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**PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
SHOTGUNNING ASSOCIATION  
&  
ST. THOMAS GUN CLUB**

Connecticut - Delaware - Maine - Maryland  
Massachusetts - New Hampshire - New Jersey  
New York - Pennsylvania - Rhode Island -  
Vermont - Ontario - Quebec - Atlantic  
Provinces

**This 2025 Event is Hosted by the  
St. Thomas Gun Club**

Welcome to  
THE 2025 EASTERN ZONE  
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Hosted by:  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
SHOTGUNNING ASSOCIATION  
405 MONASTERY ROAD  
ELYSBURG, PA 17824

&

ST. THOMAS GUN CLUB  
COWAN PARK  
123 ST. GEORGE ST  
ST. THOMAS, ON, N5P 2L7

**276 TROPHIES**

96 ATA Trophies

180 Zone Resident Trophies

**2025 ATTENDANCE PINS**

(given to each participant while supply lasts)

**All 2025 ATA Rules and  
Regulations will be strictly enforced**

**PRESQUADING AVAILABLE ON  
PRESQUAD.COM**

**All Fees are in Canadian Dollars**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and the provinces lying east thereof comprise the Eastern Zone. Only shooters from these areas are eligible for the ATA and Eastern Zone designated trophies.

All purses and options are open to all shooters regardless of place of residence.

Shoot Management always insists on safe gun handling. Closed actions are allowed only in a gun rack or on the firing line. Violators subject themselves to immediate disqualification, without recourse, and may be required to leave the grounds.

Management reserves the right to reject any entry or change the program or plan of shooting as conditions warrant.

No counter or second party checks will be accepted or cashiered. Personal checks (payable to St Thomas Gun Club) will be accepted for the exact amount of the entry fees.

### Delegates Meeting

The Eastern Zone Delegates meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Friday, July 18, 2025, at Pine Barn Inn in Danville, PA.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

- Ray Greb, Chairman, assisted by PSSA classification committee.

### Classification

- It is the shooter's responsibility to see that his/her ATA card is correct and up to date. Falsified cards submitted will result in disqualification, forfeiture of all trophies and monies, and possible further disciplinary action by the ATA.
- Classification will be based upon 2024 and 2025 averages. The last 1,000 targets registered in each discipline and known ability including non-registered shooting will be considered in determining a shooter's class.

16 YARD	Class.	DOUBLES
98% and over	AAA	96% and over
96.25% and under 98%	AA	92% and under 96%
94.75% and under 96.25%	A	89% and under 92%
93% and under 94.75%	B	86% and under 89%
90% and under 93%.	C	82% and under 86%
Under 90%.	D	Under 82%

- Those shooters not having ATA cards, or those not having their ATA cards up to date, will be assigned Class and/or Yardage at the Committee's discretion.

- NOTE: A win or tie for any Class or High Gun trophy in any 16-Yard or Doubles event on Thursday and Friday will result in moving up one class.

### **Minimum Target Requirements / Penalty Policy**

- SINGLES-Shooters not having at least 500 registered 16-Yard targets shot from September 1, 2024, through July 16, 2025 (inclusive) and a total of 1,500 registered 16-Yard targets combined for the current year and previous three years, shall be placed in Class A or higher.
- HANDICAP-Shooters not having at least 500 registered Handicap targets shot from September 1, 2024, through July 16, 2025 (inclusive) and a total of 1,500 registered Handicap targets combined for the current year and previous three years, shall be penalized as follows:

Adult male, Junior Gold, Sub-Veteran & Veteran shooters will be assessed 2 yards over their current assigned yardage, with a 23-yard minimum. Lady 1, Lady 2, Juniors, and Sub-Juniors, will follow the same rules except the minimum penalty yardage will be 21 yards. There will be no penalty yardage assigned to shooters who are 70 years or older. Any shooter may elect to shoot for targets only and be exempted from penalty yardage. However, said shooter will not be allowed to play purses or options and forfeit all rights to added money and trophies by doing so. Declaration of targets only status must be made at the time of classification and holds for the entire tournament.

- DOUBLES-Shooters not having at least 500 registered Doubles targets shot from September 1, 2024, through July 16, 2025 (inclusive) and a total of 1,000 registered Doubles targets combined for the current year and previous three years, shall be placed in Class A or higher.

