



THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE

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Well it has been a hot summer so far but this has not stopped many shooters from registering targets throughout Ontario. It is great to see the support you are all giving to our Ontario clubs.

The Provincial Championships are only a couple of days away now and we look forward to seeing many of you in Hamilton. The Board has worked hard over the year to make changes to improve this year's championships. We have used the survey results to ensure we follow what the Ontario shooters would like, as this is your organization. Each year many Ontario shooters venture to larger competitions in the US like Satellite Grands, Zone Shoots and State shoots as well as the Grand American. If you would like to follow the efforts of your friends there are several websites that you can use. Insert the links for RJ Stuart, Trapshooters.com or you can go onto the states website.

There are 4 Board members up for re-election this year; Neville Henderson, Pam Muma, Warren McLay and Phil MacDonald. All have indicated that they would stand this year but if there are any other nominations please make sure you attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday August 6th after the Doubles Championship.

Summer Blast June 24th 2012

Winners

Singles Event

Class AA – Vince Ruberto 100

Class B – Manuel Domingues 99

Class D – Joaquim Goncalves 93

Sub Jr – Patrick Bevilacqua 98

Lady – Cheryl Stiby 91

Sr Vet – Charles Boggis 99

Class A – John Illiopoulos 100

Class C – Frank Ruggiero 97

Junior – No entries

Vet – Warren McLay 97

Handicap Event

18-21 Yards – Dominico Marino 98
24-25 Yards – Warren McLay 93
Sub Jr – Patrick Bevilacqua 96
Lady – Emily Brown 92
Sr Vet – Eugene Bolton 93

22-23 Yards – Ken Fellows 94
26-27 Yards – Bert Blackburn 95
Junior – No entries
Vet – Henry Hamley 96

Doubles Event

Class AA – John Costa 90
Class B – Peter Tarnowski 93
Class D – Henry Hamley 83
Sub Jr – Patrick Bevilacqua 91
Lady – Sacha Kucey 66
Sr Vet – Charlie Boggis 83

Class A – George Iliopoulos 93
Class C – Frank Ruggiero 90

Junior – No entries
Vet – John Rowan 96

HOA

Frank Bonaiuto Jr 287

Congratulations to this year's winners and thanks to all shooters for attending this year's Summer Blast held at the Hamilton Gun Club.

President's Corner

It seems like yesterday that I wrote wishing you a great shooting season and now the Ontario Championships are almost upon us!

A lot of effort has been devoted to making this year's competition a success, both by the Board of Directors and by the Hamilton Gun Club. Weather permitting we will have a successful shoot with the entire event managed on the west side.

A great many changes have been made to the program in response to feedback from the Survey conducted earlier in the year. We are confident you will notice significant and positive improvements in many areas including the facilities and the awards.

For reasons beyond the Board's and HGC's control, the facility on the west side will not be refurbished by the time of the Championships. Nonetheless, it is useable and will facilitate the management of the shoot.

Over the next few weeks, the machines are being inspected and repaired and a great deal of effort is underway to get the premises in shape.

The most important ingredient to an orderly shoot is filling the earlier squads and having all of the shooters present themselves on time. It is obvious that when squads one through ten are empty, squads eleven through twenty take their place. We will be strictly managing the timing of squads to keep the shoot flowing and shooters who are late for their squads will have to re-squad at their own expense. The earlier squads often have vacancies and tend to cycle more quickly. Bear these facts in mind and get to the grounds earlier than you think might be necessary so we can complete the events as efficiently as possible.

While the preparations of the Ontario Championships has taken much of our time over the last few months, progress is being made in other areas. The audit report has been received and the Board of Directors is in the process of dealing with its findings. We will update the membership as developments unfold over the next few months.

I look forward to seeing you at the Ontario Championships, wish you all luck with your shooting, and hope you have a great time.

Message from Your ATA Delegate

Greeting Shooters:

I would appreciate it if you would assist me by providing feedback on the Delegate Pin & Category Delegate Pin program. When I started this program I said it would be for an initial period at least of 3 years. Then we would assess it. When the current target year ends on August 31, 2012, we will have reached that three year milestone. Amazing how time flies. Ontario, to my knowledge, is the only province or state throughout the complete ATA that recognizes the accomplishments of it's shooters who "win" any registered event inside the (province) provided that minimum participation thresholds are met.

The objective in my mind, at least, was to encourage in-province registered target participation and encourage excellence.

My questions to Ontario shooters are as follows:

1. Has this program been successful?
2. Should it continue beyond the 3 year trial phase?
3. What, if any, modifications should be made if the program continues?

Note: When the program first started I acquired a large inventory of pins. As you know, the year can be added to pins by inscription. Even after the 3rd year of this program there should be enough pins left for 1 or maybe two more additional years. The plaques are acquired each year (10 for Delegate Team and 5 for Category Team).

Your comments are important.

Thank you.

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2012 Registered Shoot Dates

AUGUST

3 – Hamilton Gun Club – **Shell Shoot**

4-6 – **OPTA Provincial Championships**

12 – Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association

12 – Oxford Sportsman Club

19 – Hamilton Gun Club

26 – Waterford Gun Club

SEPTEMBER

1-3 – St Thomas Gun Club – **Team Shoot**

9 – Quinte Trap & Gun Club

9 – Toronto International Trap & Skeet

16 – Hamilton Gun Club

23 – Waterford Gun Club – **OPTA Sponsor Shoot**

30 – OtterValley Rod & Gun Club– **OPTA Sponsor Shoot**

OCTOBER

7 – Amherstburg Target Sports

14 – Crumlin Sportsman Association

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