



## THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE

March 2019 Edition

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### Message from Your ATA Delegate

Dear OPTA Members:

In December members of the Executive Committee (including myself) met at Sparta for our annual ATA Winter Meeting. Most agenda items were routine but there are a few items that I have brought to the attention of delegates within our Eastern Zone such as:

- i. The ATA is in good shape financially;
- ii. There are complimentary ATA memberships while supply lasts to encourage new members.
- iii. The All-American Team points system seems to have been well accepted by shooters and clubs.

I also want to thank Beau Douglas and our ATA Club personnel for providing shoot reports and collating them so that our Delegate & Category Delegate Teams could be determined. The team results are:

#### **The Ontario Delegate Team:**

Mike Vecchio  
Nebojsa Mitrovic  
Don Henning  
Marco Narduzzo  
Matt Tyhurst  
Brett McClelland  
Peter Tsementzis  
Giorgio Racco  
Verne Higgs  
Josh Faubert

#### **The Ontario Category Delegate Team:**

Joe Di Francesco  
Lloyd Beecraft  
Dan Gris  
John Costa  
Dominic Gitto

We will reconfigure our Category Teams to include all 8 categories for the current and following year. Therefore, for simplicity sake, please use all 8 categories to determine category winners.

Have a good 2019  
Paul Shaw

Ontario Delegate



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**Message From Emily Brown**

**OPTA Website**

The OPTA website continues to be a source of up to date information for trapshooters in Ontario and across the country. The Buy and Sell page consistently has about 50 ads, with advertisers reporting in most cases that their ad on this page has produced results. There are two pages on the website which include links to shooting gear suppliers, and one for shooter businesses. If you would like your business to be added, please email details so [info@ontariotrap.com](mailto:info@ontariotrap.com)

**OPTA Facebook group page**

The OPTA Facebook group page has grown to 629 members, up 35 members since the last Clubhouse newsletter in the fall. Every week, upcoming events, shoot programs, shoot results, photos and other information relevant to the trapshooting community is shared.

Of particular importance at this time to firearm owners is the proposed new firearm legislation through Bill C71, which is now under discussion in the Senate, and the ongoing call for a handgun ban in many of Canada's major, and less major centres. The latest conversation is around the government exploring the idea of central storage for handguns, meaning handgun owners would be required to leave their guns in a facility, likely expected to be built at and funded by individual clubs. While the government continues to use incorrect data to gather public support for this Bill and handgun ban, organizations such as the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights provide support through the only registered lobbyist on this issue. If you have not already, I urge everyone to reach out to their MP and to the Senators to speak up against all of these critical government initiatives. With the upcoming election cycle for the federal election in October 2019, and the push to get Bills passed before the election, there is some urgency on the matter.

Further, the long gun registry has been resurrected in the province of Quebec, with compliance after the January 30<sup>th</sup> deadline at about 20%. Rural municipalities in Quebec have formally spoken up against the registry through letters to the provincial government. Updates on these and other concerns to firearms owners are shared on the Facebook page to help inform shooters, and encourage all to get involved in this fight to protect our livelihood.

## Canadian University Shooting Federation (CUSF)

<http://www.cusf.ca/>

I was contacted a year ago by an individual who was working towards starting a post-secondary school shooting organization, with groups at any or all institutions in Canada who would train, and compete over the year at their home clubs. All shooting disciplines would be included, and individuals could participate in as many as they wanted to. These would be set up as student clubs. So far there are clubs at several places, including some in Ontario (for example Wilfred Laurier, University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Guelph University, Western University, Algonquin College, Queen's University, University of Toronto), and in Alberta and British Columbia. It is hopeful to see shooting sports finding a place with young people at school. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hamilton Gun Club will play host to the shooting club from Guelph University, where competitors will shoot both trap and skeet.

### Ontario Council of Shooters

The grant funding from the Ministry has released the next allocation of grant funding to the OCS, our Ministry mandated Provincial Sporting Organization with the OPTA receiving its allotment from that sum. These grants are not automatic but come with a rigorous reporting and review process, which considers our membership numbers, competitive athlete numbers, numbers of coaches and referees, and our commitment to compliance with Ministry requirements particularly good organizational governance. Sport Matters Ontario hosted an event on November 27, which was not attended by anyone from the OCS, but we have committed to having a member attend the next one, which is to take place in the coming months.

### Toronto Sportsmen's Show, March 13-17, 2019

The Sportsmen's Show was another great success this year. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent time in the OPTA booth to share their love of the sport of trapshooting with visitors to the show. While quantifying the success can be difficult, early reports suggest that many are looking for clubs to join and are looking for opportunities to be mentored in the sport. Remember the lifeblood of our sport depends on new people, of all ages and from all walks of life. Ask your club what they are doing to welcome new members, and let's all do our part as individuals in welcoming and mentoring any new folks!

