



THE SPORTSMAN

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Please be advised that the June General Meeting of the SSA has been moved to June 9 at 7:30 pm. This meeting is our Annual Hotdog and Beer night as well as our Auction to raise much needed funds for the club. Please bring good items that you wish to donate.



President's Report

Welcome to Summer and I certainly hope all of you are enjoying the nicer weather the slow transition from Pandemic back to some normalcy. We recently had our Chili/Soup/Stew night on Wednesday, May, 11th, to those who made a dish and those who attended to enjoy, all of the dishes from Bill Colborne's Wild Leek & Mushroom Soup to Guy Doherty's Wild Beef Stew were very tasty and my personal thanks to all of you. Our attendance was very low which is a disappointment as I would have expected more to get back out to our Social Gatherings. The Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular is in full force again this year with activities planned including entertainment and themed days for kids & seniors, Chris Geberdt will inform you more on this subject. There will be a few dates to remember for members who offer their assistance for this Critical Club event and largest fundraiser:

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}

Thursday, June, 9th is the next General meeting and will be our Hot Dog & Auction evening so please bring any items you would like to donate to have auctioned off to raise funds for the club.

Thursday, August, 11th will be Sponsor's Day at the SSA Clubhouse

Wednesday, August, 17th will be Worker's Night with a Corn/Hot Dog boil and some training and orientation for those who have not been involved in the Derby.

There are still spaces available for the Weigh in Station, Food Booth, Information Booth and if there are any students looking for Volunteer Hours we can use your help during setup, operation and tear down of the derby. See myself Scott Grimoldby or Chris Geberdt to arrange for hours. Enjoy what mother nature has to offer, stay safe and try to do your part to help with any club activities or the derby as with more members helping out only helps out the entire club as a whole.

39th Annual OWEN SOUND SALMON SPECTACULAR
 August 26 to September 4, 2022

- Come & reel in a Winning Chinook Salmon
- Saturday Night Fish Fries
- Daily Fish Entry Draws for Men, Women & Children
- Musical Entertainment Nightly
- Kid's Day, Ladies Afternoon, Seniors Afternoon, Miskin's Day

Over \$150,000 in prizes!

Early Bird Draw for ticket purchases until August 6, 2022
 Prices are \$30.00 Single Registration and \$70 Family Registration
 Registration tickets can be purchased online at www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/bsa02

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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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Clubhouse Bookings:
Contact-
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Property Grass Cutting Help

Wayne Gallagher is looking for help in keeping the grass cut during the summer months. *If you can help him, please contact him at w.gallagher@outlook.com*



Woodworkers needed at the Maher Centre

Bob Hunt and his partners have done a great job of making Bluebird Nesting boxes and various types of bird feeders, some of which are available at Bayshore Country Feeds in Owen Sound.

However, Bob needs help. He isn't able to do what he did 10 years ago and wants to share the load.

If you have some work working skills and can donate a couple of mornings during the week, please contact Bob.

His email address is bobhunt1@hotmail.ca

We know you are out there, so please volunteer.






Tip: Explore the website DERBY photo & video gallery.



CHECK OUT OUR FACILITIES

- Trap Shooting, including wobble trap & doubles (open year round)
- Skeet Field (open year round)
- Sporting Clays Range
- Archery Facilities
- Cowboy Action Shooting™
- Defensive Pistol Shooting
- Outdoor Handgun Range
- 25 yd. Rifle Range
- 100 yd. High Power Range




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We are still looking for volunteers to work at this important event. If you are interested in working at the Weigh in Station, please contact John Ford, johnrichardford5@gmail.com or 226-664-0960. Chris Geberdt is also looking for Food Booth Helpers. His email is cgeberdt@hay.net Ken Miersch is scheduling for the bar. His email is ken.mierch@sympatico.ca Tom Carrick looks after the P R Booth & Merchandise Booth. His email is tomcarrick2044@gmail.com |

We look forward to a close to normal derby in 2022 with afternoon and evening entertainment along with the special days.

Using the Calendar on the SSA Website

1. First go to the main page of our website:
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.



Memorials

Recently, 2 valued members of the SSA and OFAH passed away...

Jon Gandila a long time member of the club has passed away. Jon could be found on a regular basis on the skeet field and participating in the cripple clays group of shooters. He would not be there if it was raining or the smallest chance of rain or a dark cloud in the sky, perfect example of a fair weather shooter! Jon was from Romania and blessed with a wonderful selection of curse words for missed targets. Myself and others will miss shooting with him and our chance of learning a second language, who says shooting can't be fun and educational at the same time. R.I.P. Jon. -Mike Thompson-

Murray Smart, a long time SSA Member, Executive Member and Treasurer for many years, left us for the Happy Hunting ground in the sky. Murray worked long and hard for both the SSA and the Sydenham Conservation Foundation and was instrumental in obtaining the Break Open Ticket contract which provided the funding for the purchase of Foundation properties that are enjoyed today. One of Murray's great accomplishments was the purchase of Shallow Lake. Murray's health had failed him in recent years and now he is pain free. RIP Murray.

