



THE SPORTSMAN

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The monthly SSA Meeting will be held on October 6, 2022 at the Clubhouse at 7:30 pm



Guest Speaker

We anticipate highlighting the Shooting Sports with several guest speakers. First, Joe Gray will speak about handgun shooting and the handgun range. We also hope to have a speaker with the topic of Cowboy Action Shooting.

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}

Welcome to October and all the bounty it brings with it. I know many of you will be getting excited for the big game hunting that takes place annually. I wish all of you best of luck, practice safe & conservation abiding actions wherever your hunt may take you. Enjoy your time with friends & family as this is a long standing tradition for many of you. For all you anglers there is still plenty of time to get out to see if you can land a few to put in the freezer for the winter. We had a very poor attendance at our September meeting so please make the effort to get out to our General meetings moving forward as many of you have a lot of information to pass along or share with fellow members.

We will be starting nominations for 2023 Board of Directors in November through January so if you know of someone you wish to nominate or let your name stand be sure to come out and provide that to us, again in December at our General meeting we will be having our Annual Nibble Night so those able please bring one of your specialties to share with fellow members & guests. This is always a fun & enjoyable evening so I encourage everyone to join.

Scott Grimoldby



Sydenham Sportsmen's Association

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Scott Grimoldby

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



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Thanks thanks thanks

I would like to express my thanks to the guys in the wood shop for their help twice recently. First for the replacement chutes on the skeet houses and secondly for the sign post for the slow down signs. Both of these requests were done almost instantly and with enthusiasm, a great asset to our club! They are Bob Hunt, Len Knutson and Wayne Gallagher.

Thanks again.
Mike Thompson.

Fish Hatchery

Our 56,000 rainbow trout that hatched last November have been moved to our round tanks in the small Hatchery where they have more room to continue their growth. This was also done in anticipation of our upcoming salmon egg collection down at the Mill Dam that should happen in the next couple of weeks depending on the water temperature of the river and the staging of the salmon to move up the river. We hope that collect around 110,000 eggs. Members of the Lake Huron Fishing Club and Sarnia Bluewater Anglers will also be planning to collect their allocation of salmon eggs. Any of the salmon that we have to dispatch after stripping their eggs are given to Mennonite families that have special fish dietary needs.

We are thankful to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and M N R F for their cooperation to make our collection possible.

Mike Prevost
Hatchery Manager

Swap Meet, SSA

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH, 2022

Buy, Sell, Trade

8:00 am till 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 and hunting 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:

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willisgarry@rogers.com or 376-5347, Stew

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or 794-4423.





Early Bird Membership Renewal Programme

Our Early Bird Membership Renewal begins on October 1 even though a couple of eager members have already renewed. Again, this year, we are offering several prizes to be won for those who renew early. One of the prizes is a free year's membership and another is a smoker, a small BBQ and finally a cooler

This is how it works. Everyone who renews by the general meeting in January, has a chance to win one of these prizes.

If you renew by mail or phone, I will fill out a ballot for you.

Gate Keys for 2022

Normally this is a slow time for gate keys. Most members already have them by this time. However, 2022 is the exception. We have ordered more keys and hope that by the time, you read this, we will have keys at Watsons again. They will also be at our meetings. The key with the reddish pink key spotter will work until March 31, 2023. However, in order to use club facilities, you must be a paid up member and wear your membership card.



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	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)	
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



Salmon Spectacular

Congratulations all the winners in the 2022 Salmon Spectacular Boat and Recreation Draws

TOP SALMON: Congratulations to John Earnest of Owen Sound who claims the top prize in the 2022 Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular with his 25.49 lb. Salmon caught on Day3 of this year's derby.

TOP LAKE TROUT: Congratulations to Julie Ellis of Dundalk who takes top prize in the Lake trout division with her 24.44 lb. Lake Trout.

TOP RAINBOW TROUT: Congratulations to Murray Garniss of Georgian Bluffs who takes top prize in the Rainbow trout division with his 12.28 lb. Rainbow Trout.

TOP BROWN TROUT: Congratulations to Jon Fowles of Moorefield who takes top prize in the Brown trout division with his 16.32 lb. Brown Trout.

16.4 FT G3 Boat, Yamaha 70 HP Motor, Trailer & Scotty Downrigger Ticket #27442 • Susan Warmington, Ancaster, ON

Sportspal Canoe & 2.5 hp Yamaha Motor Ticket #46680 • Wayne Braniff, Bright, ON

John Deere Riding Lawnmower Ticket #41241 • Brian Byers, Owen Sound, ON

Fly-In Fishing Trip for 2 to Air Ivanhoe Ticket #61098 • Kyle Osburn, South Bruce Peninsula, ON

Superior Propane BBQ Ticket #12990 • Jamie Whitfield, Orillia, ON

65" Wide Screen LCD TV Ticket #22303 • Glenda Seabrook, Owen Sound, ON

10' Sit-in Kayak Ticket #46335 • Carl Myatt, Owen Sound, ON

Cuda Fishing Package Ticket #51878 • Mike Tercer, Waterloo, ON

Cuda Fishing Package Ticket #11188 • Adam Rhodes, Owen Sound, ON

Cuda Fishing Package Ticket #19119 • Jason Weese, Frankford, ON

To all the winners in the 2022 Salmon Spectacular Boat and Recreation Draws Congratulations!



