



THE SPORTSMAN

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The December monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1 at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm. This is our final meeting for 2022 and our Annual Nibble Night. Members bring their favourite dish to share for a nibble. The top 3 prizes are awarded and the decision of the judges is final.

President's Report

THE CLUB HOUSE is: on the Lincoln Park Road, in the township of Georgian Bluffs, or {082535 Side Road 6}, or {217567 Concession 3 Side road, behind Gord Maher Centre}

Welcome all to what now appears to be winter and all the glory it brings. Don't forget to join us for the December General meeting on the 1st as it is our annual Nibble night. It is always a fun and social evening to meet up with other club members and the dishes are always a treat. We will also be taking nominations for 2023 Executive that evening. Now the winter weather is here drive safe, take the few extra minutes to allow for road conditions. Enjoy the holiday season with friends and family and I look forward to what 2023 will bring.

Scott Grimoldby



The SSA 75th Anniversary

2022 marks the 75th Anniversary of our club. Chris Geberdt has promised us a piece of cake to celebrate. As well, Life Member Jack Osadzuk, the first Junior member of the SSA, will provide a brief overview of our history. I look forward to hearing from him and know we will all learn something new.



Early Bird Membership Renewal

Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President:
Scott Grimoldby

First Vice President:
Chris Geberdt

Second Vice President:
Bill Douglas

Past President:
Mike Prevost

Recording Secretary:
Allan Smith

Treasurer:
Dimitrious Geberdt

Directors:
John Ford, Jay Murdoch.
Cliff Springer, Jim Hastie, Al Hillis
Dave McKinnon, Joe Gray
Wayne Gallagher, Ken Miersch
Mike Thompson, Gord Fraser

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



Got Questions? Contact
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Clubhouse Bookings:
Contact-
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If you haven't renewed your 2023 membership, this applies to you. If you renew by the January General meeting, you will receive a ballot eligible for several draws. They include a free year's membership, a smoker, a small bbq and a cooler. You can renew at the meeting, by mail or by calling me at 226-664-0960 and paying with your credit card.

Receiving the Newsletter electronically

Most of us, with an email address, receive the monthly newsletter electronically. If you don't see the newsletter in your Inbox, look for it in Spam or Junk or Deleted items. If we have your correct up to date email address, it will be sent.



Address, telephone and email address changes

Frequently, members move and change from a home phone to a cell phone number. As well, you may change internet providers with an email address change. Currently, I am following up with 7 members whose emails are being returned. This is a time consuming process. You can help by emailing me with the changes. My email address is johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Members who have Bluebird Nesting Box Runs

All volunteers that have bird box runs, make sure all boxes are cleaned out for the winter and send your reports to: allanswoodworks4@gmail.com

Calling all cormorant hunters: Request for interviews

Pangea is a photo + video project. One aspect of it is to explore the tension between rural hunters and environmental scientists working in urban universities. This project celebrates the hands-on environmental activism of hunters and fishermen. Cormorants are expensive to shoot and they taste bad, so the main reason to hunt them is to improve the environment: hence why I'd like to include the cormorant cull in my project.

I am looking for people to interview about this topic (audio only or audio+video recording, depending on preference). Also looking for hunters interested in having their cormorant hunt videotaped or photographed – the footage and photos will be provided afterward.

I can best be contacted by email. [Sage Szkabarnicki-Stuart](mailto:Sage.Szkabarnicki-Stuart@gmail.com)
Email: Sage.sz@pm.me Tel: 437-981-3486
Portfolio: <https://sageszk.myportfolio.com/>

Based in: Kemble, Ontario



Donation in support of the CCFR --- Jay Murdoch

As we all know - the current liberal federal government has passed legislation making firearms ownership more difficult so that many of our legally obtained firearms have now become prohibited items. And they are further preventing purchases or transfers of many of the same firearms. ALL without debate in the house of commons.

