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Ontario

Ontario shooters served notice at the Dixie Grand that our province has talent that can hold its own with the best of the best. Terry Jordan (the wall chart entrepreneur) and Verne Higgs (shooter extraordinaire) from Sparta (that's right—Sparta, *Ontario*). Both shoot out of the St. Thomas club, which will host this year's Canadian Trapshooting Championships. Between these two, they captured many of the premier trophies for the weekend preceding the Dixie Grand and then just kept racking up trophies (handicap in particular) well into the Grand week.

Not to be outdone, Lloyd Beecraft, who shoots out of Galt SC (Cambridge), popped the highest score, a lone 98 in the championship handicap. Lloyd is no stranger to shooting success. He is always a threat in handicap and is strong in singles and doubles as well. Congratulations to all Ontario shooters who took the time and made the effort to participate at the Dixie Grand. Well done.

Next month I will be discussing shooting club revitalization. I act for and give advice to many shooting clubs throughout the province. Many have multi-discipline facilities. Some are in decline in membership, and there are often internal squabbles and challenges both from within and externally. Some have been able to regroup, refocus and revitalize. Their strategies for success may work for a struggling club that you know. Stay tuned.

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