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President's Message

By Jack Summers, President

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way" ~ A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

Much like all of you, all of us at the Toronto Sportsmen's Association use this time of year as a time to reflect on the year prior. This past year certainly had its challenges and we have endured some tough times only to see a light emerge at the end of the tunnel. We have all endured some despair in our lives and have learned that by coming together as a whole, we are a stronger entity with incredible resources. This also came true for the Toronto Sportsmen's Association in 2013.

With the challenges that we faced with limited shooting opportunities, our friends at the Latvian Range have been relentless in their unwavering support. The Latvian Range is a great range, albeit outdoors, but it provides an excellent opportunity to come together and partake in shooting activities, renew friendships, and host Club activities. This resource was overlooked and under-utilized in the past, however we will never look this gift horse in the mouth again.

Bob Haynes, our beloved President faced the battle of his life and fought as hard in his last breaths as he did every day in his home life, his work life and in his leadership of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association. I knew Bob to be a great leader, a fine person and a great friend. His leadership, friendship and guidance will not be forgotten, but is already dearly missed.

Under the direction and leadership of our Executive Director Peter Edwards, a Board of Directors meeting was called, where I (*Jack Summers*) was elected as President. This came as somewhat as a surprise to me, however I do understand the challenges we face and asked those that nominated and empowered this position for their support in moving forward collectively. Without hesitation, your Board of Directors stepped forward and have been a great resource, inspiration and we stand together moving forward into 2014. I would like to thank each of them for their commitment and dedication. I also would like to especially thank Yvonne Gissane for her diligence, guidance, support, and never ending passion she has for the Toronto Sportsmen's Association. Yvonne does an amazing job for us all. Please take the time to give her your personal "Thanks" as well.

As your new President, I knew it necessary to make a list of priorities, a "to do" list and do what I could to "fix" our biggest concern (*an indoor range*). I am pleased to say that we are definitely on the right track to have this issue resolved in the first half of 2014. Admittedly, this process was started by Bob Haynes and Pete Edwards but now rests in my hands. Although it would be premature and inappropriate to disclose any further information at this time, I am confident that Toronto Sportsmen's Association will have indoor shooting activities to further complement our outdoor range activities in 2014! Other activities that will find its way back into the TSA in 2014 will include Archery and Casting and we are also considering Air Pistol/Rifle and other shooting sports. More information on all of these activities will be announced in the near future.

Wishing you all a healthy, happy and very holiday season & Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Yule Tidings, Joyous Kwanzaa to everyone!

Metro Pistol League Report

By Jack Summers, TSA Captain

I am pleased to say that the Toronto Sportsmen's Association continues to participate in the Metro Pistol League. Through our challenge of not being able to host home matches without a facility comes great strength and friendships from our friends that participate in the league and especially Maple Leaf, Six Points Revolver, West Toronto Fish and Game and the Toronto Revolver Club, who generously host both our home and away matches. Their kindness and friendship has no strings and only speaks to their integrity and the spirit of the sport and competition!

This year we have seen a very consistent turnout from past team members and have expanded our Team to include a new member and a longstanding member who has not participated in the past. We are appreciative of their participation and support. Thanks to Stephen Reynolds, Claude Del Tatto, Roman Gawur, Shasha Navazesh, Mark Palmer, Ivan Kominek and John Smith for their dedication and for representing Team TSA so well. The entire Team would like to invite you to join us and make our Team even stronger in 2014. Plans are in the works to host workshops, seminars and practice matches in 2014 in order to further build a strong, competitive team in the 2014/2015 season.

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 to cancel any existing permits for those who have not paid their dues. Please do not let this happen!

Firearm Safety Courses / Hunting Safety Courses

Werner Menzel's courses have been going great all year, and have had excellent attendance. More ladies and teenagers are taking the course. His last courses for 2013 were held in November.

Courses will start up again early January 2014, and here are the dates for the next 5 months:

Non-Restricted Firearms Course

January 18th and 19th
February 15th and 16th
March 15th and 16th
April 5th and 6th
May 24th and 25th

Hunting Course

January 25th and 27th
February 22nd and 23rd
March 22nd and 23rd
April 12th and 13th
May 31st and June 1st

If you know of anyone who is looking to take these courses, please have them call Yvonne at (416) 487-4477, or email info@torontosportsmens.ca. Each course is a 2-day course (*Saturday and Sunday*).

A Special Thank You goes out to
June Samme for keeping TSA's books in order,
as well as all her hard work at the Sportsmen's Show for us,
and all the other numerous things she does for us!

With a new year comes new challenges and our Annual AGM!

Although most of the current Board of Directors will stand for re-election, we always welcome those who have interest in working for the membership in providing the very best Club possible. I think it fair to say that we welcome all persons who are willing to assist the current board in our year of renewal and growth to contact either Jack Summers (president@torontosportsmens.ca) or Yvonne at the office (info@torontosportsmens.ca). I will gladly discuss the needs, challenges, hopes and commitments we will strive for in 2014 and beyond.