### **Special Category Declaration**

- All Ladies (1&2), Junior Gold, Juniors, Sub-Juniors, Sub-Veterans, Veterans and Senior Veterans must declare their special category at the time of their classification. Without such declaration a shooter will not be allowed to compete for the applicable special category trophies. No contestant will be allowed to declare or change a special declaration after firing his/her first shot. The only exception to this rule will be to correct an ATA classification error. It will be the responsibility of the delegate or member of the Central Handicap Committee (CHC) to determine what constitutes an ATA classification error.

### **Squadding**

- Pre-squadding is available. See page 20 for details.
- Once an entry is cashiered, no changes will be allowed. Entries will not be refunded unless an event is cancelled (not postponed) or shoot management approves a refund.
- During the shoot the same rules explained in the pre-squadding instructions apply.

- Please make only squad reservations you anticipate filling. Please relinquish unused reservations at the squadding desk as early as possible.
- You will only need your ATA. number to pull squads. If you pull a squad/position and you are not going to use it, please notify the Squadding counter as soon as possible. This will allow us to fill the holes in short squads, making the tournament more enjoyable for everyone. PLEASE DO NOT SQUAD AT THE END OF ONE EVENT THEN THE START OF ANOTHER. You will miss your squad. The STGC does not clear the field to start the next event.

### **Trophies**

- Only Eastern Zone residents are eligible for ATA and Zone trophies.
- Shooters electing “Targets Only” status are NOT eligible for trophies or added money.
- Only one trophy may be won per person per event. ATA rules governing trophy distribution shall apply.
- Any shooter who is tied for event Champion may shoot off or carry over for the Championship trophy. If a shooter fails in the championship trophy shoot-off or carry-over and has declared a special category at the time of classification, the shooter will fall back to the declared special category.
- If there is no Champion trophy, the declared category shooter will take the category trophy and may not fall back to the class trophy.
- Any shooter who has declared a special category at the time of classification and whose score qualifies for any trophy in his/her declared special category, will compete for the category trophy and not for place, class, or yardage group.
- Any special category shooter whose score doesn’t qualify for a trophy in his/ her category may compete for the place, class or yardage group.
- Once any declarations have been made either by a shooter or shoot management, the declaration is final and cannot be changed unless to correct an ATA classification error. It will be the responsibility of the delegate or Central Handicap Committee (CHC) member to determine what constitutes an ATA classification error.
- Trophies will not be mailed and should be picked up after each day’s shoot-offs whenever possible.
- The Zone Singles Champion will receive \$213.00 added money at the time he/ she competes as the Eastern Zone representative in the 2025 Grand American Zone Champion of Champions Event.

### **Shoot Off's**

- Shoot-offs will begin following the conclusion of the day’s regular program events. All ties in the handicap events will be shot off each day if possible. Ties in Events 1 and 4 will be resolved by “carry-over” to the next singles event following until settled. Ties in Events 3 and 6 will be resolved by “carry-over” to the next doubles event following until settled. Any remaining ties will be shot off on Saturday and/or Sunday evening, if necessary.
- Maximum daily shoot-off targets will be 200, unless otherwise agreed by all contestants. Management will decide whether or not to shoot-off for more than one event simultaneously.
- The Eastern Zone reserves the right to adjust traps after 100 shoot-off targets provided that all contestants agree to the change.
- Contestants not reporting for shoot-offs in a timely manner will forfeit all rights to any

- Shoot-offs will be refereed by officials of the St Thomas Gun Club and Ontario ATA Alternate Director and OPTA Board of Directors.

