccone won the 2026 year membership in the SSA. Robert Higgins won a trail camera while Charles Vallieres won an electric drill. Ray Hussain won a wet dry vacuum but generously decided to donate it back to the club.

Thanks very much Ray.

SSA and OFAH Memberships

Obviously, many of our members read the Email Blasts that I send out. Within 15 seconds, I was receiving membership renewals. I want to thank all of you who responded so quickly. All of the renewals have been processed and have been mailed. Again thank you.

The new OFAH Membership fee structure is not yet complete, but will probably be ready in early March. Until that time, you can renew with the 2024 OFAH rates. So what I am saying is that if you haven't renewed but plan to, you need to do it asap. You can renew on line or by using the form included in this newsletter or by calling me, John Ford, 226-664-0960 and using your credit card. It looks like the OFAH fee for Seniors and Adults will increase by \$20.00, However this will include a paper Ontario Out of Doors magazine if you choose. The family fee structure is less defined but the Primary Member will pay \$50 while the Spouse will pay an additional fee and children from 13 to 17 will also pay an additional fee. Children from 1 to 12 will be free. This will result in a substantial increase in OFAH costs and will have to be passed on to our members.

As soon as I know more, I will update you.



2024 Range Usage

All the Ranges were used 3292 times in 2024 by 474 members. This review does not include Range Rentals. There were 464 Guest using the ranges as well in 2024.

The breakdown is as follows:

Range	Members	Guest	Waivers	Incomplete
Rimfire	231	39	35	5
High Power	951	115	103	9
Lwr Trap/Skeet	1156	152	63	14
3D/Trap	114	12	5	0
Handgun	573	45	42	8
Static Archery	69	10	4	0
Sport Clays	198	91	56	31
Total	3292	464	308	67

When you look at the 2023 numbers, 384 members used the ranges 2844 times with 292 guests using the ranges.

2024 had an increase of 31.5% in the number of members who used the ranges in 2024, which resulted in a 15.7% increase in range usage by our members and 59% increase in guest usage. On review of the Guest Waivers, it was found that 22% were not completed correctly. When a SSA Members bring Guest to the ranges, the member is responsible to ensure that the Guest Waivers are completed properly.

Shotgun Range Safety Officer Course is in the process of being finalized we hope to run a course in the near future.

Please review the SSA "All Events Calendar" for any upcoming training and shooting events. The Range Committee would like to Thank all those members who volunteer their time to keep the ranges clean and functioning during this snow season.

On behalf of myself and the SSA Range Committee Members we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Trevor Dollmaier – SSA Range Co-Chair



SSA Wildlife Advisory Committee

In the January newsletter we asked for assistance in maintaining some existing bird nesting box runs. Thanks to those who have volunteered. We have 2 runs that still need someone to help with. They are Isaac Lake on the Bruce Peninsula, Ledgerrock road to Hwy 21 west of Jackson and Red Bay Road.

If you can help, please contact me, John Ford johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Some Wildlife Conservation Photos



28th Annual

OFAH / Owen Sound Conservation Dinner & Auction



Hundreds of prizes available to be won!

↓ Raffle prizes ↓ Silent & Live auctions ↓ Door prizes

Sit back and relax with good friends and good food

Proceeds support local conservation work of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association.

**Saturday,
March 8,
2025**

Bayshore Community Centre,
Rutherford Room,
1900 3rd Avenue East

Social Hour 5:30 pm
No Host Cocktails
Dinner 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$65 each

For tickets and info contact: Chris Geberdt (519) 873-0711 or Geoff Ford (519) 373-2411



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Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular Weigh in Stations

In 2025, we will have 2 weigh in stations. The first is the regular station. But the second will be for non-contending fish. This will allow anglers to go through this line and still get a chance on the daily draws. What this means is that we need many more computer operators and weigh in station workers.

If you have an interest, please contact me, John Ford, johnrichardford5@gmail.com or 226-664-0960. Thanks for your help.

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: _____