



THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

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MAY 2023



The SSA Monthly meeting for May will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. All are welcome. Our Annual Chili Night will happen as part of this meeting. You are welcome to show off your culinary skills. Those of us, like me, pay \$5 to enjoy someone else’s cooking.

Guest Speaker: Chuck Cannon will make a presentation
Title: “Shooting for Health and Fitness.”

Summary: How training goals for “Better Shooting” is more than just pulling a trigger and can be the motivator for better physical and mental health habits in life. *That which is never measured, simply cannot be improved”.*

And it doubles as an intro to “Cabin Fever Challenge Training Day”

To be held on SSA 3 Range July ?? 2023.

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

President’s Report
 Welcome to all and bring on summer. We have a few events coming up with our May the 4 th General Meeting being our Annual Chili, Stew, Soup evening for our Culinary experts to showcase their concoctions. I recommend all to try to get out to this meeting as we have a lot of fun at this one. We will follow with our June General meeting, more to follow. I hope some of you had success last weekend as the streams opened up, weather was not cooperative but most anglers can handle the challenge. We held our Annual Earth Day clean up in Owen Sound Saturday, April 22, the turnout was good with the rain, and cold that pelted those in attendance. Thanks to Miller Waste, City of Owen Sound, and Coca Cola who donated some drinks for attendees and to those of you who helped. John Ford just about filled up his pickup truck with litter he picked up. Thanks also to Gary Legate who tended the BBQ to feed Chris Geberdt and a few others during this event. As always, we are always looking for new good ideas and volunteer help in property cleanup, maintenance and general operations.
 Enjoy and Stay Safe.

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Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email has any changes!



Got Questions? Contact
John@sydenhamsportsmen.com

Memberships

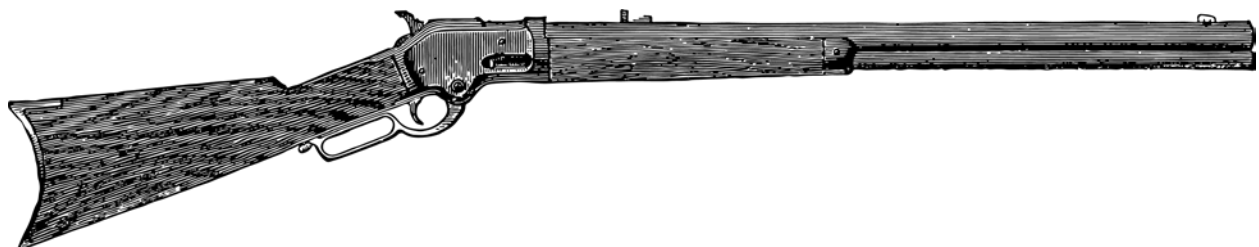
We would be happy to process any SSA Memberships for 2023 at the meeting.

Boat Draw Ticket Sales are Ramping up

Al Smith is asking for your help in selling Boat Draw Tickets again in 2023. Please contact him at 519-387-9666 or allanswoodworks4@gmail.com Your help is much appreciated.

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/> We also have paper applications at the club house bulletin board. One cardinal rule is that these entries must come from Grey or Bruce counties and must be harvested by current 2023 club members. 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 have available on our website. 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](mailto:johnrichardford5@gmail.com)





Youth Expo is being organized for 2023

We're happy to announce that the Youth Expo from pre-pandemic is back. Nancy Griffin, from Saugeen Valley is the co-ordinator. Again the SSA property will be the site and the date is 'Saturday, June 10. The Wildlife Committee would like to organize a Robin Rooster construction activity for the youth. Bob Hunt has informed me that he has all the parts ready to do this. What we need are 6 volunteers to make this a success. If you are interested, would you please call or email me, [John Ford, 226-664-0960](mailto:JohnFord2266640960@gmail.com) or johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Gate Keys

Current gate keys are now available at Watsons Tackle House in Owen Sound, at the Warmup Shack for those involved in Shotgun Sports and at Club meeting.





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 (5am - 6pm)

Saturday May 13 2023 (8am - 6pm)

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



Sydenham Sportsmen Association

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With Dean Herzberg

Level II NSSA Instructor

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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, can cause you to forget all that thousands of lost targets every year. Stack 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 (2 to 3A Class):

No one is perfect out on the skeet field. Everyone has goals 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 eye for fast target acquisition and breaking targets in the right place. And of course DOUBLES.

Gain valuable insight from 5 x King of All America (Triple Sub), 8x Canadian Skeet Champion, 7x Ontario Skeet Champion, NSSA Level III and Zone 3 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

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613-896-6116



2023 YOUTH EXPO



A free fun-filled day of introduction to a wide variety of outdoor recreation pursuits.



Who: Youth aged 10 to 17 years old

When: June 10, 2023 9 am to 2:30 pm



Where: Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Clubhouse (Owen Sound) – 82535 Sideroad #6, Owen Sound

Activities include: Fishing, Archery, Target Shooting, Bird Watching, Intro to Geocaching, Aquatic Critter Dip

Includes free BBQ lunch for participants.
Space is limited. You must pre-register no later than June 2, 2023.

**To Register or for more info, email:
youthexpo2023@gmail.com**

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Shooting Sports Committee and Range update

This short update will focus on what events are new or starting again (or new) for the month of May.

