

ATA article for May 2018

Greetings from Ontario, Canada!

As I write this article, the Southern Grand in Florida has just concluded. Ontario had a large contingent of shooters that competed in most of the classes and categories. Congratulations to those who earned trophies.

I will single out one Ontario shooter who achieved a phenomenal result. Lloyd Beecraft shot the only 200 straight on the Championship Single event besting a field of well over 500 shooters. Lloyd distinguished himself a few years ago in Florida when he won the Dixie handicap championship with a lone 99.

It is gratifying to see our Ontario shooters competing at major ATA tournaments outside Ontario. We had about a dozen of us attend the Tucson Spring Grand in February and many competed in the First Annual Silver Dollar Open in January.

I am told that we can expect increasing numbers of Ontario shooters in matches south of the border and in other Provinces this year.

Ontario shooters, and for that matter, shooters from south of the border, often ask me the best and most economical way to transport firearms across the U.S./Canada border in circumstances where their owners wish to sell them. Doing it legally is paramount. Your ATF form (for Canadians) enables you to temporarily cross the border from Canada to the U.S. with firearms that are on your ATF form but when you return to Canada, the firearms are to return with you. What is invariably required if you want to leave a firearm in the States is the assistance of an accredited import/export dealer who has all the credentials to ensure things are done correctly.

In that regard, I was approached a couple of years ago by a person who lives in Ontario near the border and who has been working on obtaining licensing to enable Canadians to transfer firearms to recipients in the U.S. and to enable U.S. individuals or businesses to transfer firearms to Canadians. The cost of doing the paperwork and ensuring things are done legally will be very affordable.

I am awaiting formal notification as to when the accreditation is finalized and I will report to you with all contact information. I am hoping this will occur within the next few months. Watch for it.

For U.S. firearm owners to import their own firearms temporarily into Canada – nothing much has changed from what I explained a few years back. Sometimes it is harder, I am told, for U.S. residents to get their own guns back into the U.S. so make sure you do your homework.

As always, if you have any questions or issues that I can help with, please let me know.

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