



## THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE

July 2010

Greetings everyone! With our Provincial shoot just a couple of weeks away, we know that excitement is brewing as new champions and friendships are about to be made! Here are just a few things to ponder in advance of our most important tournament of the year.

### **UPCOMING OPTA ELECTION**

*It looks very likely that there is going to be an election as we have received indications from new individuals who would like to win a seat on the Board, **so please remember to bring your OPTA and ATA cards to the meeting as these will be required in order to cast your vote!!***

Once again, we remind everyone there are **4 potential openings on the 2010-2011 OPTA Board** of Directors and we are encouraging active OPTA members who are interested in contributing their time and experience to join our Board. Your number of years shooting is not as relevant as your genuine willingness to grow trapshooting in our Province!

If you would like to declare your candidacy, or for more information about the Board and its activities and the process of being nominated, please contact any of the current Directors. The election of the new Board will be conducted at the AGM on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> during the Provincial Tournament, between the Doubles and Handicap events.

The status and contact info for the Current Board of Directors is as follows:

Steve Stiby – President: (**\*retiring from the Board**): [c.s.stiby@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.s.stiby@sympatico.ca)

Gord Kerr – Secretary/Treasurer (**\*will be seeking re-election**) [gord.kerr.opta@sympatico.ca](mailto:gord.kerr.opta@sympatico.ca)

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Florin Marinache – Director (**\*will be seeking re-election**): [info@learntrapshooting.ca](mailto:info@learntrapshooting.ca)

Bill Malcolm – Vice-President (1 more year in term): [billmalcolm@rogers.com](mailto:billmalcolm@rogers.com)

Basil Zmiywsky – Director(1 more year in term): [zeezee\\_m@hotmail.com](mailto:zeezee_m@hotmail.com)

Bert Blackburn – Director (1 more year in term): [bertblackburn@gmail.com](mailto:bertblackburn@gmail.com)

Barbara Sheldon – Director (1 more year in term): [sheldonshoots@can.rogers.com](mailto:sheldonshoots@can.rogers.com)

### **ATA Ontario Delegate and ATA Ontario Alternate Delegate**

Our Delegate Paul Shaw and our Alternate Delegate Gord Kerr are also up for re-election. Should you wish to run for either of these positions, you must be a Life Member and meet the target requirements which are outlined, along with details of other qualifiers and responsibilities, in the current ATA rule book.



### **THE FIRST "OPTA SUMMER BLAST" WAS A BLAST!**

Our wonderful hosts of the 2010 OPTA Summer Blast, Toronto International Trap & Skeet Club, welcomed competitors on June 20<sup>th</sup> from all across the province and threw 17,000 targets that day! The winners received great customized OPTA card holders in which cash was tucked – and the OPTA Board received plenty of great compliments on the awards. Many thanks to Steve Hajoglou and his crew for a very successful day!

We are looking forward to growing the OPTA Summer Blast and have already begun planning for next year....stay tuned!

### **MEMBER UPDATES**

Ernie Freitag returned to the trapline and made his presence known at the NY State Championships, winning 4 trophies including the Non-Resident Vet Category in Sunday's Handicap Championship with a 93! Turns out that our information was incorrect (thankfully) and that his cancer is not pancreatic but in the bladder - and we are confident he will conquer it. We are looking forward to seeing him and Viv at the Provincials!

Paul Shaw and son Drew are headed to Munich, Germany shortly to represent Canada as part of a three-man team at the World Shooting Championships. The third Canadian on the men's team is Cal Soloway from Saskatchewan. Good luck men!

### **YOUR EDITION OF THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE**

Please consider taking a copy of this newsletter to your home club and ask to have it posted on the bulletin board. Some of our members still don't have access to the Internet – and we'd also love to share the news of our sport and community with the guests at your club.

Remember, when interesting events happen at your club or to Ontario shooters, please be sure to let us know by writing Barbara at [sheldonshoots@can.rogers.com](mailto:sheldonshoots@can.rogers.com). Any OPTA member wishing to subscribe to "THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE" can do so by simply by sending their e-mail address to Gord Kerr along with their request: [gord.kerr.opta@sympatico.ca](mailto:gord.kerr.opta@sympatico.ca).

***~ See you soon at the 2010 Ontario Provincial Championships! ~***