Early Bird Membership Renewal Programme

Salmon Spectacular is back in full swing for 2022. After a pandemic pause, the 34th annual Salmon Spectacular returns with fun for everyone.

By Robin Brunet | Postmedia Content Works

Unbridled excitement: that’s the best way to summarize expectations for this year’s Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular, after attendance was severely restricted in 2021 due to COVID requirements and after no event at all in 2020.

In fact, pent-up demand is such that the 34th Salmon Spectacular could see a return to the attendance numbers it enjoyed pre-COVID: as many as 60,000 people over the course of the 10-day event.

“We’re back in full swing with entertainment, a kids’ day, a seniors’ and ladies’ day – and of course fantastic prizes totalling \$150,000,” says Chris Geberdt, co-chair of the event and long-time member of the Sydenham Sportsmen’s Association.

While the Salmon Spectacular is a huge draw for families and people of all ages, it’s also a major fundraiser for Sydenham Sportsmen’s Association conservation initiatives such as raising and stocking Chinook salmon and varieties of trout via year-round hatcheries. This initiative began in 1982 with great success but to be sustainable long-term required the creation of an annual fundraiser in the form of a salmon derby.

Geberdt says, “Thanks to hundreds of hard working volunteers we’ve raised and stocked millions of fish, and money raised by the Salmon Spectacular also goes towards our other initiatives to protect the environment, including tree planting and our bird box program.” But at the end of the day, the Salmon Spectacular is a celebration of nature and wildlife — and a ton of fun. This year’s event will feature a variety of activities, including the fish fry on both Saturdays from 4 to 8 p.m., nightly entertainment except for the last Sunday of the derby, and a fishing friendly pond for children on the first weekend. “We’re famous as the venue where many children use a fishing pole for the very first time, and this year we have a special pond under a 300-foot long tent where they can catch rainbow trout,” Geberdt says.

As for the prizes, they include several boat draws (sponsored by Yamaha Canada), one of them named after Chris’s father Fred Geberdt who passed away in 2020. “Dad was president of the Sydenham Conservation Foundation for 25 years, and this is one way we honour his memory,” Geberdt says.

The 34th Annual Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular takes place from Friday, August 26 to Sunday, September 4. For more information and to purchase tickets for the boat draw, please visit (www.sydenhamsportsmen.com)



.22 Precision Rimfire Shoot - P Robson

Our first organized post Covid Precision Rimfire shoot was held this past Sunday. Weather threatened in the morning but conditions were excellent which helped with the challenging steel targets.

Four different courses of fire engaging shrouded steel targets at distances of 25, 50 and 100 yards. Targets varied in size from 1 inch to 3 inch. Definitely challenging, no one came close to shooting clean. All who attended said they'd be back, rumor has it there might be a "Frozen Finger" shoot this winter..... watch for it!

Autumn Thunder

Cowboy Action at SSA - 2022

Another successful season has been enjoyed by all the Cowboy Action shooters as the Twin County Bounty Hunters held their last Cowboy Action Shooting event of the year. Autumn Thunder for 2022 was put to rest this September. Along with regular members we are seeing shooters coming from other Clubs that are as far away as Sudbury, Guelph, Burlington, and Barrie. With colourful stages, interesting scenarios and the great ranges that are provided by the SSA we are hoping to keep them coming back.

We have a small but enthusiastic group of shooters and are always looking to encourage some of our original shooters to come back and join in on the fun, and of course continually welcome new shooters to come out and see what this sport is all about. We will continue next year with our Tuesday night practices and monthly shoots. Watch for dates in the coming months.

Bill Wattie





Range Committee Update

We have seen a very busy summer and early fall on all the ranges – I do believe we are pretty much back to “normal” after a challenging couple of years. All of the different shooting sports activities are indeed up and running. Get out and use the ranges while we still have nice fall weather!

Louis Stuyck

On September 22nd we received a message that our friend Louis Stuyck passed away suddenly. Louis was a long time member and regular trap shooter at the SSA. He was always early to help set up, always positive, scored at all of our interclub events and more, and he will be missed by all of us that knew him. This summer and fall Louis had been posting high scores in his shooting too! Louis – we hope you are shooting under clear skies and calm winds, we will miss you.

