



THE SPORTSMAN

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MAY 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 May General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025
at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse.**

We will present the 2024 Club Awards and this will be our Chili night as well.

President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Clubhouse Bookings

Contact

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Welcome all, spring is here and this brings us back to great weather, great fishing, hunting and all other great outdoor activities to take part in. We had our Annual Earth Day clean up event this past Sunday, April, 13th which we held at our Clubhouse. I extend my thanks to the almost forty (40) volunteers who took part to clean up the roadways by the club, the Mill Dam area and other Sydenham River areas that, as always, fall prey to tossed garbage and debris. This event has been a long running tradition of the SSA and if you were unable to take part, I encourage you that anytime safely you can take an hour to clean up a small area you frequent. Our May meeting will be our Annual Chili/Soup/Stew night alongside of our Awards presentations, please come out and join us as this will be a fun filled evening. Also Saturday, June, 14th will be Youth Expo at the club so all ranges will be occupied by participants of this event. We recently stocked our Rainbow Trout into Harrison Park waters and had another great turnout of volunteers to help with this. Thanks for coming out. Also Chris Geberdt transported Rainbow eggs to the hatchery to be raised again from Denny's Dam collected on our behalf by the Lake Huron Fishing Club, thanks Chris.

Get In Touch

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Find us at sydenhamsportsmen.com
and the following social platforms



I look forward to seeing many of you out at the meeting and if you are a new member this would be a good chance to meet other members and ask any questions about what the SSA is all about.

Stay Safe and Enjoy

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

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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

First, if you have renewed your membership for 2025, forthcoming changes will not affect you until next year.

The changes relate to family members, and largely new members. A new paper membership will be available to new members. As well, Trevor Dollmaier has worked with me to make the needed changes on line as well. Next year, the Junior and Student membership categories will fold into a Youth membership. As well, when a member turns 18, he/she will become an Adult member in 2026.

Bluebird Nesting Box Programme

This is the time of year to check and clean up nesting boxes if you have a bluebird run. Brad Dewys has agreed to collate your results from 2024. If you need new boxes or roofs, please contact Steve Klerks for replacements.

Youth Expo

Announcing the Youth Expo on June 14, 2025.

NOTE: ALL SSA RANGES ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY.

Shooting Sports---T Dollmaier

It is nice to see that the weather is starting to improve. And as the snow disappears, we start to see what last winter has done to our ranges. If you are interested in helping with some of the maintenance chores, please contact Trevor Dollmaier 519-375-5011.

Recently John Stockmann who looked after the Handgun Range as part of the Range Committee has decided to step down. I would like to Thank John for all of the work that he has done for the Handgun Range and SSA Shooting Sports.

Richard Austin who is a long-time member and avid shooting person has agreed to step in and take over John's function on the Range Committee. Please join me in welcoming Richard to the Range Committee.

The SSA Shotgun Range Safety Officer course is scheduled for May 4th, 2025. If you are interested in taking this course, please let the Shotgun RSO's that run the events know so that they can get you added to the next training session list.



Handgun Range and .22 Cal Rimfire Range Users

Review of surveillance tapes has shown numerous instances where people have been downrange from the fixed firing benches and people coming into the ranges where they begin to handle their firearms and ammunition. There were even examples of firearms being placed on the benches with what appears to be loaded magazines and pointing down range.

Effective immediately auxiliary Red and Green Flags have been installed at the Handgun and .22 Cal Rimfire Range.

Green Flag - "Range Is cold. No Handling of firearms or ammunition"

Red Flag - "Range is hot, shooting in progress, No one allowed downrange of the Firing Line"

When you are using these Ranges, the flags are to be flown to show the operating status of the Range. If a Green Flag is flown in the enclosures for the range, there is to be No Handling of Firearms or Ammunition as there may be someone down range or shooting from a position down range from the fixed shooting benches. If the firing line is moved in front of the fixed shooting benches (shooting down range), then the Green Flag will be flown in the range enclosure and the Red Flag will be flown at the firing line down range.



