

Greetings from Ontario, Canada. I am delighted to announce that one of our 27 yard shooters, David Storning, smashed all one hundred targets from the back fence at the Colonial Classic in Pennsylvania in June. David has had a meteoric career, having burst onto the trapshooting circuit just a few years ago. He has had several 200 straights in the singles event (three of them at last count). This Fort Erie marksman has only to break 100 straight in doubles to get his "grand slam". My prediction is that David will achieve this shortly as his doubles scores are nearing perfection already. Congratulations David.

I now wish to profile the Hamilton Angling & Hunting Association which is located at Ancaster, not too far from Hamilton. The mailing address is PO Box 81161 Fiddler's Green, Post Office, Ancaster, Ontario L9G 4X2. If you are setting your GPS coordinates, the actual location is 1317 Albertson Rd. S. Ancaster. The club is generally open Sundays 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The contact person(s) are Ray Norton (905-765-2008) and alt. J.R. Neil (905-648-4376). There are 5 trap fields with automatic traps. Singles, handicap and doubles are thrown as well as rifle and handgun (members only), skeet and archery (handicap accessible).

I have shot at this club several times and find it to be well maintained and well run with a nice background. The thing that intrigued me the most about the members is that they are innovative. This is the only club I have seen anywhere where the trap house is designed to slide on rollers so that several people can then load targets from all sides of the machine. When loaded, the trap house is slid back into place and locked. At least three of their fields are designed this way - very efficient. For registered shoot dates for HAHA (and other Ontario clubs) visit our OPTA website at www.trapshooting.on.ca.

And finally, a strange thing happened on the way to the Pennsylvania State Shoot. Veteran marksman Bob Lee agreed to "lead the way" for Peter Tsementzis who needed help in navigating some of the New York State back roads. The speed and handling of Bob's Lexus made it tough for Pete to keep up with his truck. They talked regularly with their cell phones (Pete's was on a speaker phone). At one point, several big trucks got between their two vehicles so Pete decided to pass them and catch up to Bob. Meanwhile the pair was in a poor cell phone reception area. When Bob finally made contact with Pete he cautioned "there's a cop at the bottom of the hill. He's well hidden - slow down". The answer was a little terse. "Thank's Bob. He's standing at my window right now". Then the police officer piped up "I have your buddy - now just where are you?" Pete got a ticket, but it didn't hurt his shooting as he went on to win numerous non-resident preliminary and championship trophies.

If you have any interesting or newsworthy information let me know.

Paul Shaw, Ontario Delegate