

Greetings from Ontario, Canada!

As I write this article (April 23), southern Ontario is finally shedding its recent snow blanket. There will be traces of snow well into May. This has impacted on early spring trapshooting but my suspicion is that there is so much TDS that warm weather will be a sure cure (TDS = Trapshooting Deprivation Syndrome).

Many of our Ontario shooters plan on competing outside of Ontario this year and I wish them the very best. If you can attend the Grand American, it would be great. And, for non-residents of Ontario, keep our provincial tournament in mind. It will be held in St. Thomas this year from July 26th to 29th. St. Thomas is just off the 401 highway and about two hours east of the Detroit/Windsor border.

A cautionary note – if you participate in social media, be very careful what you say, even in jest. A well regarded Ontario firearm owner (not a trapshooter) found out the hard way. He was tired of the ranting of anti-firearmers who posted that all semi-automatic firearms should be prohibited because with one pull of the trigger, hundreds of rounds can be fired, which would kill everyone in a building. In a sarcastic response, this individual retorted that “Yeah, I am going to get one of those semi-automatic firearms that will fire 4000 shots with one pull of the trigger which can kill everyone in the building. By the way, I already have clips that hold 5000 bullets each.”

For those that understand the nuances, this retort is sarcasm – but the public is so naïve, so unsophisticated about firearms that they believe this fiction to be the truth – result: guns seized and a court appearance. You may think that your communications are private – not so.

You may never know who the “anonymous” informant is and remember, the emerging culture is that if you see or hear something that concerns you – notify the authorities. If they don’t act and something bad happens, they will be in hot water. I tend to avoid social media myself but if you are involved, be careful.

On a lighter note, a lady recently was arrested for shop lifting and appeared in Court. “What did you steal?” the judge asked.

“A box of 12 gauge shotgun shells,” the woman replied.

“How many shells were in the box?” the judge inquired.

“Twenty-five, I think,” the woman said.

“Then I will give you 25 days in jail”, the judge told her.

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment however, the woman’s husband asked if he could say something. The judge allowed it.

Said the husband, “She also stole a bag of lead shot!!”

Good shooting.

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