If you are shooting from the fixed benches in the enclosure, the Green Flag will be flown when people are down range in front of the fixed benches. Again, there is to be No Handling of Firearms or Ammunition. Before handling firearms or shooting from the benches the flag needs to be Red indicating the Range is active and shooting can commence at any time.

If you arrive at either range and the flag is Green, Do Not Handle Firearms or Ammunition. Talk with the person in charge of the firing line and use the Flag's appropriately.

A revision is being done to update the SSA Range Operations Manual.

Grey/Sauble Youth Day is scheduled for June 14th. All ranges will be closed for youth events.

A Nation Skeet Shooting Association Skeet Event is scheduled at SSA from June 5th to June 7th. Please contact Dave MacKinnon for further details.

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.

SSA Youth Programme Organizing Meeting.

All of those who indicated an interest in participating in the SSA programme are asked to meet on Tuesday May 6 at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. All interested members are welcome. Just bring your ideas and willingness to help.



McDonalds Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular---J Ford

As many of you already know, we are adding an Express Line at the Weigh in station this year for non-contending fish. Hopefully anglers will have a short wait and still get a chance on daily prizes. The workers there, will be a computer operator and one worker. Unfortunately, we don't have any workers in the 10 to 2 shift. We really need your help. The worker would look over the fish, identify it as a salmon or lake trout, note lamprey marks and fin clips and then punch the gill plate.

Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting---J Ford

We will meet at the clubhouse on Tuesday May 20 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to share your ideas and make plans for 2025.

Fish Stocking---Mike Prevost

This past April 5th we stocked out a little over 55,000 rainbow trout fingerlings that we had raised from eggs collected at Denny's Dam in Southampton in April of 2024.

We had an excellent turn out of club volunteers and friends of members despite it being a cool and rainy day.

These fingerlings up to 5 inches long were released into the Sydenham River down at Harrison Park thanks to the cooperation of the Park Staff.

This past Monday April 14th we were able to pick up 101,000 rainbow eggs at Denny's Dam Thanks Again to the collection efforts of the Lake Huron Fishing Club and Ontario Steelheaders.

The rainbow run was excellent this spring with all three clubs, the Lake Huron club, our club and the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's club, getting their allocation of over 100,000 eggs in one day each.

On another topic we continue to plan for the options of reconstruction for the collapsed part of our Hatchery but it is going to be a slow process.





Kitchener Sportsmens Show

Stacey Urbshott and Garry Legate got a visit from Unkle Nans, the Oktoberfest mascot, at the Kitchener Sportsmens Show on Saturday April 12 while promoting the McDonalds Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular.



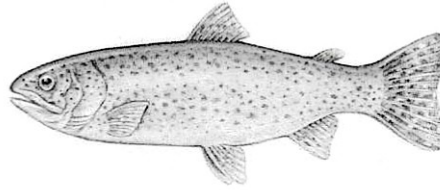
Volunteers at Earth Day

On Sunday, April 13, 42 volunteers helped Pitch in composed of SSA Members, Lions club and high school students picked up 2000 lb of garbage in and around Owen Sound. Thank you to Millers for the dumpster and Georgian Bay Chemical for the garbage bags and gloves

Rainbow Egg Collection

On Monday, April 14 we collected 102000 Rainbow Trout eggs at Denny's Dam with the help of the Lake Huron Fishing club and the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmens Association. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped. After the eggs arrived at our hatchery, Mike Prevost, Wally Cunningham and John Ford spent the afternoon fertilizing and processing the eggs





KEADY ROD AND GUN SHOW

**KEADY ARENA 116931 GREY ROAD 3
SPRING SHOW DATE: Sat. May 24 2025**

**8:00AM - 1:00PM Snack Bar Available
\$5 ADMISSION- CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE**

FALL SHOW DATE: SAT. SEPT. 6 2025

PLEASE PHONE 519-500-2494 FOR MORE INFO

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