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"Conservation is Our Aim"

Affiliated with the **Ontario Federation for Anglers and Hunters.**

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November 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}

Clubhouse Bookings

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The monthly meeting of the SSA will be held on Thursday, November 12 at the Clubhouse at 7:30 pm.

Guest Speaker

VP Chris Geberdt will present his exploits on Pelee Island with Pheasant Hunting.
I'm sure you will enjoy his videos and photo of this entertaining hunting activity. These photos are of Chris Geberdt and his family at Pelee.





President's Message

S Grimoldby

Welcome to fall, for all you fall hunters, enjoy what this year brings and best of luck in your pursuit. 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, it was a tough go with the collection as the fish didn't seem to cooperate.

As always, we will be starting our Nominations for the 2027 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 this great run of weather and see you at the next meeting.

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

Early Bird Membership Programme---J Ford

Again this year, we will be selling 2027 memberships during the fall. All who renew by December 31 will be entered for a number of prizes. Renewal memberships are available on our website as well as at the meetings. You can use the paper renewal form, printed in this newsletter and mail it in with your payment.

Chris Geberdt and I will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday November 10 and Tuesday November 17 from 7:00 until 8:30 pm to renew your memberships for 2027.

Gate Keys

Your current gate key (Red) will work until March 31, assuming that you have paid your 2027 membership. Then the locks change and you will need a new key. The cost of the key is $5.00 if you return last year's key or $6 without. Unfortunately, we cannot mail you a key. They will be available in March 2027 at Watsons Guns and Tackle, the Warming Shack and at meetings.

Executive Committee Nominations

We will be accepting nominations for the 2027 Executive Committee at our November meeting. Please consider letting your name stand.

SSA Wildlife Advisory Committee

We are planning to have a committee meeting on Tuesday November 24 at 7:00 pm. Please bring your ideas and plans for 2027. All are welcome!

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Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range News

Orientation Tours

With only a few months remaining for 2026, SSA Orientation Tours will be scheduled monthly starting in January 2027 until June 2027. These tours require individuals to register on-line at the SSA Website "All Events Calendar".

SSA Members Shine at the 2026 World Skeet Championships

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association was proudly represented at the 2026 World Skeet Championships in San Antonio, Texas, with a strong contingent of competitors from across the country, including several members of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association.

SSA shooters delivered outstanding performances on the world stage. Evan Wilkinson captured the .410 Bore Class Championship, earning international recognition in one of skeet shooting's most challenging gauges. Adding to the club's success, Jay Murdoch claimed the title of 4x50 28 Gauge Champion, a tremendous accomplishment against a highly competitive field.

These achievements highlight the dedication, talent, and competitive spirit that continue to make SSA one of Canada's premier skeet shooting clubs. We congratulate Evan, Jay, and all Canadian participants for representing both our club and our country with pride.

Evan Wilkinson celebrates his .410 Bore Class Championship victory at the 2026 World with fellow SSA members.

Shooting Range Approval

As previous stated in Octobers Newsletter, SSA had a comprehensive Chief Firearms Office (CFO) Inspection to renew the Shooting Range Approval. The inspection found an issue with the backstop on the Handgun Range which resulted in SSA (with the support of the Executive Team) shutting down the range until it could be corrected.

The backstop work has been completed and the Handgun Range was returned to service October 26th. A special thanks to Richard Austin, Lee Craig and Pat MacNeil for all of their efforts to get the work completed and interfacing as required with the CFO.



In addition, SSA has been able to increase the number of Sporting Clay Stations to 14 and are finalizing the approval to use 12 shooting stations instead of the current 10.

Site Clean-up

On October 17th, 2026 SSA conducted a clean-up day at our facilities. A special thanks goes out all of the volunteers who participated in the clean-up.

A significant amount of work was completed and a few items still remaining which can be completed in the spring of 2027.

One item of interest during the clean-up, was the removal of a stand from the 3D Archery Range. Longtime Member Gord Fraser helped install it 30 years ago, then helped remove it during the clean up day.

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Please note: There was a significant amount of brass casings cleaned up in the .22 Cal. Rimfire and 100-Yard Range enclosures. All shooters are responsible for cleaning up their spent casing.

A reminder that before any Shotgun Range can be used it must be identified on the SSA “All Events Calendar” before use.

Attention All Archers

In 2027 SSA would like to change the configuration of the 3D Archery Range. If you are interested in participating in the changes of the 3D Archery Range - please contact Marc Lefabre. We hope to complete the layout and planning in early spring.

With Hunting Season upon us once again, we hope all of the hunters have a safe and bountiful hunt.

On behalf of the Range Committee, please practice safe shooting and safe travels.



Similar to the spring turkey shoot.
Win $25 Foodland Gift Certificates.

This .22 shoot is open sights and scopes up to 9x scopes.

SSA supplies CCI standared velocity.

No high end rifles.
No vudoos, anschutz or bergaras.

- 50 yds spinner, 3 shots to swing the target one turn $5
- 75 yds 3 shots to cut the wire $5
- 100 yds 5 shot to hit all 5 targets $5



Challenge yourself to various shooting games

Hamburgers and Sausages will be available at a small cost.
We will be shooting in whatever type of weather there is that day.

S S A Renewal Form for 2027 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2026 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/26)

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 2027:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Adult Family	Includes immediate family members under 18 (includes OFAH)	**$273.00**
	Adult	Includes basic OFAH Membership	**$180.00**
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over includes basic OFAH Membership	**$165.00**
	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**
	Senior Family	Includes immediate family members under 18 (includes OFAH)	**$258.00**
	PLEASE NOTE: WE NEED YOUR DATE OF BIRTH AND EMAIL ADDRESS		
	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, 2027 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:** _____

DATE Of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

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: _____