

Greetings from Ontario, Canada.

Ontario is privileged to be the host of two National Trapshooting Championships this year. The St. Thomas Gun Club is host to the Canadian ATA style championships from June 29 to July 2. For more details contact Pam Muma (519) 633-2680) or [ppmuma@rogers.com](mailto:ppmuma@rogers.com). Toronto International is host to the Olympic style Canadian championships for Olympic trap (June 5 to 11). \*this event will be over when you read this article, but event organizers have widely distributed their program. All the best to the event organizers and to the competitors from far and wide.

In 2010, there were 24 Ontario clubs which cumulatively threw 628,100 targets. Hamilton Gun Club threw 70,700 and a further 172,500 as a result of the Ontario Championships. Toronto International was next with 67,200, followed by St. Thomas at 154,000.

Ontario ranked 30th out of all states and provinces just behind Nevada with 651,350 targets thrown, but well ahead of New Mexico with 541,325 targets registered. Our shooting is seasonal in that the vast majority of our targets are thrown between April and September. Many states with warmer climates enjoy much higher participation numbers with our Ontario shooters in fact augmenting their registered target yield.

And how did our Ontario shooters fare when it comes to overall targets shot (both inside and outside Ontario)?

Shooters from 58 states and provinces (including a miscellaneous category of "miscellaneous" (foreign), shot a total of 61,562,330 targets. Ontario shooters registered 1,091,825 targets or 1.8% of all ATA targets thrown. Only shooters from 22 states shot more targets than our own. And we were less than 100,000 targets behind 4 other states. Bottom line, we shoot at a lot of targets ladies and gentlemen relative to other states and provinces. Now, if we can ever figure out how to break more of those elusive little suckers? Good shooting.

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