



THE SPORTSMAN

"Conservation is Our Aim"



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MARCH 2026

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 SSA March monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

John Ford will speak briefly about projected plans for Youth Conservation Activities in 2026.

President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Clubhouse Bookings

Contact
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
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Cell 226-668-6031
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Best wishes to all and I know you are looking forward to an end to this relentless winter weather. The one good thing for those winter enthusiasts is the great conditions for hard water fishing, snowmobiling or catching the many local trails for cross country skiing. We had a great assortment of dishes at our delayed nibble night at our last meeting and thanks go to all who brought their dishes to share with fellow members.

Get In Touch

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Find us at sydenhamsportsmen.com
and the following social platforms



As always, March will bring us our annual Conservation dinner which is once again sold out. The great effort from the organizing committee the prizes and auction items will be outstanding as always.

Thanks to Trevor Dollmaier for all the effort and tireless hours put in to get our Firearms Licence, I can't say enough about what time Trevor puts in along with the Range Committee to maintain and keep our ranges safe and world class for all members and guests to enjoy. Recently Chris Geberdt responded to some emails from Arran-Tara students about what the SSA does for Conservation. He visited the school to discuss and answer questions from these students and their classmates. With efforts like this from Chris, it reinforces what the SSA truly is all about and demonstrates our grass roots initiatives that we have with youth, thanks Chris.

Our School Hatchery Program is running well with all six schools salmon hatchlings doing well and growing. The Arran-Tara school already has a bus booked to release the fish early June!! Stay safe and enjoy the great outdoors.

Over 75 Years Promoting Conservation



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, 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 Renewals

We started our Early Bird Membership Renewal programme on October 1, 2025. This will be the last newsletter that 2025 non renewed members will receive.

Non renewed members can renew on line, at our meeting or by calling John Ford at 226-664-0960 and using your credit card.

However, since all 2025 memberships expired on December 31, 2025, all ranges and the SSA Property are only open to 2026 members.

Members with Bluebird Nesting Runs

If you are looking after a Bluebird Nesting Run, we need your results from 2025. Please send these to Dennis McIlvenna as he is going to collate the results. His email address is dmcilvenna@sympatico.ca

Gate Keys

This is a reminder that the locks on all SSA gates etc. will change on April 1 2026. Paid up members can pick up the new keys (red key spotter) in March from Watson Tackle and Guns, the warming shack or at meetings. The cost is \$5 with the return of last year's key or \$6 without.

Shooting Sports Report ---T Dollmaier

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range News

The recent weather that we had, caused operational issues with the Trap Machine on the lower field which resulted in Trap being cancelled. A special thanks to those volunteers who cleaned out the trap building and started addressing the operating issues. The Trap machine is back in service for the time being. Additional work will need to be performed at a later date.

Shotgun Events

As a reminder, Trap and Skeet events are still running. We are doing our best to keep the "All Events Calendar" up to date on the status of the events. With the change in the weather that occurs this time of year, if you are unsure whether an event is going to occur, please contact the identified RSO for the event, before you leave for the range.

Orientation Tours

SSA Orientation Tours are now being set up to occur once a month until June 2026. These tours require individuals to register on-line.

Upcoming Events

100 Yard Range Users Course is scheduled for March 8 th . If you would like to use the 100-Range on your own you must complete this course. There are some exemptions for SSA Approved RSO's.

A .22 Cal Precision (Turkey) Shoot is scheduled for April 18 th at the 100 Yard Range. These are always a good event to come out and challenged yourself. Please see the SSA "All events Calendar" for more detail.

On behalf of the Range Committee, please practice safe shooting and we hope see everyone in 2026.



Current Club Activities

Chris Geberdt, ice fishing with his granddaughter Paisley Geberdt.

She caught a nice 2 lb Rainbow Trout.



School Hatchery Programme

The class was so excited when the salmon arrived today! I've got to be honest - I was so proud of how many students were using some of the vocabulary words that we've been learning (like "alevin", "egg sack", and "fry"). The men from the Sportsman's Association were also asking them questions about the salmon and the students were showing their knowledge! It's going to be so cool to watch these little alevins grow for the next 6 months before we put them into the river in June.



Earl Jack selling 2026 Boat Draw tickets at the Toronto Fishing Show



Date of Birth Requirement

Recently the OFAH has required that we provide the dob for renewing members. If you haven't provided it, would you please send me an email with your name and dob. I can assure you that we won't use this in any way in invade your privacy.

SSA Youth Conservation Programme

We are planning to have a youth programme on Sunday, September 27, 2026. We are looking for interested Youth. There is no restriction on age except they would have to be able to shoot a firearm.

This is open to all.

However we would like to get an idea of numbers. If you have or know of someone who is interested, please let John Ford (johnrichardford5@gmail.com) or Joe Gray (519-364-1058) know. This not a commitment just an expression of interest.

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2026 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2025 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/25)

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 2026:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	See accompanying form	
	Adult	Includes basic OFAH Membership	\$175.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over includes basic OFAH Membership	\$160.00
	Paper Out of Doors Mag		\$20.00
	Youth	Under age 18 (no magazine)	\$107.00
	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
	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: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2026 must pay a late fee of \$25.00. This is added on to your renewal fee.

Please use the additional sheet at the end for family memberships and pricing.

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: _____

SSA/OFAH Family Renewal Membership Fees for 2025 Renewals for 2026

Please note that both SSA and OFAH fees are compulsory. This form must accompany the Renewal Form

Adult Family SSA Fee	\$193.00
OFAH Primary Member	\$50.00
OFAH Spouse	\$25.00
Children under age 13 (names and ages below)	free
Children 13-17 (names and ages below)	\$5.00 each
TOTAL FEES	

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Senior Citizen Family SSA Fee	\$178.00
OFAH Primary Member	\$50.00
OFAH Spouse	\$25.00
Children under age 13 (names and ages below)	free
Children 13-17 (names and ages below)	\$5.00 each
TOTAL FEES	