For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Jon or Murray, you are welcome to do so to the SSA or the OFAH. -John Ford-





Tip: Explore the website RANGES pages.

June 2022 Shooting Sports Update



All the ranges are busy again with summer weather upon us. A broad reminder to check the all events calendar on the SSA website for any scheduled courses or range closures for rentals etc.

All of the ranges and the clubhouse need summer maintenance – grass cutting, whipper snipping, raking, swept and tidied, etc. And we are in peak grass growing season right now. Thank you to the members who continue to spend time keeping the ranges maintained and looking good. For those of you with any interest in helping – the club owns all the equipment needed, we just need your time and energy. Reach out if you can help, we can show you where everything is.

Course Progression – accessing the ranges for new members at the SSA

We have worked hard to streamline the process of getting access to the ranges at the SSA for new members. The courses are designed now to be complimentary to each other, building knowledge with as little overlap as possible.

ALL new members must take the Range Orientation tour. This is an overview of the entire facility and rules that are consistent at each of our ranges. Once completed, a member may then shoot independently at the archery and rimfire ranges, and come out to any of the group supervised activities (Trap/Skeet/Sporting Clays/etc..) This tour would also benefit older members who did not take this course in the past or have not seen all the changes in the ranges over the last decade. The orientation tour is free.

After completing the Range Orientation tour, members must attend a Handgun Range safety course, or the 100 yard range safety course, to access the applicable range for their independent use. There is also a Holster course which is required before using a Holster at the SSA ranges. Each of these courses are offered throughout the year on an as needed/on demand schedule depending on the level of interest.

The next Range Orientation tour will be on June 19th. Meet at the SSA clubhouse at 10:00. The course finishes around noon. Registration is not required – just show up and be prepared to walk the facility. You must read the SSA range manual before attending the course, there is a short written test at the end. The range manual can be found under the Ranges tab on the SSA website.

100 Yard Range and Safety course update

To this date, approximately 50 members have completed the new 100 yard range safety course and are now using the range independently. Feedback on the course has been really positive and we know that members are happy to be able to use the range more often. There are 4 more courses scheduled in June (each Sunday). To register for one of these courses use the link in the All Events calendar on the website. The four courses in June will continue to be at no cost, and then there will be a break before further courses are offered again closer to the end of summer and fall of this year. **NOTE: that after June the 100 yard range safety course will cost \$32 to attend – in alignment with the cost of our other club safety courses (the Handgun range Club Level Safety course & the holster course.)**

Holster Course June 26th

There will be a Holster course June 26th at the SSA from 09:30 to 15:00. Registration will be through the website only and will open in early June for a maximum of 12 participants. Watch the calendar for the Registration link. Cost will be \$32.

Handgun Range & Handgun Range Safety course update

Thank you to everyone who waited patiently for our new Handgun Range Club Level Safety Course to be rolled out. The first course ran May 21st and the next course will be Sunday June 12th. Anticipate that another course will run in early September again once the summer season is behind us.

HANDGUN RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Many members have asked for better lighting in the Handgun Range, and we want to finish the walls, door, and floor on this range as well. We need your help! The SSA executive recently passed a budget to cover the material costs of all of this work, including a new concrete floor. Some members with trades experience have already volunteered help with this work, we still need someone with carpentry experience AND we need someone to lead/ manage the project. If you are an active handgun range user, ideally with some trades experience, and can lead this (reporting to the range committee) please contact Jay Murdoch.

Trap Shooting Update

The first three of 9 interclub trap shoots are now complete, with good attendance AND shooting by SSA shooters. Adam Arpa, Gord Fraser, and Doug Thacker have all lead our team to some really great scores so far this year. The next interclub trap shoot is June 11th at the SSA. If you have ever wanted to participate, just show up on the day of. Its that easy.

The new Trap House on the upper trap field is finished and being used again, we are just waiting on the grass to grow. The machine has been serviced and it is throwing really nice targets. The field is already being used for interclub, crippled clays, and regularly again on Friday afternoons.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to building this new trap house! This is such an improvement to our Trap shooting ranges. Two club members generously donated the funds for materials, and three additional individuals went above and beyond donating a huge amount of their knowledge, time and tools to complete this project. THANK YOU from all of us to: Evan Wilkinson - Dave MacKinnon - Serge Lozowsky.

