



THE OPTA CLUBHOUSE

April 2016 Edition

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Well Spring is here and so are the 2016 Registered shoots. See the end of the newsletter for a list of all shoots in Ontario.

The Board of Directors is proud to announce this year's inductee to the OPTA Hall of Fame, Dave Storing. Congratulations Dave.

Resident New Shooter – Bentley Ehgoetz 83.17% (500 Singles/400 Handicap/300 Doubles)

This award is given to the person who started shooting registered targets in the 2015 shooting year and must shoot a minimum of 500 Singles, 400 Handicap and 300 Doubles.

In 2015 Ontario had a total of 33 new registered shooters.

Mark Edmondson Award – Elio Evangelista - With an improved average of 5.63% over 2014.

This award is given to the person with the most improved doubles average from the previous year with a minimum of 500 targets each year.

It is that time of year again that your Board is looking for nominations for the annual awards. Your OPTA Board of Directors is looking to the Ontario shooters for nominations for the 2016 Mike Fulop Award and the Have Gun Will Travel award

Please submit you nominations to Pam at ppmuma@rogers.com by April 30th.

We are in the process of completing the 2016 Provincial Championship program.

If you would like to become a sponsor for the 2016 Provincial Championships, the following is a breakdown of the sponsorship levels.

Platinum - \$500.00 and over

Gold - \$200.00 to \$499.00

Silver - \$100.00 to \$199.00

Bronze – up to \$99.00

If you would like to advertise in the 2016 Provincial Program the following is the cost for each size of ad.

Inside front cover - \$300.00

Outside back cover - \$300.00

Inside back cover - \$200.00

Full page ad inside the program - \$ 125.00

Half page ad inside the program - \$75.00

Please email Pam at pmuma124@gmail.com by April 30th 2016 if you would like to sponsor or advertise in the program.

Message from Your ATA Delegate

Congratulations to all Ontario shooters who won events in Ontario at qualifying competitions. A delegate pin will be in the mail to all who won at least one eligible event during the target year ending August 31, 2015.

My delegate pin inventory was depleted and I had to order new pins which I am told is going to be in my possession shortly. Thank you for your patience.

In the interim, I am pleased to announce the Ontario Delegate Team and Ontario Delegate Category Team:

ONTARIO DELEGATE TEAM:

	<i>Points</i>	<i>Name</i>
1st	9	Lloyd Beecraft
2nd	7	Bill Zager
3rd	5	John Costa
4th	4	Paulo Sampaio
	3	Ken Allan
	3	Tom Batsos
	3	Bert Blackburn
	3	Joe DiFrancesco
	3	Mike Pickering
5th	3	Frank Ruggiero

ONTARIO CATEGORY TEAM:

	<i>Points</i>	<i>Name</i>
1st	10	Ed Wilmott
	6	John Rowan
	6	Vince Roberto
2nd	6	Germain Spriet
5th	5	Warren McLay

Congratulations to all pin winners and team members. Thanks to the clubs and Pam Muma for providing accurate shoot results on a timely basis.

Good luck to all as the shooting season begins.

Paul Shaw

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Message from Emily Brown

The winter months offer time for reflection about what the organization needs and to prepare for the busy upcoming competitive shooting season.

After three years of planning and thinking about an OPTA booth at the Toronto Sportsmen's Show, it finally all came together this year. With all the marketing and promotional tools in place, a good website, OPTA email address, brochure, and banners, we were ready to show off our sport. As part of the draw to the booth, we offered participants a free experience on the dry fire target shooting simulator. For five days, there was a steady flow of people enjoying learning about trapshooting and asking about clubs in their area.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped man the booth at the Sportsmen's Show. I hope you had as good a time as visitors to our booth!

As always, you can get up to date information on the OPTA website at www.ontariotrap.com or on the Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioTrap/>

There are currently 241 members on the Facebook group page who continue to engage with postings in real time, enjoying up to the minute shooting event schedules, score reports, photos and other topics of interest to shooters.

On Monday April 4, a notice of a local city council meeting to discuss proposed changes to the City of Hamilton Firearms Discharge by-law came to my attention. The meeting was to take place that very evening in Ancaster, so it was necessary to launch a concerted effort to spread the word to our shooting stakeholders about the meeting.

As it turned out, it was barely standing room only at the April 4th Ancaster regional council meeting. It was first broadcast at short notice asking for public attendance, then later advertised as a private council planning session. By their own admission, councillors around the table were only given the agenda 30 minutes before the start time of 7 pm, while those there to discuss proposed changes to the firearms discharge by-law were lined up out the door an hour before the meeting began. A short presentation was given by James Buffet, a senior by-law officer for the City of Hamilton. There were many questions, and comments but few answers. Similar small meetings will be held in other regions of the city including Flamborough, with all of these small meetings leading up to a larger and fully public meeting to be held in the City of Hamilton city chambers on **Wednesday May 18th**. If this is the attendance, given such short notice, certainly with more notice, the attendance at the May meeting will likely be larger. These proposed changes to the by-law, which seemed more about firearms discharge boundaries, than Sunday shooting by-laws were initiated, it was said, by an incident in Binbrook where firearms discharge were found in a homeowner's backyard, but later, it was said that these proposed changes are in response to local urban sprawl. I will be seeking clarification about the exact motivation for these proposed changes. It is clear at this time that there are more questions than answers. It is important that we all stay on top of this as the discussion proceeds.