With the hopes of new activities and ranges coming in 2014, we have a need for renewed commitment and resources in the following areas;



- Handgun Training Officers
- PAL - Non-Restricted/Restricted Training Officers
- Additional Hunter Safety Training Officers are required
- Board of Director
- Range Officers - multiple disciplines
- Archery
- Air Gun
- Casting

If you have any interest in participating in any of these activities or responsibilities, please contact Jack Summers or Yvonne anytime.

We have also had many requests that we continue our tradition of our Club Dinner and Awards. We all feel that this is a vital part of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association social being and provides an opportunity to continue longstanding friendships, make new friends and pay tribute to those past and present for their contributions to our Association. Look for more news on this event early Spring 2014.

Toronto Sportsmen's Show - 2014

Please mark on your calendar - February 6th - 9th, 2014 - Toronto Sportsmen's Show, Direct Energy Centre, CNE Grounds.

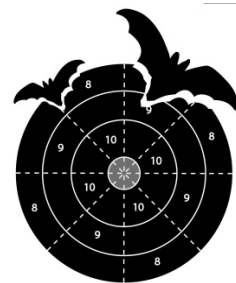
We will be in the main section this year, as opposed to being in the older section, as in previous years. We hope you will continue to give freely of your time and volunteer, whether it be on our Airgun Range, Archery Range, or our main booth. Volunteer sheets will be going out shortly, and we do value your participation as always! Come and meet old friends, and meet new ones. As always, passes (*including parking passes*) will be sent to volunteers.

Should you know of any student who is looking to complete their community service hours, please ask them to consider helping us out at the Show. We guarantee they will have a great time, meet new friends, and we would love to have them!

Toronto Sportsmen's Association Halloween Shoot 2013

On Saturday October 26th, 2013, members and guests of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association were invited to a Halloween Shoot at the Latvian Range. Although the weatherman did not cooperate (*cold, rainy and miserable*) we were very pleased with the enthusiasm and excitement from those that attended.

The day started off with coffee and donuts, friendly chatter and a good feeling about the positive energy and direction of the Club and with all 12 shooting positions filled. The 50m positions had a variety of rim fire rifles in use and the 25m positions were occupied with a wide range of rim fire and centre fire pistols and revolvers. Everyone was willing to share, teach and learn from one another! Even special event targets were supplied to keep the mood upbeat and fun!



Mid-morning friendly rim fire rifle contests begun from both the 25m and 50m positions. The competition was fierce with the ladies really stepping up their game as did some junior guests.... Leaving the old men (*like me*) in the dust! After each round, competitors submitted their targets and chose a prize from the prize table.



At noon we could hear the stomach's growling and it was time to start up the BBQ. We had plenty of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Sausages to go around thanks to Stephen Reynolds, which were cooked to perfection from in house chef extraordinaire Sam Najib.



All in all, the day was a complete success. Over 35 members and friends gathered to enjoy our sport, and get to know each other a little better. We enjoyed a great lunch, laughed, shared stories and experiences and had a fantastic day.



Special Thanks to the following people who really helped make this day special;

Stephen Reynolds
Blaise Iannaci

Shaun Navazesh
Yvonne Gissane

Claude Del Tatto
Andrew Mackevicius

. . . and to the Latvian Club for ensuring the range was in perfect condition for our event!

Don't forget that range opportunities still exist until the end of the year at the Latvian Range and more exciting opportunities will be announced soon!

For any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Toronto Sportsmen's Association, please feel free to contact me directly at president@torontosportsmens.ca

Regards,
Jack Summers, TSA President

Renewing Outdoor Cards

Please remember that the Ministry will not be sending out renewals for your Outdoors Card, so please check to see if your card is coming up for renewal.

You can renew at any **FULL SERVICE ONTARIO** Office (*see below*):

You can search for ServiceOntario offices at:

<https://www.services.gov.on.ca/locations/start.do?#scrolltomap> and it will let you know if they do Fish & Wildlife Licensing. There are a lot of offices that do not do Outdoor cards.

People can also renew their Outdoors Cards online at:

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/OC/2ColumnSubPage/STDPROD_091032.html#hunting, or by calling 1-800-387-7011.

In Memory

TSA recently lost 4 of our longtime members:

Ross McSporran (Casting)

Gus Beushausen (Casting)

Dan Fedosenko (Retired Hunting Instructor)

Robert (Bob) Haynes (President, Firearms Instructor and Hunting Instructor)



All will be missed dearly and remembered for all their friendliness, warmth, and help that they have given to TSA throughout the years.

Please Note: Canada Post is proposing postage going up to \$1.00 sometime next year, so if members could send us their email addresses, we could send a lot of correspondence by email, which would greatly help us to save some money on postage.

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!

Robert (Bob) Haynes

It is with great sadness and regret that we bring news of the passing of Bob Haynes.

