



THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN’S ASSOCIATION,
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Note: This is the last newsletter that you will receive until your 2023 Membership fees are paid.

The regular monthly club meeting will be held at the club house on Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 pm

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.**



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

Hello to all, here’s for hoping our last month of winter is upon us. We have had it pretty easy so far and most of you hard water anglers have missed out on annual trips to Simcoe. If the weather does change and bring better ice conditions, please plan ahead and as always stay safe and check local’s for ice conditions before venturing out? The days are getting longer and as I write this the sun is out and today will hit double digits, a strange February day for sure but I will take it. The annual pilgrimage of Chris Geberdt, his family and other club members have begun on the Show circuit to promote the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular, the SSA itself and the City of Owen Sound. This tiresome crew attend approximately 25 shows throughout Ontario such as the Boat Show & Sportsman Show in Toronto along with other similar shows throughout. They sell Derby boat draw tickets, pass out derby magazines, promote the SSA and its activities as well as promoting Owen Sound as a combined venture. This enables many contacts with derby current and potential sponsors to occur and they do a tremendous job of selling boat draw tickets and a few derby entry tickets. This is a true commitment to what our members support our activities with and without this group (too many to mention all the names) the SSA would not be so prosperous and recognized. My thanks go out to you all and take this time to meet some new faces, have some laughs and just enjoy yourselves, you deserve it!!!

Scott Grimoldby



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

President: Scott Grimoldby

First Vice President:
Chris Geberdt

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Bill Douglas

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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
John@sydenhamsportsmen.com

Guest Speaker

Jim McKane, from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, will be joining us . He will share his slide presentation titled 'What it is and what it does with an emphasis on Sea Lamprey control'.

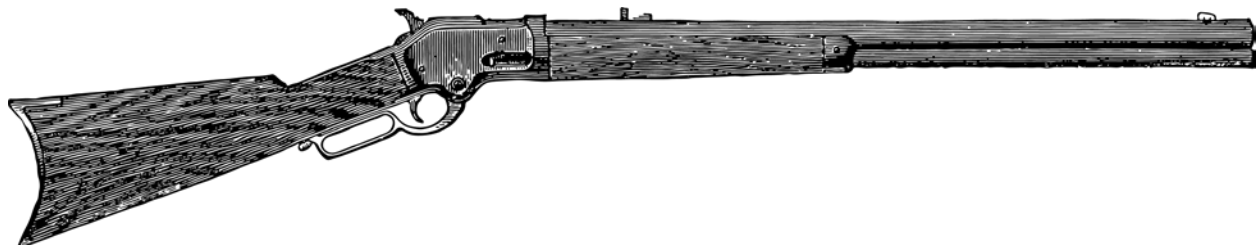
REMINDER

If you don't have a 2023 sticker on the back of your membership card, you need to renew your SSA Membership. First, you can't access our excellent range facilities and your liability insurance may not be valid. I am including a paper renewal form elsewhere in this newsletter. You can also renew through our website, by creating an account, unless you already have one, and going to the SSA Shop. Finally, you are welcome to call me at 226-664-0960 and renew with your credit card. You can avoid getting the Nonrenewal email that I send out in April by renewing now. Remember, if you decide, down the road, that you actually do want to be a member, you must join as a new member, with the added cost and police check.

Thanks for your help;
John

Property Gate Keys

The locks on our gates change on April 1. Many of you have a key with a reddish key spotter on it. This is the current key but as of April 1, it will not work. As of March 1, I will have the new key available. You can tell the difference, because it has an orange key spotter on it. I will have the keys at our March 2 meeting and hope to have them at Watson's Tackle House at that time as well. However, I do not plan to mail them out due to postage costs.





SSA Club Awards

Mike Thompson, Al Smith and I have been working on these hunting and fishing contests. We have made a start on having the rules and applications posted on our website. If you go to our website and click on the membership button, you will see them.

<https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/members/club-awards/>

One cardinal rule is that these entries must come from Grey or Bruce counties and must be harvested by current 2023 club members.

