

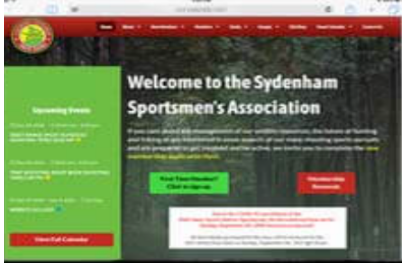


THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

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FEBRUARY 2024



The February Monthly Meeting of the SSA will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse. All members and guests are welcome.

The guest speaker for this meeting is retired biologist Andy McKee. He will speak about the Beaver River Valley Initiative conservation project.

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}

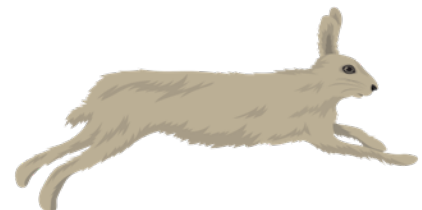
Clubhouse Bookings:
 Contact-
Ron McCartney (Club Custodian)
 Home 519-794-3456
 Cell 226-668-6031
ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com

President’s Report

Welcome to all, well the winter weather has finally hit us these last couple of weeks. We had our election this past general meeting and I would like to thank all the outgoing Executive members for all they did during their time on the board. I would also like to welcome the new members who will be joining us for this upcoming year.

Our next general meeting is Thursday, February, 1st so please come out as we like to see as many members and guests in attendance, this gives you the opportunity to meet other members and hear what is going on in the club. If this winter weather is something you enjoy, please stay safe out there and stay warm.

Enjoy and Stay Safe
 Scott Grimoldby





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

Treasurer:
Dimitrious Geberdt

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

SSA Membership Renewal---J Ford

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to renew your 2024 SSA Membership. As a reminder, all SSA Memberships are due on January 1, 2024. In particular, I want to thank those who have used the On Line module from our website.

At our last meeting we had the Early Bird Membership Draw and the lucky winners were: Daniel Armstrong who won a free year's membership Dennis Grummett who won an inflatable bed, John Snook won a rod and reel and Brian Gamble won a sleeping bag.

If you have a 2023 sticker on your membership card, you need to renew. You can do it on line, at a meeting or by calling me at 226-664-0960 and asking for John. If you plan on using our club ranges and other facilities, you must be a paid up 2024 SSA Member.

Gate Keys

At present there is no lock on the main property gate or the Top of Hill gate. However, this is temporary for the winter to prevent freezing. When the weather warms up, the locks will reappear. The current key with the orange key spotter on it will work until March 31, 2024. At that point, you will need a key with a green key spotter on it.

Starting in March, we will have keys available for you to purchase at our meetings, at Watson Tackle and Guns and at the Warming Shack on our club property. If you have last year's key to return, the cost is \$5. If you don't the cost is \$6





Message to All Members from Chuck Cannon

“All members, The SSA is preparing for the April 2024 Launch of a new YOUTH OUTDOOR ADVENTURER SKILLS PROGRAM” .

This annually reoccurring program will engage the future generations in Conservation Oriented Outdoor Recreational Activities. Young Courageous Adventure seekers (ages 12 to 18 years of age) are invited to participate in a skill based learning program that will prepare you (and your adult mentor) with the necessary skills to support Conservation in your own chosen way. Additionally the long term mastery of these skills could allow you to make history in ways many great Legendary Outdoors Men and Women of the past have done. Legends like; Sir Edmund Hillary, (1st to conquer mount Everest) Baden Powel (Founder of Boy Scouts) Ernest Shackleton (Captain of the Endurance), Roger Pocock (Founder of the Legion of Frontiersman) Amelia Earhart (First Female Solo TransAtlantic pilot)

If you want to write your own page in history by becoming skilled in these topics :

- Land Navigation (Map, Compass, GPS)
- Foundational Rifle Marksmanship
- Foundational Archery, (Modern and Traditional)
- Foundational Shotgun techniques
- First aid and survival
- Wildlife Identification, observation & tracking,
How to use game Cameras. Bushcraft
Game Camera photo competition.
- Hunting, Fishing skills and so much more....
This is the place you will find it. SSA YAP



Sydenham Sportsmans Association Youth Adventure Program

We are still building the administrative support mechanism over the winter months going into 2024. In this pilot year participant opportunities will be limited. It's important for serious Adventurer hopefuls to indicate an interest early, as well as pay close attention to follow up information sent by email, news letter postings and Update briefings at Jan, Feb, March club meetings. For more info contact Chuck lccannon45@gmail.com

Volunteer Instructors

An extensive program like this has to bring true value for time spent to all those involved. Especially for those we consider to be clients of this adventure. Youth aged 12 to 18 years of age and their accompanying mentor (adult) To do so requires commitment. Commitment from the participants as well as from a dedicated group of Adult (18 + years old) volunteer club Activity Coordinators/instructors. 12 of you to begin with.

