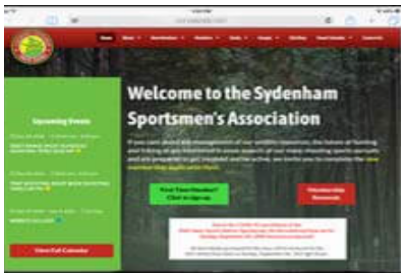




# THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

## MARCH 2024



**Note to all 2023 SSA Non-renewed Members:  
This is the last newsletter that you will receive until  
you renew your 2024 membership.**

The monthly SSA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, starting at 7:30 pm at our clubhouse. The guest speaker for this meeting will be determined at a later date.

### 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}

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

Welcome again to all. It appears that spring is just around the corner and winter has been relatively easy on us. If you are still trying to get some hard water fishing in, please be extra cautious and put safety first as the ice this year is very unpredictable. As mentioned prior, the Youth Program is being resurrected through the leadership of Chuck Cannon. There has been very little interest for the request for members to help lead with training of these participants so the Executive, at our last meeting, came up with a revised program. This will be a reformatted version which will be done in four one day Sundays starting in late June. The program will consist of a Tree/Leaf identification, led by John Ford; this will be a combination of classroom (minimal as required) and practical hands/eyes on training on the club property. The second portion of this will be 22 Caliber Rifle Safety/Proficiency/Marksmanship training lead by highly skilled and responsible club members in this firearms action. This will also be a combination classroom and hands on activity that will take place on the club property. We anticipate this will be a great combination of useful and life skill club sponsored events. We would like participants to be current members or prospective members along with a mentor that as well be a current or prospective club member. More details will follow and Chuck Cannon will be the point of contact to submit your request to participate. The Executive would also like to utilize our Face book page to showcase our upcoming events along with updating our page to include pictures and summaries of our events as the take place. If any of you out there are capable of assisting us to utilize this resource please contact myself or any of the Executive and we can discuss how we can partner on this? As always get out there and enjoy the great resources we have right here in our backyard.

Enjoy and Stay Safe - Scott Grimoldby



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

**President:** Scott Grimoldby

**First Vice President:**  
Chris Geberdt

**Second Vice President:**  
Mike Thompson

**Past President:** Mike Prevost

**Recording Secretary:**  
Allan Smith

**Treasurer:**  
Dimitrious Geberdt

**Directors:**  
John Ford, Jay Murdoch,  
Dave McKinnon, Chuck Cannon,  
Peggy Millar, Joe Gray,  
Trevor Dollmaier,  
Craig Geberdt, and Scott  
Millar, 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](mailto:John@sydenhamsportsmen.com)

## SSA Membership Renewal---J Ford

Thanks to all 581 of you who have renewed your 2024 membership. We have had a few of you who didn't receive your 2024 membership and windshield decal. If this has happened to you, please contact me so that we can rectify this. We are including a renewal form with this newsletter for those who have not renewed. We do need your up to date PAL and current expiry date if you haven't already provided it. This is a requirement of the CFO office but the information is kept confidential.

You can do it on line, at a meeting or by calling me at 226-664-0960 and asking for John.

## Gate Keys

As many of you know, the locks on our property gates will change on April 1. We will have the new keys (green) available at Watsons Tackle and Guns starting in March. As well, the keys will be available at the Warming Shack near the 100 yd. range in March as well at all club meetings. The cost has changed somewhat in 2024. If you have an orange key to return, the cost is \$5 as usual. However, if you don't have an orange key to return, the cost is \$6. For those of you who have already paid, just mark that on the tracking sheet, when you pick up your key.

## Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

Members of the Derby Committee have already been busy with sponsorships and regular meetings. The crew selling Boat Draw tickets has attended the Toronto Boat Show as well as many others.



# SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2024 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2023 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/23)

**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. If you have a rural address, Canada Post requires your fire number and road as well as your rural route.**

Membership Fees for 2024:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$220.00
	Adult	Individual	\$165.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$150.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time attendance as a student (no magazine)	\$85.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$80.00
	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		\$18.00
Check off your selections above		<b>Total</b>	

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, 2024 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: \_\_\_\_\_

"I declare that I have received, read, and understand the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range Operations Manual and will abide by the procedures and rules contained therein. I also understand that the ranges are monitored by a security camera system which is used by the SSA to maintain security and safety on the ranges."





## Shooting Sports: 100 Yard Range News

### Post Ground Hog Day Precision Shoot

On February 4th, there was a Post Ground Hog Day Precision Rimfire Shoot on the 100-yard Range. There was a great turnout and provided an opportunity for all members and their guest to bring out their rimfires once again.

Steel Targets were placed at various locations on the 100-yard Range and tested everyone's marksmanship.

A special thanks goes out to Lee Craig for setting up the event and Richard Austin for helping with the line.

### Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

#### Easter Turkey Shoot



Attention all SSA Shooters and Guests we are planning an Easter Weekend Turkey Shoot on March 30th, from 10:00 am to 2:00pm at the 100-yard range.

We will be shooting in whatever type of weather there is that day so you may need a raincoat, snowshoes, whatever.

Currently the RSO's are planning a 50-yard Paper Target and Steel Target precision 22 cal. open sight event as well as a shotgun event. To ensure a level playing field, firearms and ammunition will be provided for the events. You can always bring your own firearm if you wish to shoot after the event.

Each round will cost \$6.00. Hamburgers and Sausages will be available.

