



THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE October 2014 Edition

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The 2014 shooting season has come to an end in Ontario. It is hard to believe the season has come to a close!

The Ontario Provincial Shoot was down slightly in shooters this year over last but in general shooting across Ontario has declined.

Here are your Provincial winners.

EVENT ONE – Singles – 172 Entries

CHAMPION: Frank Bonaiuto (100)

AA: Verne Higgs (100) (25/25/25/25) over Bill Vito (25/25/25/24) and Paulo Felix (24/25/25/25)

A: Nebojsa Mitrovic 100 (25/25/25/25) over Mike Otte (23/25/24/23)

B: Manuel Domingues (99)

C: Patrick Guillemette (98)

D: Gaetano Deiuliis (94)

SUB Vet: Dan Gris 99 (25/25/25/25) over Mike Pickering (24/25/24/24) and
Frank Ruggiero (22/24/23/24)

VET: Basil Zmijewsky 99 (25/24/25/25) over Byron House (25/24/25/24) and
Jon Naismith (23/24/25/25) and
Cyril Dixon (Forfeit)

SR. VET: George Jonckheere (99)

LADY I: Erin Hannah (97)

LADY II: Dianne Wood (95)

JUNIOR GOLD: No Entries

JUNIOR: Alexis Ricard (84)

SUB JUNIOR: Vincent Bonaiuto (98)

EVENT TWO – Handicap – 163 Entries

CHAMPION: Terry Caldwell (99)

18-21 yards: Manuel Domingues (97) (24) over Kelly White (22)

22-23 yards: Ray Kassmanian (96)

24- 25 yards: John Iliopoulos (96)

26 – 27 yards: Dave Storrington (97)

VET: Paolo Pronio (98)

SR. VET: Jon Naismith (97)

SUB VET: Bill Drikos (98)

LADY I: Erin Hannah (97)

LADY II: Cheryl Stiby (86)

JUNIOR GOLD: Jake Caldwell (91)

JUNIOR: Alexis Ricard (74)

SUB JUNIOR: Jacob Munn (89)

EVENT THREE – Doubles – 129 Entries

CHAMPION: Frank Bonaiuto 98 (49/48) over Lloyd Beecraft (48/46) and
George Ilioupolos (48/46) and
Keith Saunders (44/49)

A: Lloyd Beecraft 98

A: Basil Zmiyivsky 97

B: Mike Pickering 95 (49/44) over Ian Malcolm (43/39)

C: Fred Squire (93)

D: Mike Otte (95)

VET: George Ilioupolos 98

SR. VET: Keith Saunders 98

SUB VET: Paul Shaw (97)

LADY I: Jennifer Garrett (91)

LADY II: Cheryl Stiby (91)

JUNIOR GOLD: Jake Caldwell (73)

JUNIOR: No Entries

SUB JUNIOR: Matthew Van Haaren (93)

EVENT FOUR: SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP – 203 Entries

RESIDENT CHAMPION: Frank Bonaiuto 200 (25/25/24/24) over Keith Saunders (25/25/24/23)

RESIDENT R/U: Verne Higgs 199 (24/24/25) over Nebojsa Mitrovic (24/24/21)

RESIDENT AA: Nebojsa Mitrovic 199

RESIDENT A: Vito Rinaldi 197 (24) over Frank Bonaiuto Jr (22)

RESIDENT B: Chris Lally 197 (24) over Scott McAndrew (22)

RESIDENT C: Jim Hardie 193

RESIDENT D: Leo Lalonde 186

RESIDENT SR.VET: Keith Saunders 200

RESIDENT VET: George Iliopoulos 199

RESIDENT SUB.VET: Jamie Caldwell 199

RESIDENT LADY I: Erin Hannah 193

RESIDENT LADY II: Dianne Wood 191 (22/25) over Cheryl Stiby (22/21)

RESIDENT JUNIOR GOLD: Jake Caldwell 186

RESIDENT JUNIOR: Bryce Mann 191

RESIDENT SUB-JUNIOR: Matthew Van Haaren 199

NON- RESIDENT CHAMPION: Serge Pelletier 198

OPEN AA: Rui Morais 198 (25) over Paulo Felix (24) and Dave Storrington (24)

