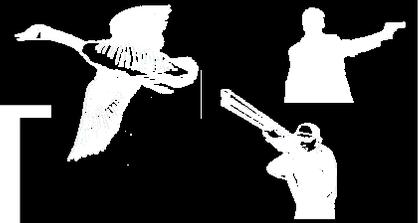




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President's Message

By Robert L. Haynes, President

As a quick overview since our last news letter, we enjoyed some great Saturday shooting at the Latvian range; this past summer's weather was great with minimal rain disruptions. The fact that there are now some BBQ's at this facility has allowed many of our members to include this into their Saturday at the range. This gives the range day a nice touch.

Indoor shooting at the Royal York facility has been well attended. Our Non-restricted firearms safety course and Hunter Education course instructors have been very busy. Course attendance is up and the courses have been full.

Our office routine is now falling into a predictable pattern and running smoothly. If you are in the area please drop in.

Have a great fall!

The Canadian National Sportsmen's Show – Show Dates!

By Peter Edwards, Executive Director

The 2011 dates for the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show have been announced! The show will be running from March 16th to March 20th, 2011, again at our new location at the Metro Convention Centre! The centre is located at 255 Front Street West, 2 blocks west of York Street.

On behalf of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association, we would like to welcome the new Show Manager, Mitchell Ostapchuk, of the 2011 Toronto Sportsmen's Show, and wish him all the best for a very successful show!

The TSA will be on hand in full force as usual with our Main Booth, Crosman Air Gun Range, and Archery. We will need your volunteer help this coming year to make our part in the show a success. The CNSS supports us every year, and we will do the same in return. We will be sending you a Volunteer Form in December, and would really appreciate any time you can give us. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The 2011 Canadian Airgun Grand Prix

The Canadian Airgun Grand Prix will be held on January 21-23, 2011, in its usual location - The Doubletree International Plaza Hotel, 655 Dixon Road in Toronto. Members of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association have in the past helped the CSSA with the setup, and dismantling of the shooting positions, etc. for this competition. We are again looking for any volunteers that can help us with the setup, dismantling, or both. Volunteer sheets will be sent to you in December, and your help would be much appreciated!

Caster's Beat Heat!

By Peter Edwards, Executive Director

Our casters survived 114 degree temperatures in Kentucky, to bring home several medals.

We sent a large team this year covering Men's, Senior Men's, Ladies, Intermediates, and team divisions.

A total of 12 gold, 15 silver, and 5 bronze medals returned home with our casters.

- Kevin Carriero won 2 g, 3 s and 2 b as well as All Plug Distance, Anglers All Round and All Plug Accuracy in Seniors.
- Brenda Newhouse won 4 g, 2 s as well as All Fly Accuracy, All Accuracy and Anglers All Round in the Ladies.
- Chuck Phillips had a great tournament winning 1 g, 2 s, and 2 b.
- Bill Wattie, in Seniors won 2 g, 2 s, as well as All Plug Accuracy and All Accuracy.

Our Intermediates cast well.

- Leah Banks won 2 g, 1 s, and All Plug Accuracy. Ryan Wardly won 2 g, and 2 s for his 2nd ACA. We have a great future with these two.
- Gus Beushausen took 4th in 2 hand spinning in the extreme heat.

Our Team - Chuck Phillips, Kevin Carriero, Brenda Newhouse, Bill Wattie, and Peter Edwards took bronze just 2 points behind the Blue Grass Club.

Our Second Team of - Gus Beushausen, Ross MacSporran, Ryan Wardly, Leah Banks, and Martina Badstuebner, took 5th place.

The icing on the cake came with Brenda Newhouse and Kevin Carriero making the All American Team.

Congratulations to all of the TSA and Westhill Gang who made the trip a great success. Next year's venue has not been selected yet. Special thanks to Arron Newhouse, Deb Wattie and Barb MacSporran who supported the casters and kept a constant supply of water flowing to us.

Royal York Range Gets Spruced-Up!

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

Our Royal York Range has had a good clean-up job done this past summer, thanks to Lou Marxer of the W.T.R.A., and an excellent work crew!

Some of the great volunteers who helped with the clean-up were Mark Palmer, Marcus Gunn, Alan Townshend-Carter, Corin Schart, Brendan Chmara, and Henry Gomolka. Alan Townshend-Carter, Mark Palmer, and Brendan Chmara also helped us set up our booths at the Toronto Sportsmen's Show. Mark and Brendan also volunteered as Range Officers at the Air Rifle booth.

Great job everyone - we couldn't have done it without your help!

