



# THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

**SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN’S ASSOCIATION,**  
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## JANUARY 2024



**The Annual General Meeting** of the SSA will be held on Thursday, January 4 at our Clubhouse starting at 7:30 pm

**The SSA Executive** wants to wish all of you a Happy New Year!! The Annual Elections for SSA Directors will occur at this meeting. All 2024 members can vote.

### 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}

I am not a Criminal,  
 I am a Gun Owner,  
 and I do not deserve to be criminalized for that.



Welcome to 2024!!! I certainly hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I would like to thank all of our members who delighted the crowd at our December General meeting for our annual Nibble Night Social Event. As always at our January General Meeting, we will be having our last of three nominations for the upcoming 2024 Executive followed by our voting. As always many of our committees will be looking for new members to join and help out, I encourage all to get involved, as this is one of the many functions that make the SSA such a success and a recognized club throughout the Province. You will get to meet fellow members and share in some rich values that many of our seasoned members have to share. Again, my thanks goes to Chuck Cannon for spearheading the Youth Program rebirth and those who will join him in our inaugural year. If anyone is interested or wants more information on this, please attend a General Meeting, as the program will begin in April 2024. Stay Safe & Be Well.

Enjoy and Stay Safe  
 Scott Grimoldby

Clubhouse Bookings:  
 Contact-  
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**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,  
Jim Hastie, Dave McKinnon,  
Joe Gray, Trevor Dollmaier,  
Craig Geberdt, and Scott  
Millar, 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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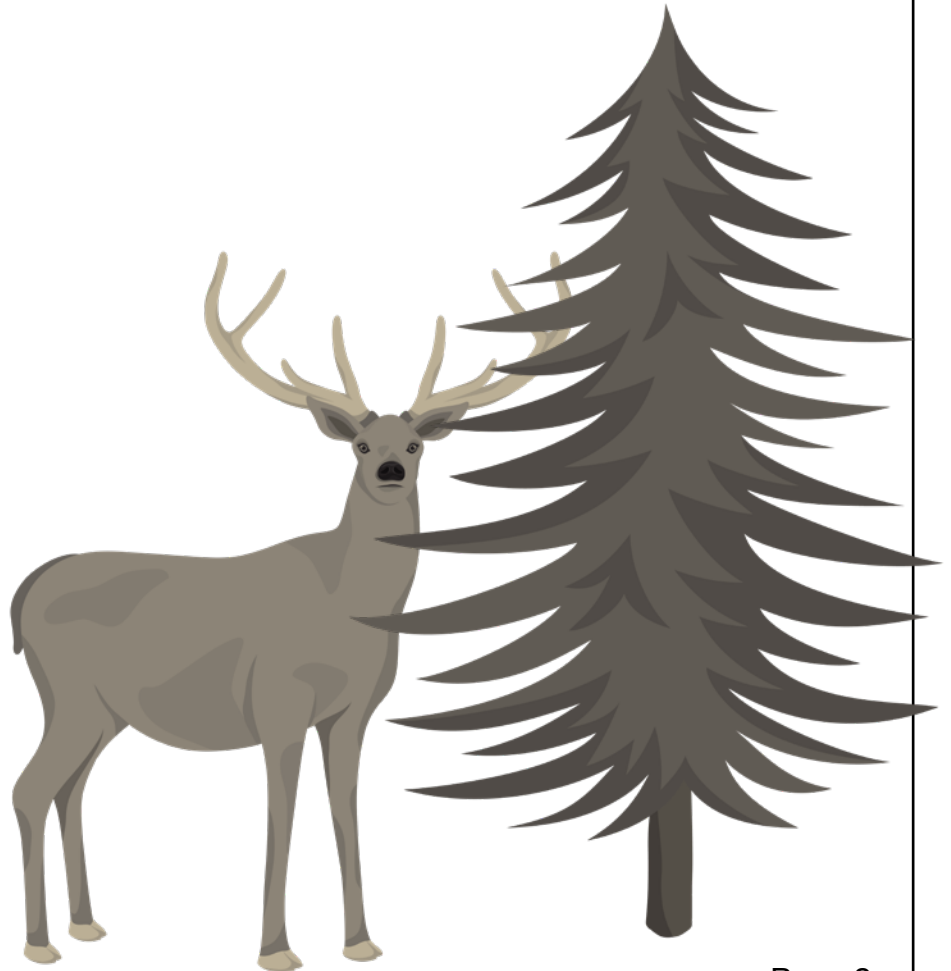
**Early Bird Membership**

