



THE SPORTSMAN

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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

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and the following social platforms



The SSA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8 at 7:30 at the clubhouse.

At this meeting we will have a new bylaw passed, as well as Annual Elections for the 2026 Executive.

Early Bird Membership Draws

For those who renewed their 2026 membership before January, there will be draws for 5 prizes. Of course, members will be able to renew members at this meeting. 2025 members can renew on line or by using the renewal form printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Welcome to 2026, I certainly hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season, seems odd mentioning that when it isn't even here yet. Due to poor weather conditions we had to cancel our December General meeting which didn't allow for our Annual nibble night. I hope those of you who prepared dishes to bring were able to enjoy them with friends and family. We will be doing our third and last nomination for the 2026 Executive with voting to follow at our January meeting so please plan to attend. We have had some up and down weather to date with lots of snow followed by a bit of a thaw with snow returning. Please stay safe out there and I look forward to seeing all of you out and about and what 2026 will bring.

All the best

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

SSA Wildlife Advisory Committee---J Ford

We are still in need of volunteers to maintain some Bluebird Nesting Runs. If you are interested, please contact me at johnrichardford5@gmail.com or 226-664-0960

Fisheries Report—M Prevost

Fish Hatchery

All our Chinook Salmon eggs have hatched now and when the young fry have absorbed their egg sacs and begin to swim freely we can sprinkle fine feed into the top of the incubation trays just like an aquarium.

The Rainbow trout are growing aggressively and it is interesting to see the size differences in a tank and between tanks.

If you have any interest in becoming involved with the club hatchery please let me know.

Thanks,
Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager mbprevost@hotmail.com



Santa Claus Parade in Owen Sound

Recently, a group of dedicated SSA members braved the deluge of rain to promote the club and hand out candy to the many children lining the route. They towed our trailer that promotes the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular. Cheers to them!!



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

Looking back 2025 was a busy year on the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Ranges and as we move into 2026 we are looking for another great year of Range Activities.

You hear it often that members are required to sign in on every range that they use. This is not only a Legal requirement, but is used to look at where to focus our range resources. Please ensure that you clearly sign the Sign-in sheets everytime you use SSA Ranges including any guest that you bring with you to use them.

Based on the Range Sign-in Sheets for 2025 we found that the SSA Ranges were used a total of 3337 times by 380 Members who used the ranges a total of 2921 times and the ranges had 416 guests.



Range News (continued)

A breakdown of the range usage is as follows:

Handgun Range

- Used Total of 369 times
- 118 members used it 340 times and 29 guests

Rimfire Range

- Used Total of 174 times
- 63 members used it 147 times and 27 guests

100 Yard Range

- Used Total of 944 times
- 170 members used it 860 times and 84 guests

Trap/Skeet Range

- Used Total of 1342 times
- 139 members used it 1209 times and 133 guests

Upper Trap Range

- Used Total of 94 times
- 33 members used it 83 times and 11 guests

Sporting Clays Ranges

- Used Total of 367 times
- 63 members used it 243 times and 124 guests

3D Archery Range

- Used Total of 20 times
- 7 members used it 17 time and 3 guests

Static Archery Range

- Used Total of 27 times
- 9 members used it 22 times and 5 guests

In the next month, we hope to have the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range Operational Manual revisions made. There are a few changes and we hope to have it posted by the February News Letter with a summary of the changes.



Range News (continued)

In late November we found an excessive amount of holes in the Handgun Range Lane 3 Marker. What is concerning is this lane marker was in pristine condition 5 days (during a Range Inspection) before it was found full of holes.

This is not an acceptable shooting practice at SSA. The biggest concern is a projectile leaving any range.

If this practice continues, Sydenham Sportsmen's Association may have no other option but to only allow use of the Handgun Range under the supervision of a Current SSA Handgun Range Safety Officer. Please remember SSA is a Volunteer Organization and this will limit when the range will be available. This is something that we need to avoid, but if we have members that wish to the shoot the range marker numbers, we may not have no other option.



If you find damage to range lane markers please make note of it in the Range Sign-in Sheets under comments or contact a Range Coordinator so the issue can be addressed. Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range has 1 Range approval for all of its ranges and it there is an issue with any range it affects ALL the ranges.

For all future shooting events, please check the "All Events Calendar" on the SSA Website for upcoming events.

Annual General Meeting

In closing, Janaury 8th, 2026 is the next Annual General Meeting where the 2026 Executive positions will be elected. Please show your support by attending and voting.

On behalf of the Range Committee, please practice safe shooting and we hope see everyone in 2026.

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		Total	

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

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

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