

Ontario Skeet Championships

The Ontario Championships were held at the Oshawa Skeet and Gun Club during the August long weekend. Located about 30 miles from Toronto, the club was in good shape, with open gates for the early arrivals on Thursday.

This year marked the 62nd annual competition for skeet supremacy in Ontario. The competition started with a preliminary 62-bird fun shoot that employed a handicap system only explained with ashes and chicken bones. After the shoot-off ended, Mike "I don't do doubles" Maddin of Ottawa was the proud winner of this year's event.

In the doubles event, Ontario Skeet Association President Brad McRae managed to forget the details of running a shoot long enough to focus on 98 of the 100 targets to win the championship outright. John Kapron fended off junior shooter Nick Cinciosi to take the runner-up position.

Saturday saw the 12 and 28 gauge events. As commonly occurs in Oshawa, strong, gusty winds were the order of the weekend. Marc-Andre Jodoin managed to take the 12 gauge open championship back to the province of Quebec with young Cinciosi grabbing the runner-up position. Notably, Keith Hutcheson won C Class in a shoot-out of 97s over Frank Stewart. Good scores on a windy day.

The 28 gauge also went to Jodoin after a shoot-off of 100s over Kapron. Dominic Raponi had an outstanding 96 in C Class and more importantly, beat his father Tony like a drum.



Ric Sheridan presents HOA Champion Marc-Andre Jodoin with the Barney Hartman trophy.

Sunday saw the 20 gauge and .410, and yes, more wind. When the smoke cleared in the 20 gauge, the four 99s shooting saw Nick Cinciosi as champion, Kapron runner-up, Reg Hooper AA1 and Mike Maddin A1. Jodoin took the .410 event outright with a hard-fought 96. Kapron and Hooper took runner-up and AA1 in a shoot-off of 95s.

Jodoin edged out Kapron by one bird to take the HOA. Class champions were Hooper (AA), Rick Robinson (A), Mike Maddin (B), Graham Kirby (C), and first year contestant, Mike Andrews of North Bay, topped D Class. Kapron captured the HAA championship with Rick Robinson holding onto the runner-up position.

On behalf of the Ontario Skeet Association and all of the shooters in attendance, many thanks go out to our hosts at the Oshawa Skeet and Gun Club. Thanks to Jim Carter and his talented gang of referees as well as a special note of thanks to Tammie Eve for her work on the registration desk and scoreboard.