

Peter Tsementzis

Peter was first introduced to trapshooting in 1984, when he went to Hamilton Gun Club with his father, Chris Tsementzis Sr., to watch the Provincials. As an avid hunter and wingshooter even as a child, the sport immediately piqued his interest. He shot his first registered shoot a couple years later in 1986. His talent was noticed by some of Ontario's top shooters, including Bob Lee and Brian James, who mentored him and brought him along on their travels to larger shoots in the United States.

Peter established himself as a AAA-27-AAA shooter by the mid 90's, and was the first shooter from Ontario to complete a Grand Slam, which he obtained in 1997 in El Paso, Texas, by shooting his 100 straight at 27 yards. He has countless championships at the Grand American, Eastern Zone, Canadians, Ontario Provincials, Great Lakes Grand, Northeastern Grand, Cardinal Classic, and many state shoots, including 43 major titles at the Ontario Provincial Championships.

Although having shot at many different locations, Peter's favourite venue was the Grand American, when it was hosted in Vandalia, Ohio. His average records are extensive, as he was recognized with high average trophies for all three disciplines, and combined high averages, over 33 times. Peter also holds the all-time high average records in all three disciplines in Ontario and was on the 2000 All American Team.





His longtime squad mates consist of an impressive lineup, including Dan Gris, Terry Jordan, Don Henning, and Lew Hummason. He now frequently competes alongside son Chris Tsementzis Jr. and daughter Anastasia Tsementzis, and although now retired from ATA competition, Chris Sr. is typically found watching from the bench at their field.

Peter is also very involved in the sport outside of competing, having served several terms on both the Hamilton Gun Club Board and OPTA Board, and is constantly volunteering at, and contributing to the Hamilton Gun Club. When he is not on the trap field or farming, he enjoys his true passions, which include upland

hunting with his English pointers and running his hounds. Furthermore, he dedicates many volunteer hours coaching and introducing new members to the sport. He has conducted “AIM” (Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship) clinics for youth shooters at the 2022 and 2023 Ontario Provincials, free of charge for attendees thanks to sponsors and several other volunteers. One of his main missions as an OPTA director is growing the sport and offering new shooters, particularly youth, quality, and accessible instruction from Ontario’s best shooters. Peter was inducted into the Ontario Trapshooting Hall of Fame as a competitor in 2010.