An Invitation to the Range!

We're looking for new members! If you have any family or friends that you think would enjoy coming out to the range to have some fun, and learn about shooting in general, we would love to have them! Our hope is that by introducing people to our sport, they may take an interest and want to join.

If you know of anyone that would enjoy this experience, please contact Yvonne at the office, and she will let you know what to do.

The Latvian Club Range – Year 2 Update

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 for our second year!

Our sincere thanks again goes out to Dainis Marsons of the Latvian Club for allowing our club to rent their range for another year! Dainis and his crew have been very accommodating to our Club and our needs, and in turn we must respect their generosity by keeping the grounds clean and abiding by their rules, as well as our own.

We had our first day of shooting this year on April 10th, a little earlier than last year. Attendance and the weather seemed to be much better this year, however, the Saturday mornings are not seeing too much activity. We don't want the range rentals and Range Officer scheduling to be impacted by low turnouts. Our Range Officers are all volunteers, and having them at the range when shooters are not showing up is a poor use of their time, as well as the club's money.

Many of our members have never done any outdoor shooting before, so if you haven't yet come out, now is a great time. The range is only available to us until November 27th, so come on out and have some fun before we finish up for the season! Not only can you shoot at 25 meters, but you could really challenge yourself by putting your targets on the 50 meter target stands! Also, if you are so inclined to bring up some food, we now have 3 BBQ's that need to be put to good use!

Remember, none of the great times this year would have been 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!

Awards . . .

President's Challenge Trophy

The President's Challenge Trophy is awarded annually to the individual who brings into the association, the most new members. This year the Award goes to Stephen Reynolds!



Sportsmen of the Year

The Sportsmen of the Year Award is given to honour one of our own members for the time and effort spent on our Association. The qualifications for this Award are very stringent, and a candidate must fulfill the membership requirements and have contributed exceptionally to the Association. This year's winner has given freely of his time for many years as a Range Officer. This year the Award goes to Dale Valentine!

Kortright Award

The Kortright Award has been given to a very deserving member of our Association. Not only is he one of our Vice Presidents, our Webmaster, and our computer expert, but he is always there to lend a hand. This year the Award goes to Blaise Iannaci!

OFAH Lottery Tickets

If anyone wishes a book of 10 tickets (*or more*) please call the office and we will include you in the order. We do not want to purchase excess books and not be able to sell them. As you know, there are always great prizes. Each book is \$20.00. Thank you!

Notice to Members concerning your Membership Renewal

Please note that when you receive your Membership Renewal for the coming year, you will notice that your membership cost has increased slightly due to the new HST. You should also be aware that this new membership cost also includes the cost of your CSSA membership that we all belong to. Most shooting clubs charge this CSSA portion as an extra to the membership; we have not done so, however, we may need to change this practice in coming years.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

In Memory

The TSA recently lost some of its' favourite people. Some have volunteered for many years to make our projects very successful.

Frank Varsava passed away suddenly on June 5, 2010. Frank was a member since the early 60's and was a long time Director. He also volunteered over the years at the airgun range during the Sportsmen's Show.

Linda, Werner Menzel's daughter, passed away suddenly on June 13, 2010.

Doris, Werner Menzel's wife passed away on July 3, 2010. Doris loved going to the Show every year and attending our annual dinners.

Charlie Gulston passed away suddenly on August 15, 2010, on his way to his favourite Coffee Time. Charlie was a member since the early 60's and was a main stay during the Sportsmen's Show, where you would find him in the back room loading pellets for 5 days straight. Charlie was a long time rifle shooter right up to the end, and had over 300 awards to prove it.



Our sincere condolences go to the families and friends. They will all be missed dearly.

Buy & Sell

In our ongoing efforts to generate funds for our non-profit Association, we thought we would offer the ability for our members to advertise items that they may be looking to sell, or wanting to purchase, in our newsletter as well as on our website!

For a nominal fee of \$10.00 we would publish your ad in our newsletter for one issue (*usually quarterly*), as well as on our website for the same period of time. The ad can contain 50-100 words, and should

contain a contact name, phone number, and/or email address. The ad should relate to items that would be useful to our members in the activities that our club supports, but that is not mandatory.

If you are interested in placing an ad, please send your ad copy (*and photo if you would like it included*), along with your payment to the office, and we will publish it as soon as possible!

Since we were forced to move our office by Mayor Miller and find a new, more costly location last year, along with other rising costs of running an Association of our size, we are constantly looking for ways of generating funds. If you have any ideas in this regard, we would be more than happy to hear them!



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