

ATA Article for April 2015

Greetings from Ontario, Canada

You will be reading this article in the April edition of Trap & Field. This article is being written in February. And in Ontario it is cold – probably the coldest February in recorded history and that is darned cold. In January, Collingwood (which is in Southern Ontario) had only five days that had temperatures above 0° C (32° F). February will finish with every day posting sub 0° C temperatures and in fact, not even close to 0°. We are regularly experiencing -20° C to -30° C (-4° F to -22° F). Wind chill takes it even lower. The sustained cold has burst pipes in older and even new buildings and water mains.

Forgive me, but trapshooting is not even on the radar screen for me right now. Like so many other people in this area, I have my hands full dealing with crises. I can't even characterize this as "putting out fires" – it's just too cold. Our winter league shooting is way down. Those fortunate enough to do some shooting south of the border have reported to me that at times even in places like Florida it is abnormally chilly. Al Gore's "global warming" crisis doesn't resonate well when one experiences record cold snaps. I guess the new terminology "climate change" has both extremes covered, doesn't it?

I hope to see many of you at a range somewhere when I thaw out.

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