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# MAY 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 monthly SSA meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026  
at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse**

## President's Report Scott Grimoldby

## Clubhouse Bookings

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

Hello to all and thanks to those who helped clean up this past Saturday in the off and on rainy Annual Earth Day. We had approximately 15 volunteers endure the weather and do their part to clean up garbage and debris around our area. I would like to thank Dennis Both of Georgian Bay Chemical who provided the garbage bags for our collection and to Miller Waste for providing the dumpster for our team to dispose of the bags of garbage.

Also thanks to those members who brought their culinary dishes to our last month's General meeting for our yearly Chili/Soup/Stew evening to share with fellow members.

## Get In Touch

P.O. BOX 264 Owen  
Sound, Ontario N4K 5P3

Find us at [sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://sydenhamsportsmen.com)  
and the following social platforms

The SSA club will be hosting the Annual Youth Expo on Saturday, June, 13 th and will be off limits for all shooting that day to accommodate upwards of 60 youth that take part in this long running event that teaches them of many facets of the outdoors and conservation.

We are also hosting the Grey Bruce Envirothon on April 29 th at the SSA property which also makes use of ranges closed for that day to allow students participating to use the property.



Stay safe and get out and enjoy the great outdoors

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### 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](mailto:John@sydenhamsportsmen.com)

## Current Gate Keys

The current gate keys have a red key spotter on them. Due to mail difficulties, we are not able to mail them out. You can get one at Watson's Guns and Tackle, the Warming Shack at the club or at our monthly meetings.

## Signing up New Members

If you are trying to sign up new members, please be aware that now family members include Dad, Mom and children up to and including age 17. When youth reach age 18 they must join as an Adult member.

## Awards

The club awards for 2025 will be presented at our meeting on May 7. All the winners have been contacted..

## Wildlife Advisory Committee Spring Meeting

The Spring Wildlife Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at the clubhouse at 7:00 pm. We have a number of projects to be completed in 2026 and need energetic bodies to do that. Please come and bring your ideas.

## Bluebird Nesting Box Runs

If you have a bluebird run, please clean the boxes and make sure the backdoor is securely fastened. Dennis McIlvenna has agreed to co-ordinate the SSA bluebird runs. Your reports need to be sent to him. He is also willing to provide you with new boxes or parts for repair. His email is [dmcilvenna@sympatico.ca](mailto:dmcilvenna@sympatico.ca) and his phone number is 519-379-6363.

Thanks for your help, Dennis! Dennis would prefer that you call him on his phone.



## Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range News

### Range Operations Manual

Recently we have had some incidents where members have made the statement that I was here by myself, and so I do not need to follow all the requirements of the Range Operation Manual.

The Range Operations Manual is there to ensure that All Range activities are conducted in a safe and enjoyable manner. It is the cornerstone of the Shooting Range Approval for members to be able to use some of the ranges unsupervised. The Range Operations Manual is a key element to our Shooting Range Approval. All members are required to follow the Range Rules whether they are shooting with other individuals or alone. It is not okay for individuals to pick and choose with things they wish to follow. As a reminder, all users of the Archery, Handgun, .22 Cal. Rimfire and 100-yard Ranges are required to make a \$2.00 daily donation for each range they use.

### Range Maintenance

It's that time of the year once again where we will be conducting maintenance on all of the ranges. Once the weather dries the ranges up, we will get a date posted on the "All Events Calendar".

This will result in closing all of the ranges in May to complete maintenance work. Please remember that we are a Volunteer Organization and the more people we get out to help the faster the ranges get returned to service.

We have started to notice more and more brass casings not being picked up after members are finished using the ranges. Please remember to pick up casings when you are done.

SSA has now found a Recycler that will take the spent brass casings. Please do not empty the bins for your own use. We are planning on using the proceeds from the recycler to help offset some of the expenses of running all the ranges.

### 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 at the SSA Website "All Events Calendar".

### 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. In addition we are getting the Sporting Clay Ranges ready to start the first Sunday in May. If you are planning on attending any Shotgun Event and have any questions please check the calendar and contact the identified RSO for the event, before you leave for the range.



### Upcoming Events

- May 3rd and May 24th is the start of the Sporting Clays events for 2026.
- June 4th , to June 6th is the SSA National Skeet Shoot and the 100 yd Range will be closed during this event.
- June 13th is the Annual Youth Expo. All Ranges will be closed for the Youth Activities. We are looking for Volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Trevor Dollmaier. For more information on these events please visit the SSA Website "All Events Calendar" On behalf of the Range Committee, please practice safe shooting and we hope see everyone this summer.

### Fish Hatchery

Retraction -My Mistake, I have to apologize for my error in the last newsletter where I said that we were fin clipping the Dorsal fin on our Rainbow Trout which is a no no. I meant to say that we fin clipped the Adipose fin which is behind the Dorsal fin. Our fin clipping contractors, member John Bittorf, clipped on his own 59,205 rainbows.

We will be stocking out these fish from our hatchery on Saturday May 2nd at 9 am. Anyone is welcome to come and help or just watch.

Thanks to the efforts of the Lake Huron Fishing Club we were able to pick up from them at Denny's Dam in South Hampton 75, 981 rainbow eggs. While there it was interesting to see how active and how many rainbows were trying to jump the dam. Checking the Mill Dam in Owen Sound I did not see any fish jumping or any fish in the river down below, just curious.

If you have any questions you can contact me at [mbprevost@hotmail.com](mailto:mbprevost@hotmail.com)

Thanks Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager

Below are 2 photos of Lake Huron Fishing Club workers taking Rainbow Trout eggs for the SSA.



**Sydenham Skeet Spectacular 2026**  
COMPLETE EVENT SCHEDULE

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association proudly presents the Sydenham Skeet Spectacular 2026 – three consecutive days of competitive Skeet shooting featuring: Any Gauge, Doubles, and 4x50 events.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026		FRIDAY/SATURDAY, JUNE 5/6, 2026	
<b>Any Gauge and Doubles</b>		<b>4x50</b>	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Gauge</b>	<b>Time</b>
Any Gauge	9:30 to 2:00	12 Gauge	9:00 - 11:15
Shoot-Offs	2:00	20 Gauge	11:15 - 1:30
Doubles	2:30 to 4:30	28 Gauge	1:30 - 3:45
Shoot-Offs	4:30	.410 Bore	3:45 - 6:00

**Special Note:** "Any Gauge" may be shot with any gauge you desire and will be reported as such.

**Entry Fee:** \$60.00 per 100 (includes Daily Fees)

**Shoot-Offs** ASAP  
Format: 50 birds per gauge  
45-minute flight times  
**Entry Fee:** \$30.00 per 50 (includes Daily Fees and lunch)

EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS	REGISTRATION & CONTACT
<b>Competition Format</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSA Rules to be followed for all events</li> <li>• Shoot management reserves the right to change the program as required</li> <li>• "Honours Only" events to keep fees low</li> </ul>	<b>Shoot Director</b> Dave MacKinnon Phone: 519-374-1025 Email: <a href="mailto:davemack@bmts.com">davemack@bmts.com</a> Contact Dave to reserve your spot for all events



### BRACEBRIDGE Fall Gun, Hunting and Fishing Show.

Saturday Sept 26th, 2026  
8:00 am to 1 pm  
Bracebridge Fairgrounds  
331 FRASERBURG ROAD  
Bracebridge, Ontario

Admission Only \$7  
(under 14 free with an adult.)

**New Vendors Wanted**  
Tables Available \$30  
Jeff 905 623 1778

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