



# THE SPORTSMAN

“Conservation is Our Aim”

**SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN’S ASSOCIATION,**  
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 Affiliated with the OFAH, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

## NOVEMBER 2023



The November Monthly Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 pm  
 Guest Speaker---The guest speaker for the meeting will be determined closer to the date.

**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.



### President’s Report

Well the weather has now changed and the cooler temperatures are certainly here. For those of you that have taken part in the moose hunt I hope you had a successful adventure and made some lasting memories? We will be starting nominations at our November General meeting for next year’s Executive so if you are interested please let your name stand. This will be the first of three as always is the case with the final voting at our January General meeting. Also for our December General meeting we will once again be having our Annual nibble night, I encourage everyone to attend as this is always a fun evening and another chance to catch up with your fellow members.

Enjoy the fall weather and colors while they last and I wish all of you well in whatever activities this fall provides for you, your friends and family.

Enjoy and Stay Safe  
 Scott Grimoldby

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



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Got Questions? Contact  
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## Early Bird Membership

We are hosting an Early Bird Membership contest, again this year. All who renew by the January 2024 meeting will be in a draw for 3 prizes, to be determined by Chris Geberdt. You can renew your membership at a meeting, on line or by calling me and providing your credit card information. My number is 226-664-0960. This year, you won't have to fill out the ballot as the software, thanks to Trevor Dollmaier, will choose the winners. But we need to fill out the complete renewal form as we have gaps in our database which need to be corrected. Even if you phone, I will need that information and in particular, your PAL number and date of expiry.

We are planning on 2 renewal dates, when you can come to the club and renew your membership. The dates are Tuesday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 21 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. If you bring your completed renewal form with you, it will speed up the process.

When you renew you will receive a 2024 Windshield Decal. If you put this on your windshield of your car or truck, you are identified as a current member. This means that you probably won't be checked while using SSA Ranges.

## Gate Keys

The current gate key is Orange. The new keys (probably green) will be available in March 2024 and the locks will change on April 1, 2024. However, only 2024 members (and guests) are allowed to use club facilities in 2024.







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## Photo from Last Month

Life Member and Historian Jack Osadzuk has shared information on the Santa Claus parade photo in the last newsletter. Re: the SSA Santa Claus Parade float, the picture was taken in 1972 or 73. The adult standing is the late Lloyd Publuske and the youngster at his feet is his son Philip. Lloyd's wife Ruth worked for us at Stan Brown Printers. Lloyd came on the SSA executive in 1970, elected as secretary and was on the SSA executive for four years (1970-1973). He was on the Junior Activities Committee with Ken Micks and had previously put a larger float in the parade the year previous to the one in the photo.



## October Swap Meet

Well folks, my confession to making bad coffee must have had affect. This batch was really, really bad and tasted like someone had cooked fish in the coffee urn. Anyone wanna 'fess up? So bad in fact that the vendors and spenders stayed away in droves and we had the poorest turn out ever.

So, to the bad (or good) news. Well before the swap meet, Garry and I made the decision that October would be our last one. We started it many years ago as a low cost/no cost, fun social event for the members and, in that, I think we succeeded.

However, we are both well past our 'best before' date and, with regret, will be riding off into the sunset with the hope that someone else will be taking up the reins.

We/I are quite willing to help a new organiser get started and, frankly, it's not at all onerous with a couple of members taking it on together.

Hope to hear from someone interested,

Garry/Stew AKA Willy and Wally.



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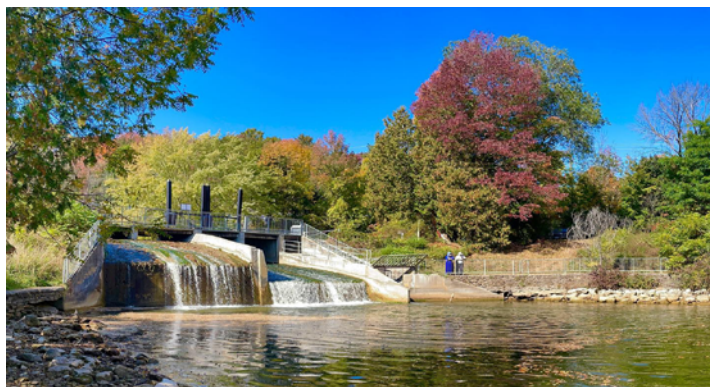
**Fisheries Report---M Prevost**

**Fish Hatchery Operations/ Salmon Egg Collection**

Our Salmon egg collection this year has proven to be a struggle and disappointing. Through four attempts we were able to collect 76,000 eggs. Unfortunately the Lake Huron and Sarnia clubs were only able to collect 15,000 eggs. All of us short of our 110,000 egg collection allocation. This is the first year that our clubs have not met our egg collection target. For a definitive answer on why I guess you would have to ask the fish. Like anything else there is never just one answer but a combination of factors.

It is deceiving to see fish below the dam and even more up the river in Harrison Park and think that maybe we missed the run. I think if you asked the locals and tourists the viewing run was generally a disappointment. On the few days that you could see the salmon below the fish ladder the water temperature was too warm to collect the fish, a temperature regulation set under our permit by the MNRF to help ensure that the eggs we do collect are viable. No use collecting eggs if they are just going to die off and there was a week of unseasonably warm weather around the Thanksgiving Weekend. I think the most notable factor was the high percentage of female Salmon we collected that were not ripe so we could not strip any eggs from them and had to release them.

On our best day of collection we handled 81 fish; 43 of these were females and only 5 were ripe with eggs. If 30 of those females had been ripe we could have collected our allocation in one day. Hopefully we and the fish will work things out better next year.



# 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."