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October 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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The October 2025 meeting of the SSA will be held on Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 at 7:30 pm in our clubhouse.

Guest Speaker - Mike LaFond from Shark Trolling Products will be the guest speaker.

Shark Trolling Products was started over two decades ago by the Dzenis family in Georgian Bluffs. Over the years Shark Trolling Products has evolved from a smooth sided shark shaped downrigging weight to the Extreme Shark we know and love to fish with today.

The unique shape allows the downrigging weight to travel through the water with less blowback.

The facets on the body act as a passive acoustic attractor.

Shark Trolling Products is growing world wide and has authorized agents in the United States, Australia and Scandinavia. The company has additional unique products including the most adjustable flasher on the market and custom spoons designed and painted by local tackle makers.

In the spring of 2024 Mike LaFond took over Canadian operations including manufacturing, distribution and sales. It has been a rebuilding process as the business did not operate since COVID. Mike and his family enjoy meeting people at the shows and derby's that are excited to have the product line back. We are expecting big things in 2026 now that the word is out that we are back up and running.

Check out www.sharktrollingproducts.com and bring your downrigging game to the next level. Tight Lines and Fish On!

Over 75 Years Promoting Conservation



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

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Chris Geberdt

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



Got Questions? Contact
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President's Report Scott Grimoldby

Once again the summer is a memory and I hope all of you had a fantastic time filled with some great adventures. The derby again was a success with many happy participants and some lucky enough to enjoy some great prizes. I had the opportunity to get out fishing with co-chair Stacey Urbshott along with our Minister of Natural Resources Mike Harris and our local MPP Paul Vickers, thanks to Derek Girodat for providing the opportunity. We were able to land one salmon reeled in by the Honourable Mike Harris. This goes to show how much our Derby is appreciated by our local and provincial politicians. 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. I will be again starting up several School Hatchery systems including a couple of new locations 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.

SSA 2026 Membership---J Ford

Again, we will be offering an Early Bird Membership Renewal campaign. We will have these memberships available at our October meeting. As a reminder, if you renew by December 31, 2025, we will have a chance to win one of 4 prizes. We will include a renewal form in this newsletter. If you could print it and bring it with you to the meeting, that would be helpful.

There are a few changes for 2026. They involve family memberships only. The second page of the renewal form explains this. Now the family membership is changed. There is a fee for the primary member, spouse etc. Children under 13 are free. Children 13 to 17 are \$5 each. The adult fee starts at age 18.

The Membership Renewal form is at the end of the newsletter.

SSA Youth Program

We were able to expand the activities offered in 2025 which included tree identification, .22 shooting, fly casting, skeet shooting and robin rooster building. We would hope to have a greater participation by our youth in 2026 in order to continue this programme.



McDonalds Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

Well another Derby is just a memory and we are already in the planning for 2026! Thank You for your continued support. Thank you for keeping our event number one for our area.

We appreciate your commitment towards conservation and making our Festival such a big success.

Thank You so much for your ongoing support for local conservation projects.

Your support and commitment for Owen Sound and our Fishery, funds 100% of all our Kids and Fish & Wildlife programs throughout the year.

Again, thank you from the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association club members and the McDonald's Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular.

We wish you all the best in 2026!

Yours in Conservation

Chris Geberdt, Stacey Urbshott, John Ford and Mike Prevost
Co-Chairs
McDonald's Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular
Cell 519-873-0711

We hope to see you Friday August 28 to Sunday September 6, 2026!





SSA Fish Hatchery ---M Prevost

The demolition of the collapsed end of our hatchery has been completed and we are now waiting on the final stage of landscaping to return that part of the site back to close to its original condition.

We have to make some improvements to the main Hatchery but our main focus will be to find another site to build a new hatchery over the next five years. The Minister of Natural Resources was up to visit and fish, he did catch some Salmon, in our recent Salmon Derby and we were able to get some assurances from him to help us through the permit process.

We have about 70,000 rainbow fry, averaging a little over an inch, growing in our small hatchery. Our club, the Bluewater Anglers from Sarnia and the Lake Huron Fishing club will be soon be collecting salmon eggs down at the Mill Dam.

If you have any interest in helping or just want to see what goes on you can contact me. On the topic of help we do need some volunteers to help at the Hatchery specifically on Friday mornings. You can pick your time but the volunteers usually come in at 8 to 9 am. It usually takes no more than hour to do the work. Please let me know if you can help with this.

Thanks Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager mbprevost@hotmail.com

Wildlife Advisory Committee---J Ford

Previously, we reported that a Wildflower garden had been planted at the Doug Reid Memorial Conservation area in Georgian Bluffs. In 2025, Craig Geberdt rototilled a narrow swath on the north side of that area. Its purpose was to plant milkweed. This was done in the late spring. More recently, Len Cox and I have planted milkweed plants from Len's garden nursery.

We have now planted about 60 plants and are hoping to create a milkweed plot to benefit Monarch butterflies.



SSA Shooting Sports---T Dollmaier

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Ranges

That time of year is upon us once again as we move from summer into fall.

Looking back over the summer, the Ranges at Sydenham Sportsmen's Association have been very busy with all kinds of shooting activities. The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association would like to Thank all those volunteers that made those events happen.

There were some new changes to the Handgun and .22 Caliber Rimfire Ranges with the addition of auxiliary smaller Red and Green flags.

Compliance with their use seems to be received well, but we are still seeing some misuse of them. When anyone is down range (in front of main shooting buildings) a Green flag is to be flown inside the building indicating that the firing line is inactive (cold). There should be no handling of firearms or ammunition on a Green Flag. It is safe to go down range.

If shooting is to occur inside the buildings, then a Red Flag is flown indicating that the firing line is active (hot) and shooting can commence at anytime.

Where the issue appears, is when people are shooting down range (between the building and the target backers. A Green Flag should be flown inside the building and the Red Flag is moved down to the firing line. When the Red Flag is raised at the down range firing line, there should be no Handling of Firearms or Ammunition behind shooters on the firing line.

When down range shooting requires anyone to go forward of the down range firing line, the red flag is lowered indicating that the range is now inactive (cold). There is no Handling of Firearms or Ammunition until the Red flag is raised on the firing line.

Hopefully we will see more adherence to the use of these flags.

During recent SSA Range Inspection, it has been found that we have target structures including range lane numbers that have been damaged by shooting activities. This is all a result if inadequate muzzle control of the firearms.

Please note: That when first sighting in a firearm on the Handgun or 100-yard Ranges, start your sighting process shooting at targets close and move out to greater distances only as you refine the sighting of the firearm.

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>	