

ATA article for November 2017

Greetings from Ontario, Canada.

One of our OPTA directors, Beau Douglas, has been a tremendous help in tracking and collating shoot results for our Ontario Delegate and Ontario Category Delegate Teams. Ontario shooters should be aware that for the first time the (2018) Ontario Delegate Category Team (based on results for the target year ending August 31, 2017) will include all 8 categories. The results will be announced shortly.

We should all be proud of the fact that when our National anthems are played and the flags of our countries are raised, everyone (to the best of my knowledge) stands at attention and honours the symbols of our great nations.

Perhaps the fact we are an "Amateur" sport is significant. What a contrast with some of the so called elitists in many of the professional sports.

The right to free speech is not in issue. How, Where and When that freedom is expressed may be the pivotal issue.

As I write this article in late September, I am making preparations for attending the (new) Dixie Grand in North Carolina. I have been looking at long term weather forecasts. Weather reports, good or bad, are unlikely to deter most serious shooters. I will share with you a story about a "weather report" that involved my profession. A few years ago, a judge exercised some leniency in sentencing a convicted felon. "I'll let your client off this time with a \$100 penalty but next time its prison." The convict's lawyer quipped, "You mean my client gets the 'weather report'?" The Judge asked the lawyer to explain what he meant. "Yes, Your Honour – the weather report – fine today, cooler tomorrow."

Have a great fall everyone.

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