

THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR OPTA PRESIDENT

The shooting season is now well under way. It is nice to be able to get back to participating in local events in a more traditional way as well as be able to participate in major international competitions now that the pandemic is becoming more manageable.

We have the Canadian Championships coming at the end of June for anyone who would like to tie it in to a trip to Calgary. It is fun to be involved in longer tournaments. This allows you to mingle with shooters from other areas and forge new friendships.

The big event of the year is of course our Provincial Championships. We are very excited about the program we have set up this year. We have the usual 1000 targets but also a lot of fun extra events with prizes from our sponsors. If you can swing it, it would be good to figure on being there until dark every night as there will be things happening. The extra events are what move it from a competition to a happening. I look forward to seeing you there.

The annual general meeting for the OPTA takes place on Sunday between the Championship Doubles and Handicap events. This is where the annual awards are presented as well as the election of your board of directors. Each year half of the Directors are up for election to make sure there is some continuity on the Board. There is at least 1 position that doesn't have an incumbent so if you think you might be interested in a position on the board, please contact Vice-President Pam Muma who is head of the nominating committee.

I joined the Board in 2009. I served one year as a director at large then became Vice-President the following year. I served under Neville Henderson until he stepped away three years ago. I have been President since. I feel that it is time for someone younger with new fresh ideas to join the Directors that we have now. I have been impressed with the new initiatives that have been presented by the newer board members as well as the new officers. Your sport is in good hands.

It has been an honour to serve you for 12 years,

Robert (Bert) Blackburn, OPTA President

MESSAGE FROM YOUR ATA DELEGATE

By now many of you will have learned of the passing of Andy Murdock. The shooting community learned only on June 2nd which is surprising since Andy died on February 14th. He was a very active trapshooter since 1970 and frequently shot at competitions south of the border as well as in Ontario.

Andy was our Ontario ATA Delegate from 1987 to 2006 when he retired from that position and I filled the role. Andy will be missed by all of us.

As most of you know, I am in my final year serving on the Executive of the ATA. This past year I am "Past President". We deal with the business of ATA through executive meetings, through our committees and office staff. As Ontario delegate, I represent the interests of Ontario at the delegate meetings within our Eastern Zone and beyond. As my role is separate and distinct from the role of the OPTA Board, I make myself available to board members as the need arises. I also help Ontario clubs and members when requested.

I hope to see all of you at our Provincial Championships. You should by now have received our shoot program – a great looking program. Thanks Beau.

Paul Shaw, Ontario ATA Delegate

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2022 ONTARIO PROVINCIAL TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Championship will be hosted by the Hamilton Gun Club from **Thursday, July 28 to Sunday, July 31, 2022**. This year there will be over 150 trophies, including 18 Shamrock Leather bags. Thanks to our many sponsors this year, over \$6300 in added money will be awarded. Each day, money will be awarded not only to our winning shooters, but also to all participants through a random draw. Please make sure to READ THE PROGRAM for all information about the shoot, including target minimums, start times, entry cut-off times, and other special events/trophies.

Over 280 programs were mailed out to current members and member clubs, but if you did not receive one, please email secretarytreasurer.opta@gmail.com and one will be sent to you. If you have the chance, be sure to thank our many sponsors for their contributions to the shoot this year. The OPTA board looks forward to seeing all of you there! **A note about the 2-person team event in the Singles Championship: Teams are to be made up of 2 shooters who have a combined average of 190% or less in the CURRENT AND PREVIOUS TARGET YEAR**

PRE-SQUAD INFORMATION FOR 2022 PROVINCIALS

Shooters are reminded that pre-squadding for the Provincials is open until July 25. Please go to www.presquad.com to sign up. The added convenience of knowing when you will shoot is something that most shooters take advantage of. The cost this year is \$1.50USD per post, per event. **Any shooter who pre-squads for the shoot will also be pre-classified.** This means is that when you arrive at the shoot, you have to simply confirm your classification and category (if applicable) and pay your entry fees & options. The first morning of any shoot can be very hectic for shooters and club staff alike, and signing up ahead of time will help make things run a little smoother for all participants and shoot management.

