



THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

NOVEMBER 2024



The monthly meeting of the SSA will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at the Clubhouse at 7:30 pm

The guest speaker will be Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular Co-Chair Stacey Urbshott and her husband, Gerry Neerhof who will present her recent Tuna Fishing exploit.

President's Report Scott Grimoldby

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

Contact
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It starting to feel a lot like fall is upon us as the leaves have fallen, the days are getting shorter and the mornings are a lot frostier. I assume most of you have put your boats away for storage and many of you have returned back home from the Moose hunt? I congratulate those successful in harvesting one or more but I know this is not the only reason for this annual hunt, it is a chance to share some time with friends and family, enjoy the great outdoors we are so blessed to have and to continue a long standing tradition we are so fortunate to still be able to take part in. Once again, November will be our start to nominations for our 2025 Board of Directors election that will take place in January. Our December General meeting will be on the 5th and after a short meeting our Annual Nibble Night will take place, please bring a dish if you are able as this is a great night to socialize and sample some always tasty dishes our members provide us with. Also the Beaver River Watershed Group is always looking for help with their projects over in the Thornbury/Collingwood area. Andy McKee is the main contact and some of you may remember the presentation he gave about their efforts at a General meeting awhile back. If you have any interest feel free to talk to me and I can further discuss?

Happy Halloween and get out and enjoy the great fall weather



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

First Vice President:
Chris Geberdt

Second Vice President:
Mike Thompson

Past President: Mike Prevost

Recording Secretary:
Allan Smith

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Directors:
John Ford, Jay Murdoch, Dave McKinnon, Chuck Cannon, Peggy Millar, Joe Gray, Trevor Dollmaier, Craig Geberdt, and Scott Millar, Ken Miersch, Mike Thompson, Gord Fraser

Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email has any changes!



Got Questions? Contact
John@sydenhamsportsmen.com

The Early Bird Membership Draw

We are starting the Early Bird draw now. You can pay for your 2025 membership and have a chance to win one of 3 valuable prizes to be drawn at the January 2025 meeting. A renewal form is included in this newsletter.

As well, you can renew online (www.sydenhamsportsmen.com) or by calling me, John Ford, at 226-664-0960.

Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting---J Ford

The next Wildlife Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday November 19 at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. All are welcome. Below are 2 photos of the Wildflower planting at the Doug Reid Memorial Conservation Area near Chatsworth.



SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2025 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2024 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/24)

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 2025:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$225.00
	Adult	Individual	\$170.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$155.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time attendance as a student (no magazine)	\$90.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$60.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$85.00
	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
	OFAH Paper Magazine		\$20.00
	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 to All Members: If you want a Paper copy of the Ontario Out of Doors Magazine, you must pay the additional fee.

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2025 must pay a late fee of \$25.00. This is added on to your renewal fee.

Please use reverse side for additional names, ages etc. for family memberships

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 Shooting Sports---J Murdoch and T Dollmaier

Military Surplus Rifle Shoot

Calling anyone with an interest in Military Surplus Rifles - On November 9th from 12 o'clock noon to 2:00 pm the SSA will be hosting a gathering to show / discuss / AND shoot military surplus rifles. This will be held at the 100 yard range. See the flier attached to this newsletter.

The range committee is growing and evolving.

For everyone who has ideas and energy to bring to the ranges at the SSA - now is your chance to get involved with the range committee! The reason we have such amazing range facilities is because of the hard work of all the member volunteers who put in effort to make them so. The range committee leads this group of volunteers and sets the direction with respect to future investments, regulatory compliance, and sanctioned shooting events that happen at our club.

John Thompson will be retiring from his range committee position as secretary treasurer and Sunday trap RSO volunteer effective January 01st 2025. John has been a long time steady hand for us in these roles and was also a former executive member of the SSA. On behalf of the club executive committee and all of us that benefitted from your hard work John - THANK YOU! If you see John "on the line" make sure you thank him as well.

I - Jay - will be stepping down from the co-chair position of the range committee at the end of 2025 as well. I am most proud of helping create the current range committee - everyone on the committee is excellent to work with and is a huge reason why the ranges are in such great shape right now. It is simply time for me to pursue other interests.

So we are recruiting for good people to join this committee and help maintain the ranges and shape the future direction of the ranges. If you have interest in this - please reach out to any one of us on the Range committee to discuss how to join. I would encourage everyone to get involved and take a turn at helping out.

There will be a range volunteer appreciation event early in the new year, if you have volunteered in the last year (whether it be cutting grass or volunteering on a youth day / training course / shooting event / RSO etc) you can expect an invitation to have dinner and drinks together with your fellow shooters and volunteers.

Trap / Skeet RSO training course

We will be hosting one more trap/skeet RSO training course before the Christmas season gets here. Thank you to everyone that has signed up for the course so far at the warm up shack - we need everyone to help keep the trap and skeet ranges open in 2025 and beyond. If this is something you are willing to learn and volunteer with - please reach out to Trevor and/or Jay.

As always - check the All Events calendar on the SSA website before attending the ranges - that is the most current place to get information on what is happening and when ranges are open or closed.

Safe shooting and safe hunting everyone.

MILSURP RIFLE GATHERING

- ☞ Do you have a military surplus rifle that you really enjoy and want to tell others about?
- ☞ Do you have an old surplus rifle lurking around in the back of your gun safe that should get out for some fresh air?
- ☞ Have you inherited a military rifle or were given one that you wanted to learn more about it?
- ☞ Have you always wanted to shoot one of these very interesting historical firearms?

If you answered “Yes” to any of the above questions then this gathering is for you.

What’s happening?

Head to the 100 yard Rifle Range for an enjoyable afternoon of discussing and shooting these well built rifles. If you don’t have one then there will be an opportunity to shoot one, or several (there may be a small cost to pay for ammo). The Range has been reserved from 12:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs.

The Details

When/Where: November 9, 2024 at 12:00 hrs am at the SSA 100 Yard Range.

Eligible firearms: Long-arms officially issued by a country/kingdom/territory to members of its military forces. Bonafide Deactivated long-arms. No Restricted or Prohibited firearms as defined in the Canadian Firearms Act and Criminal Code are allowed. Firearm owner must have a valid Canadian PAL.

Range Time: A SSA Range Safety Officer will be on duty to issue safety instructions and ensure that all SSA Range Procedures are followed. Members will need to sign in. Guest shooters will sign the SSA Waiver, sign in and pay \$5.00. The RSO will have a course of fire that will be limited to approximately 20 rounds per rifle. Targets will be supplied.

Contact

Hugh Hunter for more info. hugh_hunter@icloud.com or 519-534-2179