



THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE



2010 Holiday Edition



A very warm welcome to our many friends who are receiving their first edition of THE CLUBHOUSE! This exciting initiative was created by your OPTA Board and launched in February 2010. If you didn't receive our previous editions, please email Barbara at sheldonshoots@rogers.com to sign up now. Simply ask and you will receive!

Our goal with the e-newsletter is to keep our entire OPTA shooting community and visitors united, informed and inspired! It's a big province so THE CLUBHOUSE allows us to reach far and deep with important and timely news - from the field, from our Delegate and from your Board of Directors.

Our next issues of THE CLUBHOUSE *will only be available by e-mail!!* We've got some incredibly exciting news "on the ready" for the very next issue that you won't want to miss, so be sure to subscribe now. (The OPTA respects your privacy and will not share your information to any third parties).

In the meantime, here are the latest reports for your information – enjoy!

MEMBER UPDATES

Congratulations to **KYLE MANN** for earning a place on the 2011 ATA SUB-JUNIOR ALL AMERICAN TEAM – well done, young man!

And a double congratulations to our ATA delegate **PAUL SHAW** for making the 2011 ATA ALL-AMERICAN TEAM once again, as well as the ATA's "Quarter Million Club". So far, in his illustrious shooting career Paul has registered a total of 262,250 targets in the combined disciplines – singles, handicap and doubles. That's a lot of smoked targets, Paul!

LLOYD BEECRAFT had a great winning year, including reaching the 50,000 registered target milestone in his Handicap game and attaining his AA-27-AA status. Congratulations Lloyd, you've worked hard and it's well-deserved!

Also in 2010: **JOHN RUTTAN** reached the 100,000 milestone in registered SINGLES, **RAY COCKBURN** has made it to 75,000, **SONNY DUCETTE** and **BILL VITO** landed at the 50,000 landmark, while **WARREN MCLAY**, **EUGENE BOLTON** and **CHARLIE CADMAN** have shot at 25,000! **CHERYL STIBY** has registered 50,000 DOUBLES targets while **RON ALTON**, **PETER TARNOWSKI** and **VERNE HIGGS** are halfway there with 25,000! **BERT BLACKBURN**, **RON CALVERT** and **DOMINIC CERRATO** have reached the 25,000 milestone in registered HANDICAP targets. *Congratulations to all of you!!*

We are pleased to report that a great friend to all, **TERRY JORDAN**, is healing from his recent hernia operation and receiving many well-wishes from our world-wide community. We look forward to seeing Terry pain-free and winning big in the upcoming season, both afar and at home here in Ontario. And congratulations to him for a banner year of sales of 'The Terry Jordan Wall Chart'!



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2010 MISSOURI FALL HANDICAP

Ontario was well-represented at this year's MFH, thanks to the strong shooting of Ray Cockburn, Michael Delmore, Joseph Hawlik, Terry Jordan, Jim Pollock, Joanne Pollock, Keith Saunders, Fred Squires, Dianne Wood, Jim Wood and Bill Wylie. Conditions were challenging and the competition was very tough, but several trophies were won and smuggled back across the border into Ontario.

Congratulations to all for your fine efforts and a 12g. salute to Dianne Wood for reigning supreme amongst our provincial contingent – she brought home the most (3) trophies!

2010 CANADIAN TRAPSHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thanks to OPTA member Richard Bootsvelde from The Lake of Woods Gun Club in Kenora, Ontario for submitting this news!

The 2010 Canadian Trapshooting Championships was staged at the Vancouver Gun Club in British Columbia this year from June 30th to July 4th. There were a total of 162 shooters attending this 5 day event. Thanks to the OPTA members who made the long journey to show Ontario's support for the only national ATA event in this country. And congratulations to the following OPTA members on their wins: Jim Wood, Dianne Wood, Joe Woods, Erin Collins and Richard Bootsvelde.

NOW ON TO THE 2011 CANADIAN IN ONTARIO!

From Pam Muma, President of St. Thomas Gun Club – hosts of the 2011 Canadian Trapshooting Championship:

"It is hard to believe that the Canadian Championships are only 6 months away! With that in mind, the members at the St. Thomas Gun Club have been working very hard since the announcement was made that we would be hosting this prestigious competition. We are absolutely thrilled and honored and hope you will join us! Please mark your calendars: the dates are Wednesday June 29th through to July 2nd.