AIM PROVINCIAL SHOOT JULY 30-31, 2022

Our first ever AIM Provincial shoot will take place on July 30 & 31, 2022. The shoot will run concurrent to our Provincial Championships.

AIM shooters will have their scores pulled from shoot results and prizes will be awarded during the:

July 30: Winchester OPTA Singles Championship (1st 100 targets of the 200-target event).

July 31: Winchester OPTA Doubles Championship

July 31: Perazzi Canada OPTA Handicap Championship.

Shooters must ensure that their AIM Membership (\$13USD) is paid and up to date BEFORE shooting.

Thanks to the OPTA, ALL Junior & Sub-Junior shooters will have their 400 championship targets paid for. (Shooters must pay the \$4.05 ATA & \$3.00 OPTA Daily fees)

If you know a youth shooter that is interested, or would like more information, contact Beau Douglas

secretarytreasurer.opta@gmail.com

OPTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The OPTA Annual General Meeting will be held on July 31, 2022 at the Hamilton Gun Club, after the completion of the OPTA Doubles Championship. Any motion from the Floor during this meeting must be presented in advance, and in writing to the Board. A Notice of the AGM will be sent out fifteen (15) days ahead of time and no other item of business shall be included on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting unless a Member's proposal has been given to the secretary prior to the giving of notice of the annual meeting. If you have any issues or By-laws you would like addressed at the AGM, please email your submission to Beau Douglas, OPTA Secretary/Treasurer, at secretarytreasurer.opta@gmail.com.

Our next OPTA Board meeting, where we would finalize the AGM agenda, is July 6, 2022.

CALL FOR NOMINEES FOR OPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directions are elected to serve a 2-year term. Each year, half of our Directors are up for re-election. This year, OPTA President Bert Blackburn has decided to move on from the board. The other 4 members up for re-election this year (Emily Brown, BJ Jackman, Ron Rowe, Peter Tsementzis) will seek re-election. If you or anyone you know are interested in running for a position on the OPTA Board of Directors, or would like more information, please contact the head of our Nomination Committee, Pam Muma, at pmuma123@gmail.com.

OPTA “MEET THE MASTERS” EVENT

I would like to take the opportunity to offer an invitation for participants to meet and greet some of Ontario's finest shooters. The event will take place at the **Hamilton Gun Club on Wednesday July 27th, at 2:00pm** (when the registered event winds down). This event was created with hopes of elevating our Ontario shooters to a new level of performance. Our province has a history of producing champions, and it is time to create another wave of Masters!

This is a casual event where intermediate and advanced shooters can approach and discuss trapshooting techniques, gun fit, and mental training with a select group and experienced shooters. There will be a doubles and singles trap available for practice and demonstrations, so bring your gun and shells. Participants are sure to pick up some valuable pointers, which just might put them in the record books.

This event is **limited to 20 participants**, and I please ask that you sign up beforehand so we can plan the event accordingly. Please email me at peter@tsementzis.com to sign up. Please include name, age, classification and any issues that you might hope to address. This is a first come, first served format, so don't delay.

Thanks to the generosity of the OPTA, there is NO COST to participate in this event. (50 targets/shooter).

I wish you all a happy and healthy shooting season! Good luck shooters!

Pete Tsementzis

2022 CANADIAN TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION (CTA) CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2022 Canadian Trapshooting Association Championship will be held from June 29 to July 3rd, at the Calgary Firearms Centre, in DeWinton, Alberta. Our CTA representative is Josh Faubert (joshfaubertcta@gmail.com).

Please check out www.shootcanada.ca for more information.

OPTA 100 & 200 STRAIGHT PINS

Any OPTA shooter who breaks 100 or 200 straight is entitled to receive an OPTA pin recognizing this feat. If you have done so and NOT received a pin, please email secretarytreasurer.opta@gmail.com with your name and the date you broke the score, and it will be delivered to you.

