



THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE February 2015 Edition

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Another year has gone and 2015 begins. The winter league shooting is well under way and I hope you are all getting out enjoying our sport.

I have noticed that many Ontario shootings have been able to get away this winter and we are seeing many Ontario shooters bringing back trophies. Good shooting to all of you.

It is that time of year again that your Board is looking for nominations for the annual awards. Your OPTA Board of Directors is looking to the Ontario shooters for nominations for the 2015 Hall of Fame inductee as well as the Mike Fulop Award and the Have Gun Will Travel award

Please submit you nominations to Pam at ppmuma@rogers.com by February 28th.

Hall of Fame – Please submit nominations by March 30th

Mike Fulop Award – Please submit nominations by March 30th

Mark Edmondson Award –

Resident New Shooter – Ellery Edgeley – 1900 Targets - 82.8%

This award is given to the person who started shooting registered targets in the 2013 shooting year. This shooter must shoot a minimum of 500 Singles, 400 Handicap and 300 Doubles.

In 2013 Ontario had a total of new registered shooters of which 3 were Lady's, 1 Junior and 1 Sub Junior.

Have Gun Will Travel Award – Please submit nominations by March 30th

2014 ONTARIO ALL STAR TEAM

Men's 1st Team

Lloyd Beecraft 93.9
John Costa 93.8
Dave Storning 93.2
Billy Zager 92.0
Frank Bonaiuto Jr 91.8

Men's 2nd Team

Ralph Zadro 91.4
Myles Jackman 90.8
Kyle Newman 90.7
Gary Benko 89.8
Dominic Gitto 89.6

Veteran Team

Terry Jordan 93.7
Neville Henderson 88.9
Peter Tresp 88.1
Wayne Higgs 87.2
Elio Evangelis 81.6

Lady Team

Erin Hannah 87.4
Sacha Kucey 83.5
Emily Brown 81.7

Senior Veteran Team

Keith Saunders 92.4
Warren McLay 88.1
George Jonckhere 87.6
Charlie Boggis 86.7
Lorenzo D Ospina 84.0

Sub Junior

None Eligible

Junior

None Eligible

High Averages

High Singles – Lloyd Beecraft and Byron House – 97.86%

High Handicap – Terry Caldwell – 91.5%

High Doubles – John Costa - 94.15%

High All Around

Lloyd Beecraft – 93.9%

Message from Your ATA Delegate

Best wishes to all of you and your families for 2015. The shooting year which started September 1, 2014, has already proven to be a good year for some of our shooters. In particular I want to recognize two of our senior veteran shooters Keith Saunders and George Jonckhere who broke all 200 targets in the Autumn Grand Singles Championship. Keith prevailed for another 375 overtime targets and captured the Championship over a total field of 409 entries. Congratulations gentlemen.

Now for the rest of us – maybe we'll get better as we age (just like a fine wine)? I try to keep on top of accomplishments of our Ontario shooters but sometimes I miss something here and there. Please, let me know as I like to brag (a little) about our guys and gals.

In 2014 a great deal of my time was devoted to helping the 2015 Pan Am experience materialize. There is a lot more time and energy required during the first six months of 2015 by a great many people. But it is starting to come together. The Olympic bunker field was bulldozed and the two new bunkers with super-imposed Olympic skeet are emerging with a completion date scheduled for some time between May and late June. The Pan Am trap event is scheduled over two days Monday, July 13 (50 targets) and Tuesday, July 14 (75 targets and finals). Double trap is scheduled for July 16 (150 targets plus finals). There are still tickets available but I was informed recently that ticket sales have been brisk. The handgun, rifle and airgun ranges are well underway and they too have the same time constraints as the bunkers.

I can tell you that for the clay target events there will be a maximum of two shooters from any country (including the host country Canada). The host country is allocated one starting position in each event and the other starting position must be earned. If all of the men's and women's rifle, handgun, airgun and shotgun events were filled, there would be fifteen events and thirty shooters. However the maximum team size is restricted to 25 entries. There are no eligible lady's skeet shooters in Canada which takes the team down to 28. It has to be reduced further by three positions. One shooter can

double-start (i.e. shoot two events) and that may help reduce the total team to 25 maximum shooters. In the clay target events we have earned the maximum starting places for men's trap (2), lady's trap (2), men's skeet (2), nobody is eligible in lady's skeet and then it comes down to men's double trap. That is a story in itself.