Hat in hand, I am graciously seeking volunteer members under 60 years of age who would support with this monumental rewarding task by becoming dedicated instructors for this program.. I have spent a lifetime of sharing knowledge with the next generation of Dragon Slayers, Mountain conquerors and Highway men. Now it's time to help the teachers and Mentors of those future Dragon Slayers. If you ever wondered whether or not you could be that man or woman who could steer the ship in a storm, or blaze the new trailing unknown territory and teach future generations to do so? Here's the chance to find out.

Put your hand in the air, step forward out of the crowd, send me an email, text message or smoke signal. ASAP I and my close confidantes are willing to show you the ropes, prepare you to sit in the saddle, and when the time is right hand you the reins. I figure I have more than a few years yet before I really do get run over by a bus, so lets take advantage of what we can offer you now, as future leaders owners of this truly important adventure. Just in case mad scientists do clone and resurrect the Dragons. Lol. To start I need 12 willing and able Adventurers, 18 years old minimum. You don't need to have decades of experience. Experience helps, but if you need experience being part of this program will get you started.



Message to All Members Cont..

Looking for Volunteers (All ages)

Yes I need as many helping hands as I can get and every member regardless of age is welcome to participate in this adventure. I have key support roles that need filling. Too many to list here just yet. I need a shadow, I also need someone who can type/ do computer work. Photos, web articles, And so much more..

Thank you in advance for any and all support.

Chuck lccannon45@gmail.com

519 379 0297

Ladies and Gentlemen, I (Chuck Cannon) would like to propose that the Sydenham Sportsman Association celebrate/commemorate the launch of the (YAP) Youth Adventurer Program by conducting a contest. In conjunction with the proposed Fish Fry social meeting in April 2024.

Concept Outline: "The SSA Has Talent" Contest. Requirement.

Present to the membership/meeting your version of the SSA Conservation Pledge. Exercise your hidden artistic conservationist talent by leading the group through your version of the pledge. Bring your guitar make it into a song . Show us your worldly education by presenting the pledge as Haiku Poetry. Maybe you can yoddlle a version of it. Like Rap music? Give us your best foot stomping Mike spitting version. Use your imagination. Be creative. I dare you. Imagine the pledge brought to you as Cirque Soleil interpretive dance. OK maybe not quite that extravagant.

Rules Simple: present the SSA pledge in your artistic form as accurately as possible. Some minor word changes or enhancements are acceptable. Must not deviate far off the message as intended.

Eligibility: Teams of two made up of:

1. Youth participants, 12 to 18 years old
2. Youth + Mentor Participant
3. Seniors =60 years and over

** maximum of 10? Teams can register to participate.

PRIZES: Significant 1st place prize for the winning team.

Participation prizes for all who have the starch to perform in this contest.

Judging: Done by audience vote? Panel of Judges?

Which of you wants to be Simon Cowell or Sofia Vergara?

If we can do this? We get the word out membership wide asap, giving all potential competitors at least two months to prepare. It doubles as a drawing card to the fish fry and engages the membership (including those over 60) and celebrates the 2024 launch of YAP.

Think about this.... "The SSA Has Talent 2024" I am already seeking out a team partner who knows how to RAP.....lol, or at least can jam it out while we play harmonica/kazoo.

For your Consideration....

Chuck Cannon

If you are interesting in getting involved with the SSA Has Talent contest, please contact Chuck Cannon at lccannon45@gmail.com

"Chuck Cannon will be giving a Brief 10 min presentation about the "Pace/Ranger Bead" kits during the meeting. These kits are being assembled by Youth Adventurers as part of the Land Navigation Module 1. If you have an interest in seeing/assembling a kit, Chuck will be looking for participants at the meeting to proof test this skill based lesson. "



Boat Draw Ticket Sellers---A Smith

Al Smith is looking for volunteers to sell boat draw tickets starting at the end of April. Please call him to offer to help! Phone: 519-387-9666

Change in Affinity Partners for OFAH

We have just been informed that several of the longstanding partners are no longer interested in supporting the OFAH. They are the Bank of Montreal, Marks Work Wearhouse and Peavey. This is for your information, please shop accordingly.

SSA Fish Hatchery---M Prevost

The electrical rewiring at the small Hatchery has been completed by Pat Bridge Electrical with new lighting, which is impressive, new permanent and timer outlets and a new plywood roof. This will provide us with a more reliable site to raise our fish.

Right now the big Hatchery has our rainbow trout, growing rapidly, some up to two inches and our Chinook Salmon fry.

I want to thank those members that offered to volunteer at the Hatchery in response to my email for extra help.