Dave Mellum (dave@daviddenies.com), of David Denies Wingshooting in Argentina, one of our neighbours at the OPTA Sportsmen's Show booth contacted me after the show and complimented our booth setup and how engaged the crowd with our interactive activity. He said he had interacted with many of our booth volunteers and wanted to offer any OPTA member a 10% discount on any packages booked. The link to his website can be found at www.daviddenies.com . La Dormida is a new lodge built just for dove hunting and came highly recommended.



News from the ATA

It has come to the attention of the ATA Executive Committee that clarification of the failure to fire rules, particularly for doubles events, may be needed.

Attached, you will find a clarification, with definitive examples, of the failure to fire rules with particular attention paid to doubles scenarios.

It is recommended that this clarification be posted at your club, and relayed to scorekeepers and trap line personnel for their interpretative use during ATA registered competition.

FAILURE TO FIRE

- Two (2) failure to fires are allowed and shot over per sub event
- Targets thrown “on time”, within legal limits and not voluntarily shot at by the contestant are NOT allowable Failures to Fire
- Failures to Fire are usually the result of mechanical (gun) or ammunition problems
- The Scorekeeper is required to mark the score sheet (“F1”, “F2”, etc.) when failures occur
- For HAA and HOA shoot offs – one (1) Failure is allowed in each of the 3 disciplines
- During Doubles, when the single operation of the trigger results in the shooter being unable to fire at the second target (the gun fires both shells at once or “machine gunning” occurs) it is considered a Failure to Fire on the first target.

DOUBLES FAILURE TO FIRE

FIRST & SECOND FAILURE TO FIRE -

If the Failure is on the FIRST SHOT and the shooter does not shoot at the second target –
Nothing is established for either target, shoot the pair over

If the Failure is on the FIRST SHOT and the shooter fires at the second target –

Second target is established as shot – Shoot the pair over to establish first target only

If the Failure is on the SECOND SHOT –

First target is established as shot - Shoot the pair over to establish second target only

ALL ADDITIONAL (3 OR MORE) FAILURES TO FIRE –

If the Failure is on the FIRST SHOT and the SECOND TARGET IS SHOT – First target
is LOST, second is scored as shot

If the Failure is on the FIRST SHOT and the SECOND TARGET IS NOT SHOT –
First target is LOST, pair is shot over to establish second target only

If the Failure is on the SECOND SHOT and the FIRST TARGET IS SHOT –
First target is scored as shot, second target is LOST

For complete rules see the latest version of the Official ATA Rules at www.shootata.com or contact the ATA Office.

2016 Registered Shoot Dates

March

25 - Amherstburg (Good Friday)

25 – Hamilton (Good Friday)

April

3-Oxford

10-Crumlin

17-Hamilton

24-Otter Valley (Sponsor)

May

1-Oxford

8 – Quinte

15 – Toronto International

21-23 – St Thomas (Shell Shoot)

29-Hamilton (Shell Shoot)

29 – Otter Valley

June

5 – Crumlin

5 – Quinte

5 – Amherstburg

12 – Oxford

12 – Toronto International

19 – Hamilton (Summer Blast)

26 – Oxford

26 – Toronto International (200 Singles and 100 Doubles)

July

10 – Toronto International

17 – Oxford

24 – Waterford

29 – St Thomas

August

Provincial Championships

July 30-Aug 1 – St Thomas Gun Club

7 – HAHA

14 – Crumlin (Sponsor)

21 – Oxford

28 – Hamilton

September

3-5 – St Thomas

11 – Exeter

18 – Quinte

18 – Kippen

25 – Waterford (Sponsor)

October

2 – Amherstburg

9 – HAHA

2016 Canadian Championships

June 30-July 3 – Hamilton Gun Club

Programs are available on the following websites – CTA (<http://www.shootcanada.ca/>), OPTA (www.ontariotrap.com), ATA (<http://www.shootata.com/>) and Hamilton Gun Club (<http://www.hamiltongunclub.com/>)

Presquadding will be available at presquad.com which will open for squadding on June 1st and close June 29th.

2016 Provincial Championships

July 29-August 1 – St Thomas Gun Club

Programs should be in the mail by mid to late June.

Presquadding will be available at presquad.com which will open for squadding on July 1st and close July 28th.

If you are a member of a club in Ontario and would like your club to host a registered shoot please talk to your Trap representative.

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