

# THE SPORTSMAN

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## **JUNE 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 June 2025 meeting of the SSA will be held on Thursday, June 5 ,2025 at 7:30 pm in our clubhouse. This is our Nibble Night with Hotdogs and beverages.

#### In Memorium

Unfortunately, we have to report that long time SSA Member Dan Peters recently passed away. Dan was a dedicated handgun shooter and did regular maintenance on the old handgun range.

RIPDan

#### **Clubhouse Bookings**

Contact
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#### **Get In Touch**

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Find us at sydenhamsportsmen.com and the following social platforms









### President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Happy summer to all. The June General meeting will be our last one till the fall. Once again we will be hosting the Youth Expo at the club on Saturday, June 14th so remember all ranges will be not available for use that day. If interested in helping that day please contact myself or any other of the executive as I know we are always looking for assistance. There will also be another couple of club work days at the Property to look after a variety of items in need of attention, these will be on the calendar and I encourage anyone interested to come out and help. I would like to congratulate all those who were presented with the Annual Awards at our May meeting and thanks to John Ford and Mike Thompson for organizing these again. I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer. Get out and enjoy all that our wonderful area offers in whatever adventure you choose.

Be safe and have fun, Scott



#### 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

#### **Report on the 2024 Awards Presentations**

Awards Committee members, John Ford, Chris Geberdt and Mike Thompson presented the awards at our May meeting.

Bill Colborne won 3 fish awards for Chinook Salmon, Lake Trout and Rainbow Trout.

The Youth Educators award was won by Jason Kim.

Craig Geberdt won the Conservationist of the Year while Ken Miersch was the winner of the Sportsman of the Year.

We had 2 recipients for our Honour Roll. They were Chuck Cannon and Al Smith.

Dave MacKinnon won the Hard Luck Award second place while the Hard Luck Award first place winner was Chris Geberdt.

Ryan Myers Allen won the high average for Sporting Clays

#### Congratulations to All!



#### **SSA Youth Program**

If you know of youths 10 to 15 years of age who are interested, they need to have a Waiver Form completed along with the selected activities. We now have the waiver form on line. First go to our website. Then click on the About button. Select the waiver form and print it out. Please send the completed form to John Ford johnrichardford5@gmail.com. Note that the participants are not restricted to youth members.

#### **McDonalds Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular**

We are still needing help working at the Weigh in Station.

The Regular Weigh in Station needs workers for Sunday, August 24 from 2 until 4, Wednesday August 27 from 2 until 4, Thursday August 28 from 2 until 4, Saturday August 30 from 10 until 2 and 2 until 4 and Sunday August 31 from 10 until 12.

The Express Line--- We need 1 worker for all the mornings from 10 until 2. This starts on Friday August 22 until Saturday August 30.

Please contact John Ford at johnrichardford5@gmail.com or 226-664-0960

#### **Presentation of Cheque for Hatchery Programme for hatchery**



Glen F H Worsley from Chef GW Adventures had the pleasure of presenting Chris Geberdt from the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association a cheque for \$15,310 raised from the Go Fund Me and the live auction for the Sydenham Hatchery #3 roof collapse.



The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association wish to thank Kevin Harders from Lures N Lines Fishing Derby for their generous donation of \$7500 to the Fish Hatchery Program. You are a true community supporter. Thank You from the SSA.





#### SSA Installs Used Fishing Line Containers---J Ford

Recently, we put these containers at the Georgian Shores Marina, Rainbow Boat Club as well as the West and East side boat ramps. This program is a partnership between the SSA and Georgian Bay Forever. Anglers are asked to put their used fishing line in these containers rather than discarding it.



#### **Shooting Sports---T Dollmaier**

Well, it looks like summer is just around the corner and the SSA Ranges are starting to look busy. There are lots of activities slated and posted on the SSA "All Events Calendar" on the website.

We are currently looking for volunteers to mow grass and clean up the ranges on a regular basis. All of the mowers have been looked over and are ready to be used.

SSA is once again hosting Youth Events and they are posted on the SSA website.

Grey/Sauble Youth Day is scheduled for June 14th. Please note that All Ranges will be Closed for this youth event.

A Nation Skeet Shooting Association Skeet Event is scheduled at SSA from June 5th to June 7th. Please contact Dave MacKinnon for further details. Please note that the 100-Yard Range will be Closed during the NSSA Event.

Interclub shooting events for all clubs that are participating, have been placed on the SSA "All Events Calander"

Wobble Trap- any member interested in Wobble-Trap on Friday afternoons, please contact Lee Craig for more information.

Please keep an eye on the All Events Calendar for new upcoming events.

We hope everyone has a Safe and Great Summer.

# Property Work Parties

**Property day** will be July 9th from 10 am - 2 pm. We will focus on cleaning out the green shed with a BBQ to follow. If time permits there are some items at the Hilton that can be cleaned out. Scott G to arrange a dumpster for this property day.

Another work party for clean-up, grass cutting etc. will be held on Thursday June 12 from 2-5 pm. A BBQ will follow.

Thanks, Craig Geberdt

#### **SSA Fish Hatchery**

#### Chinook Salmon

At the end of May we had a private contractor fin clip the adipose fin on our Chinook Salmon. This helps us and anglers to identify our hatchery raised fish from the wild stock when we they are caught or handled during the fall egg collection migration or the Salmon Derby.

Past records have shown that 30% to 40% of the salmon caught or handled have been hatchery raised fish

#### **Rainbow Trout**

All of our Rainbow eggs have eyed up which we can see when the eggs have a black dot in them which is the first sign of the development of a fish. These eggs will be cleaned and then picked over daily to remove and count the dead eggs.

If you have any interest in volunteering for assisting at the hatchery please contact me, we can always use the help.

Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager mbprevost@hotmail.com Thanks



# SSA Youth Program

Ages 10-15 years of age.
Youth SSA members, prospective
members & guests.
Interested youth need to register.
Each registrant needs to bring an adult mentor.





Participants must choose 1 morning and 1 afternoon session on the same date. Each activity is limited to 6 participants.

Morning Sessions start at 10:00 am: Lunch at 12:00, afternoon

Sessions start at 1:00 until 3:00 pm

First session: Sunday, June 29. AM Leaf and Tree Ident: PM .22 Shooting

Second session: Sunday, July 13 AM Flyfishing Casting: PM Archery

Third session: Sunday, July 27 AM Robin Rooster Building: PM Shooting

(to be determined)

