

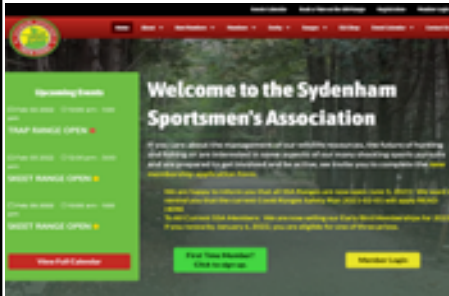


THE SPORTSMAN

"Conservation is Our Aim"

SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION,
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MAY 2022



The May General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

President's Report

We just wrapped up our Annual Earth Day cleanup, we had a damp start but managed to collect a quite substantial amount of waste from along the Sydenham River as well Craig Geberdt & Karen Dorion picked up along the east side by the old RCA launch ramp to the Water Treatment Plant. I would like to thank all who took part and to Chris Geberdt for providing some refreshments and Hot Dogs after things wrapped up. Once again we will be having our Annual Chili/Soup/Stew night this year on May, 11th around 6:30 pm so please come out for some good eats and all members are encouraged to prepare a dish for this event to show off your cooking expertise. Our next General Meeting will be Thursday, May, 5th at 7:30 pm. This weekend is also the opening of the streams & rivers for trout for those anglers who enjoy the abundant waterways and great fishery we have in our backyard. Also planning is taking place for our Salmon Spectacular Fishing Derby so please fill in some spots to keep this event as successful and enjoyable as it always is. Stay safe out there and always enjoy the warmer weather as it is well on its way.

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}

34th 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, Molson's Day

Over \$150,000 in prizes!

Early Bird Draw for ticket purchases until August 6, 2022
 Prices are \$35.00 Single Registration and \$70 Family Registration
 Registration tickets can be purchased online at www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ssast

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Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



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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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Changes to your contact information Often, we move, change telephone numbers or email addresses. When that happens, would you please send me an email with your current information? That way we can still communicate with you. My email address is johnrichardford5@gmail.com

- There will not be a Guest Speaker this month. -

SSA Fisheries Advisory Committee Report

Lake Huron Fishing Club & Rainbow Trout Eggs. Solely thanks to the Fish Hatchery volunteers of the Lake Huron Fishing Club we were able to receive from them an allocation of a little over 111,000 Rainbow Trout eggs which are now in our egg hatching trays. Wally Cunningham and Doug Heighes went over on the Good Friday to Denny's Dam at Southampton to pick up our first eggs and then again on the Saturday to help the crew working there to finish off our collection in the two days.

It would have taken our volunteers days if not weeks to have collected our allocation from the Owen Sound Mill Dam so I cannot thank the L.H.F.C. enough for their help. It has been two years since we have been able to raise Rainbow Trout in our Hatchery.

Mike Prevost Fish Hatchery Manager

Spring Cleanup and Grass Cutting

The grass is just starting to threaten to grow and we have lots of yard clean-up and raking to do before the grass cutting begins. If anyone has any time to volunteer to do this please come on out. All of the equipment is at the club we just need members to take the time to get our club lock in the way we all like it. All of the grass cutting got done by a number of volunteers last summer and we hope everyone will come out and participate again. The more the merrier!

Area Gun Shows

1. Keady Gun Show at the Keady Arena
Saturday May 7 9am to 1pm

2. Durham Gun Show at the Durham Arena
Saturday May 15 8am to 1pm

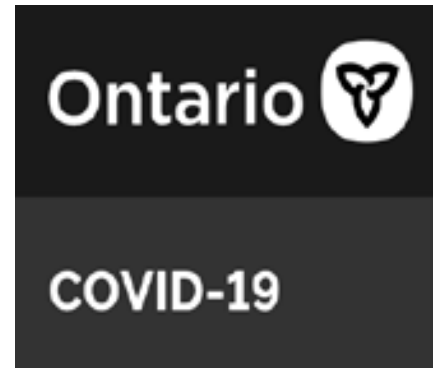


Tip: Explore the website DERBY photo & video gallery.

