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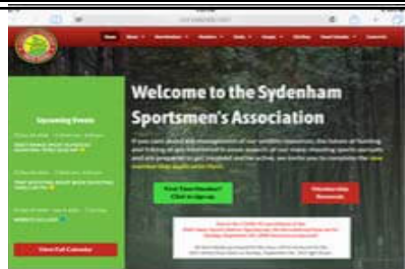
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SSA On Line



Web Site



The June SSA Meeting will be held on June 1, 2023 at 7:30 pm. You are invited to bring any good used items or delicious baked items that you might want to donate to the Annual Auction that night. This is our annual Beer and Hotdog night so there will not be a guest speaker. Come and socialize with your fellow members.

President's Report

THE CLUB HOUSE is: on the
Lincoln Park Road,
in the township of Georgian Bluffs, or
{082535 Side Road 6}, or
{217567 Concession 3 Side road,
behind Gord Maher Centre}

I am not a Criminal,
I am a Gun Owner,
and I do not deserve to be
criminalized for that.



Clubhouse Bookings:

Contact-

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Hello to all, I hope those trout anglers have had some success in our local streams and rivers and have been able to cope with the nasty black flies. We had a fun filled May General meeting with our annual Chili night, thanks to those who prepared and brought their delicious dishes out for us to sample.

This month's General meeting will be our Hot Dog and Auction event so if you have any used but still useful items you think your fellow members may want to purchase bring them out to auction off. There will be some improvement activities beginning soon at the club with new siding installed on the front of the clubhouse. The Hand Gun range will be having a new concrete slab poured and we will be having the roadway, top parking lot and parking lots below repaired. This will include digging out the potholes, repacking with fresh gravel, cleaning up the edges, grading and packing with fresh gravel to make the roadway which is in dire need of repair brought back to the level we can safely drive on. I appreciate all of you to put up with some minimal closures of the facilities so please pay attention to the calendar, as we will post these dates of repairs. Enjoy the outdoors and this summer weather in whatever you adventure into.

Enjoy and Stay Safe
Scott Grimoldby

Over 75 Years Promoting Conservation

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Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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Please inform John Ford
if your address, phone
number, or, email has any
changes!



Got Questions? Contact
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In Memoriam

Unfortunately, we have to inform you that a Past President of the SSA passed away suddenly. Many of you will remember Paul Eden fondly. Paul served as President in the early 1990s. Paul currently lived in the Edmonton area and worked for Defence Construction with the military. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

SSA Fish Hatchery - M Prevost

This past May 10th we were able to stock out 41,000 of our rainbow trout fingerlings that we had raised from eggs collected in April of 2022 so they were very close to a year old. We had these fish adipose fin clipped in February.

These fish averaged 10 cm in length and 15 grams in weight but some of them were close to 17 cm in length. They were nice looking healthy fish. We stocked the rainbows into the Sydenham River in six loads with our mobile fish transfer tank at Harrison Park thanks to the Park Staff and a good group of Club volunteers.



Unfortunately, this year, we were only able to collect 51,000 rainbow trout eggs from Denny's Dam in Southampton which was half of our normal collection which was also an issue for the other club's trying to get their eggs. We want to thank the volunteers of the Lake Huron Fishing club who made every effort possible to try and get our allocation of eggs but Mother Nature was just not on our side this time.

Our next plan is to have our 57,000 Chinook Salmon adipose fin clipped in early June and then stocked out into the Sydenham river at Harrison Park at the end of June, early July.





Hello Military Surplus Rifle Owners

I'd like to find out how much interest there would be in having a Show, Tell and Shoot event in the late summer/early fall. I know there are many Enfields, Ross Rifles, Mausers, Garands etc. out there and many stories to go along with them. For now, let's limit it to a time from 1856 to 1956. If this sounds like something that you'd enjoy doing then contact me by email. Hugh_hunter@icloud.com or by phone 519-534-2179

Thanks
Hugh

Note: Due to the Youth Expo Day on June 10, there will be no shooting on any ranges!!

Range Safety Officer (RSO) versus the member who have successfully completed the 100-Yard Range User Course

There has been a few questions regarding the difference between an SSA RSO and individuals who have successfully completed the 100Yd Range Users Course.

Last year we were given permission from the Chief Firearms Office (CFO) to allow members to use the 100 Yard Range unsupervised from the fixed benches and shooting paper targets only without the requirement for a Range Safety Officer (RSO) to be present. Those individuals had to demonstrate that they can open, close the range, handle emergency situation and safely run the firing line with the flag system SSA uses on the 100 Yard Range. A record of completion is required to be kept for all participants.

The 100 Yard Range User Course is very clear that those who successfully completed the course are **NOT** Range Safety Officers (RSO's) and are allowed only to use the 100-Yard Range unsupervised from the benches and if more than one shooter is shooting, then one of them has to assume the role of Range Officer (RO) as per the Shooting Ranges Regulations. The Range Officer is the individual that oversees the shooting activities at the firing line of a shooting range.

All shooting activities down range of the benches or involve steel shrouded targets are classified as sanctioned events and require a SSA Approved Range Safety Officers Sanction events are clearly defined in the SSA Operations Manual which include Cowboy Action, IDPA, & Precision Rimfire Shooting.

All Sanctioned events at SSA Ranges are required to be placed on the SSA Website Event Calendar with the Event Name and Organizer before the event occurs. Organizers are required to have a discussion with the assigned Range Co-chairs before the event is placed in the calendar to ensure there are no conflicts. All Range Co-chairs contact information is available in the SSA Range Operations Manual and on the SSA Websites.