### **Ammunition**

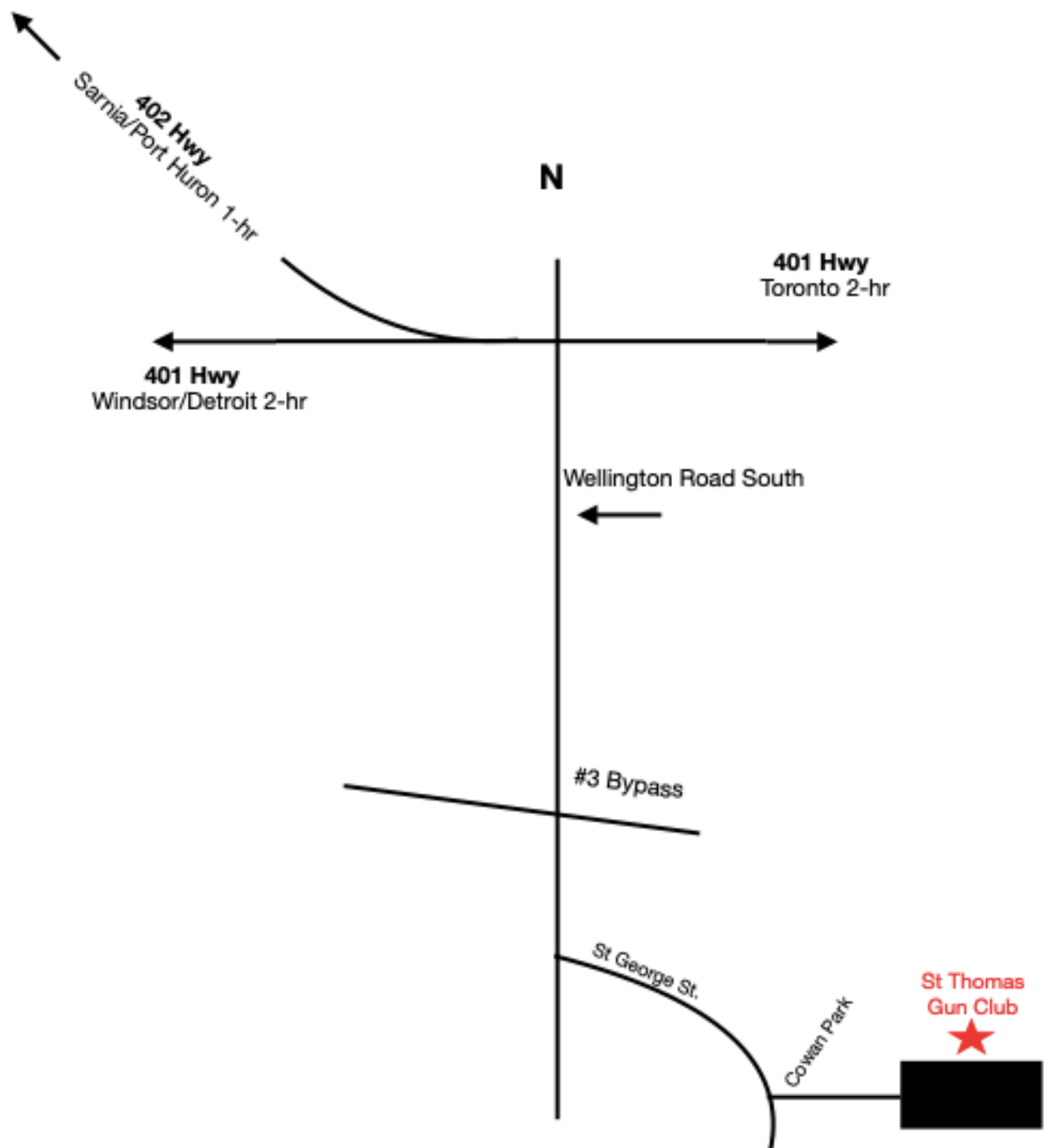
- Only ammunition conforming to ATA rules may be used.
- Ammunition is subject to challenge at any time by any competitor. If ammunition is found to be non-conforming, the competitor will be disqualified and forfeit all trophies and monies.
- Ammunition vendors will be available on site.
- All empty hulls on the ground become the property of the club.

### **Shooter's Responsibility**

- Each shooter is responsible for checking his/her score as posted and making sure that his/her category declaration and money options are indicated correctly.
- No score will be changed once the Purse or Option monies have been posted (except for ATA record purposes).

### **Shooting Line**

- Conditions permitting, we will be shooting this tournament using four-trap banks for singles and handicap events and two-trap banks for doubles events. Using this system no shooter has to walk more than four fields to shoot his/ her entire 100 targets.
- Line personnel will be instructed to start each squad immediately upon the completion of the prior squad without waiting for any individual shooter. If a shooter misses a sub-event, he or she should make every effort to complete the remaining sub-events with the squad and then report to the practice trap to complete the missed sub-event. No shooter will be allowed to make up more than two sub-events in singles and handicap or more than one sub-event in doubles.
- Individual shooters will not be paged during any event.