OPEN A: Frank Bonaiuto Jr 197

OPEN B: Scott McAndrew 197

OPEN C: John Prokaska 192 (21) over Domenico Marino (20)

OPEN D: Godefroy Cardinal 188

OPEN VET: Jon Naismith 197

OPEN SR. VET: Bob Lee 198

OPEN SUB VET: Paul Shaw 198 (25) over John Iliopoulos (24) and Dan Gris (24)

OPEN LADY I: Brittany Caldwell 188 (23) over Sacha Kucey (22)

OPEN LADY II: Cheryl Stiby 191

OPEN JUNIOR GOLD: Kyle Mann 185

OPEN JUNIOR: Catarina Sampaio 181

OPEN SUB-JUNIOR: Kristian Houle 195

RESIDENT TWO-SHOOTER TEAM: Mike Pickering 195 and Ralph Zadro 195 = 390x400

RESIDENT NEW SHOOTER: Don Vandekerckhove 193

New Junior: Alexis Ricard 176

New Sub Junior: Mitchell VanDyk 176

EVENT 5: DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS – 146 Entries

RESIDENT CHAMPION: John Costa 98

RESIDENT R/U: Peter Tsementzis 97 (20) over Brad Kenny (19) and Joe Di Francesco (19) and Frank Bonaiuto (18) and Billy Zager (17)

RESIDENT AA: Joe Di Francesco 97

RESIDENT A: Brad Kenny 97

RESIDENT B: Bill Garrett 94

RESIDENT C: Jim Lee 92 (17) over John Prokaska (14)

RESIDENT D: Bob Mountjoy 87

RESIDENT SR. VET: Bob Lee 95

RESIDENT VET: Don Mattison 95

RESIDENT SUB VET: Frank Dainty 95

RESIDENT LADY I: Brittany Caldwell 93

RESIDENT LADY II: Cheryl Stiby 80

RESIDENT JUNIOR GOLD: Kyle Mann 87

RESIDENT JUNIOR: Bryce Mann 90

RESIDENT SUB JUNIOR: Matthew Van Haaren 94

OPEN AA: Frank Bonaiuto 97

OPEN A: Dave Storing 95

OPEN B: Earl Brown 93

OPEN C: John Prokaska 92

OPEN D: W L Smith 86

OPEN SR.VET: Keith Saunders 93

OPEN VET: Basil Zmiywsky 94

OPEN SUB VET: Paul Shaw 94 (18/19) over Dan Gris (18/15) and Ralph Zadro (forfeit)

OPEN LADY I: Jennifer Garrett 87

OPEN LADY II: Dianne Wood 71

OPEN JUNIOR GOLD: Jake Caldwell 74

OPEN JUNIOR: Catarina Sampairo 62

OPEN SUB JUNIOR: Kristian Houle 90

RESIDENT NEW SHOOTER: Fred Ulch 87

NON-RESIDENT CHAMPION: Jim Hannah 98

EVENT SIX: HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP – 176 Entries

RESIDENT CHAMPION: Bill Wylie 98

RESIDENT R/U: Kyle Newman 97 (23/24) over Don Vandekerckhove (23/23)

RESIDENT 3rd: Don Vandekerckhove

RESIDENT 4th: Peter Kakridas 96

RESIDENT 5th: Ron Dietrich 95 (24/25/25) over Tom Batsos (24/25/23) and Terry Caldwell (24/24) and Ken Allan (23) and Ross Morgan (21)

RESIDENT 6th: Tom Batsos 95

RESIDENT SR. VET: Tony Rotondo 94

RESIDENT VET: Basil Zmiywsky 97

RESIDENT SUB: Dan Gris 95

RESIDENT LADY I: Jennifer Garrett 94

RESIDENT LADY II: Dianne Wood 93

RESIDENT JUNIOR GOLD: Jake Caldwell 91

RESIDENT JUNIOR: Alexis Ricard 90

RESIDENT SUB JUNIOR: Vincent Bonaiuto 95

NON RESIDENT CHAMPION: Patrick Guillemette 91 over Jim Hannah (forfeit)