We will be shooting over 5 days with only 200 targets per day. This will ensure that when you are finished shooting you will have ample time to relax, visit with your friends and family, enjoy some of the wonderful restaurants in our area, go sightseeing or just do whatever your heart desires. We have some ideas for fun shoots after the actual events, so stay tuned for more information on this as it comes available.

We will be using Presquad.com and will be encouraging you to presquad through this great service to better plan for your shoot times, choose your squad mates, as well as to avoid the line ups!

Now, let me bring you up-to-date on our facility – we have some very exciting news. Our club applied for a Fall Trillium Grant of \$86,600.00 and we were awarded \$74,000.00 - not bad! We are very pumped about our plans for this money and want to share this with all of you, our friends in the trapshooting community.



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With these funds we will be doing a total renovation of the club house washrooms to make them larger and barrier free for all our shooters. We will also be installing showers into both the male and female washrooms to better service all of you who like to camp at our club. We will also be changing all the club house doors to make sure they are barrier free, as well as upgrading the ramp coming into the east side of the clubhouse.

We asked the Trillium Foundation for 2 more automatic PAT traps and were granted these. This will give our club a total of 7 automatic traps, but rest assured we will have automatics in all our 10 trap houses for the Canadian Championships - thanks to the area clubs who are lending us theirs. We are fortunate indeed to have clubs that are so neighbourly and supportive of our endeavors!

We need to upgrade our trap houses to accommodate the size of the PAT traps so we asked for the Trillium Grant to cover 6 new houses, but we were only granted enough funds for 4. However, we have decided that we will go ahead and get all 6 done anyway!

Of course, we will be updating the electrical for the trap line to accommodate all these improvements. We are working on lighting a couple of trap fields in case they are needed for shoot offs, but since we will be shooting only 200 targets per day and will be running both the back and front ends of the tournament with the utmost efficiency, we will be striving to have everything completed during daylight hours.

So as you can see, we are working hard. We are determined to make our club a première facility and providing everyone with the most fantastic place to shoot in Ontario!

But none of this could be happening without our amazing members – and we have a tremendous volunteer base here at the club. Several of our club members are heading up various sub-committees for the Canadian Championships and their work is well underway. We will be releasing important information about all aspects of the tournament regularly here in THE CLUBHOUSE to keep you current – so stay tuned!

Should you have any questions about the St. Thomas Gun Club or the 2011 Canadian Championships, feel free to drop me a line anytime at ppmuma@rogers.com. On behalf of all the members of The St. Thomas Gun Club, we look forward to welcoming you soon."

FROM ONTARIO DELEGATE PAUL SHAW

"The very best to you and yours for the holiday season and the new year.

Registered trapshooting is a passion we all enjoy. We tend to (sometimes) keep our sport one of the best kept secrets going. Any chance you could introduce even one person to our sport in 2011? It would probably be appreciated and would be in all of our best interests.

Again, best of the season to you."

Paul Shaw and family: Bev, Destiny & Drew

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UPDATE ON THE 2011 ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 30th – August 1st

On July 30th the first shot will be fired at the 92nd Ontario Provincial tournament and your OPTA Board is planning several significant changes to encourage your attendance and improve your experience at this competition! (*Improving your scores will be up to you!*)

At this time, we are delighted to announce that for the first time ever, the OPTA will be offering you the ability to presquad on-line with Presquad.Com! This is the easiest way for you to manage and forecast your shoot times for all events! You can use this service solo to start or jump on a squad – or you can book your entire squad! This full-service provider will be available to you in early June for your ultimate convenience.

For those without a computer, we will also be accepting phone-in as well as mailed reservations. Regardless of the presquadding method you choose, the small fee remains the same: only 2 bucks per position per shooter. That's pretty cheap for peace of mind and less hassle when you arrive on the grounds!

Stay tuned to THE CLUBHOUSE for more details on this as well as other new and progressive enhancements to this tournament!

FROM YOUR ONTARIO TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We encourage you to help us to serve you better by giving us your thoughts on any OPTA matter that is of interest to you. We can be easily reached via the Internet and are happy to visit with you when we're at the clubs.

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YOUR EDITION OF THE CLUBHOUSE

Please take this edition of THE CLUBHOUSE to your home club and share it with the folks in your shooting circle - encourage them to register their e-mail addresses with the OPTA at sheldonshoots@rogers.com for their own copy. Remember, all forthcoming editions will be sent by e-mail only!

If you have important news about an Ontario shooter or about an interesting event that has happened at your club and you'd like our community in on it, please be sure to let us know!

~ To all of you a Healthy New Year...we look forward to meeting again on the field and here in THE CLUBHOUSE! ~