The welding services to fabricate the roof structure was donated by Mike's Welding.

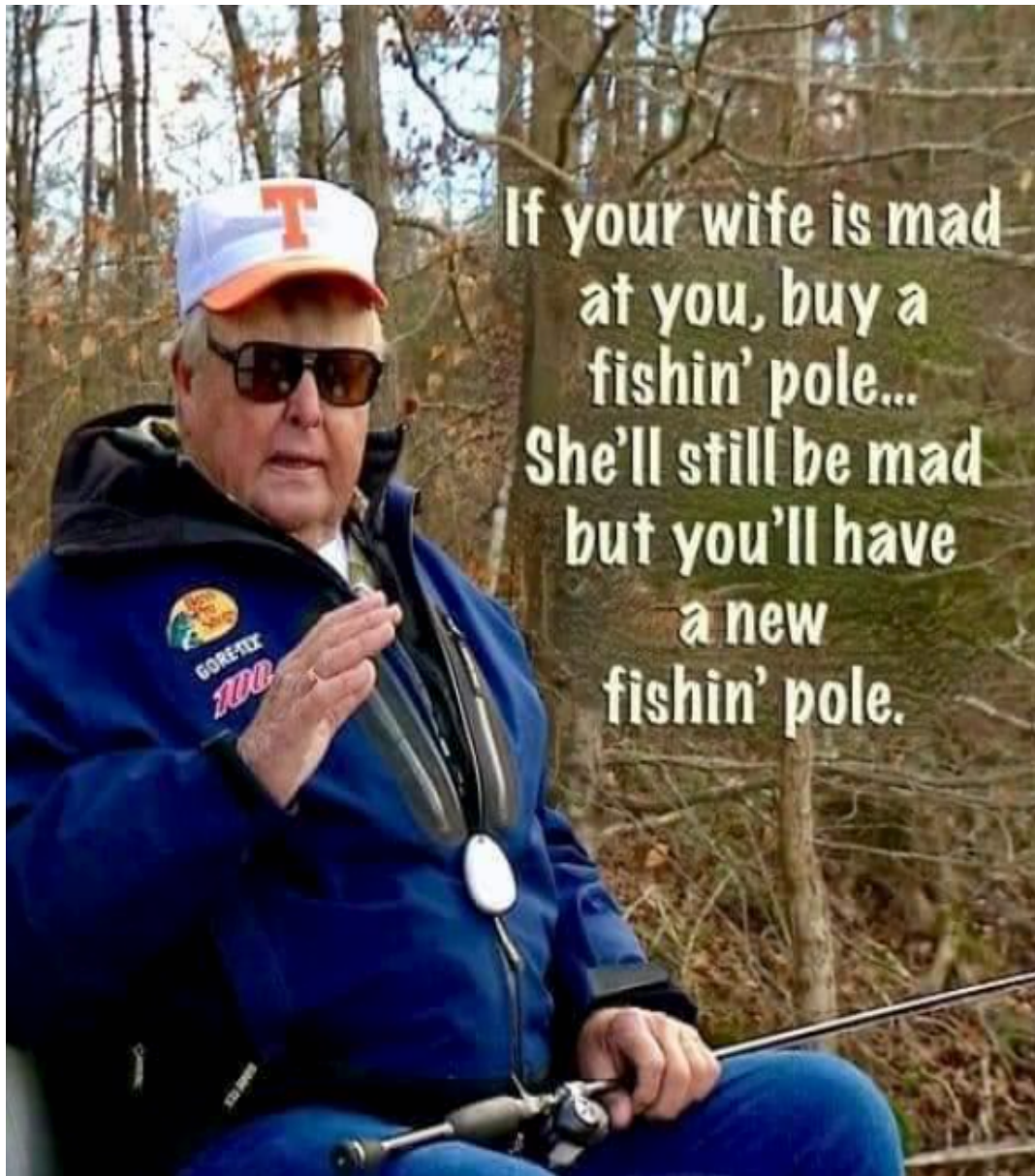
Skeet Shooting Update

Dean Herzberg finished a full weekend of coaching on the May long weekend. This has turned into an annual coaching opportunity at the SSA and has been a big reason that some of our members are becoming better shooters. Skeet shooting continues to grow in numbers at the SSA. As with ALL the shooting sports at our club, come out to try it any time. New shooters are always welcome. No experience required.

Congratulations to Evan Wilkinson who shot his first 50 straight (and really really close to a 75 straight!) at the Hamilton Smoke Show skeet shooting event. Great shooting Evan!

Sporting Clays update

Sporting clays continues to run every other Sunday (occasionally on a Saturday) for the summer months. It offers the most variety of clay target presentations that can be found close to home. New shooters are always welcome.



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but you'll have
a new
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