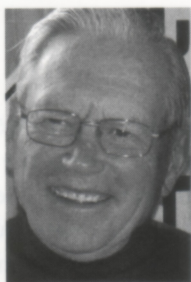


## BURDETT WINS MARIPOSA OPEN

*By Frank Stewart*

On the September 17-18 weekend, 39 skeet shooters gathered at the Orillia Gun Club for the annual Mariposa Open skeet championship.

Doug Burdett was our oldest shooter at a very young 80 years. He was also the best as he won the championship with 98x100. Doug, if I make it to 80 I hope I'm as young as you!



Les Sanders was runner-up when Don Yaraskavitch could not make the shoot-off, both with 97. Burdett was also veteran champ and Sanders led the seniors.

Joan Ego was our lady champ and Philip Finlay earned the junior title.

Class winners were Reg Hooper AA, Al Ego A, Don Yaraskavitch B, Keith Mills C, Steve Zylstra D and Jack Klimautskiy E.

I would like to thank all the shooters for supporting our shoots and hope you will do so again next year.

Thanks to Joanne on registration and the scoreboard, and Doug our trap mechanic, and all the voluntary referees.

## Blades Big Winner at Canadian Open Skeet Championships

2009 marked the return of the Canadian Open Skeet Championships to the Dartmouth Clay Target Association shooting grounds in Nova Scotia. Shooters began to arrive on Thursday, July 9, for practice and registration with the competition beginning on Friday.

Steve Loveday of Ontario prevailed in doubles after winning a shoot-off of 97s against fellow Ontario shooter, Brad McRae. AA-D Class winners were Don Boulter, Ted Woodruff, Peter Davis, Earl d'Entremont and Morgan Mullen, respectively.

Loveday continued his winning ways in the 12 gauge event, emerging victorious in a five-way shoot-off of 99s. Runner-up went to Don Boulter of P.E.I. Class winners were Michael Blades, Steve Grover, John Nicolle, Robert Sidler, Bev Bacon and Bonnie-Lee Lewis.

Saturday dawned with the 20 gauge event which featured three straights: Ontario's Lindsay Coyle, posting her first ever 100 straight, claimed the title in a shoot-off over Blades (RU) and Willy Wong. Class winners included McRae, Wong, Sidler, Scott Melanson, and Rod Postle.

Les Turner of Nova Scotia fired his

first 100 straight in the 28 gauge to claim the championship, with Blades (99) taking runner-up. Class winners were Don Boulter, Don Bailey, Mike Maddin, Marcia Postle and Ted Woodruff.

Following the Saturday evening shoot-offs, the DCTA hosted a true Maritime meal—an all-you-can-eat appetizer of steamed Prince Edward Island mussels, followed by a lobster boil and steak barbecue. Compliments to Chef Tim Hemming who abstained from competition to focus his efforts on that culinary treat.

Sunday's lone event was the diminutive .410. Blades (98) took the event title with Wong runner-up after a shoot-off of 96s. Class winners were McRae, Armel Taylor, Derrick Egan, Rod Postle and Ken O'Neill.

The HOA Canadian Championship went to Michael Blades of Nova Scotia with 395x400. The runner-up spot was claimed by Willy Wong of Ontario (390) after a shoot-off with Brad McRae (AA1). A-D Class winners were Steve Grover, Gordon Launcelott, Derrick Egan and Dustin Jewell. HAA also went to Blades (490) with second place going to McRae (487).