



## THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE December 2020 Edition

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### MESSAGE FROM YOUR OPTA PRESIDENT

With the pandemic, registered shooting has become a distant memory. We can only look forward to the end of this plague. Your board is optimistic that we will have registered shooting in the Spring.

Your new board is working hard to improve the shooting opportunities going forward. New people bring new ideas, and you are going to benefit from the discussions.

The major point of discussion at the last board meeting was the date for the Provincial Championships. The date for the last several years was between the Eastern Zone and the Grand American. This caused us to move off the August long weekend for a couple years. It is a very hectic time for ATA shooting so it was decided to find a better date.

One of the factors considered was to get before the Canadian Championships so our champions could represent Ontario at these Championships. This is also the case for the Grand. There is more time to plan to attend if you win a championship. We did not want to conflict with any major shoots in neighbouring states where Ontario shooters can get All-American points. Finally, the date had to be acceptable for the host club who must be able to get the required help to run the shoot. St Thomas has agreed that the date is workable.

I would like to thank the members of the board who did the research to find the date and promote the change in timing. It should be better for everyone.

One consideration, with the date earlier in the year is getting enough targets in to be able to shoot without penalty. I am confident that we can develop a plan that will be fair for all. With the lack of registered shooting last year, I can see us reverting to the previous years for qualifications. More to follow.

As you can see by the drastic step of moving the date of our Championships, your board is open to suggestions to improve the shooting experience for our shooters. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please reach out to a board member. I cannot promise that we will adopt your idea, but I promise that we will assess it to see if it fits with our mandate.

There are several leagues that have found a way to shoot safely this winter with pre-registration etc. If you can, get out and shoot. Times will improve.

Stay well,

Robert Blackburn (Bert)

President OPTA

## 2021 ONTARIO PROVINCIAL TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Championship will be a five-day event held from Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This year's event will be hosted by the St. Thomas Gun Club. The OPTA board looks forward to seeing all of you there!

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR ATA DELEGATE

I suppose you can refer to me as the first ATA president during the ATA's 121-year history who is in exile.

Business with my Executive Committee colleagues is all virtual – as are meetings. Shooting, for Canadians at least, is non-existent south of the border. Covid-19 fatigue is taking its toll on all of us.

Hang in there. We will have better times – soon I hope.

As always, if you have any issues that I can help with, let me know.

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## 2021 CANADIAN TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION (CTA) CHAMPIONSHIP

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The 65<sup>th</sup> annual Canadian Trapshooting Association Championship will be a five-day event held from Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Edmonton Gun Club in Leduc, Alberta. Your Ontario CTA representative is Josh Faubert ([joshfaubertcta@gmail.com](mailto:joshfaubertcta@gmail.com)).

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If you would like to become a sponsor for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Championship the following is a breakdown of the sponsorship levels. If interested, please email Pam at [secretarytreasurer.opta@gmail.com](mailto:secretarytreasurer.opta@gmail.com).

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