

ATA article for December 2017

Greetings from Ontario, Canada!

The Dixie Grand at Bostic, North Carolina was well run and well attended. Three Ontario shooters attended. I anticipate that this Grand has a lot of upside future potential. Well done, North Carolina.

Four Ontario shooters were named to the ATA All American team: Lloyd Beecraft (Sub. Vet.), Terry Jordan and myself (Vet.) and Keith Saunders (Sr. Vet.) Well done, gentlemen.

I am also pleased to announce the Ontario Delegate and Category Delegate Teams for 2018, based on shooting accomplishments for the year ending August 31, 2107. Here are the results:

Delegate Team: Billy Zager, Frank S. Bonaiuto, Paolo Sampaio, Verne Higgs, Joe Di Francesco, Josh Faubert, Peter Tsementzis, Byron House, Ken Fellows, and Robert Little

Category Team: Lloyd Beecraft, Ed Wilmott, Dan Gris, John Costa and Ana Tsementzis

Note: For the first time the Delegate Category Team includes eligibility from all eight (8) categories. Thanks to Beau Douglas who worked with our OPTA Secretary Pam Muma and clubs to collect and tabulate shoot results.

On a lighter note, I will share with you an exchange between a lawyer and a trapshooter who wanted to file for a divorce.

Lawyer: "Divorces are easy, we can file for a 'no fault' divorce."

Trapshooter: "That's too easy. I want to file for a divorce because it's all her fault."

Lawyer: "Okay. What are your grounds?"

Trapshooter: "Well, I have several. I shoot at my home club grounds, also at our provincial home grounds and sometime I even shoot at some of the State home grounds south of the border."

Lawyer: "No, you don't understand. Do you have a case?"

Trapshooter: "Of course! In fact I have at least one case of Federal light loads, 2 cases of Winchester super handicap, a case of Remington Nitro 27's and several cases of Challenger."

Lawyer: "I mean – do you have a grudge?"

Trapshooter: "Of course I have a grudge – that is where I park my Ford F150 and where I store my cases of trap loads."

Lawyer: "We're getting nowhere here. Do you have a suit?"

Trapshooter: "Of course I do – I have a dress suit I wear to church on Sundays and a Storm rain suit I wear when it pours."

Lawyer: "Excuse me, sir. I can't begin divorce proceedings for you based on matrimonial fault unless you give me some ammunition."

Trapshooter: "Do you want factory or reloads?"

Lawyer: "Sir! I don't want to be disrespectful but I am seriously questioning your capacity to give me instructions – what I mean is, sir, do you have any disability, you know, any handicap?"

Trapshooter: "Well at one time I got back to 25 yards but them Eastern clays are tough and I have been stuck on the 21 yard line for a long time."

Lawyer: (Exasperated) "Sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?"

Trapshooter: "Oh, no sir. We both get up about 4:30 a.m. – she walks the dog and I reload shells."

The lawyer made one last attempt to understand the reason behind the desire for a divorce. "Let me put it this way. Why do you want a divorce from your wife?"

Trapshooter: "Well, I can never have me a meaningful conversation with her."

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