



THE SPORTSMAN

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October 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 meeting of the SSA is scheduled for Thursday,
October 1, 2026 at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm.**

Guest speaker: Glen Worsley



Chef GW Adventures

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Glen Worsley is a home grown Chef, Pastry Chef / Fire Fighter from Harriston, ON that enjoys anything Outdoors including: hunting, fishing, camping, travelling, healthy food prep & eating. He wants to share his memories & knowledge with you.

Clubhouse Bookings

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President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Once again the summer has passed with just memories now. I hope all of you had a fantastic time filled with some great adventures.

The derby again was a success with many happy participants with some lucky enough to enjoy some great prizes.

As always I encourage all to come out to our General meetings to find out what is going on in and around the SSA, we are always looking for more supporters to help out with many of the activities we are involved with.

We will be again starting up several School Hatchery systems at various schools this year, if anyone is interested in learning more about this program please feel free to contact me or come to a General meeting to discuss. Best of luck to all of you who will be heading out for some fall hunts and/or fishing trips, enjoy safely and responsibly.

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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 num-
ber, or, email has any
changes!


Got Questions? Contact
John@sydenhamsportsmen.com

Membership---J Ford

We are starting our Early Bird Membership programme today. If you renew by December 31, you will be entered in our draw for 3 or 4 prizes to be determined later. The draw will be made at our January 2027 meeting. Our fees are largely unchanged from 2026. I am including a renewal form as part of this newsletter. You are welcome to bring it with you to the meeting and can pay with your credit card or debit. The form will be at the end of this newsletter.

Awards presented at our May meeting

Our awards winners:

Bill Colbourne
Chinook Salmon, Lake Trout

Rob Gunn
Brown Trout

Jason Kim
Youth Educators Award

Len Cox
Conservationist of the Year

Trevor Dollmaier
Sportsman of the Year

**Stewart Wallace &
Brian Clements**
Honour Roll

Joe Gray and Earl Jack
Life Membership

Earl Jack
Hard Luck Award 2nd Place

Mike Thompson
Hard Luck Award 1st Place



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range News---T Dollmaier

Orientation Tours

With only a few months remaining for 2026, SSA Orientation Tours are now being set up to occur on an as needed basis. Scheduling will begin monthly starting in January 2027 until June 2027. These tours require individuals to register on-line at the SSA Website "All Events Calendar".

This summer was a very busy summer for shotgun events. The SSA NSSA Skeet Shoot was a success with 19 participants that shot approximately 4800 clay targets. The social side of the event was excellent with SSA hosting a fish fry. A special thanks to Chris Geberdt and his team of volunteers for facilitating this event.

SSA also hosted the fourth Interclub shoot of the season with members from North Grey Bruce Rod and Gun and Blueridge Sportsmen Club in attendance. There were a total of 23 persons participating in the event. Interclub is a great way to meet members of other clubs in the area.

Sporting Clays has been another activity with a good turnout every time it runs. If you have not tried Sporting Clays you should take the opportunity to try it. We are scheduled to run Sporting Clay events up to October 18th, 2026, before we put the equipment away for the winter.

The Grey Sauble Youth Expo Event on June 13th, 2026 was another great success with approximately 60 youngsters attending. As always, a special thanks to Lee Craig for the Steel Target setup and the many volunteers that made this event special. Without the volunteers at Sydenham Sportsmen's Association these types of events would not be possible. Again, a big Thank-you to all the volunteers.

Recently we had a comprehensive Chief Firearms Office (CFO) Inspection to renew the Shooting Range Approval. Prior to this inspection, SSA conducted an internal review of its Range Operations. The review identified some areas for improvement, which the executive team endorsed openly to correct. However, based on previous inspections it was stated that SSA Ranges were in compliance with all of the requirements for range construction, therefore the Handgun Range was exempt from some of the elements of the internal review. When this latest inspection was completed, it was found that the backstop on the Handgun Range was not high enough for shooting at the distances that we had in the Shooting Range Approval. The decision was made to close the range (with the support of the Executive Team) and to have the range backstop increased to meet the required standard. This work is in progress. In addition, we are actively seeking approval to obtain an additional Sporting Clay location and the ability to use 12 shooting stations instead of the current 10. This recent inspection included that submission with favourable feedback from the CFO. In order to obtain this amendment a lot of behind the scene work needed to be completed in the area of shot fall modelling and the logistics of having that many shooting locations in service at one time.



I would to thank Lee Craig, Richard Austin, Patrick MacNeil and Mike Hunter along with all the others who assisted for their support and help in completing the internal review.

In 2024 SSA renewed the Land Lease Agreement with the City of Owen Sound for the Decommissioned Dumpsite to the north of the SSA Ranges. This lease agreement is critical to keeping the Skeet and Upper Trap Ranges open as the Chief Firearms Office has determined through their modelling, that potential shotfall from those ranges could enter the dumpsite. In order to provide a safe access to the individuals that need to access the Dumpsite, all shotgun range usage needs to be placed on the SSA “All Events Calendar” before the ranges are used. This allows individuals accessing the Dumpsite a place to see if the ranges are in use before entering to do work.

Please note that the 100-Yard Range and the Warm-up building will be closed from October 19th to October 23rd for a Private range training program. This has resulted in Wednesday Trap and Thursday Skeet being cancelled for that week.