The 4 membership draws will happen at this meeting. The draws include a year's membership, an inflatable bed, a rod and reel and a sleeping bag. This draw is open to anyone who renews by the meeting.

**Gate Keys**

The current gate key has an orange key spotter on it.

This key will work until March 31, 2024. On April 1 the locks will be changed. The new key will have a green key spotter on it. These will be available at Watsons Tackle House and at the Warming Shack on the club property in March. We will also have the keys available at our monthly meetings. The cost is \$6 if you don't have last year's key to return or \$5 if you do.



# 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		<b>Total</b>	

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."



## Shooting Sports Report---J Murdoch

January 2024 SSA Range Committee Newsletter Update

We hope you and your families are enjoying the Christmas holidays and finding time to slow down and enjoy some time together. As of writing this newsletter its been a green winter so far in Grey County, and looking like a green Christmas. That means great shooting weather! We hope you get out to the ranges over the holidays. Merry Christmas everyone and a very Happy & Healthy New Year.

This update includes information for new members that are joining the SSA in the new year, and information for exciting programs that are NEW and RETURNING to the SSA ranges in 2024.

Most of the regular – winter AND summer - Shooting activities are returning on their normal schedules to the ranges in 2024. The calendar is just beginning to fill in with trap and skeet shooting events that are in addition to regular range days, as well as precision rimfire rifle shooting, handgun proficiency training, cowboy action shooting, and much more.

There will be a spring and fall cycle of Handgun Proficiency Training days lead by Chuck Cannon again in 2024. This training sold out fast in 2023, so keep your eye on the calendar in early February when registration will go live on our website. (The tentative dates for this training are already posted.) IF you want to learn and practice your handgun proficiency skills from a holster – this is the course for you.

### **NEW IN 2024 – an exciting initiative also lead by Chuck Cannon – is the 2024 SSA Youth Outdoor**

Adventurer's Program! This program is planned to begin in April 2024 targeting youth between the ages of 12 to 18, and will include interactive activities focused on learning about navigation, rifle marksmanship, archery techniques, shotgun shooting, first aid and survival skills, wildlife identification, hunting and fishing skills, and more! The club is very happy to support this program financially – but like everything at our club it requires members to volunteer time to help lead these modules. Chuck's vision can only become reality with your help – and the idea is to get members who have practical experience in any one of the above subject areas to help lead the modules. OR – even if you have an interest in learning about these areas and willing to learn how to teach it to our younger members – Chuck will teach you to teach it! IF you have skills and/or any interests specific to one of the above subject areas please reach out to Chuck and get involved. This is how we build the next generation of outdoor + shooting enthusiasts!





## Shooting Sports Cont..

Precision Rimfire Shooting on the 100 yard range. Lee Craig will be setting a variety of fun steel targets all various shapes and sizes on the 100 yard range at 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards on two Sundays in January. These steel targets come in shapes like Zombies, Bigfoot, Witches and Iguana's – come and challenge yourself as much as you want. .22 Standard velocity ammo is recommended – just come out and have fun with this. No cost. Watch the SSA All events calendar for dates and details.

INFORMATION FOR ALL THE NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE SSA in 2024 (And good info for all you old timers too!)

First of all – welcome to our club. Most of you have joined because you have heard how good of a club we are – and how good our range facilities are. It's all true. And it is 100% volunteer driven. WE do not have staff at the SSA. The reasons our clubhouse and ranges are clean and the snow is shoveled out of the doorways, etc. etc. is all because of member volunteers doing little things every day to make things better. So please get out and get involved.

