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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}

The monthly SSA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. All members and guests are welcome.

The Guest Speakers will be Chris Geberdt, John Ford and possibly Tom Carrick to speak about the various components of the McDonalds Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular for 2025

Clubhouse Bookings

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

President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Good tidings to all,

I certainly hope the harsh winter is soon to end and we can see some warmer and sunnier weather coming our way? This does bring some great winter sporting events that many of you enjoy, from Ice fishing to Rabbit hunting. As always stay safe when out on the hard water and ensure if you are in unfamiliar waters, contact local experts on conditions before venturing out. Once again I would like to thank the Conservation Dinner Committee for their efforts in organizing what I know will be another sold out great evening. If you are planning on going for the first time you will be in for a great evening of prizes, auctions and of course a great meal. Wherever this finds you, please enjoy the great outdoors for what they have to offer.

Get In Touch

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Find us at sydenhamsportsmen.com and the following social platforms



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Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

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Chris Geberdt

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Mike Thompson

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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

Membership Report---J Ford

This is the last newsletter that 2024 members will receive.

A number of 2024 members have not yet renewed. Keep in mind that if you renew your membership after April 1, you are subject to a \$25.00 late fee in addition to your regular fees. If you choose not to renew for 2025, you will have to join as a new member with a sponsor and police check in future. Again, you can renew on line, on paper with the paper form or by calling me, John Ford 226-664-0960 and paying with your credit card. If you have decided not to renew, would you please send me an email so that I can remove you from the list.

My email address is johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Property Gate Keys

We plan to have gate keys available at Watsons Guns and Tackle in Owen Sound by March 1, 2025. As well, we will have keys at our Club Meetings. If you have a previous key to return, the cost is \$5.00. However, if you do not have a previous key, the cost is \$6.00. The key spotter colour for 2025 is blue. On April 1, we change the locks on all clubhouse gates etc. It goes without saying that only 2025 members can use club facilities or receive a gate key.

McDonalds Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular---J Ford

As I indicated last month, we are planning to have two weigh in stations in 2025. The one will be the regular line as usual. The other will be an express line.

In this line, no fish will be weighed and no receipt issued, but the gill plate will be clipped. However, the other information will be collected and the angler will get a chance on the daily draws. Due to the extra

work involved, we will need a number of extra volunteers. Specifically we need computer operators on the Express Line each evening from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

We will provide training for new volunteers. This includes more computer operators and weigh in station workers. We also need workers in the Express Line each morning from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. and a few from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm

If you can help us out, please email me at johnrichardford5@gmail.com or call at 226-664-0960



SSA Range News

The SSA Shooting Range Committee has new members.

- **Lee Craig** has accepted the position as Range Co-chair.
- **Peggy Millar** has accepted the position of looking after the receivables/payables related to the shooting sports as well as some of the secretary functions.
- **Dean Burleigh** has joined the Range Committee.
- **Marc Lefebvre** accepted the Range Committee position looking after the Archery Ranges.

Please welcome them all to their new positions in the Shooting Sports.

The lower Trap/Skeet Field, Handgun Range, 22 Cal Rimfire and the 100-yard High Power Range are being kept clear of snow and available for shooting. All members who use these ranges need to ensure we keep the entrance and walkways to the ranges clear of snow. Remember we depend on Volunteers to remove snow and know they all are trying their best.

With the unusual weather that we have this year, please double check the SSA "All Events Calendar" prior to leaving home to go to the ranges to ensure the scheduled Trap/Skeet events are still running. We are trying our best to keep the calendar current to the weather conditions.

Recently the adverse weather has caused cancellation of some SSA Events. One of importance to all new Members, is the SSA Orientation Tours. This Tour is a requirement before any new member can use the Archery or 22 Cal Rimfire Range on their own or to attend any of the club level safety courses. Due to those cancellations, Josh Rodgers has agreed to run 2 tours in March. Please check the SSA "All Events Calendar" for exact dates and times. Please remember that when a member brings a guest to shoot at the ranges there is a requirement for a \$5.00 donation. For regular trap/skeet events guests will be charged \$5.00 per round above member prices and guests will be limited in their purchase of club ammunition to the amount that they would use during their shoot that day. Guest will not be allowed to buy flats of ammunition.

It is getting near that time again when Easter is around the corner. SSA is planning on running another Turkey Event on April 12th, 2025. The team is currently working on the details of this year's event. Please keep an eye on the "All events Calendar" and social media for more details.