Big Fish Contest

Best Turkey Contest

Best Buck

First, we have **the Big Fish awards**. They include Chinook Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Brook Trout. We have trophies for Adults, Students and Juniors in these categories. In each case, you complete an application form, which we hope to have available on our website within the next month. You are required to measure the fork length and girth, take a photo on your phone and have a witness. You can release the fish and still enter it.

We also have a **Best Buck contest**, where the antlers will need to be measured using the Boone and Crockett criteria.

Finally, we have a **Best Turkey Trophy**.

Another category of the Awards programme is the **Hard Luck award**. Some of you will remember the great fun we had at the Awards Ceremony with Fred Geberdt regaling us with stories about the Hard Luck winners. We have 2 awards for this category.

First and Second place. If you have incidents to share about this, please send them to Al Smith allanewoodworks4@gmail.com

Mike Thompson will receive your entries, His email is bigmikeyt1@hotmail.com

We hope to have members enter in these contests in 2023 and would try to answer any questions you would have.

John Ford, johnrichardford5@gmail.com
Thanks





Fellow shooters, Dean Herzberg will be at Sydenham again this year for skeet clinics. This years dates are May 12-14th.

If you are interested in this event contact him direct, all info is provided in the flyer. This will be the sixth year he has come here, so come out and improve your game! His program has helped many at the club, our own Dave MacKinnon is the 2022 12ga provincial champion!

Mike Thompson.



Private Skeet Shooting Instruction

Friday May 12 2023 (8am - 6pm)

Saturday May 13 2023 (8am - 6pm)

Sunday May 14 2023 (If needed) 1pm- 6pm

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Sydenham Sportsmen Association
Owen Sound, ONT

With Dean Herzberg
Level III NSSA Instructor
Pilla Pro Staff
Briley Field Rep
www.sureshotcoaching.ca
www.pillasport.ca
www.briley.com

New or Inexperienced Shooters:

Learn sound fundamentals from a tried tested and proven system for learning Skeet Shooting. Bad habits, whether mechanical, fundamental or mental in nature cost you hundreds if not thousands of lost targets every year. Start the odds in your favour by playing the game the right way. Let's break some old bad habits and build some new good ones!

Experienced and/or Competitive Shooters: D to AA Class:

No one is perfect out on the skeet field. Everyone has areas we need to improve on and finding those areas will help you take the next step in your game. When Dean works with competitive or experienced shooters, it is not about breaking you down to the beginning. Rather, finding the bigger problems and making small adjustments to increase the probability of the next target breaking. Dean works on all areas with experienced shooters, mechanics, mental game, advanced use of the eyes for fast target acquisition and breaking targets in the right place! And of course, DOUBTERS.

Gain valuable insight from 5 x Krieghoff All American (Triple Sub), 8x Canadian Skeet Champion, 7x Ontario Skeet Champion, NSSA Level III and Zone 6 Instructor, Dean Herzberg.

His passion for skeet shooting and enthusiasm for helping skeet shooters improve, rubs off on all of his students. He can find the weak spots in your game and help craft a plan to help you achieve your skeet shooting goals.

Cost: \$125/ hour
Minimum 2 hour sessions for shooters that Dean has not worked with before.

Contact Dean to reserve your time slot or if you have any questions

sureshotcoaching13@gmail.com

613-986-6446



March Swap Meet March 19, 2023

Yes, swap meet time again. This is just a reminder that the times have changed to accommodate some vendors from 'away'. We hope it works well for everybody. I will be there for 0730 for any early birds.

With the shorter hours, please try and stay until the 11.30 close. We often have 'spenders' arriving after 1100 only to find the the hall half empty (or half full, depending on your outlook). And, before leaving, please put your tables away.

Have fun, which is why we (Garry and I) started to meets years ago.
Plenty of time to talk politics and get your blood pressure elevated for the ride home.

 The graphic features a central logo with 'SSA' in a black circle, crossed by a rifle and a fishing rod. Below the logo, the text reads 'SWAP MEET' in large letters, followed by 'March 19' and '8:30 am to 11:30 am'. The background is a textured, aged parchment-like surface.

