



THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE

June 2010

Greetings everyone! Hope our latest edition of your e-newsletter finds you in great spirits and enjoying the camaraderie and targets at our clubs across the province.

UPCOMING OPTA ELECTION

There are 4 potential openings on the 2010-2011 OPTA Board of Directors and we are inviting and encouraging active OPTA members who are interested in contributing their time and experience to join our Board. Your number of years shooting is not relevant – a genuine willingness to grow trapshooting in our Province is!

If you would like to declare your candidacy, or for more information about the Board and its activities, please contact any of the current Directors. The election for the new Board members will be conducted at the AGM on Sunday August 1st during the Provincial Tournament, between the Doubles and Handicap events.

The status and contact info for the Current Board of Directors is as follows:

Steve Stiby – President: (*retiring from the Board): c.s.stiby@sympatico.ca
Gord Kerr – Secretary/Treasurer (*will be seeking re-election) gord.kerr.opta@sympatico.ca
Neville Henderson – Director (*will be seeking re-election): neville.s.henderson@cogeco.ca
Florin Marinache – Director (*will be seeking re-election): info@learntrapshooting.ca
Bill Malcolm – Vice-President (1 more year in term): billmalcolm@rogers.com
Basil Zmiyiwsky – Director(1 more year in term): zeezee_m@hotmail.com
Bert Blackburn – Director (1 more year in term): bertblackburn@gmail.com
Barbara Sheldon – Director (1 more year in term): sheldonshoots@can.rogers.com

THE 2010 OPTA SUMMER BLAST IS THIS SUNDAY!

At Toronto International Trap & Skeet on SUNDAY JUNE 20TH! There will be a total of 30 special, customized OPTA awards from Shamrock Leather presented to the class/category/yardage winners of the singles, handicap and doubles events – as well as for the day's HOA. And tucked into each of these awards will be.....\$35 for category, class and yardage winners in each event – and \$100 for the day's HOA! *(Please note there was a typo on the poster sent to all the OPTA clubs, which indicated \$39. awarded for the category, class and yardage winners. Apologies for this mistake!)*

Toronto Int'l Trap & Skeet is also providing great prizes for winners, so please join in for a fun and VERY rewarding day!



COMING SOON: NEW TRAP CLUB DIRECTORY FOR ONTARIO

We are in the process of compiling the data to produce a pocket-sized, directional directory to the OPTA Trap Clubs. This booklet will allow shooters to have easy access to the locations and hours of these facilities. We would appreciate every OPTA club forward their GPS Co-ordinates, Physical Road Address as well as Club Hours to Bill Malcolm, as soon as possible, c/o billmalcolm@rogers.com. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

MEMBER UPDATES

Noticeably absent and missed by our community this year is Ernie Freitag. We have been informed by his wife Vivian that he is once again battling cancer (pancreatic) and currently undergoing treatment. Please keep Ernie and Viv in your thoughts – we want to see him return to good health and the trapline soon! The mailing address for them is in your ATA Averages book, should you wish to forward your best wishes.

CORRECTION TO THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE SPRING EDITION

We apologize for having missed knowing that the following OPTA shooters were smoking targets at the 2010 Southern Grand: Walter Jordan, Ron Brackenberry and Harry Richards.

We are eating crow as well for identifying our former OPTA President Smokey Smith as "Bill". Smokey participated (and won) at this year's Southern Grand.

Sorry gentlemen!

2010 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: July 31st – August 2nd

We'd like to remind everyone that once again the OPTA is presenting the Guaranteed \$500.00 Shoot-Off in conjunction with Sunday's Championship Handicap event. If you play the \$10.00 option on this event and the last number of your Handicap score is drawn, you are automatically eligible to participate in the Shoot-Off: winner takes all!

This would also be a good time for you to pre-squad for the Tournament to avoid the headache of the long line-ups at the squadding counter. Presquadding will also provide you with a good estimate of the time you will be shooting each event. For more information or to submit your presquad request please contact Gord Kerr at gord.kerr.opta@sympatico.ca



2010 MARK EDMONDSON DOUBLES AWARD

We are proud to announce that Bill Malcolm is the 2010 Recipient of this award, as determined from the numerous shooters' submissions made to the Board. Mark's award is in recognition of the OPTA competitor with the most improved doubles average over the previous year. Well done Bill!

FROM OUR ONTARIO ATA DELEGATE, PAUL SHAW:

"I regret that I will be absent from our upcoming Provincial Shoot. My son Drew and I will be in Munich, Germany, both part of the Canadian three man team at the World Championships (Olympic style trap). My focus, I hope, will be on breaking a decent score but my heart will be with you folks at the Provincial tournament.

I will have a detailed delegate report (in writing) to be read at the Annual General Meeting. My report and to some extent my Trap and Field delegate letters will address issues that arise out of our Eastern Zone delegate meeting at the Zone competition on July 22 and following. I will attempt as well to get you an update on delegate team pin accomplishments.

I also want to alert Ontario shooters about being very careful in accepting trophies such as knives that are actually "prohibited weapons" in Canada. Briefly, if a "knife" has a blade that opens automatically by gravity or centrifugal force or by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife, it is a "prohibited weapon".

I know for a fact that prohibited weapons were given out and accepted (innocently) at a least one major shoot. Be very careful here. It is a criminal offence in Canada to be in possession of such objects. I'll explain more in detail in my Trap and Field article. Our American friends need to know not to bring these items into Canada as well. Good shooting!"

YOUR EDITION OF THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE

Please consider taking a copy of this newsletter to your home club and ask to have it posted on the bulletin board. Some of our members still don't have access to the Internet – and we'd also love to share the news of our sport and community with the guests at your club.

Remember, when interesting events happen at your club or to Ontario shooters, please be sure to let us know by writing Barbara at sheldonshoots@can.rogers.com. Any OPTA member wishing to subscribe to "THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE" can do so by simply by sending their e-mail address to Gord Kerr along with their request: gord.kerr.opta@sympatico.ca.

Our goal is to keep our membership informed and connected!

~ Great shooting everyone! ~