Did you know, that snow is a natural sound absorber that creates a tranquil shooting environment. If you have the chance to shoot during this time of year, get out and take the opportunity to enjoy the Winter Wonderland of the ranges.

On behalf of the Range Committee Members shoot safe and safe travels.
Trevor Dollmaier, SSA Range Co-Chair



2025 Youth Programme Activity Planning

Last year, we started a Youth Programme which was successful. In 2025, we hope to expand this. A number of members have expressed an interest in being involved. Joe Gray and John Ford want to invite you to a planning meeting early this spring at the club house. We anticipate that this meeting will be in March. If you are interested, please call Joe Gray at 519-364-1058 or John Ford at 226-664-0960

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission

Many of you who attend or work at the McDonalds Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular will be aware of the Fishery Commission with their booth (complete with lampreys) under the big tent.

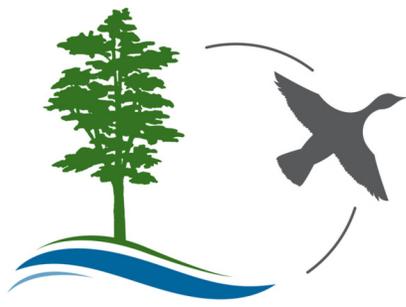
About THE FISH THIEF:

“THE FISH THIEF: A Great Lakes Mystery,” produced by SkyhoundMedia, is a captivating documentary that delves into the battle to protect the Great Lakes from invasive species. Narrated by Oscar-winner J.K. Simmons, the film brings together breathtaking visuals and expert insights to reveal the ecological stakes of preserving the world’s largest freshwater ecosystem. SkyhoundMedia, dedicated to creating impactful documentaries on nature and culture, offers a unique environmental perspective affecting millions.

About Great Lakes Fishery Commission:

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is an international organization established by the United States and Canada through the 1954 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries. The commission has the responsibility to support fisheries research, control the invasive sea lamprey in the Great Lakes, and facilitate the implementation of A Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries, a provincial, state, and Indigenous fisheries management agreement.

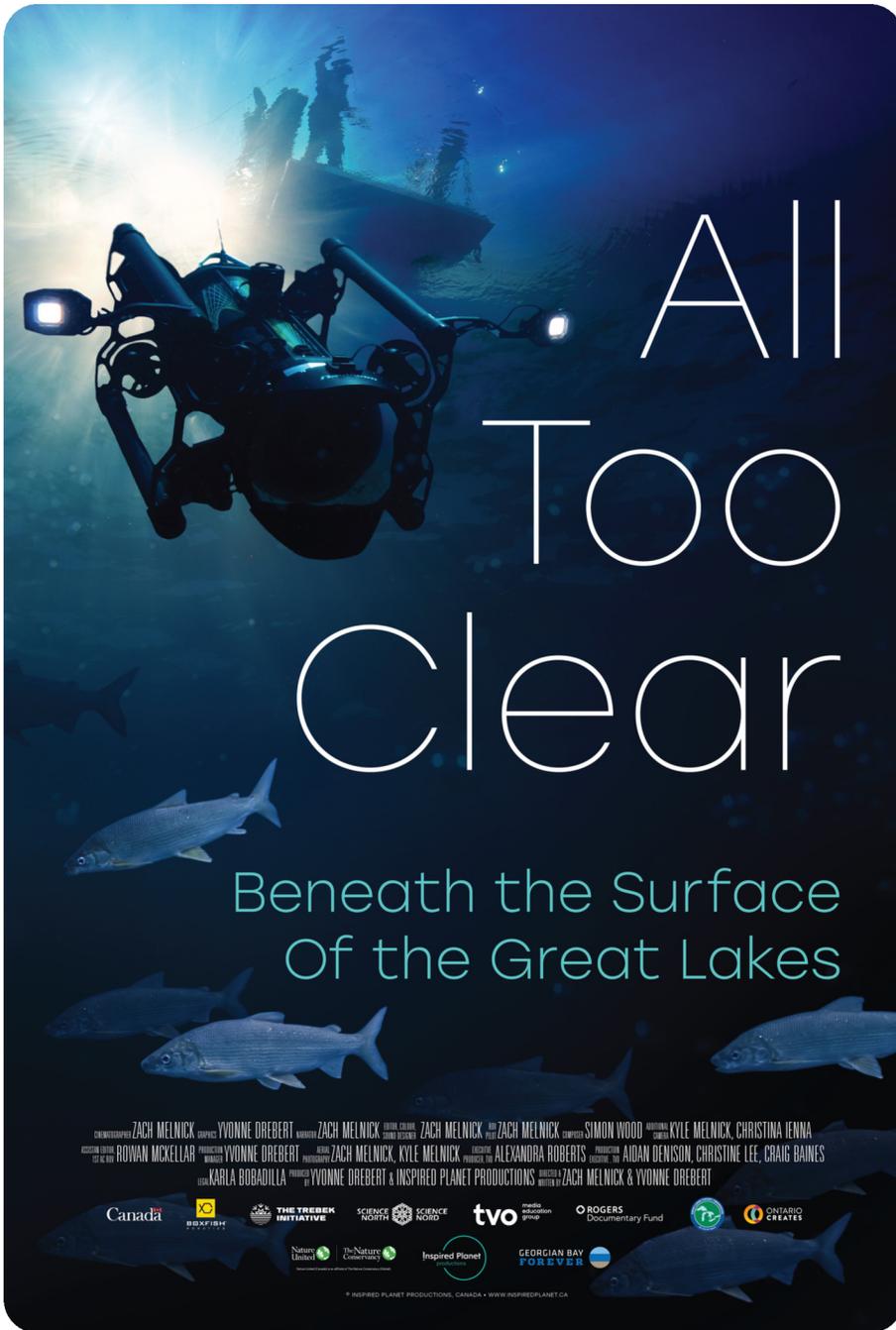
To find out more, visit: <https://www.glfc.org>.