From Highway 401,  
Head South on Wellington road  
Turn Left on St George Street (Lynhurst Esso is on the corner)  
as you round the bend the club is on the left  
Turn into Cowan park and head to the back



## **Local campgrounds**

- Dalewood Conservation Area (5.4km - 7 mins away)  
519 631-1009 [www.kettlecreekconservation.on.ca](http://www.kettlecreekconservation.on.ca)
- Springwater Conservation Area (22km - 18 mins away)  
519 773-9037 [www.catfishcreek.ca](http://www.catfishcreek.ca)
- Campers Corner RV Camping (28km - 28 mins away)  
519 644-0222 [www.camperscornerlondon.com](http://www.camperscornerlondon.com)

## **Local Hotels**

- Holiday Inn Express - St Thomas (4.9km 9 mins away)  
1 877 660-8550 275 Highview Dr. - St Thomas
- Comfort Inn - St Thomas (9.2 km 9 mins away)  
519 533-4082 100 Centennial Ave - St Thomas
- Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn - (11.3km 12 mins away)  
519 652-6022 6675 Burtwistle Ln, London



## New this year at the STGC,

30 amp and water sites are being offered out as season sites first for \$680. You are welcome to stay the night before, and the night after any of our registered shoots. Secure your spot and take advantage of the discounted nightly rate.

Nightly rentals will be \$50 a night for a 30 amp hydro and water site.

\$35 a night for a 15 amp hydro and water site - Please note: **NO A/C use allowed at all the 15 amp sites**

Please Email or call the club if you have any questions or would like to reserve a site.

stthomasgunclub@gmail.com

519-495-6752



- There are no sewer sites or a dump station on site.
- Please note: Tap Water is **NOT POTABLE**
- Please back as close to the woods to allow room for parking.
- Season site rentals may only be occupied by **original** renter, unless approved by STGC Management
- **Absolutely NO A/C** use on a 15amp sites!!

**THURSDAY JULY 17, 2025**

**Office opens at 8:00 AM**

**EVENT #1**

Starting time 9:00 AM Entries Close at Management Discretion

**ROBERT NIHTILA JR. SINGLES**

**CLASSES AAA-AA-A-B-C-D**

**100 16-Yard Targets**

Fees (ATA \$5.90, OPTA \$4.50).....	\$10.40
Targets.....	\$47.00
Lewis.....	\$10.00
(3 classes, SPLIT 60%/40%)	

High-Over-All Lewis on Events 1 - 9 .....	\$10.00
(3 classes split 60%/40%)	

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Champion  
Class Champions  
Lady I Champion  
Lady II Champion  
Sub-Junior Champion  
Junior Champion  
Junior Gold Champion  
Sub-Veteran Champion  
Veteran Champion  
Senior Veteran Champion

**THURSDAY JULY 17, 2025**

**EVENT #2**

Entries Close at Management Discretion

**CHRIS VENDEL HANDICAP**

**100 Handicap Targets**

Fees (if not entered in Event 1) .....	\$10.40
Targets.....	\$47.00
Lewis Class Purse .....	\$10.00
(3 classes split 60%/40%)	
25s Option - \$2.50 per 25, split 60%/40%.....	\$10.00
50s Option - \$5 per 50, 60%/40%.....	\$15.00
Jackpot .....	\$20.00
Divided 40-30-20-10% - ties split	
OPTA Handicap Purse .....	\$ 1.00

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Champion, Runner-Up & Third through Fifth Places

Lady I Champion

Lady II Champion

Sub-Junior Champion

Junior Champion

Junior Gold Champion

Sub-Veteran Champion

Veteran Champion

SeniorVeteranChampion

**THURSDAY JULY 17, 2025**

**EVENT # 3**

Entries Close at Management Discretion

**DAVID SHAEFFER JR DOUBLES**

**CLASSES AAA-AA-A-B-C-D**

**50-Pair Doubles Targets**

Fees (if not entered in Event 1 or 2) .....	\$10.40
Targets.....	\$47.00
Lewis.....	\$10.00

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Champion  
Class Champions  
Lady I Champion  
Lady II Champion  
Sub-Junior Champion  
Junior Champion  
Junior Gold Champion  
Sub-Veteran Champion  
Veteran Champion  
Senior Veteran Champion