SHAMROCK LEATHER PRODUCTS

We have several trophies left over from our cancelled 2020 Provincial Shoot. There are 13 4-box shell carriers, as well as 4, 8 box shell bags. These are available for purchase by OPTA shooters and clubs. The price of the shell carriers is \$40 each, or 3 for \$100. They normally retail for \$95. The shell bags, which retail for \$275, are \$125 each, or 2 for \$200. Any money raised will be used to offset the costs of our Provincial Championships. They will be delivered to the Provincials, or can be shipped, at the buyer's expense. Please contact Beau Douglas at secretarytreasurer.opta@gmail.com if you are interested.



UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOOT DATES:

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL T&SC	June 11, 2022	HAMILTON GUN CLUB	July 27, 2022
OTTER VALLEY ROD & GUN CLUB	June 12, 2022	OPTA PROVINCIALS (HAMILTON)	July 28 - 31, 2022
CLAY BIRD GUN CLUB	June 15, 2022 (BIG 50)	CLAY BIRD GUN CLUB	August 3, 2022 (BIG 50)
ST THOMAS GUN CLUB	June 16, 2022 (BIG 50)	SYDENHAM SPORTSMEN	August 13, 2022
DRESDEN SPORTSMENS CLUB	June 18, 2022	CLAY BIRD GUN CLUB	August 17, 2022 (BIG 50)
NAPANEE DISTRICT ROD & GUN	June 19, 2022	HAMILTON GUN CLUB	August 21, 2022
OXFORD SPORTSMANS CLUB	June 26, 2022	OXFORD SPORTSMANS CLUB	August 21, 2022
HAMILTON GUN CLUB	July 3, 2022	WATERFORD SPORTSMANS CLUB	August 28, 2022
CLAY BIRD GUN CLUB	July 6, 2022 (BIG 50)	ST THOMAS GUN CLUB	September 4-5, 2022
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL T&SC	July 9, 2022	CLAY BIRD GUN CLUB	September 11, 2022
AMHERSTBURG TARGET SPORTS	July 10, 2022	AMHERSTBURG TARGET SPORTS	September 11, 2022
OXFORD SPORTSMANS CLUB	July 10, 2022	HAMILTON GUN CLUB	September 18, 2022
ST THOMAS GUN CLUB	July 16-17, 2022	KIPPEN GUN CLUB	September 18, 2022
CLAY BIRD GUN CLUB	July 20, 2022 (BIG 50)	DRESDEN SPORTSMENS CLUB	September 25, 2022
WATERFORD SPORTSMANS CLUB	July 24, 2022	NAPANEE DISTRICT ROD & GUN	October 23, 2022

OPTA HANDICAP PURSE

1. Each shooter will have the option to pay \$1.00 per handicap event to be eligible for the purse, although clubs may CHOOSE to include entry into the Handicap Purse as part of the entry fee. Please check shoot programs.
2. \$1.00 is allocated to the OPTA Handicap Purse, with funds to be submitted to the OPTA following each event.
3. Big 50 targets qualify. Penny Pincher shoots do not. Full target and daily fees must be paid to be eligible.

Payout Structure

100 straight: 100% of purse. 75 straight: 50% of purse. 50 straight: 25% of purse.

Ties on the same day (or at multiple clubs) split the payout percentage. Winners will be paid by the OPTA within 30 days.

As of June 9, 2022, THE CURRENT JACKPOT IS \$652.36. Encourage your club to participate when they throw registered targets!

WEBSITES OF INTEREST:

OPTA WEBSITE: <http://ontariotrap.com>

AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION: <http://www.shootata.com>

OPTA FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioTrap/>

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY SHOOTING FEDERATION (CUSF): <http://cusf.ca>

ONTARIO COUNCIL OF SHOOTERS (OCS): <http://ontariocouncilofshooters.com>

CANADIAN TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION: www.shootcanada.ca

2021/22 OPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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