Submitted by Emily Brown

### ATA Rule Change

During this year's Grand American, the ATA Board of Directors voted to eliminate the 18-yard line from ATA registered handicap competition effective September 1, 2018 (the beginning of the 2019 target year). As a result, the yardage for all 18 and 18-1/2 yard members will be increased to 19 yards for any registered shoots on or after September 1, 2018 AND for any shoots which begin prior to September 1 that end on or after September 1 (Example: The Heartland Grand begins on August 28 and ends on September 3. 18 yard shooters will be advanced to 19 yards at this shoot from August 28 forward).

**ANY 18 YARD SHOOTERS THAT HAVE PRESQUADED FOR ANY SHOOTS IN THIS TIME PERIOD AT 18 YARDS, WILL NEED TO BE RESQUADED.**

All 18 yard shooters that have been active since 2016 will be mailed a **19 YARD ADVANCEMENT CARD**. This is not to be confused with their 2019 Annual or Life Membership average card. If their dues are current that card will be available in a few weeks.

Any scores shot from the 18-yard line after the dates referenced above will not count and will be disqualified.

A couple of other important rule changes that will have immediate effect:

***Money Punches eliminated***

Change Section VI, D., 5. Page 22 as follows:

***Any score of 97, 98, and 99 in a single handicap event will automatically earn 1 yard, and a score of 100 in a single handicap event will automatically earn 1-1/2 yards provided these scores do not earn at least that much under the earned yardage table.***

This change eliminates the money punches from the earned yardage rules.

***2 yards on adjacent posts and 3 yards in the squad for ALL yardages***

Change Section IV, H., 2. Page 13 by REMOVING:

***“If 18, 19, or 20 yard shooters are in squad, it is strongly suggested that there be no more than one (1) yard difference between adjacent shooters in the squad, however, there shall be no more than a total difference of two (2) yards in these squads.”***

There may now be two yards on adjacent posts and three yards on the squad if there's a post in between shooters **for ALL yardages.**

**SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING**

If you would like to become a sponsor for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Provincial Championships July 25-28 2019, the following is a breakdown of the sponsorship levels.

Platinum - \$500.00 and over

Gold - \$200.00 to \$499.00

Silver - \$100.00 to \$199.00

Bronze – up to \$99.00

If you would like to advertise in the 2019 Provincial Program the following is the cost for each size of ad.

Inside front cover - \$500.00

Outside back cover - \$500.00

Inside back cover - \$400.00

Full page ad inside the program - \$ 250.00

Half page ad inside the program - \$200.00

Please email Pam at [ppmuma@rogers.com](mailto:ppmuma@rogers.com)

## 2019 Registered Shoot Dates

### March

31 – Oxford Sportsman’s Club

### April

7 – Crumlin Sportsman Association

14 – Otter Valley Rod & Gun

19 – Amherstburg Target Sports

19 – Toronto International

28 – Hamilton Gun Club

28 – Oxford Sportsman’s Club

### May

5 – Otter Valley Rod & Gun (Sponsor Shoot)

5 – Quinte Trap & Gun

12 – Toronto International

18-20 – St Thomas Gun Club

26 – Napanee & District Rod & Gun

26 – Hamilton Gun Club

(Charity Shoot Make a Wish Foundation)

### **Canadian Championship**

**June 26 – 30, 2019 held at St Thomas Gun Club**

### June

2 – Amherstburg Target Sports

2 – Crumlin Sportsman Association

2 – Toronto International

9 – Quinte Trap & Gun

9 – Oxford Sportsman’s Club

9 – Hamilton Gun Club (Summer Blast)

16 – Toronto International

23 – Oxford Sportsman’s Club (Doubles Marathon)

23 – Napanee & District Rod & Gun

26-30 – St Thomas Gun Club (**Canadian Championship**)

### July

7 – Amherstburg Target Sports

7 – Waterford Sportsmans Club

14 – Oxford Sportsman’s Club

14 – Toronto International

21 – Toronto International

25-28 Hamilton Gun Club (**Provincial Championship**)

### **Ontario Provincial Championship**

**July 25 – 28 2019 held at Hamilton Gun Club**

### August

11 – Crumlin Sportsman Association

18 – Oxford Sportsman’s Club

18 – Hamilton Gun Club

### September

1 & 2 – St Thomas Gun Club

8 – Quinte Trap & Gun

15 – Kippen Gun Club

15 – Hamilton Gun Club

22 – Napanee & District Rod & Gun

22 – Claybird Gun Club

22 – Waterford Sportsmans Club (OPTA Sponsor Shoot)

29 – Amherstburg Target Sports

### October

6 – Napanee & District Rod & Gun

If you are a member of a club in Ontario and would like your club to host registered shoot please talk to your Trap representative.

**2018/19 OPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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