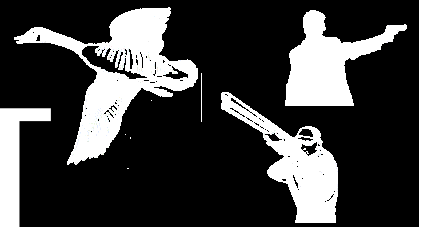




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Annual General Meeting

By Peter Edwards, Executive Director

Members are reminded that our Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday May 26th, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. - TSA Clubhouse, 2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66, Toronto.

This year, the following Directors are eligible for re-election:

John Smith	Richard Latorre
Andrew Dow	Peter Edwards
Ken Durie	Werner Menzel
Robert Haynes	Earl Barr

The following Directors have one year remaining in their term of office:

Harvey Beck	Sal Termini
Michael Beerden	Trevor Blachford
Cliff Gissane	Sam Najib
Blaise Iannaci	Steven Reynolds
William Jenkins	

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. In accordance with our constitution, any 5 members in good standing may nominate a candidate for Director.

President's Message

By Robert L. Haynes, President

Looks like Spring has come early; this is not a complaint...it just feels great.

We appear to be fully settled in our new location on Dufferin Street and other than occasional comments, it feels like we have been there for years; I guess that must mean that it is now HOME.

The location is certainly more practical, is a better teaching facility for our courses and more modern in feel and looks.

Hunter Safety Training courses and Firearms Possession and Acquisition courses are off to a flying start with our third set of courses about to get under way in 2010 with what would appear to be a full slate of students.

Outdoor shooting will start very soon and I am sure most pistol shooters are looking forward to this. It will be great seeing some of you again at the range and I encourage those of you who have not yet used the Latvian range to do so.

Last year we found that although we had a lot of rain days, it never seemed to be bad enough to cancel shooting and was still enjoyable, albeit damp.

Please have a great and relaxing summer.

The Canadian National Sportsmen's Show – New Location! **March 17th-21st, 2010**

By Peter Edwards, Executive Director

After 63 years of holding the Sportsmen's Show at the CNE, the show moved to the Metro Convention Centre.

TSA was on hand in full force as usual with our Main Booth, Crosman Airgun Range, and Archery.

This year's show had a new, clean look with many new features and exhibits. Go to www.sportshows.ca and browse all the features.

Our volunteers helped to make our part in the show a success. The C.N.S.S. supports us every year and we in turn, support the shows to the best of our ability.

By now you should have received your volunteer appreciation certificate. If you have not, please contact the office.

We are looking forward to 2011 with much enthusiasm. When you move to a new location, you naturally have concerns. Believe me; the show team went out of their way to make sure that everyone was comfortable.

Congratulations to Heather Macrae, Show Manager, and her Show team for a great job.

On behalf of Walter Oster, Chairman C.N.S.S., our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time to make the TSA part of the show a success!

CSSA Grand Prix

Thanks to all those who volunteered to setup and dismantle the 80 placement range at the hotel this year!

Membership Dues

For those who have not renewed your membership yet, please do so. Remember, for those who have restricted firearms, your 'ATT' permit is tied into your membership. The CFO will be notified shortly to cancel any existing permits for those who have not paid their dues. Please do not let this happen!

O.F.A.H. Tickets

Please return all OFAH tickets as soon as possible, as we must get them to the OFAH office in Peterborough for the draw.

The New Digs Were Fantastic!

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

Wow! Did we have a great time at the Metro Convention Centre this past March 17-21. As you may know by now, the Toronto Sportsmen's Show has moved to the Metro Convention Centre, from our old location at the C.N.E.

It was so nice to be able to setup in a new, clean, welcoming surrounding. We did have our challenges though - from a broken axle on our trailer, to fitting our show floor plan into a slightly different floor space, to new signage requirements, and people not being able to find us! But all-in-all, in the end we had a great time, a good turnout, and opened on time!