Fishing rods and reels? Camping and boating equipment?
Another rifle or shotgun perhaps?
Need reloading equipment or supplies?
Fitting yourself up in cowboy action gear?
Or is it time to sell or trade some of those firearms or fishing gear that you don't use anymore to make room for new toys?
Then you need to come to Sydenham Sportsmen Club.
You can bring anything you want to sell or trade sports related. Set up a table or share a table. Dicker for the sale price. Sit and chat about hunting or fishing stories.
There will be coffee and donuts to purchase for a \$3 donation or bring a lunch. There is no entrance fee and no table fee, but donations are always welcome.
Tables open to Sydenham members and invited guests.
For more information contact: Garry Willis at willisgarry@rogers.com or 376-5347,
Stew Wallace at swallace@bmts.com or 794-4423



SSA Range Committee Update

January was unseasonably mild, and we saw more shooting activity than normal for this time of year. THANK YOU to all of the member volunteers who show up to blow & shovel snow and take care of all the other business needed to open the ranges this time of year.

We are starting to plan all of the summer shooting activities, here's a quick update on what's new from the last newsletter:

Sporting Clay

The first sporting clays shooting events are scheduled for Sunday May 7th and Monday May 22nd. The team of volunteers who set, maintain, and organize the sporting clays course are still looking for volunteers. Please reach out if you are able to help.

Skeet & Trap

Dean Herzberg is coming to our club again to offer 1 on 1 coaching in May. See the flier in this newsletter. Even though Dean himself is focused on Skeet – his personal focus is to become a world class Skeet Shooter – I can tell you from personal experience that taking a lesson with Dean will improve your shotgun skills no matter what style of clay target you want to shoot at.

We are planning a couple of trap shooting skills practice days in April before interclub trap starts. Are you scared of those "hard righthand" targets? Come out for a practice night and we will set the machine up to practice those targets that give you a hard time. Reach out to Jay for details.

Youth Day at the SSA

As part of a youth day being hosted at the SSA range property this June 10th – we are looking for volunteers to help introduce youth shooters to shooting .22 rifles on our ranges.

We have some .22 rifles that belong to our club that need to be cleaned and checked for functioning. If you would take on this task please reach out.

On the day of the event – we plan to open at least two ranges (12 lanes) for these youth to shoot at paper and steel targets. Lots of Fun for them! We need one responsible person per lane to supervise each shooter and provide encouragement and guidance. If you have your own .22 rifle to bring and use for this – even better. Ammunition will all be provided, as will lunch. Each range will have a club RSO to oversee the activities. If you want to help with this – please reach out. This is how we build the sport!

Politics – Politics (such an awful title thing to talk about....)

While we – as shooting sports enthusiasts – are all happy about the recent news that the Federal liberals withdrew the controversial last minute amendments to bill C-21, the battle to keep our legally acquired firearms and continue to purchase certain styles of firearms is not over.

We encourage everyone to join the CCFR, and educate yourself and your neighbors (who might not be knowledgeable about responsible firearms use) to support the cause.

firearmrights.ca/

Facebook.com/CanadianCoalitionforFirearmRights/



Handgun Proficiency Training with Chuck Cannon

Thank you to everyone that responded to Chuck to help him with his handgun training events and learn to lead and teach these courses – Chuck is looking forward to working with all of you.

The online registration for the spring series of Chuck’s handgun proficiency training will go live soon. The series of courses will first be offered as a package to those who are committed to attending all 4 dates and progress through the training. Should there be any spots left open, we will advertise the single dates left over.

SSA Website

A reminder to always check the All Events Calendar on the SSA website <https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/calendar/> before planning to visit the ranges. We are working hard to make this calendar current and accurate to show when the ranges are active with organized club activities or closed for rentals, etc.

We are also moving all registration for training courses and sporting clays events to the All Events Calendar. If you plan on attending any of these events, plan to register online.

Get out and use your ranges. They are there for you – the members. To quote a long-time member and shooting enthusiast extraordinaire – Shoot safe, shoot often.

On behalf of the Range Committee,

Jay



SSA Public Events and Range Calendar

FEBRUARY 2023						
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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	IDPA 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