SSA Covid Safety Plan update

As of March 21st the Ontario Government no longer requires organizations to have a covid safety plan. With that news the SSA Executive has rescinded our own Covid Safety Plan and removed the document from our website. Let us hope any pandemic related restrictions continue to be in the rear-view mirror!

A reminder that all members and guests must continue to sign in on every range, every day, and that there is no change to this process as we leave covid in the rear-view mirror.



New Members

It's important for new members to familiarize themselves with the current copy of our Range Rules. These are on our website. If you go to the main page and click on Ranges, then scroll down to the Range Rules, you will find it. You can also print a pdf of the rules if you choose.

SSA Club Orientation Tour – for new AND old members

Completion of the SSA Orientation Tour is required for new members before using ANY of the ranges. **The club orientation tour will be on Sunday May 8th at 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Meeting at the main Club-house parking lot.** This tour is an introduction to the property and covers general range rules, gate use, flag use, etc and allow members to use the rimfire range unsupervised or come out to other supervised shooting activities. The next orientation tour will be on April 10th at 10:00 am. We will meet in the parking lot by the handgun/rimfire range.

Gate Keys for 2022 On April 1 all the club gate locks were changed. The 2022 key has a magenta key spotter on it (red). Keys are available at Watsons Tackle House and the Maher Centre (white house). As well the keys are available at our monthly meetings. The cost is \$5.00.

Previous Club and Gate Keys Over the years members have needed club house keys etc. for various purposes. However, in most cases, the need is no longer there. If that is the case, we would appreciate getting those keys back so that they can be reused. Please contact John Ford. (226-664-0960).



Renewals: SSA 2022 Renewals now cost an additional \$25.00



Be sure to get your Boat Draw tickets. Cost is \$20 for a book of 10 tickets. If you get the tickets through me for \$20, you get a free camp hat. If you buy them on line for \$20, you get a free lure. You can contact me for your book of tickets and free hat at: allanswoodworks4@gmail.com or phone 519-387-9666 Thanks Al Smith.

Online Derby Tickets: We now have these tickets available on our website. This year, you will print out your own derby ticket. When you have an account, you can log in and go to the SSA Shop.



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.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact a derby committee member. We are still looking for help in the Weigh in Station. In 2022, we expect to have many of the previous daily activities that the public expects.



Wildlife Advisory Committee

We are asking if any member has a valid farmer's Spray licence. If you do, please contact John Ford at 226-664-0960 or johnrichardford5@gmail.com. We are planning to complete some tree and shrub planting as well as work on a Butterfly Pollinator Garden.

These links were submitted by Jim Hastie, Co-Chair of the Wildlife Advisory Committee:

THE COST OF INVASIVE SPECIES (PLANTS, ANIMALS, FISH, AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL BUGS). <https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/invacost-the-cost-of-invasive-species/>

**HAPPENING NOW, IN OUR LOCAL FORESTS
A VERY COMMON, DEVASTATING SPECIES:
THE Emerald ash borer.**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666515822000038>





Tip: Explore the website RANGES pages.

May 2022 Shooting Sports Update - from the range committee



We continue to use the All Events Calendar on the SSA webpage to display what is happening on the ranges AND for registration of events and courses. Please check the calendar regularly – it is current with range rental (closure)dates, training course dates and times, and all other scheduled shooting activities.

Many will notice the booking system for the 100 yard range is now gone. Yes – its gone. As communicated last month, members may now use the 100 range range unsupervised AFTER they have completed the 100 yard range safety course. Three courses were completed in April, with two more courses scheduled in May. Reach out to Trevor with any questions about this range.



There will be a range orientation tour for new members in May. Watch the calendar on the second or third Sunday in May for this course.

No matter which shooting discipline you are most active or passionate about, you should be able to find more than a good reason or two to get out now that the nice weather is here. Many of our popular shooting activities kick off in May as follows:

Defensive Pistol League

The defensive pistol group will be starting practice nights on Tuesday May 3rd . 5:30 pm is the start time on the 100 yard range, Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of the month in may.