Personally, this was my first complete show - from start of show setup on Sunday March 14th to end of show teardown on Sunday March 21st. I was able to help from trailer loading to unloading, helping Peter Edwards and Cliff & Yvonne Gissane direct some of the visitor traffic, as well as putting out some logistical fires and jumping in wherever needed. My feet and back are just getting back to normal! I'm not quite sure how Peter, Cliff, Yvonne, June, and all the many great volunteers (*seen and unseen*) are able to do this year-to-year, but I know our part in the show, and our club, would not be the same without all their fantastic help!

To see some photos of this years show, please visit our website at: www.torontosportsmens.ca and click on our 'Photo Album'.

I would personally like to thank Walter Oster and his crew at the Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows for finding us this great new venue and supporting us, Mark DeBoard from Crosman Corporation for their airguns and supplies which help us enormously from year to year, and especially all our volunteers who helped us for yet another year. We definitely would not be able to do this without help from all these great people! Thanks to you all for making this '*new beginning*' such a success!

Now I need to start working of some of this Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, and Candy Apples I ate! We hope to see you at the Show next year!

Safety on the Range – Painful Brass!

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

It is every member's responsibility to ensure that all shooters, as well as guests, are properly protected on the range with safety equipment such as safety glasses and ear protection. This basic equipment is a requirement whether the person is shooting, or just a visitor that is watching the excitement!

Something that may not come as common sense as far as safety equipment goes, is the use of open-toed shoes or sandals, and low cut tops. Whether shooting or not, the ejection of hot brass (*especially the small .22 caliber brass casings*), can cause quite a burn to the skin if it happens to land in-between some toes, or down an open top. You must also be aware of glasses without the added protection on the top and sides, as ejected brass can slip in and rest on your eyelid causing a burn (*ask me how I know that*)!

Try to remember to mention these safety items to any guests you may have coming with you. We want everyone to have a Fun and Safe time out!

It's That Time Again – The Latvian Range!

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

We had a great time at the Latvian Club Range in Mount Albert for our Handgun and Rifle shooters last year, and we are aiming to do the same this year!

We will have our first day of shooting earlier this year - on April 10th, but please be advised that the range will NOT be available on April 17th because it is specially reserved by the Latvian Club members. The range will also be unavailable on holidays. If in doubt, please call the office during the week before heading out on the Saturday!

If you have never done any shooting outdoors before, this will be a bit of a change, as well as a lot of fun. Not only can you shoot at 25 meters, but you could really challenge yourself by putting your targets on the 50 meter target stands!

Please remember that we share the grounds with the Latvian Club members, and if they present their credentials, and follow our Range Officers directions and rules, they are quite welcomed to join us (*space permitted*). Dainis Marsons and the Latvian Club have been very accommodating to our Club and our needs, and in turn we ask all our members to respect their generosity by keeping the grounds clean and abiding by their rules, as well as our own.

We look forward to bringing in new members and guests to visit us at the Latvian Club Range. We would like to thank our existing members and Safety Range Officers for again sharing their friendliness and expertise (*as well as their guns on some occasions*), with any new members and guests.

We're hoping there will be less rain this year, even though we made do last year with umbrellas! Perhaps we could have a Bar-B-Q this season, hmmm.... Anyone want to offer??? I can taste it now . . . Pass the bug spray!

Remember, none of the great times this coming year would be possible without all of our volunteer Range Safety Officers, generously donating their time and experience for us to safely enjoy the sport we love. They all deserve our thanks and support! Please, if you feel you would like to help and volunteer to be a Safety Range Officer this coming year, we sure could use your help. Just contact Yvonne at the office for more information. It's our volunteers that make the Toronto Sportsmen's Association what it is!

See you at the range!



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TSA Annual Dinner

This year, TSA will not be having the annual dinner for members. The Valhalla Inn is in the process of being torn down to make room for Condo's, and the high cost of our move to the new office location prompted the Director's to cancel the dinner for this year.