Mike Prevost Hatchery Manager

KEADY ROD AND GUN SHOW
KEADY ARENA 116931 GREY ROAD 3
SATURDAY MAY 4TH, 2024

8:00AM - 1:00PM Snack Bar Available
 \$5.00 Admission Accompanied Children Under 12 Free
 VENDOR TABLES \$25 TABLE SET UP TIME 6AM - 7:30AM
 CONTACT: MOE BAIRD 519-500-2494
ALL CANADIAN FIREARMS LAWS APPLY

SSA Shooting Sports Report

Our Ranges are Open

The latest weather has brought a good amount of snow to the area and thanks to our Volunteers all our ranges have been cleared and available for use. Please ensure that if you use the ranges that you take time to clear any snow that may have fallen that could pose a slipping or tripping hazard for you and any other users. Some interesting facts on usage of SSA Ranges in 2023. Last year, 384 SSA members used the ranges 2844 times.

The following shows range usage:

On January 18th we had our first SSA Executive Meeting of the year. At this meeting it was has agreed that SSA would donate \$2000.00 to CFFR on behalf of our members to continue with a voice for Legal Firearms Ownership in Canada.

If you are not a member of organizations like CFFR or CSSA, it may be time to look at supporting these organizations to continue with ensuring Legal Ownership of Firearms in Canada.

Member Usage	Range
25	Archery Range
630	Handgun Range
853	100 Yard Range
1138	Trap and Skeet Ranges
198	22 Cal Rimfire Range

SSA RENEWAL FORM FOR 2024 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 2023 MEMBERS ONLY)

(For your convenience SSA Renewal Memberships can be purchased directly on our website after Oct 1/23)

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 2024:		Memberships are based on the Calendar Year (January until December).	
	Family	Adult, Spouse, Children, includes full time students up to age 25	\$220.00
	Adult	Individual	\$165.00
	Senior Citizen	Age 60 & over	\$150.00
	Student	Age up to 25 in full time attendance as a student (no magazine)	\$85.00
	Add a Spouse	Additional fee	\$55.00
	Junior	12 and under (no magazine)	\$80.00
	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		\$18.00
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, 2024 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: _____

"I declare that I have received, read, and understand the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Range Operations Manual and will abide by the procedures and rules contained therein. I also understand that the ranges are monitored by a security camera system which is used by the SSA to maintain security and safety on the ranges."



Range Events

Numerous sanctioned events such as Trap, Skeet, Cowboy Action and Precision Rimfire have been added to the "All Events Calendar" on the SSA Website. Please check the SSA website for dates, times and Co-Ordinator's. Guest for these events, are always welcome.

This year SSA will be hosting a Youth Day and the Tentative Date is June 1st and we are looking for volunteers to help on the 22 Rimfire and 100 Yard Range. Last year we had a great turnout and support from our members. It was lots of fun and everyone appeared to be having a great time. If you are interested in helping on Youth Day with Supervising young shooters using 22 Rimfire Firearms (firearms are provided by SSA) please let Trevor Dollmaier know. This is a great opportunity for us to promote safe shooting with our youth.

Training

For our new members, we have an SSA Orientation Tour Scheduled for January 28th. This orientation is a requirement to be able to use the Archery and 22 Cal Rimfire Range on your own. The Orientation is a prerequisite for any other range courses offered at SSA. Other Orientation Tours will be available and will be posted on the SSA All Events Calendar.

To use the Handgun Range, a Holster or the 100 Yard Range unsupervised you must complete a specific training course. These training courses will be starting soon. Please contact the Range Co-ordinators to get your name on the list. We would like to get our members that want to use these ranges qualified as soon as we can. Once we get enough participants, we will schedule the courses.

Starting this year, all members that bring guests that use SSA Range facilities will see a change to the Guest Waiver Form. It is the responsibility of the SSA Member to ensure that the information block below (which is at the bottom of the Guest Waiver Form) is filled in completely and is legible on their first visit to each range.

On each visit, the bottom part of the block needs to be filled in and initialed by the sponsoring member for that visit. Please ensure that the \$5.00 Guest Fee is placed in the Donation Box for each use of the range. Donation boxes are located at each range.

PAL / RPAL numbers are required and if one is not available then the member sponsoring the guest is responsible for Direct and Immediate Supervision of the guest, and for ensuring that the guest is following the SSA Range Rules.

Guest Name [Printed – Last Name, First Name]	Guest/Parental Consent Signature	Valid PAL #	Expiry Date
Guest Home Address		Postal Code	Phone #
Date of Each Visit [Max 3 visits /year]	Sponsoring SSA Member #	Sponsoring SSA Member Name and Initials [Print Name]	

If you have any question or concerns regarding the Ranges and supporting facilities, please contact any of the Range Committee Members. A list of the members is available on the SSA website and in the Range Operations Manual (one is located in every Log-in Binder at each Range)
Be Safe and Happy Shooting - SSA Range Committee