While it is a requirement to be holster certified to participate, we encourage anyone who is interested in this activity to attend a practice night and see what it is all about.

For more info on this or to join the email group send an email to sydenhamdpl@gmail.com

Cowboy Action Shooting - Attention all Cowpokes!

The season for Cowboy Action Shooting is fast approaching. Come and find out what all the fun is about. Practice nights are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month May to mid September.

Single Action Sundays will be June 19th, July 10th, August 2nd, and September 11th. The annual Autumn Thunder event is Saturday September 17th. These events will also be on the website calendar.

Try out some old western style firearms shooting at steel targets. Learn the safe handling of the firearms that we use in CAS. All firearms and ammunition will be supplied by the Twin County Bounty Hunters.

For more information contact Bill Wattie.

Trap Shooting

The new trap house at the upper trap is finished and ready for Inter club trapshooting. A huge thank you to the volunteers who have invested many hours into this project to give us a very modern trap house with a roof that fully opens. No more crawling on hands and knees to load birds into the trap machine! We will announce a formal grand opening in June when the landscaping is finished.

The first of nine interclub trap shooting events between our club, North Grey Bruce, and Blue Ridge happens Saturday April 30th. All of the dates are on the website calendar. Inter club trap shooting is for everyone! - You do not have to be a competitive Trap shooter to participate in this. And you don't have to come to every event. Interclub trap is a great way to learn more about trapshooting and hang out with fellow shooters. It really is a social sport. Reach out to Jay if you have any questions.

There is going to be another Range Officer course for shotgun ranges late May or early June. We continue to need people to take responsibility and open and close these ranges safely, if you are interested in helping please reach out to Jay.

Sporting Clays

Regular Sporting clays shooting starts Sunday May 01st. Same as last year, registration and payment will be done online through our website. All Sunday sporting clay shoots are on the website calendar and start at 1pm. Saturday events start at 10:00 am.

We are hosting a new event this year - INTRODUCTION to sporting clays on May 28th. This day is meant for any shooter (new or old) to experience sporting clays for the first time OR anyone who may want to improve how they read the targets and shoot better. You do not have to be a member for this event, and you do not have to have any shooting experience at all. The price includes ammunition and targets. There will be experience shooters at every station to guide you though and teach you how the sport works. See the website for details.

Skeet Shooting

All of the coaching timeslots have been booked full with Dean Herzberg in May. Regular skeet shooting on Thursdays and Saturdays continues to be well attended. If you want to try skeet shooting come on out.

Handgun Range Update

Chuck Cannon will once again offer his handgun proficiency modules to all members starting in May. If you haven't experienced training with Chuck and are a hand gun shooter you will want to participate in this! Space is limited and registration is now live on the website.

Club level safety courses are coming. Anyone that has reached out to request this course I want you to know that we have you on the waiting list and we will reach out to you as soon as the Course and dates are ready. Be patient with us as we update our courses and get new instructors in place. We are almost there.

The first few club level safety courses to be offered this year will be facilitated by very experienced firearms instructors. We are looking for club volunteers to help out at these courses as co-facilitators, to help support the course and supervise in the hands-on (practical) portion of the course. No teaching experience required - We are looking for collaborative people with an interest in handguns and the handgun range to help bringing new members into the fold here. The goal is to get a couple of teams of new people that can facilitate these courses in the future. If you are interested in this at all please reach out to Jay.

Earth Day 2022

Well another earth day has gone by like the wind or always known as pitch in day. The Sydenham Sportsmen's Club members tackled the banks of the Sydenham River from the mill dam to the new 10th street Bridge. Over 28 club members young and old worked for over 3 hours to pick up garbage ranging from shopping carts, sleeping bags and a back seat of a car.

After wards we had a free BBQ for participants to thank them for their support. I want to take this opportunity and thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to help. Every little bit helps to make a better place for all to enjoy.

SSA PHOTO GALLERY

Dedicated Cleanup Volunteers



OEAH Zone H Chair Wayne Forgrave presents John Ford, SSA, Rep. with the Zone H Award for Conservation

