

## ATA Article for March

### Greetings from Ontario, Canada

At the time this article was written (January 17, 2013) our American firearm-owning colleagues face an attack on their Second Amendment rights. President Obama will likely do by executive order what he can get away with but the real fight is expected to be in the Senate.

We in Canada know what it is like to have oppressive gun "control" rammed through. The NRA is a critical ally. As I have often said, the devil is often in the details and all firearm owners must be vigilant in defending our rights (at least our American friends have the right to own and bear arms).

I am pleased to announce the 2013 Ontario Men's Delegate Team and the 2013 Ontario Delegate Category Team. Both teams are based on registered events won by resident trapshooters during the target year ending August 31, 2012. A threshold participation level is necessary before a pin is awarded and no shooter may win more than two pins in an event at the same club in the target year. The objective here is to make small ATA shoots a little more competitive and fun and to reward excellence. One's average is of no importance, so if a shooter does not shoot one particular discipline (like doubles) a pin in other disciplines can still be won and if enough pins are won, they are named to the Delegate (or Category Delegate) Team.

Congratulations to all Ontario shooters who won delegate pins. I awarded 108 men's delegate pins and 114 category delegate pins. And, a special congratulations to our shooters that distinguished themselves by earning a birth on one of the Delegate Teams. Here are the results:

#### **Men's Delegate Team**

Captain	Ken Allan	6 pins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (tie)	Garry Benko Paulo Sampaio	5 pins each
4 <sup>th</sup> Place (tie)	Lloyd Beecraft Dominic Gitto George Iliopoulos	4 pins each
7 <sup>th</sup> Place (tie) (to 10 <sup>th</sup> )	Bert Blackburn Frank Bonaiuto Denis Louiseize Frank S. Bonaiuto Jr.	3 pins each
Honourable mention:	Joe DiFrancesco Ken Fellows	3 pins each

Bill Garrett  
Neville Henderson  
John Iliopoulos  
Gary Seitz

Note: There was a 10-way tie for 4 positions (7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive). I had to break the tie which I did in the following fashion:

- A shooter who won a competition but could not win a pin because he was maxed out in that event at that club;
- A pin won at three different clubs;
- A pin won in the greatest number of events;
- 2 different events (eg. handicap and doubles) but greatest # of handicap victories.

**Category Delegate Team**

Co-Captains	Patrick Bevilacqua George Jonckhere	7 pins each
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (tie)	Henry Hamley Wayne Higgs Warren McLay	6 pins each

Paul Shaw

*Ontario Delegate*