If you have questions, [please contact Trevor Dollmaier.](#)



## Shooting Sports: continued





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### 100-Yard Range Ladies Day.

I have had a few inquiries to if there could be a Women's Day on the 100-yard Range. It has been a long time since SSA has had a Women's Only Range Day. If any female members of the SSA and their guest are interested in having a Ladies Day, where the 100-yard Range will be set up with steel targets for them to come out and practice their marksmanship, please let Trevor Dollmaier know at [dollmaier@bmts.com](mailto:dollmaier@bmts.com).

### 100-Yard Range Users Courses

All SSA members that wish to use the 100-yard Range unsupervised from the shooting benches need to complete the 100-Yard Range Users Course or be a SSA Approved Range Safety Officer. The next two 100-Yard Range Users Courses are currently scheduled for March 17th and 24th. To register go the "All Events Calendar" on our website.

### Patrick (Pat) McKeeman

On February 10th, 2024 the SSA lost an active member and instructor on the 100-Yard Range. Pat McKeeman was the SSA Range Safety Officer that led the practical component of 100-Yard Range Users Course. He passed away on February 10th, 2024. Those that took the course with Pat, will remember him as he had lots of stories and took great pride and joy in co-teaching the course.

He will always be remembered for his knowledge and passion for the shooting sports. Our Deepest Condolences go out to Pat's Family and Friends.

### Welcome to all the new SSA members!

The club orientation tours in January and February had large turnouts – welcome to all the new members who have begun using our range facilities.

Here is a summary of the courses coming up for members new and old who wish to also shoot at the Handgun Range and eventually using their holster to attend shooting events like the Defensive Pistol Action training or Cowboy Action Shooting. Sign up for all these courses on our website. March 10th is a Handgun Range Safety Course – all members must complete this course before using the Handgun Range or taking the Handgun Proficiency Training Course. May 7th is a SSA Holster Safety Course – all members must complete this course before using their holster on any of our ranges.

April 7th is the first date of the spring Handgun Proficiency Training led by instructor Chuck Cannon. As of this writing, there is only one spot left for this spring training series. August 25th is the start of the Fall training series – there are a few spots left (as of this writing) and registration always fills up fast. In order to attend this training you must first complete the Handgun Range Safety Training at our club. By completing all four modules of this training you will also qualify to get your holster certification at our club (instead of taking the specific day of Holster Training). Register while you can!





## Shooting Sports: continued

### Range Notices & Heads Up on a few other important dates

The 25 Yard Rimfire Range and 100 Yard Range will be closed to members the week of April 15th to 18th for a corporate rental.

June 01st the SSA will once again be hosting a Youth Expo day where youth will participate in all kinds of outdoor activities on our range property. We are looking for volunteers to once again supervise youth shooting .22 rifles on our ranges on this day. This is a really fun way to introduce kids to shooting a variety of paper and steel targets – everything is supplied we just need enough shooters for 1 on 1 supervision. Contact Trevor if you can help out on this day.

April 6th the SSA will be hosting a Skeet Referee Clinic – hosted by two of Canada's most experienced skeet referee's. After attending this clinic you will become a National Skeet Shooting Association certified skeet referee, and can officially pull targets and score at our upcoming skeet tournament in June. OR – AT THE VERY LEAST – learn something about the sport of skeet shooting. You do not need to be a great skeet shooter to take this referee clinic, and the cost is free. Contact Jay for more information.

June 7th and 8th the SSA will be hosting our first ever registered skeet tournament. If you have never belonged to the NSSA, this is even easier for you to participate – because first time memberships are free. You must register in advance for this tournament. Contact Dave MacKinnon or Jay for more information.

Interclub Trapshooting with our friends from North Grey Bruce Rod & Gun Club and Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club starts at the SSA this year on April 27th. This is a great way to get together with friends and do some shooting too. We are still looking for volunteers to help Adam run the three days that the SSA hosts these events every summer. You do not need to be an experienced trap shooter to help out!

All the above events and dates are on our website. If you have any questions, comments, or are willing to get involved in looking after our range facilities please reach out to anyone on the range committee. If you like the facilities we have – thank a range committee member. These member volunteers continue to do a lot of work to keep the ranges in great working order. Make sure to thank them when you see them on the Range!



## Executive Call for Volunteers

The executive have identified a need to update the Clubhouse bathrooms. We are looking for a club member - or members - who would be willing to volunteer their time and experience to manage this project for the club.

We also have a need for a club member who is interested in promoting our club through all forms of media. Ideally this club member would have an interest in all facets of the club – the conservation side including the fish hatchery – and the shooting sports side. We want to better as a club to broadcast who we are and what we do to the general public! If you have any interest in this – consider taking on this role for a summer and help us evolve the way we broadcast our activities to the public and help get our message out.

## SSA Youth Program Update---Chuck Cannon

Joe Gray and John Ford have agreed to a youth activity event in June 2024. Incorporating 22 rifle shooting and Tree Identification, they are now seeking expressions of interest from youth members who would like to participate. Joe also needs help from club members who are willing to work with our youth with 22 rifle instruction. The commitment is for 4 Sundays. If you are interested, please call Joe at 519-364-1058. Youth members can express interest via email to Chuck [iccannon45@gmail.com](mailto:iccannon45@gmail.com)

## SSA Tee shirts Available

Club shirts are available with various logos at the general meetings and the range on shotgun range event days.

Sizes are large and x-large at present. Cost per shirt is 40 dollars taxes in. These shirts are available at club meetings and the warming shack. Contact Mike Thompson for further information.



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