A Cleanup Day is being planned for October 17th, 2026 to clean up our facility grounds.

Areas that need to be addressed are:

- Brush removal around signage areas,
- Removal of debris from all ranges,
- Cleaning up the roadway to the ranges,
- Fence repair on the 100-yard range,
- Tree removal.

If you are planning on attending please let Lee or Trevor know and remember to bring your weed trimmers, brush saws etc. Remember SSA is a Not-for-Profit Organization that runs strictly on volunteers and the more hands we have makes the work get done sooner. For more information on Range events please visit the SSA Website “All Events Calendar”.

Message from Life Member Joe Gray

The Sydenham Sportsmen's Club has received two new 20ga. shotguns along with two left hand 22 cal. rifles from an anonymous donor. This new equipment will greatly improve our youth shooting sports program.

Thank-you very much for your generous gift.

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.



Fisheries Report---M Prevost---Hatchery Manager

SSA Fish Hatchery

We are presently gearing up for the fall collection of salmon eggs down at the Owen Sound Mill Dam.

The water temperature is continuing to drop and we have had some showers but the fish have not yet decided to start their run up the river.

The runs have been erratic and slower the last couple of years with none of the clubs been able to collect their allocation of eggs.

The number of fish, 2025 total, brought into this year's McDonald's Owen Sound Salmon Derby was up from last year. However slightly more than half those fish were Lake Trout.

If you have any interest in helping with the salmon egg collection or hatchery contact me at mbprevost@hotmail.com

Thank You From The 38th Annual McDonald's Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

The 38th Annual McDonald's Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular is just a great memory. We had lots to be thankful for at this year's event.

Great weather, 400 more fish than last year and the bottom line of this years McDonald's Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular was a great success.

We want to thank the 650 volunteers that worked so hard to pull this event off without any major glitches. To all the sponsors who supported this wonderful event and helped with setup, took shifts at the event itself and to set a record for tear down. We were packed up and finished on Sunday September 6 at 5 pm. Thank you to everyone!

Thank you to the amazing Derby Committee for working on this event for 12 months of the year. We couldn't do it without your help!

To all the participants who purchased once again our 68,000 sold out Boat & Recreational Draw tickets. The Derby participants that purchased well over 5000 derby tickets and to everyone that came out to our festive atmosphere in the Big Liuna Local 1059 Tent. To all the entertainers and sponsors that supported this amazing event.

Thank You to Everyone!



CONGRATULATIONS

to all the winners in the

2026 Salmon Spectacular

Boat and Recreation Draws

16.4 FT G3 Boat, Yamaha 70 HP Motor, Trailer,
Scotty Downrigger, Lowrance Graph
Ticket #36611 Tammy Roy, Timmins ON

Sportspal 14' Canoe & 2.5 hp Yamaha Motor
Ticket #54610 Gary Thompson, Markdale, ON

John Deere Riding Lawnmower
Ticket #34623 Blair Spitzig, Elmwood, ON

Fly-In Fishing Trip for 2 to Air Ivanhoe
Ticket #26098 Kim Hartle of Mt Forest, ON

Propane BBQ courtesy of Avenir Energy
Ticket #20231 Tim Isherwood, Mississauga, ON

65" Wide Screen LCD TV
Ticket# 35902 Michel Randeau, Iroquois Falls, ON

10' Sit-in Kayak
Ticket #28299 Luke Johnston, Orillia ON

Stand-Up Paddleboard
Ticket #17032 Robert Murphy, Beamsville, ON

Renegade Cooler
Ticket #32455 Paul Sinclair, Hanover ON

Renegade Cooler
Ticket #29315 Wyatt Hill, Peterborough, ON

DERBY WINNERS

2026 Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

TOP SALMON

Garrett Baker, Bognor - 26.02 lbs

TOP LAKE TROUT (OVERALL TROUT WINNER)

Thomas Moore, Owen Sound - 24.06 lbs.

TOP RAINBOW TROUT

William Hanna, Collingwood - 11.56 lbs.

TOP BROWN TROUT

Barb Schank, Tara - 8.15 lbs.



Fall Fair Gates

On behalf of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association we personally want to thank everyone that took time to help with gate collection and parking at this year's fall fair. I am proud to say we raised \$4200 for the SSA for our ongoing club projects. Words don't do it justice but a great big thank you to everyone!

The SSA Executive

Salmon Experience at The Owen Sound Mill Dam With Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

Salmon Experience on October 3 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at Mill Dam Chris Geberdt and Dimitri Geberdt to speak with visitors about the salmon migration.

Come out and enjoy the fun with the great Salmon migration.

Remembering Clifford Springer - SSA Member

The family announces the passing of Clifford Springer (Hepworth, Ontario) on August 18, 2026. Clifford, born on March 25, 1943, was part of many shared moments and relationships throughout life. Cliff was a long time member of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association, serving on the SSA executive for over 10 years. Cliff was instrumental in running the club merchandise for many years, helped with the SSA money doll draw for over 15 years and coordinating the fall Fair Gates for over 20 years. He was a true conservationist in many ways and was a very dedicated outdoors person. Cliff will be missed by family and friends and especially by the SSA family. Thank you Cliff for all the memories and your dedication toward the great outdoors. You will be missed by everyone.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation or the charity of your choice.



SSA 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: _____