Website Calendar

We continue to use the All Events Calendar on the SSA website to communicate when ranges are normally open, and when ranges are closed for private rentals OR special events, etc. Don't forget to check the calendar before you come out to the range. We continue to use the website for booking and paying for training courses and sporting clays events even though the website has not been consistently reliable for this feature. Our hope is that it will become better with further development.

Training Courses & Orientation Tours

100 members have now completed the new 100 yard range safety course! Thank you to Trevor, Randy, Patrick, and Ray for all your work facilitating this course. Feedback has been very positive from those that have taken the training and it is good to see more members using this range on a regular basis.

Next course for the 100 yard range safety course are October 23rd and November 13th. See website for details.

There will be a final 2022 club orientation tour on Sunday November 6th at 10:00 am. See website for details.

There will be one more Handgun Club Level Safety Course in 2022 – on a date in November still to be determined. If you want to take this course reach out to Jay Murdoch to get on the list of participants. The next course will not be until early spring again.

Handgun Range

Thank you to the members who have been quietly maintaining the handgun range by cleaning and tidying it – and replacing the target backing structure when needed.

We still need someone on the range committee to officially hold the role of handgun range co-ordinator. If you use the range regularly, and would join our team in this role, please reach out to any one of us on the committee. New committee members are welcome, and the new year approaching is the time to join. preparation for concrete, but we need helpers for all the other finishing work. Again – we are a volunteer driven club. If you can help with this project, please speak to Jay &/or Trevor.



Range Committee Update | Continued

Handgun Range improvements

We are seeing strong demand for handgun range rentals and are saving this rental income for a new concrete floor, lighting, and shelter doorway, etc. We have had a member just recently step up and offer his services to do the excavation and site preparation for concrete, but we need helpers for all the other finishing work. Again – we are a volunteer driven club. If you can help with this project, please speak to Jay &/or Trevor.

Precision Rimfire Shooting

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Trap Shooting

The interclub trap shooting season is now behind us, our SSA team of shooters won the B class trophy for High Overall scoring this year, once again to our friends of dedicated trap shooters up at the North Grey Bruce Rod & Gun club. We as a club also cleaned up the awards at the final year end “Grey Bruce Open” shoot held at North Grey Bruce this year. Congratulations to:

High Overall: Jay Murdoch
 High 16 yard: Gord Fraser
 High Handicap: Al Hillis
 High Veteran: Louis Stuyck

We do have some new (and some younger) trap shooters joining our ranks – and if we can get everyone out to enough interclub events next year I would like to see us challenge North Grey Bruce for the A class trophy.

New to the SSA – we have now hosted two ATA Big 50 trap shooting events at the SSA. What does this mean? The targets thrown are “registered targets,” which means the scores are official and go into a records database with the American Trapshooting Association. Thank you to Adam Arpa for bringing this initiative to the SSA, and we have members and non members who are now shooting registered 16 yard targets, handicap targets, and doubles.

There will be one more registered trapshooting event at the SSA ranges on October 10th. See the website for details.

Skeet Shooting

There continues to be lots of activity on the Skeet Range at the SSA. This year quite a large number of SSA shooters travelled to tournaments to shoot registered targets and compete against skeet shooters from all over Ontario and Canada. Congratulations to Dave Mackinnon who won the Ontario Provincial Skeet championships in the 12 gauge event, missing only ONE target out of 100. Way to go Dave!



Range Committee Update

Sporting Clays

There are three opportunities left to shoot sporting clays at the SSA this year. Sunday October 2nd, Tuesday October 4th, and Sunday October 16th. Registration is on the website for the October 2nd and 16th dates, registration for October 4th will be in person between 09:30 and 10:00 at the green warm up shack.

There is a prize every year for the SSA High Overall Score (average of best 5 scores) and the current standings are:

- Ryan Allen 89
- John Top 88.8
- Doug Love 85.2
- Jim Esplen 80.2
- Mike Thompson 79.4

Work Party

There will be a late fall work party at the ranges to mend fences, trim trees and brush, level gravel walkways, etc. and we need your help. The plan is for mid November if and when the weather is dry sometime after rifle season.

If you have a good pair of work gloves and can lend a hand, please reach out to Jay Murdoch.

Range Reminders

We have attached a picture of the lane number markers just removed from the 100 yard range. While it would be normal to expect a random (and rare) bullet hole in these lane markers, the picture speaks to something that is sadly more than rare. And clearly not random. The range rules in the range manual are clear – paper targets must be placed in the center of the target backers, NOT on the wooden backing structure (to avoid damaging the structure), and all attempts must be to keep the bullet placement on the targets.

If anyone sees who is deliberately shooting outside these parameters please bring it to the attention of anyone on the range committee.

Thanks to all the volunteers

It felt busy on the ranges this summer. Thank you to all the volunteer who have been cutting grass, setting and filling machines with targets, running events, etc etc. The ranges would not operate without you. On behalf of the range committee – THANK YOU.