The current legislation is nothing but an attack on legal and safe firearms ownership in Canada while failing to address the root cause of criminal activity in our country.

The Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights is a not for profit organization with a mission to represent Canadian firearms owners with a strong voice for legislative change to help maintain the rights and freedoms we have always enjoyed with our firearms.

We are pleased to report that the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association is making a donation of \$2000 on behalf of all of our members to the CCFR.

We encourage all members of our firearms community to make their own donation and even join the CCFR. More information can be found at:

<https://firearmsrights.ca>



Club Safety Courses

By the time you read this all of our 2023 range safety courses will be finished. This year over 120 members completed the 100 yard range safety course and are using the 100 yard range on their own.

We also successfully completed three well attended Handgun Range Safety Courses. I want to thank Zach Ethier, Andy Crawford, Stew Wallace, and Peter Robson for stepping up to help facilitate these courses. There were also three holster courses completed and the very popular Handgun Proficiency Training days put on by Chuck Cannon on the handgun range.

Next year - All of these courses will run on an "on demand" basis when the number of participants is enough to ask our volunteers to put on the courses.

Snow Removal

Huttons Landscaping will once again be plowing the main gate and laneway areas down to the green warm up shack (the trap and skeet range.)

A reminder that all of the snow removal from the ranges themselves, doorways, and walkways, etc. are done by the users of the ranges. We do not have one person assigned to this task or who could keep up like Wayne did for so many years. There will be shovels at each range, and we do have a walk behind snow blower and tractor available to use if you know and are willing to run these machines. Please pitch in when you can to help keep snow clear of our ranges.



Lifetime Achievement Awards

On November 3rd, the club awarded four Lifetime Achievement and Membership awards to members who have given many years of service to our club. SSA executive member Mike Thompson awarded these membership awards in person to Jim Hastie, Bill Douglas, and Gord Fraser, and our President Scott Grimoldby accepted the award for Murray Smart in memoriam on behalf of Murray's family.

Thank you Jim, Bill, and Gord for your CONTINUED service to our club, it would not be what it is today without your efforts. We all appreciate the work that you have done, and continue to do.





Shooting activities have winter hours too

Trap shooting on wednesdays has changed to be between 10:00 and 12:00 for the winter months. The other trap and skeet shooting times may change as well. Check the All Events calendar on the website for details. Come early if you can help shovel snow!

Sporting clays is looking for someone to help with the course next summer. This would include planning targets and setting the target machines, course maintenance, helping to run the event on certain dates, etc.

Have a great winter everyone.

Dedicated SSA Volunteers Digging Test Holes --- J Ford

Recently 4 volunteers: Craig Geberdt, Chris Geberdt, Bill Douglas and John Ford dug 3 test holes on the Kelly Mothersell Conservation Property in Georgian Bluffs to determine if this area is suitable to create a Wildlife Pond. Over the next 6 months, these holes will be monitored for water content.



Property Gate Locks during Winter

With the advent of winter, we have removed the locks on the front of property gate as well as the top of hill gate. This is to prevent the locks from freezing. We ask that members close the gates as usual, when leaving the property.

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2023 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2022 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/22)

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.**

If you have a rural address, Canada Post requires your fire number and road as well as your rural route.

Membership Fees for 2023:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students under age 25	\$215.00
	Adult	Individual	\$160.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$145.00
	Student	Age under 25 in full time student (no magazine)	\$80.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$75.00
	Property Gate Key		\$5.00
	OFAH Paper Magazine		\$18.00
Check off your selections above			Total

Note to Family Members: If you do not require a paper Ontario Out of Doors Magazine, please check here

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2023 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)	
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:

We are providing you with an OFAH paperless membership this year. You will get a membership card emailed to you and can read the OFAH magazine digitally. However, you won't get a paper magazine unless you don't have an email address. A Paper copy of the Ontario Out of Doors magazine is available for an additional cost of \$18.00