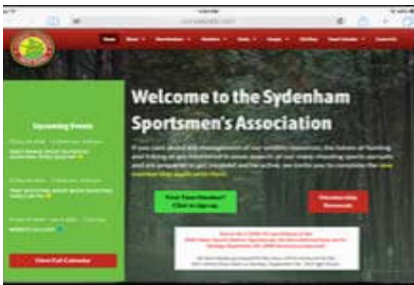




JUNE 2024



The monthly meeting of the SSA will be held on Thursday June 6, 2024 at the Clubhouse. The normal time is 7:30 pm but since this is our Chili Night some will plan to come earlier.

President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Welcome to Summer all. I wish you all a safe and relaxing next couple of months and take advantage of the great beaches, parks and trails that surround us. Our June General meeting will be our Annual Social night of Chili/Soup/Stew cook off by our members. This is a fun evening out so I encourage all members and guests to attend this. Also don't forget our end of summer Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular will once again be bringing us some great entertainment, fish fries, themed event days and oh yeah some great fishing opportunities with a vast array of prizes available to be won. I congratulate all those that one our Annual Awards presented at the last meeting and a big thanks to John Ford, Al Smith and Mike Thompson for looking after this.

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}

Stay Safe out there, especially on the water.

Clubhouse Bookings

Contact
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
Home 519-794-3456
Cell 226-668-6031
ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com

As indicated before we welcome all to our Chili Night and hope that you will make your favorite recipe and bring it to share with other members and guests. Consequently, there will be no guest speaker for this meeting.

We also want to remind you that there are no monthly meetings in July or August.

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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

Selling New Memberships

We want to thank all of you who have sold a membership or acted as a sponsor. Some new members complete the application form but don't submit the Level 1 or Basic Police Check. We can't process the membership until we receive the Police Check. The process would be faster if all the requirements are submitted at the same time.

Awards for 2023

At our May meeting the awards for 2023 were presented. Bill Colborne won fishing awards for Chinook Salmon, Rainbow Trout and Lake Trout. Rob Gunn won the Brown Trout trophy while Don Keeling won the Best Buck award. The Sportsman of the Year recipient was Bill Douglas and the Conservationist of the Year was Mike Prevost. Jeff Caldwell was the first winner of the new Honour Roll award. The Hard Luck awards were John Ford, 1st Place and Jay Murdoch 2nd Place. Ryan Myers- Allen won the high average for Sporting Clays.

Grey Bruce Hospice

I am pleased to announce a new dwelling that has been added to our facility. Outside, opposite Room 7 and the Kid's Playroom you'll notice a "Bat Box" for our friend Barnabas. This was donated by our volunteer Katelyn Avey on behalf of the Sydenham Sportsmen Association. Now we can hopefully keep our flying mammals away from the building but still allowing effective insect control. What do bats have in common with dentures? They both come out in the night! Enjoy the rest of your day!





Fisheries Advisory Committee---M Prevost

Mike is reporting on various fisheries projects

As I suggested in the last newsletter the L.H.F.C and Ontario Steelheaders came through for us at Denny's Dam with a strong collection on April 27th of 70,000 rainbow eggs to complete our allocation of 120,014 eggs which are now eyeing up in their first stage of hatching.

On May 4th a good group of volunteers stocked out around 33,000 year old rainbow trout averaging 4 inches in the Sydenham River down at Harrison Park thanks to the cooperation of the Harrison Park Staff and Ben Miller family.

Our last group of fish in the Hatchery is our Chinook Salmon that will be fin clipped the middle of June and then stocked out the first week of July.

As usual anyone wanting to get involved with the fish hatchery can contact me Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager mbprevost@hotmail.com

Rainbow egg collecton at Denny's Dam Southampton





Stocking Rainbow Trout





Facility Building Left Open

On May 12th, 2024 at approximately 7:30 a.m. it was reported by a local resident walking their dog that the SSA Maintenance Building at the entrance to the facility was left open unlocked and the lights were left on. The person contacted Fairmont Security who investigated and found that there was no one on site or any of the ranges.

A Range Committee Member was contacted and inspected the site. It appears that there was nothing taken, except the Maintenance Building was left open. This building has all types of small valuable equipment in the form of landscaping equipment.

Please ensure that if you are the last person to leave any SSA Buildings that they are secured and locked up before you leave the site and when you leave the site if you see something that does not look right, let someone know. Please remember that all losses of SSA Equipment and Assets come out of our membership dues.

Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

Once again, we have entered the season where all of the vegetation starts to grow once again. To keep our facilities and ranges looking great, we are always looking for volunteers to help with grass cutting, whipper snipping and general ground maintenance.

If you have time available, please help us keep our grounds and surrounding areas neat and tidy. If you require more information please contact Trevor Dollmaier.

Shooting Sports Activities

As our summer progresses, there are many shooting sports activities on the SSA Property. Please go on our website and access the All Events Calendar. This calendar is kept up to date and is your handy reference for shooting activities. Thanks to the members who keep this updated.

Wildlife Advisory Committee---J Ford

I want to thank the dedicated members who work on this committee. We recently decided to work up an area of the Demonstration Wildlife Management Area, just to the west of the club property to create a butterfly area by planting wildflower seeds. This is now completed so we hope for rain.

On Thursday May 23, Chris Geberdt was cutting the grass pathways on the DWMA. As he approached the Gazebo, he saw a Doe with twin fawns. The fawns were cavorting around their mother. When he turned the corner, he also saw a female rabbit with 3 babies. Obviously, this area is achieving what Blake Smith envisaged 30 +years ago.