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Ontario

Greetings from Ontario, Canada.

Congratulations to members of the Ontario all-star team:

Men's first—Joe DiFrancesco, .9467; Lloyd Beecraft, .9416; Verne Higgs, .9384; Dan Gris, .9381; William Wylie, .9208. *Men's second*—Robert Blackburn, .9146; Kevin White, .9059; Gary Seitz, .8834; Keith VanHaverbeke, .8799. *Women's*—Dianne Wood, .8802; Alicia Marinache, .8639; Cheryl Stiby, .8606. *Junior*—Levi VanHaverbeke, .8757. *Veteran*—Warren McLay, .8713; Ron Alton, .8677; Charles Boggis, .8609. *Senior vet*—Don Dolbear, .8832; Fred Squire, .8652.

Ontario high-average awards for 2010 are as follows: DiFrancesco, singles, .9844, doubles, .9518, and all-around, .9467; and Gris, handicap, .9221.

The minimum-target requirements for 2011 for Ontario all-star teams and high average awards are 1,500 singles, of which 1,000 must be shot in Ontario; 1,300 handicap, of which 800 must be shot in Ontario; and 1,000 doubles, of which 500 must be shot in Ontario.

The Ontario target requirements must include the 400 championship targets at the provincial shoot, the Ontario targets must be shot at at least two Ontario clubs, and league targets will not be counted.

The Mike Fulop Enthusiastic Trapshooting Promoter Award was awarded to Tony Pezzetta (one of the founders of the Toronto International T&SC and a tireless promoter of our sport).

The Mark Edmondson Doubles Award (for most-improved doubles average by an Ontario shooter over the previous year) was won by Levi VanHaverbeke with an average increase of .659.

I am pleased to announce the first-ever Ontario Delegate team (10-person men's) and Delegate category team (five-person, combined category). Unlike the all-star teams, which are based on averages, the Delegate teams are based only on victories at qualifying events. This time there are 12 men on the Delegate team because positions 8, 9 and 10 had five men tied and there was no easy way to break the deadlock.

Next year a tie-breaking mechanism will be formulated. Only four of the 12 men, and two of the five category shooters, also made the all-star teams. This initiative has had the effect I had hoped—recognizing talent and accomplishment of many of our shooters who may not have had high averages but nevertheless rang the bells by winning multiple events. Hopefully this recognition increases participation and adds to the enjoyment of the sport. In total, 111 Delegate pins were awarded to 62 men plus 102 pins to 47 category event winners.

A special “thank you” to the clubs and shoot organizers for taking the additional time to collect and forward Delegate team pin information.

Delegate team—Germain Spriet, Verne Higgs*, Bert Blackburn*, Joe DiFrancisco*, Ken Fellows, Byron House, Paulo Sampaio, Frank Bonaiuto, Dan Gris*, Giorgio Paniccia, Ed Wilmott, Bill Zagar. *Category Delegate team*—Alex Papastamos, George Jonckhere, Don Dolbear*, Warren McLay* and John Rowan. (* denotes a shooter who also made the OPTA all-star team)

Delegate team members will obtain their pins in the mail and their team awards during the 2011 provincial championships. Congratulations to all.

Paul Shaw
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