Like all other countries in the Western hemisphere, we Canadians had to compete at the Championships of the Americas competition in Guadalajara in October to try and earn starting positions for the country they represent. There were limited starting positions and many countries got shut out completely. My son, Drew, finished as top Canadian, with a score of 114/125. I tied that score as did a fellow teammate Dave Mossdrop from Winnipeg. That was unusual in itself to have three teammates all tied with the same score. But what the organizing committee did was a surprise. They took away our country (gift) starting spot and awarded Drew the first starting position (earned) by reverse score as he ran 25 on his final round. They awarded me with the second starting position because by reverse score I finished as second high Canadian. Then, they took away the starting position I earned in double trap because no one shooter can double-qualify his/her country and since trap was shot first, my double trap qualifier did not count. I was the only Canadian eligible to compete for a second double trap berth at the Pan Ams. There are technically two of us eligible to compete for that one starting position at the trials to determine who will represent Canada. Or, it is possible that Canada can transfer the unused lady's skeet position within the clay target disciplines (only) and the only unfilled position is double trap. So, if you think there is a lot of politics in ATA trap, look at Olympic style. Who represents Canada to fill starting spots and how many spots there are to fill remains to be seen.

Because of all the 2015 Pan Am issues, I will probably be able to shoot only a limited number of major ATA shoots in 2015 just like 2014. But I'll be to any event I can make it to and still follow our Ontario ATA shooters' accomplishments. I'll join you when I can. Please keep me posted on news, accomplishments and have a great shooting year.

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Report from Emily Brown

The OPTA website was changed 4 years ago but because of its platform, it has proven difficult to maintain and keep current. We feel it is time to upgrade it to better serve the needs of our membership. To ensure that a new website would respond to the needs and wishes of our membership, we are seeking your input through an online survey. The survey consists of five questions which should only take a few minutes to complete. Your input will help us fulfill our goal of serving you better electronically.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CWGJ69W>

OPTA Facebook group page link

https://www.facebook.com/groups/489177534535326/?bookmark_t=group

I have posted photos, and shoot information and am having good response so far, with members inviting others to participate. Several gun clubs, the ATA, and Trap and Field communicate to their members this way as well, making it easy to pass on information quickly.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions or to volunteer or donate in any way to the youth/new shooter program.

Emily Brown

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FAMILY FAIR RESULTS

1ST	W. McLay	98	2nd	N. Kardaris	93
	L. Hummason	94		J. DiFrancesco	99
	P. Kinson	96		D. Koutsothanassis	91
	J. Henning	94		G. Iliopoulos	91
	T. Ortenzi	96		J. Iliopoulos	98
	A. Wysocky	99		T. Batsos	97
		483			478
3rd	J. Costa	92	4th	R. Zadro	95
	V. Roberto	91		M. Pickering	98
	F. Bonaiuto	97		D. Marino	82
	V. Rinaldi	91		S. McAndrew	98
	P. Shaw	96		D. Gitto	88
	F. Bonaiuto Jr.	97		B. Leece	93
		473			472
5th	D. Henning	92	6th	R. Treaner	95
	P. Tsementzis	98		M. Van Haaren	92
	D. Gris	98		V. Tomlinson	95
	C. Tsementzis	90		S. Souter	90
	A. Henning	93		B. House	95
		471			467
7th	J. Wood	83	8th	J. Monteiro	92
	J. Wood	90		R. Morais	97
	B. Wylie	90		R. Santos	89
	R. Cockadoo	98		R. Figo	96
	E. Brown	92		L. Vidal	91
	K. White	95		J. Gomes	79
		465			465

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If you would like to become a sponsor for the 2014 Provincial Championships, the following is a breakdown of the sponsorship levels.

Platinum - \$500.00 and over
Gold - \$200.00 to \$499.00
Silver - \$100.00 to \$199.00
Bronze – up to \$99.00

If you would like to advertise in the 2014 Provincial Program the following is the cost for each size of ad.

Inside front cover - \$300.00
Outside back cover - \$300.00
Inside back cover - \$200.00
Full page ad inside the program - \$ 125.00
Half page ad inside the program - \$75.00

Please email Pam at ppmuma@rogers.com by March 30th 2014 if you would like to sponsor or advertise in the program.

2015 Registered Shoot Dates

April

3 – Amherstburg
5 – Oxford
12 – Crumlin
19 – Hamilton (3 Events)
26 – Otter Valley

June

7 – Crumlin
7-8 – Algoma
14 – Oxford
21 – Hamilton (Summer Blast) and Quinte
28 – Oxford (Dbls Marathon)

August

1-3 – Provincial Championships – Hamilton
9 – Ancaster
16 – Crumlin
23 –
30 – Hamilton (3 Events)

October

4 – Amherstburg

May

3 – Oxford
10 – Quinte
16-18 – St Thomas
24 – Quinte and Hamilton (Shell Shoot)
31 – OtterValley

July

5 – Amherstburg and Waterford
12 – St Thomas
19 – Oxford
26 – Waterford
31 – Hamilton (Doubles Marathon)

September

5-7 – St Thomas
13 – Quinte and Waterford
20 – Kippen and Exeter
27 –

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