RESIDENT NEW SHOOTER: Don Vandekerckhove 97

OPEN 18-21 yards: Terry Caldwell 95

OPEN 22-23 yards: Ken Allan 95 (23) over Ross Morgan (21)

OPEN 24- 25 yards: Byron House 95
OPEN 26 – 27 yards: Jake Rosmaninho 95 (23) over Frank Bonaiuto (22)
OPEN SR. VET: Ron Alton 94
OPEN VET: George Iliopoulos 94 over Jon Naismith (forfeit)
OPEN SUB VET: John Iliopoulos 94 (24/23) over Earl Brown (24/22)
OPEN LADY I: Sacha Kucey 93
OPEN LADY II: Cheryl Stiby 79
OPEN JUNIOR GOLD: Kyle Mann 88
OPEN JUNIOR: Bryce Mann 84
OPEN SUB JUNIOR: Kristian Houle 92

EVENT #7: HAA: 400 targets

RESIDENT CHAMPION: Frank Bonaiuto 392
RESIDENT R/U: Peter Tsementzis 388
RESIDENT AA: Joe Di Francesco 385
RESIDENT A: Brad Kenny 386
RESIDENT B: Ralph Zadro 381
RESIDENT C: John Prokaska 373 over Joe Soos (forfeit)
RESIDENT D: Leo Lalonde 349
RESIDENT SR. VET: Keith Saunders 383
RESIDENT VET: George Iliopoulos 388
RESIDENT SUB VET: Dan Gris 387
RESIDENT LADY: Erin Hannah 363 (20S/9H/8D) over Sacha Kucey (17S/8H/10D)
RESIDENT LADY II: Dianne Wood 355
RESIDENT JUNIOR GOLD: Kyle Mann 360
RESIDENT JUNIOR: Bryce Mann 365
RESIDENT SUB-JUNIOR: Matthew Van Haaren 383

EVENT #7: HAA: 400 targets

NON RESIDENT CHAMPION: Jim Hannah 384
NON RESIDENT R/U: Serge Pelletier 374
OPEN AA : Dave Storrington 384
OPEN A: Tom Batsos 384
OPEN B: Bill Garrett 376 over(18S/10H/8D) Frank Dainty (19S/9H/7D)
OPEN C: Joe Soos 373
OPEN D: Godefroy Cardinal 354
OPEN SR.VET: Ron Alton 377
OPEN VET: Basil Zmijewsky 386
OPEN SUB VET: Paul Shaw 383 (19S/9H/9D) over Earl Brown (18S/7H/8D)
OPEN LADY I: Sacha Kucey 363
OPEN LADY II: Cheryl Stiby 350
OPEN JUNIOR GOLD: Jake Caldwell 351
OPEN JUNIOR: Catarina Sampaio 322
OPEN SUB JUNIOR: Kristian Houle 377

EVENT #8: HOA – 700 targets

RESIDENT CHAMPION: Frank Bonaiuto 682
RESIDENT R/U: Lloyd Beecraft 673
RESIDENT AA: Joe Di Francesco 672
RESIDENT A: Mike Pickering 666
RESIDENT B: Ralph Zadro 658
RESIDENT C: Ian Malcolm 643
RESIDENT D: Sacha Kucey 617
RESIDENT SR. VET: Keith Saunders 660

RESIDENT VET: Basil Zmijewsky 677
RESIDENT SUB VET: Dan Gris 677
RESIDENT LADY I: Erin Hannah 644
RESIDENT LADY II: Cheryl Stiby 619
RESIDENT JUNIOR GOLD: No Entries
RESIDENT JUNIOR: Catarina Sampaio 525
RESIDENT SUB-JUNIOR: Matthew Van Haaren 660
NON RESIDENT CHAMPION: Jim Hannah 659
NON RESIDENT R/U Serge Pelletier 642

President's Corner

The 2014 trapshooting season is over but trapshooting isn't! Now is the time to hone your skills for next year and support your local gun clubs by practicing and participating in league and other events. It's also a good time to take a friend or someone who has expressed an interest in the sport for a day of shooting. A few of them may take up the sport, but all of them will remember and talk about the great experience!!

