



THE SPORTSMAN

"Conservation is Our Aim"

Affiliated with the Ontario Federation
for Anglers and Hunters.



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NOVEMBER 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}

Clubhouse Bookings

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and the following social platforms



**The monthly meeting of the SSA will occur on Thursday,
November 13, 2025 at 7:30 pm at our clubhouse.**

President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Welcome to all, I hope all of you hunters have good luck and make some great memories with family and friends. Please, as always, stay safe and be mindful of all the dangers present that come with being in the great outdoors. I would like to say thanks to all that helped this year in collection of salmon eggs at the Mill Dam and to John Ford and Mike Prevost for looking after them at the hatchery once collected.

As always we will be starting our Nominations for the 2026 SSA Executive this month and if you are interested in joining, come to the General meetings and let your name stand. Voting will take place at our January meeting.

Enjoy whatever comes your way in our wonderful surroundings that we have here and I look forward to seeing many of you at our meetings.

The guest speaker will be Dave Fritz, a SSA member for many years. His topic will be Reloading. Dave has been reloading for over 50 years and has been putting on reloading workshops for over twenty years. At the meeting, we will discuss why some people want to reload, the costs, benefits, an overview of the equipment. The discussion might draw interest to the workshop that is being held at SSA on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Dave is still involved as a reloader for Handgun, Rifle and Shotgun ammunition. His goal is to use speaking engagements and workshops to get information about reloading to shooting sports enthusiasts.

Over 75 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

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Chris Geberdt

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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

A Special Event Announcement- Reloading Workshop

On Saturday December 13, 2025 from 10:00 to 12:00, there will be a Reloading Workshop held at the Sydenham Sportsman Association main building.

This workshop, with the emphasis on safe reloading of shotgun, rifle and handgun ammunition, will cover everything from the basics of why, to the how and beyond. Just some of the topics discussed are safe reloading, the basics, costs and economic benefits, why reload, equipment and reloading components, and pitfalls that can be avoided, followed by a Q & A session where the audience is encouraged to share their experiences.

David Fritz will be the lead in this very interactive workshop. Dave has held similar workshops in the past and has offered to organize this one. If you are just thinking of getting started in reloading or you are an old hand at it, this workshop may be for you. There is no charge for this workshop and is open to SSA members, family, friends and other shooting sport enthusiasts. The invitation is extended to other local gun Club members as well.

This is a NO Live Ammunition and NO Firearms Event.
Doors will open at 09:45 to view some of the reloading stuff on display.

In the event of inclement weather, registered participants will be contacted by email to inform them of the postponement and the rescheduled date. Phone number too please when registering.

Contact Dave Fritz at daveandpat.fritz@gmail.com to register or for further information.



SSA Fish Hatchery

This past month of October we have been busy trying to collect Salmon eggs down at the Mill Dam in Owen Sound. Unfortunately the salmon and the river water have not been cooperating. September continued to be above normal temperatures and the Sydenham River is low and it was above normal temperatures. Under our collection permit we are not allowed to collect, handle fish in water temperatures above 15 degrees C. Anytime there were some pods of salmon below the dam or even up in our spawning beds the water temperature was 17 degrees C. As yet there just doesn't appear to have been a substantial run. Some of them are making their way up the fish ladder and many have been seen up in Harrison Park but not in the same numbers as past years. In general whenever I was down checking at the mill dam everyone was asking, talking about where are the Salmon.

All of the three clubs, ourselves, Bluewater Anglers from Sarnia and the Lake Huron Fishing club from Port Elgin have only collected maybe half of our allocation and have never had this issue this late in the season. Not giving up yet. They just had better not start running during deer season! Fortunately our rainbows seem to be getting bigger every week.

We still have some clean up ground work to do in the area of the collapsed hatchery. The executive is planning a scouting trip this November to a potential site for our new Hatchery's so as it will be a long process at least we are making a start.

Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager

SSA Membership

Early Bird 2026 Memberships will be available at our meeting. We will need any updated information from you including your dob. If you renew by December 31, you will be included in a draw for 4 prizes which will be awarded at our January 2026 meeting. We will include a paper copy of the renewal form which you can print and mail if you so choose.



SSA Wildlife Advisory Committee

As you may know the WAC looks after our Bluebird Nesting Box programme in Grey and Bruce counties. We have a few runs available for Volunteers. This involves cleaning the boxes out in the fall, replacing old tops and keeping records on use when the nesting season is over in the summer. If you have an interest in this conservation programme, please contact John Ford john-richardford5@gmail.com or 226-664-0960.



The above photo shows the golden tamaracks at a Sydenham Conservation Foundation property

The below photo is a memory of the 2025 Salmon Spectacular with dedicated volunteers setting up the Weigh In Station.



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
<u>TOTAL FEES</u>	

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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
<u>TOTAL FEES</u>	