**FRIDAY JULY 18, 2025**

**Office opens at 8:00 AM**

**EVENT #4**

Starting time 9:00 AM Entries Close at Management Discretion

**EASTERN ZONE SINGLES**

**CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**CLASSES AAA-AA-A-B-C-D**

**100 16-Yard Targets**

Fees (ATA \$5.90, OPTA \$4.50).....	\$10.40
Targets.....	\$47.00
Lewis .....	\$10.00

**RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES**

Class Champions

Lady I Champion, Lady II Champion

Sub-Junior Champion, Junior Champion, Junior Gold Champion

Sub-Veteran Champion, Veteran Champion, Senior Veteran Champion

(ATA Resident Trophies will be mailed to the winners by the ATA)

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Runner-Up in each class Lady I

Runner-up, Lady II Runner-up,

Sub-Junior Runner-up, Junior Runner-up, Junior Gold Runner-up,

Sub-Veteran Runner-up, Veteran Runner-up, Senior Veteran Runner-up

**FRIDAY JULY 18, 2025**

**EVENT # 5**

Entries Close at Management Discretion

**EASTERN ZONE PRE-HANDICAP  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**100 Handicap Targets**

Fees (if not entered in Event 4) .....	\$10.40
Targets.....	\$47.00
Lewis Class Purse .....	\$10.00
(3 classes split 60%/40%)	
25s Option - \$2.50 per 25, split 60%/40%.....	\$10.00
50s Option - \$5 per 50, 60%/40%.....	\$15.00
Jackpot .....	\$20.00
Divided 40-30-20-10% - ties split	
OPTA Handicap Purse .....	\$ 1.00

**RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES**

Champion through Fifth Place

Lady I Champion, Lady II Champion

Sub-Junior Champion, Junior Champion, Junior Gold Champion

Sub-Veteran Champion, Veteran Champion, Senior Veteran Champion

(ATA Resident Trophies will be mailed to the winners by the ATA)

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Sixth through Tenth Place

Lady I Runner-up, Lady II Runner-up,

Sub-Junior Runner-up, Junior Runner-up, Junior Gold Runner-up,

Sub-Veteran Runner-up, Veteran Runner-up, Senior Veteran Runner-up,

**FRIDAY JULY 18, 2025**

**EVENT # 6**

Entries Close at Management Discretion

**DOUBLES CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**CLASSES AAA-AA-A-B-C-D**

**50-Pair Doubles Targets**

Fees (if not entered in Event 4 or 5).....	\$10.40
Targets .....	\$47.00
Lewis.....	\$10.00

**RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES**

Class Champions

Lady I Champion, Lady II Champion

Sub-Junior Champion, Junior Champion, Junior Gold Champion

Sub-Veteran Champion, Veteran Champion, Senior Veteran Champion

(ATA Resident Trophies will be mailed to the winners by the ATA)

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Runner-Up in each class Lady I

Runner-up, Lady II Runner-up,

Sub-Junior Runner-up, Junior Runner-up, Junior Gold Runner-up,

Sub-Veteran Runner-up, Veteran Runner-up, Senior Veteran Runner-up,

**SATURDAY JULY 19, 2025**

**Office opens at 8:00 AM**

**EVENT #7**

Starting time 9:00 AM Entries close 11:00 AM

**EASTERN ZONE SINGLES  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**CLASSES AAA-AA-A-B-C-D**

**200 16-Yard Targets**

Fees (ATA \$5.90, OPTA \$4.50).....	\$10.40
Targets .....	\$94.00
Lewis .....	\$10.00

**SPECIAL ALL-AROUND LEWIS (Events 7,8,9) .....\$20.00**

**3 Classes divided 50-30-20 High Gun. Entries must be made on Event 7.**

**There will be no refund for those not completing the 400 targets.**

**RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES**

Champion & Runner-up, Class Champions,  
Category Champions (Lady I & II, Sub-Junior, Junior, Junior Gold,  
Sub-Veteran, Veteran, Senior Veteran)

**(ATA Resident Trophies will be mailed to the winners by the ATA)**

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Runner-Up in each class

Category Runners-up (Lady I & II, Sub-Junior, Junior, Junior Gold,  
Sub-Veteran, Veteran, Senior Veteran)

Chairperson Champion, Husband & Wife Champions, Parent & Child Champions\*

\*(No age restriction. Declare at Classification prior to shooting.)



**SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025**

**Office opens at 8:00AM**

**EVENT #8**

Starting time 9:00 AM Entries Close at Management Discretion

**EASTERN ZONE DOUBLES  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**CLASSES AAA-AA-A-B-C-D  
50-Pair Doubles Targets**

Fees (ATA \$5.90, OPTA \$4.50).....	\$10.40
Targets .....	\$47.00
Lewis.....	\$10.00

**RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES**

Champion & Runner-up, Class Champions Lady I Champion, Lady II Champion  
Sub-Junior Champion, Junior Champion, Junior Gold Champion Sub-Veteran  
Champion, Veteran Champion, Senior Veteran Champion

**(ATA Resident Trophies will be mailed to the winners by the ATA)**

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Class Runners-up

Lady I Runner-up, Lady II Runner-up,

Sub-Junior Runner-up, Junior Runner-up, Junior Gold Runner-up,  
Sub-Veteran Runner-up, Veteran Runner-up, Senior Veteran Runner-up  
Chairperson Champion

**SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025**

**EVENT #9**

Entries Close at Management Discretion

**EASTERN ZONE HANDICAP  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**100 Handicap Targets**

Fees (if not entered in Event 8) .....\$10.40

Targets .....\$47.00

Lewis Class Purse .....\$10.00

(3 classes split 60%/40%)

25s Option - \$2.50 per 25, split 60%/40%.....\$10.00

50s Option - \$5 per 50, 60%/40%.....\$15.00

Jackpot .....\$20.00

Divided 40-30-20-10% - ties split

OPTA Handicap Purse .....\$ 1.00

**RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES**

Champion, Runner-up, & Third through Sixth Places,

Lady I Champion, Lady II Champion

Sub-Junior Champion, Junior Champion, Junior Gold Champion

Sub-Veteran Champion, Veteran Champion, Senior Veteran Champion

(ATA Resident Trophies will be mailed to the winners by the ATA)

**RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Seventh through Tenth Places, Lady I Runner-up, Lady II Runner-up Sub-Junior

Runner-up, Junior Runner-up, Junior Gold Runner-up, Sub-Veteran Runner-up,

Veteran Runner-up, Senior Veteran Runner-up,

Chairperson Champion

# **ALL-AROUND**

(Total of Events 7, 8 and 9)

(Class based on 16-yard classification in Event 7)

## **RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES**

Champion

Lady I Champion, Lady II Champion

Sub-Junior Champion, Junior Champion, Junior Gold Champion

Sub-Veteran Champion, Veteran Champion, Senior Veteran Champion

(ATA Resident Trophies will be mailed to the winners by the ATA)

## **RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Runner-up and Class Champions

Chairperson Champion

## **HIGH-OVER-ALL**

(Total of Events 1-9)

(Class based on 16-yard classification in Event 1)

## **RESIDENT ZONE TROPHIES**

Champion & Runner-Up and Class Champions

Lady I Champion, Lady II Champion

Sub-Junior Champion, Junior Champion, Junior Gold Champion Sub-Veteran  
Champion, Veteran Champion, Senior Veteran Champion Chairperson Champion

# **Pre-Squadding**

## **Instructions for Eastern Zone**

Online Pre-Squadding is available at  
[presquad.com](http://presquad.com) From: June 4, 2025 - July 9, 2025

Pre-squad requests will be accepted online only prior to the cutoff date. Telephone requests will not be honored.

In Handicap Events there shall be no more than two (2) yards difference per squad. In an effort to avoid unused positions, it is imperative that you either cashier or release all positions that you have pre-squadded for prior to the event.

Anyone that does not cashier or release positions that have been pre-squadded in their name will risk having any or all subsequent pre-squadded positions in their name released by management. You may call the office at 519-495-6752 to have your position(s) released if you are unable to attend.

Starting bank assignments will be drawn each day. When pre-squadding, you will be squadding for only a starting time, not a bank.

PLEASE DO NOT SQUAD AT THE END OF ONE EVENT THEN THE START OF ANOTHER. You will miss your squad. The STGC does not clear the field to start the next event.