



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

OCTOBER 2023



The monthly October meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Thursday, October 5 at 7:30 pm. The meeting is open for members and guests. The guest speakers will be Craig Todd and Art Ward of the Rankin Resources Group. These gentlemen will provide you with a short history of this group’s worthy endeavours. However, it is safe to say that the reason why Isaac Lake, on the Bruce Peninsula is still open to the public is because of the group of Conservation groups coming together.

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)
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 Cell 226- 668-6031
ultrasoundkennel@gmail.com

President’s Report

Welcome to the fall season, now that October is upon us. For many of you the excitement will be growing as the upcoming fall hunt for Moose & Deer is nearby. For those of you that take part in this I wish you the best of luck. Enjoy this time spent with friends & family during these annual excursions, practice safe hunting and keep our wonderful outdoors the way you found them. Please remember to pack out any of the trash generated during these events and dispose of properly. The club ranges are still very active with lots of shooting taking place so enjoy while the good weather allows us. Our next General meeting will be Thursday, October 5 at the clubhouse and as always, I encourage you to attend. Again this year our December, 6 th General meeting will be our annual Nibble night so start working on your plan for what dish you would like to bring to show off your Culinary skills to your fellow members. I look forward this event each year and we always have a lot of fun and laughs this evening. Whatever your adventure, enjoy the great outdoors and stay safe

Enjoy and Stay Safe
 Scott Grimoldby

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			Total

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	Handauns
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."



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Craig Geberdt, and Scott
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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

Gate Keys

The current gate key has an orange key spotter on it. It will work until April 1, 2024. However, only 2024 members are allowed to use SSA facilities after January 1. Remember, your membership card with the 2024 sticker on it must be prominently displayed.

Photo from yesterday

Chris Geberdt has provided us with a photo of the Sydenham Sportsmen float in the Santa Claus parade of 1967. If you know the identity of these participants, please let us know.



Membership

We will be selling 2024 memberships at this meeting. Again those who renew by the January 2024 meeting will qualify for prizes. The good news is that you don't have to fill out a ballot for the Early Bird Draw.

However, you do have to complete a Renewal Form which is included with this newsletter - on the next page.

We need your contact information along with your PAL number and expiry assuming you have one. You can pay with cash, debit or credit.



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Carpentry Workers Needed

Over the years, we have had a number of club members working at the Gord Maher Centre on projects like making bluebird boxes, bat boxes, bee houses as well as a number of different bird feeders for sale at Bayshore Country Feeds in Owen Sound. Names like Dave Hartrick and Wayne Gallagher come to mind. Unfortunately, our leader, Bob Hunt has decided to retire and move to Kitchener at the end of September. Certainly, Bob's contribution cannot be overlooked! Bob worked with Lorne Smith who started the programme many years ago. Once, I asked Lorne how he got Bob involved. Lorne smiled, and in his quiet way, said, "He offered to help". Lorne and Bob often made a lunch and spent the day checking and maintaining Blue Bird nesting boxes. Bob Hunt has helped ever since and "Our Hats are off to him".

However, we need a club member with some carpentry skills to step up and continue this worthwhile programme. I think that Len Knutson will continue to help if someone else becomes the leader. This is not a daily commitment and even if the programme could continue for a morning a week, it would be much appreciated.

If you would be at all interested, please contact any member of the executive.
Remember our extensive bluebird nesting box programme depends on it!

SWAP MEET, October 15th. 2023

It's that time again, our annual fall swap meet. If you are new to the club or have never been to our swap meets, now is the time to remedy that. It is fast becoming a family event with wives and children all socializing.

A fun Sunday morning with lots of time to socialize and , maybe, even go home with that unobtainium part you've been looking for. Or, a place to sell those treasures you've been tripping over for years. You may even find a pair of Purdey's for a good price (poor chance).

And, no need to buy a Tim's on the way to the club, we have coffee and cookies available. (caveat : the coffee is made by a tea drinker but we haven't lost anyone yet !)

See you there,

Stew and Garry.



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SWAP MEET

October 15th
8:30 am to noon

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



Fisheries Report---M Prevost:

S.S. A. Hatchery

We have started to collect salmon eggs at the Mill Dam in Owen Sound and hope to have our allocation of 110,000 eggs done by the end of the month. We can collect from a total of 60 fish, male and female. It usually takes 30 females to collect this many eggs. At the time of the collection the fish are temporarily trapped in what we call the side channel or in the fish ladder. Here the fish are netted out and checked to see if they have eggs or sperm, ripe fish, which obviously indicates their sex. Any fish that are not ripe are released back to the water. The female eggs are stripped into separate bags as is the male sperm. The sperm from one male can fertilize several bags of female eggs which is done the day of the collection at our Hatchery.

Our allocation of eggs and collection is done under permits from the MNRF.

Following our egg collection the Port Elgin Lake Huron Fishing club and then the Sarnia Bluewater Anglers will come up to collect their allocation.

Thanks to the Steeldreams Group.

Kodey Buchanan and his fellow Rainbow fishing enthusiasts recently donated \$450.00 to help our club fish Hatchery from funds they raised from their club, group fishing derby. We have put this to good use purchasing two new large nets for our salmon egg collection.

Steeldreams is a registered not for profit group/club of Anglers who in less than five years have raised and donated almost \$ 84,000 to the local fishery and charities. Based out of Owen Sound their main event is the fall live release steelhead tournament on the Saugeen River