We are using the **All Events Calendar on the SSA Website** as our primary source of event and course information (including when ranges are closed) so check it before you visit the ranges: <https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/calendar/>

Also, if you have any questions about the ranges (ie. What firearms you can or cannot use) or training courses– we want you to know that you can reach out to any of us on the Range Committee at any time. Our individual contact info is also on the SSA Website: <https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/committies/shooting-sports-advisory-committee/>

The Defensive Pistol Action group begins their summer practice schedule on May 02 nd . They practice on the first and third Tuesday of every month for the summer, from 5:30 pm until sunset. If you are interested in trying this shooting discipline or have questions reach out to **Jeff Caldwell** at jrc870@gmail.com.

The first Interclub Trap event of 2023 will be finished by the time you read this newsletter. The second date will be hosted on May 13 th at the Blue Ridge Club ranges, and on Saturday May 27 th we will be hosting this social trap shooting event at our own ranges here at the SSA.

Sporting Clays gets started this month on both May 7 th and May 22 nd . **Online registration only** – follow the link on the **All Events Calendar**. Ammunition has been hard (and expensive!) to find this year – a reminder that we now have 20 ga. and 12 ga. ammunition for sale for these events. One of the benefits to being a member is access to affordable ammunition right here at your own club.

The Sporting clays course this year will use the main trap/skeet field as one of the stations for all of the sporting clays events – which means we should have some new and exciting targets to shoot at each time in the large window of “sky.” If you are a trap-shooter any of these Sundays when Sporting Clays is open you will be shooting at the upper trap field on these days. Check the calendar!

Courses, Courses, and more training Courses.

Thank you to all the member volunteers who have stepped up in the last 2 years to participate in training courses to get members access to the different ranges at our club. This group of volunteers is growing again, and we have lots to update you on. In the past at the SSA there was an “exemption” process for new members who were trained in their professional duties to carry and use a firearm (typically a holstered handgun – police or security officer.)

As a club - we cannot provide an “exemption” to training – BUT - We have clarified what this training needs to look like are can tell you we are working on a “short course” format that would greatly streamline the process to get these professionals access to our handgun range. The Short Course will be focused on individuals who are currently carrying a holstered firearm in their professional duties and will certify you for using the handgun range with your holster all in one “short” course. Stay Tuned.

There will be a **Handgun Range Safety Course on May 14th** , registration is now open on the SSA website on the All Events Calendar.



Shooting Sports Committee and Range update (cont.)

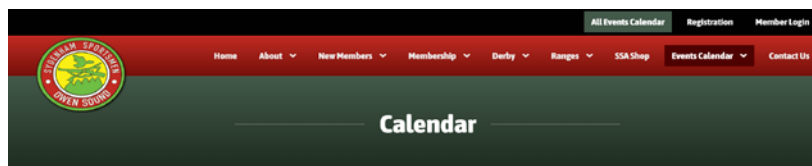
There will be a **Club Holster Course** and a **100 yard range safety course** in June. Dates are still to be determined – keep an eye on the All Events Calendar.

If you are a new member and have not yet taken your SSA Orientation Course – remember that you need to take this course before using any of the Ranges. Reach out to **Jay Murdoch** if you still want to take this orientation.

YOUTH EXPO DAY at the SSA– On June 10 th the SSA will be co-hosting a youth expo day where we are hosting approximately 60 kids to experience events that will include .22 rimfire shooting on two of our ranges. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help some of these kids learn to shoot. You will be responsible for supervising one .22 rifle (your own or one of the club youth rifles) on one lane only.

Good camaraderie and lunch provided. Reach out to Jay if you are interested in helping with this. To finish – (yes) this sounds like a broken record – but its TRUE that everything that happens at this club gets done by volunteers. All the grass cutting, setting targets for sporting clays, cleaning and fixing target backers at all the ranges, organizing events, etc. etc. (the list is long) gets done my members.

THANK YOU to everyone who does come and help out. If you haven't volunteered yet – please consider coming out and helping with something. We have lots of little projects that need to be done to keep the club (and ranges) in working order.



SSA Public Events and Range Calendar

APRIL 2023						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 SHEET RANGE CLOSED - NO SHEET TODAY
2 100 TRAP RANGE SAFETY COURSE HANDGUN PROFICIENCY TRAINING - SPRING - CYCLE 1 REGISTRATION LINK HANDGUN PROFICIENCY TRAINING - SPRING - CYCLE 2 TRAP RANGE OPEN SNIPER PRECISION SHOOTING	3 HANDGUN RENTAL (DND TO 3PM)	4	5 TRAP RANGE OPEN TRAPSHOOTING PRACTICE ONLY NOON TO 3 PM	6 SHEET RANGE OPEN	7 ATA TRAP SHOOTING AT THE SSA	8 SHEET RANGE OPEN
9 NO TRAPSHOOTING TODAY	10	11	12 TRAP RANGE OPEN	13 SHEET RANGE OPEN	14	15 SHEET RANGE OPEN
16 HANDGUN PROFICIENCY TRAINING - SPRING - CYCLE 3 TRAP RANGE OPEN SNIPER PRECISION SHOOTING	17	18	19 TRAP RANGE OPEN	20 SHEET RANGE OPEN SSA EXECUTIVE MEETING	21	22 SHEET RANGE OPEN EARTH DAY PITCH IN
23 SSA ORIENTATION TOUR TRAP RANGE OPEN	24	25 TRAPSHOOTING PRACTICE ONLY NOON TO 3 PM	26 TRAP RANGE OPEN	27 SHEET RANGE OPEN	28	29 SHEET RANGE OPEN