Bob was a terrific President, was instrumental in many projects and was an asset to our association. Bob was an inspiration to all of us. He earned all of the TSA Awards - Achievement Award, Life Member Award, and our top honour - The Frank Kortright Award. In addition, he was a Certified Instructor in Ontario and Manitoba.

A business man who spent many hours working on the details of our lease on Dufferin Street when Mayor Miller closed down Mill Street.

He was an excellent Instructor and encouraged shooters to enjoy the sport and be safe. Bob was an excellent Hand Gun and Shot Gun Shooter himself who loved to hunt, fish, shoot, and go camping out west in his camper.

Bob spent many hours working on a new facility for TSA Shooters.

He celebrated many milestones with TSA and The Sportsmen's Shows, including the 60th and 65th Sportsmen's Shows, and the hosting of the American Casting Association Championships. He also participated in many TSA Club Dinners.

Bob's special personality brought people together to make wise decisions. You always new his point of view and how it would benefit TSA.

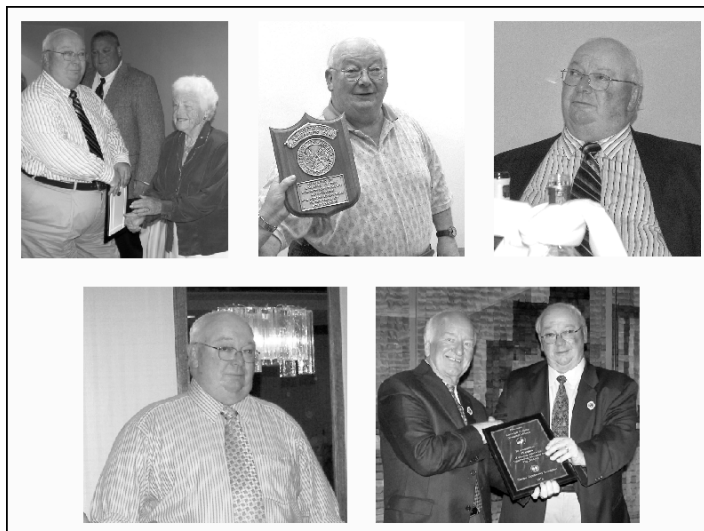
His support of the staff and input on how to make things better was most welcome. His business knowledge was a huge asset when making decisions.

Here are some of Bob's Achievements:

Robert (Bob) Haynes

- 1988 - Joined TSA in HG section
- 1992 - Special Appreciation Award
- 1996 - F.H. Kortright Conservation Award
- 2000 - Life Member
- 2007 - 2013 TSA President
- Hunter Safety Instructor in Ontario since 1996.
- Firearms Instructor with FSESO since its inception in 1994.
- Member of the Oshawa Skeet and Gun Club.
- Past President of the Winnipeg Fish and Game Assoc. and Hunter Education Instructor in Manitoba.

On behalf of all of us at the Toronto Sportsmen's Association and the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show, we would like to express our heartfelt condolences to Linda and her family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this sorrowful time.



Keeping you informed 2014 and Beyond

By Jack Summers, President



WEBSITE

Our website is found at www.torontosportsmens.ca is the best resource to find out what's going on at the club in a general sense. Since this domain is in the public, we will continue to limit personal information and other sensitive information that could prove not to be in our best interest as a shooting club. In the near future, we will create a member login page where current members can log in and find newsletters, detailed activities and other information related to TSA.



EMAIL

In order to provide membership with the most up to date information on "*What's going on*" at the TSA, we have started to communicate with members via email on a more regular basis. I urge everyone to send an email to Yvonne at info@torontosportsmens.ca in order to get you added to our distribution list.



NEWSLETTERS

It is my intention to keep members informed on activities, happenings and other relative information with respect to TSA on a monthly basis via electronic newsletter ONLY. This newsletter will be published on a monthly basis and contains the latest information on activities, needs, opportunities and other information relating to the day to day events at TSA. Hard copies of these NEWSLETTERS will NOT be made available in hard copy!

We will continue to publish quarterly newsletters (*hard copy*) that will contain a summary of the past few months and what's coming up over the next few as information is made available. Of course this will NOT provide the most up to date news, events or allow for any spontaneous communications, rather keep members who are not interested in the latest information to be included on what's going on. The printing and mail costs attributed to these newsletters are not insignificant and the effectiveness and costs involved will be reviewed in 2014.

Thanks to Blaise Iannaci for his hard work and dedication in maintaining the website and publishing these newsletters!



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An Email to our President . . .

Hi Jack,

We wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed the 2 matches against Toronto Sportsmen, helped along by the fact that we managed to win both of them. Thank you for your kind hospitality and for the fun and enthusiasm all your members shared with us and with each other.

On behalf of our team and the members at West Toronto Fish and Game, we wish you and your team at Toronto Sportsmen Assn. a Happy, Healthy and Holy Christmas season.

All the best

Gerry Chin Pang
V.P. WTFG