There were many compliments about Hamilton Gun Club's hosting of the Ontario Championships. The facilities were excellent and the event was very efficiently managed. Carl did a great job of keeping the traps operating and resolving problems. He circulated constantly around the trap fields and provided friendly assistance whenever adjustments were necessary. There were four long, hot days of shooting in great weather and the OPTA appreciates Donna and Carl's hard work as well as that of the trap help, who did an exemplary job. Our own Warren McLay, Board members of both the OPTA and the HGC, provided a lot of guidance and support before and during the competition which went a long way to making the event a huge success. HGC was elected to hold the shoot next year and have promised to make it even better! There is not enough space to individually identify those who made the event a success, but thanks to all of you.

As I mentioned during the annual general meeting, the civil suit against Gord Kerr is underway. I think the majority of the hard work is over and we are anxious to bring this to a conclusion with the OPTA recovering some more funds. The courts seem to move at glacial speed but there is a good possibility the issue will be concluded by the end of the year.

It was great that the revised By-laws were passed. These will go a long way towards making the Association look more like a professional organization. There is still a lot of work being done to prepare a Board Manual. The manual will provide continuity over time, as well as other changes to improve the way we operate. Well run organizations use nominating committees to recommend Board members to help ensure those joining have appropriate knowledge and skill sets and will participate actively on the Board. Additionally, we need a financial oversight committee to provide independent governance over our financials and ensure we don't have a repeat of our recent experience. Ensuring we have the right people on the Board and the appropriate oversight of our activities is crucial to the OPTA's future. How these committees will function will be determined by the Board over the next few months.

As I mentioned in August, the HGC has fully amortized the OPTA loan which removes a large financial burden off the club. So far the OPTA has banked the cash. We don't have easy access to capital so we need to be very careful and effective in how we manage OPTA funds.

The OPTA is focusing more on strategic efforts to grow the sport. Emily has done a great job of starting the process and has set up some very successful events over 2014. We need to expand those efforts and find more ways to promote our sport and encourage interest and participation as well as remove some of the stigma associated with the shooting sports. My sense is that this will be a challenge, but it should also be a lot of fun.

The Board is starting its regular meetings and we'll keep you posted as plans develop.

In the meantime, good shooting!!

Regards,
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Message from Your ATA Delegate

At the Grand American, Ontario was represented in all the Champion of Champion races except Veteran and Men's. I commend all our shooters that participated in these races because it is a long trip to Sparta and most of our Ontario shooters took time off work to take in this 100 target event. Some shot a few other events while there but the focal point was Wednesday's competition.

Our participation numbers at Sparta are never significant – a couple of dozen or so and this year was no exception. When the Grand was at Vandalia, Ohio, we often had well in excess of 200 shooters. Most of the states and provinces in the east have similar reductions. But like it or not, the Grand is destined to remain at Sparta for the foreseeable future.

Sod was turned to kick-off the building of a new ATA Hall of Fame building estimated to cost close to 2 million dollars. The Martins announced at the Grand that they would donate one million dollars towards the cost. The AGM went long into the evening – nothing earth shattering to report.

Now for the new shooting year that commenced September 1st – I wish you the best for the new year.

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Yours truly



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AIM (New/Youth shooter) Program Update

By: Emily Brown

As the days shorten, we find ourselves looking back on what seemed to be a rather short OPTA/ATA shooting season.

This summer we have seen a lot of new and youth shooters try out our game and many young shooters have achieved incredible success in competition, locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.

I have had several opportunities to discuss initiatives in other provinces and states around encouraging new and youth shooters to the sport and certainly in Canada, we are seeing a steady decline and aging of our shooting demographic. It is imperative that we grow the sport steadily to achieve a critical mass and keep our shooting facilities viable.

I thank all of you who have encouraged and supported the new and youth shooter initiatives this past year. We are all making a positive impact.

On the communications and social media front, the OPTA Facebook group page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/489177534535326/?bookmark_t=group) continues to grow in leaps and bounds with 117 members currently. Any member can post events, photos and shoot results and I encourage members to do so. Members can also invite and add new members. If you prefer, I can be sent information that is of interest to OPTA shooters and I can post it. The OPTA website is still scheduled for renovation once the new framework is determined so stay tuned for details.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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