EARTH FILM FESTIVAL

Grey Sauble Conservation
FOUNDATION

May 8, 2025 at 7PM - The Roxy Theatre,
Owen Sound



A MUST SEE!

TICKET PRICE **\$30** PER PERSON

- Doors open at 6PM
- Silent Auction
- Presentation by Yvonne Drebert & Zach Melnick

Funds raised support local conservation projects and environmental education!



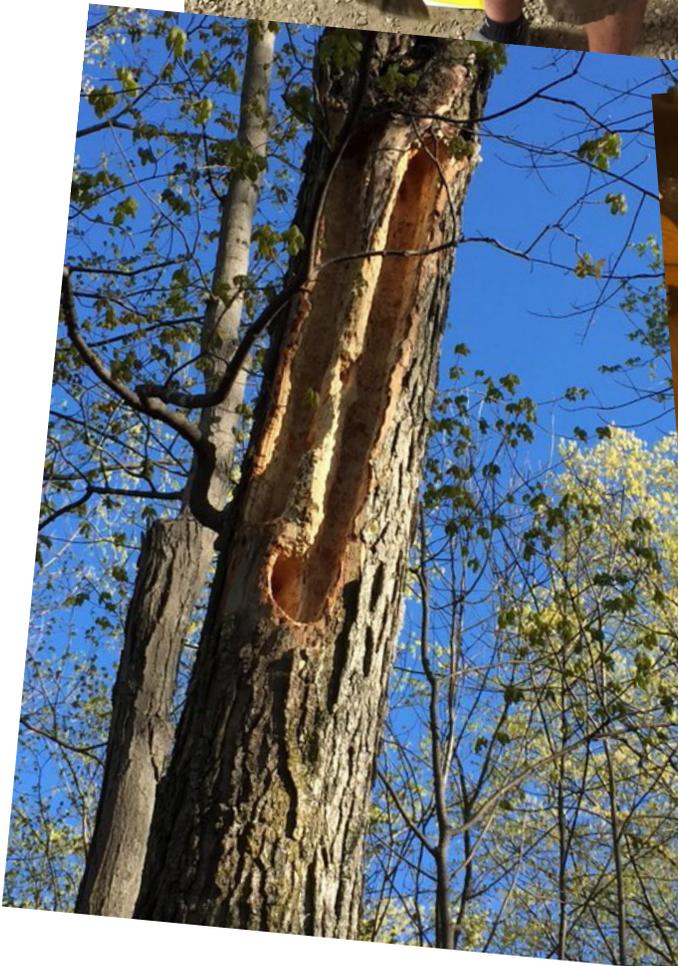
Tickets can be purchased at The Roxy Theatre: www.roxytheatre.ca or 519-371-2833





Memories

I thought that you might enjoy a few images that I have of various club and outdoor activities.



SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2025 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2024 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/24)

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 2025:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$225.00
	Adult	Individual	\$170.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$155.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time attendance as a student (no magazine)	\$90.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$60.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$85.00
	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		\$20.00
	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 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, 2025 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: _____