



# THE SPORTSMAN

"Conservation is Our Aim"

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**February 10, 2022**



**Announcing Our February Face to Face Meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the SSA Clubhouse**



**NOTICE:** *There will be a contact tracing sheet that you need to complete at the back table. This also indicates that you are vaccinated which is a requirement to attend.*

**Membership**

We will be able to renew your membership. We will have the POS machine so can renew your membership with your credit card or debit or with cash or cheque. Look for me in my normal spot.

**Early Bird Membership Draws**

- First Vice-President Chris Geberdt recently made the draws. **The winners are as follows:**
- Free Year's Membership: Michael Dickie
- Little Chief Smoker: Fraser Murray
- Lowrance Hook Graph: Bill Hutchinson
- Coleman Tritan Camp Stove: Cam Jefferson
- Thanks to all who participated.

**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}

Clubhouse Bookings:  
 Contact-  
**Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)**  
 Home 519-794-3456  
 Cell 226- 668-6031  
[ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com](mailto:ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com)

Again we are looking for more interested members to contact John Ford and volunteer to be on the Wildlife Advisory Committee. Please email me at [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com)

**Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation**



### Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

**President:**  
Scott Grimoldby

**First Vice President:**  
Chris Geberdt

**Second Vice President:**  
Bill Douglas

**Past President:**  
Mike Prevost

**Recording Secretary:**  
Allen Smith

**Treasurer:**  
Dimitrious Geberdt

**Directors:**  
Jeff Caldwell, John Ford  
Robert Lovelace, Jay Murdoch  
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  
[John@sydenhamsportsmen.com](mailto:John@sydenhamsportsmen.com)

### Gate Keys

The current key which has a yellow key spotter on it, will continue to work until March 31, 2022. Of course, your 2022 membership needs to be paid to use club facilities. I anticipate having the keys available for the February 2022 meeting. As usual, we are happy to recycle your old keys if you return them.

Keep in mind, that the locks from the 2 main road gates are now removed due to the winter weather as they freeze and restrict entry. Please close the gates if you are last at using the ranges.

### Wildlife Committee Meeting

We held a meeting on November 7 with 7 members present. We are currently looking for at least 4 to 6 members to serve on this important committee. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me at [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com) or 226-664-0960

Items discussed included removal of a large log on Bothwell's Creek that will impede salmonid spawning access.

Bob Hunt is no longer able to administrate the Bluebird Nesting Bob programme. Al Smith and John Ford agreed to take this over along with guidance from Bob for 2022.

Jim Hastie and John Ford toured the Fred Geberdt Memorial/Walker Wetlands site to view the constructed pond and some fence openings for wildlife. We found the pond to be full of water and there was some evidence of deer using the fence openings. Then we went to the Doug Reid Memorial site to view the pond constructed there along with the Butterfly Habitat area. The pond was 3/4 full of water then and I suspect that it is full now.

The Butterfly habitat needs to have the soil worked up as Napweed has taken over. Wayne Gallagher thinks that we may be able to use the club cultivator to work up this area.

It was discussed that we might be able to partner with other Conservation minded groups to receive more manpower. This is being explored.



## Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular

I know that it seems early to reference the Derby but time does progress rapidly. If you worked on the Weigh in Station or the Computer in the Weigh in Station in 2021 or previously and are interested in doing so again, would you please contact me? We are presently working on those 2 schedules. Again my email is [johnrichardford5@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com) and my telephone number is 226 664 0960.

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## President's Report | Scott Grimoldby

I ran out of time last month before the newsletter was sent out to provide a monthly submission but I know that a post was sent out of the cancellation of the January General Meeting as well as the 2022 Election being postponed. I was certainly hoping as I know all of you would have figured we would be through this Pandemic and its hold on our Social gatherings but as it appears at present things are not improving as we would like. It has just been announced that some easing on the restrictions, we will now be able to hold our February General Meeting and our 2022 Election for the Executive will take place that evening. We would like to move this meeting ahead one week to Thursday, February, 10th @ 7:30 pm. We were able to enjoy a December General Meeting which was short as the main event of the Annual Nibble Night once again resumed. We had seven or eight delights prepared for those in attendance and a donation bar was once again opened for a bit of festive cheer to be enjoyed. I would like to thank all those who prepared dishes and helped setup, cleanup and to Karen Colborne for looking after the dishes.

The winners were as follows:

1st Place of Venison Heart Pastrami with Homemade Manitoba Cherry Jam – Tracy & Jay Murdoch

2nd Place of Moose Meatballs – Sue Ann & Chris Geberdt

3rd Place of Dead Tom Stew – Mike Prevost

Congratulations to the winners and really to all who came out are the real winners. I really hope this ends soon as myself, Guy Doherty & Dennis Mcilvenna are looking forward to getting back on the Annual Chili/Soup/Stew evening this spring. To all of you out there, please be patient, stay safe and practice conservation in whatever winter activities you are enjoying.

Scott





## Shooting Sports

Hello fellow shotgunners.

- The skeet field is open for shooting all winter, the roads are plowed and the heat is on in the warm-up shack.
- We are open on Thursday's from 12 till 3, Mike Thompson ( me ) looks after Thursday's year round.
- On Saturday's from 10 till 1 Dave MacKinnon takes care of this event.
- Ammo is available for purchase 12ga and some 20ga.



[Check the website out for more contact info.](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ranges/shooting-ranges/)  
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For the past 4 years I have arranged for skeet coach Dean Herzberg to come to the club for skeet clinics and I am working to get him here again this year. At this time, dates have not been finalized so stay tuned to the newsletter. Dean is an excellent instructor no matter what stage you are at in your shooting journey, beginner to expert. If you are interested, feel free to contact me. Hope to see you all on the skeet field soon!

Mike Thompson | [Call or text 519-385-4280](tel:519-385-4280) or [Email bigmikeyt1@hotmail.com](mailto:bigmikeyt1@hotmail.com)

## Salmon Spectacular Boat and Recreational Draws | A Smith

Starting about the first week of February, I will have Boat Draw tickets for sale. The plan is to do the same as last year; sell a book of 10 tickets for \$20.00 and get a free hat. Also I will be looking for volunteers to sell tickets at the stores starting in May.

If interested in selling tickets contact: Allan Smith  
[519-387-9666](tel:519-387-9666) | [Allanswoodworks4@gmail.com](mailto:Allanswoodworks4@gmail.com)



## Using the Calendar on the SSA Website

1. First go to the main page of our website:  
[www.sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com)
2. At the top of the page, you will see the button **Events Calendar**.
3. After you click on that, choose the All Events Calendar.
4. Then you will see the events for the month.



## SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2022 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2021 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/21)

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\*\*\***

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

Membership Fees for <b>2022</b>		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$210.00
	Adult	Individual	\$155.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$140.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time student (no magazine)	\$75.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$70.00
	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, please check here \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Late Renewal Fee: Those who renew after April 1, 2022, must pay a late fee of \$25.00 This is added to your renewal fee.

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Update your Email Address)

FIREARMS LICENCE NUMBER AND EXPIRY \_\_\_\_\_

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	Have ATT	

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. In this difficult financial period, a paperless membership provides a significant savings to the SSA. You will get a membership card emailed to you and can read the OFAH magazine digitally. However, you won't get a paper magazine. If you do not have an email address, you will receive a paper OFAH membership. If you choose to get a paper copy even though you have an email address, the additional cost is \$18.00.





Look forward to  
seeing you all at  
the range!