

ATA article for May 2020.

Greetings from Ontario, Canada.

I am writing this article on March 18, 2020 in advance of our Trap & Field publication deadline. You will read it sometime in May. I sure hope when you read it that the Coronavirus will be contained and that the world will be returning to more normalcy.

Like many of you in the early days I was a little skeptical of all the hype and what I thought was an overreaction to this pandemic. But things change dramatically for the worse and I got a real wake-up call on Saturday morning, March 14, just before the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> 100 of the Championship singles at the Southern Grand. In fact, I got numerous calls including from my travel agent, my sister (a doctor), two of my business and law partners, and others all with a common message – “Get back home asap – we need you here.” I shot the first half of the singles, apologized to my squad mates for having to pull out and got on the road back to Ontario. I got telephone calls, emails and text messages from people from all across the ATA wondering why I left after shooting 100 straight – was I sick? Did my gun break?

I think we all now know that the pandemic is very serious and that drastic measures are necessary. It impacts all of us. While my wife, Bev, and I have no symptoms, we are in self-quarantine for 14 days since our arrival back to Canada. I am quarterbacking a lot of things from my home. I know many of you are or have gone through the same.

While trapshooting has and will continue to be negatively impacted, we will eventually get through this. Some businesses unfortunately won't. Our economy in North America I hope is resilient enough to make a robust recovery. Time will tell.

In the meantime – hang in there, we're all in it together, and all the best to you and your families.

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