I hope this helps with understanding the difference between the SSA Range Safety Officer function and those that have completed the 100 Yard Range User Course.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the Range Committee for clarification.

Trevor Dollmaier

SSA Range Co-Chair



100yd Range Precision Rimfire Event

This winter SSA Range Safety Officer Lee Craig ran a series of Precision Rimfire events on the 100-Yard Range. The events include steel targets in the 100-yard Bunkers, and steel plates and swing gates at the 50-yard structure as well as match stick and card slice at the 25-Yard structures.



Steel at 50yds and 100yds



Match Sticks at 25yds and Silhouettes at 100yds



100yd Range Precision Rimfire Event (cont)

The participation was a little slow at the start, but picked up more participants as the events progressed. Lee did a great job with the pre-competition briefing and keeping things interesting with where to shoot and how. He has arranged to have one more event On June 11th and members who would like to participate can just by showing up. This is great time to try your hand at shooting different targets with various sizes and improving your marksmanship. Details of the June 11th event are available on the SSA Website Events Calendar.



Pre-event Briefing





ARCHERY PROGRAM

On the last week of April and the first couple weeks of May the Archery Committee and volunteers worked on getting both the archery ranges in tip top shape. They cleaned up any downfall branches, cleared paths, and put out the 3D targets. They repaired any butts that needed it as well as replacing a couple of older ones.

You will notice on the walk-through range we have 4 new 3D targets compliments of some fine negotiations by Chris Geberdt. This brings the total number on that range to 21. We also have several out on the practice facility for honing your skills and getting ready for the Youths Expo on June 10th.

These ranges are for all members and their guests, so please use them often, enjoy them and follow all the safety protocols as indicated in the SSA Range Manual.

Doug Heighes

Bill Douglas



Update from Jay Murdoch

The Handgun Range will be closed from June 3rd to 13th for construction of a new concrete floor.

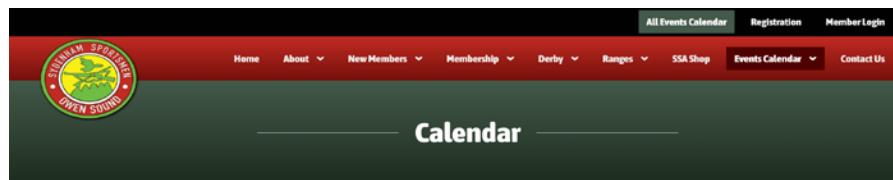
We need help to remove benches, lane dividers, and targets, doors, etc on June 03rd. Excavation of the existing dirt floor will begin on June 4th – we need help from anyone who can assist with a shovel during this week. Please reach out to Jay if you can help.

The cabin Fever challenge hosted by Chuck Cannon will be at the SSA on the 100 yard range on Saturday July 15th. This event is open to ANYONE that wishes to try this fun shooting event, members and non members of the SSA. There will be two sessions – a morning session and an afternoon session. Watch the all events calendar on the SSA website for details.

Sporting Clays will be on June 4rd and 18th – both are Sundays which means a 1:00 pm start time.

Get out and get shooting – all the ranges are open and the good weather is here.

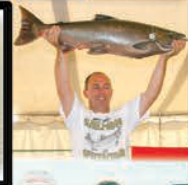
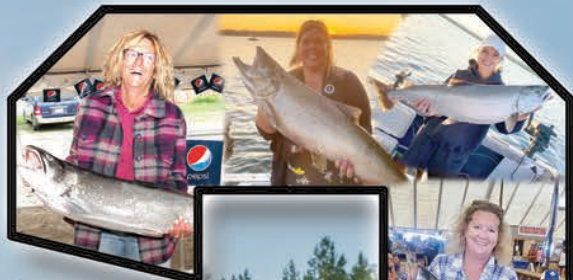
As always – watch the all events calendar for whats happening on the ranges, and if you have any questions don't be afraid to reach out to any of us on the range committee.



SSA Public Events and Range Calendar

APRIL 2023						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 SHEET RANGE CLOSED - NO SHEET TODAY
2 500 YARD RANGE SAFETY COURSE HANDGUN PROFICIENCY TRAINING - SPRING - CYCLE 1 REGISTRATION LINK - HANDGUN PROFICIENCY TRAINING - SPRING - CYCLE 1 TRAP RANGE OPEN BOWFIRE PRECISION SHOOTING	3 HANDGUN RANGE RENTAL 9AM TO 3PM	4	5 TRAP RANGE OPEN TRAPSHOOTING PRACTICE ONLY NOON TO 3 PM	6 SHEET RANGE OPEN	7 ATA TRAP SHOOTING AT THE SSA	8 SHEET RANGE OPEN
9 NO TRAPSHOOTING TODAY	10	11	12 TRAP RANGE OPEN	13 SHEET RANGE OPEN	14	15 SHEET RANGE OPEN
16 HANDGUN PROFICIENCY TRAINING - SPRING - CYCLE 1 TRAP RANGE OPEN BOWFIRE PRECISION SHOOTING	17	18	19 TRAP RANGE OPEN	20 SHEET RANGE OPEN SSA EXECUTIVE MEETING	21	22 SHEET RANGE OPEN EARTH DAY PITCH IN
23 SSA ORIENTATION TOUR TRAP RANGE OPEN	24	25 TRAPSHOOTING PRACTICE ONLY NOON TO 3 PM	26 TRAP RANGE OPEN	27 SHEET RANGE OPEN	28	29 SHEET RANGE OPEN

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