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President's Message

By Robert L. Haynes, President

As you are well aware, the recent permanent closing of the Royal York range has left all of us scrambling for a place to shoot.

We still have access to the range north of town for Saturday shooting and this will continue until the end of November. Weather permitting, we may be able to extend this further, but it will all depend on weather conditions.

We have other irons in the fire and these are being worked on by various Board members. We are cautiously optimistic at this point in time that something positive will come out of all this.

We would encourage you to not forget to renew your membership when it is due, as being a member in good standing allows the Toronto Sportsmen's Association to continue to "sponsor" your ATT (*Authorization to Transport*), which allows you to shoot at any range in Ontario that is approved by the Province of Ontario. As an association with many members, numbers are very important when negotiating with politicians, as that is something that they understand very well.

We will keep you up to date with any further developments. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Canadian National Sportsmen's Show – Show Dates!

By Peter Edwards, Executive Director

The 2012 dates for the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show have been announced! The show will be running from March 14th to March 18th, 2012, at the Metro Convention Centre, 255 Front Street West, 2 blocks west of York Street.

We are in the same location as last year, in the South Building Hall D. The TSA will be on hand in full force as usual with our Main Booth, Crosman Air Gun Range, and Archery. We hope we can call upon all our volunteers to give some time (*no matter how small*) to make the ranges enjoyable for young and old. The CNSS supports us every year, and we will do the same in return.

This show is our biggest annual project, and we sure rely on many of you to accomplish our goal of providing a safe and entertaining area for air gun and archery enthusiasts! Soon we will be sending you a Volunteer Form, and would really appreciate any time you can give us. Also, should you have, or know of any student who is looking to complete their community service hours, we would love to have them. Your support is greatly appreciated!

CNSS / TSA Dinner

The Canadian National Sportsmen's Show will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary this coming year, and in celebration of it they are hosting a dinner which will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 at the Metro Convention Centre.

As they did on their 60th Anniversary, they have again asked the Toronto Sportsmen's Association to participate in this event. Because of the room size at the Convention Centre, there are only a very few amount of seats available for the combined CNSS and TSA guests, and as a result there are a very limited number of tickets available to us. Tickets are **\$40.00 per person**, and should you wish to attend, we would ask that you send in a cheque ASAP in order to reserve a spot, as these tickets will be issued on a First-Come, First-Served basis. As mentioned, we have a limited number of tickets available to the TSA and they will go very quickly.

The 2012 Canadian Airgun Grand Prix

The CSSA will be hosting the 30th Anniversary of the Canadian Airgun Grand Prix, which will take place on February 24-26, 2012 at the Doubletree International Plaza Hotel, 655 Dixon Road in Toronto, Ontario.

Members of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association have in the past helped the CSSA with the setup, and dismantling of the shooting positions, etc. for this competition. We are again looking for any volunteers that can help us with the setup, dismantling, or both. Setup is on Thursday, February 23rd and/or take-down is on Sunday, February 26th. Your help would be much appreciated!

Metro Pistol League Report

By Jack Summers, TSA Co-Captain

Hello Team TSA,

I am writing to let everyone know that it seems like the Metro Pistol League will be alive and well in 2012! After a Captain's Meeting last Sunday, plans to put together a 4 or 5 division League this year is well underway, and finishing touches are being put on the schedule. As soon as we have more information, I will advise accordingly.

Team TSA performed to perfection last season, going undefeated in all matches! In recognition of the achievement and a reward for our performance, the Club has had Team TSA Shirts made, each personalized with our names (*first*) and Metro Pistol League Division Champions embroidered, and TSA hats. We will have these available at the first match for all shooters from last season!

At this difficult time for many Clubs, there is no more important time to be involved. Admittedly, practice time will suffer in the short term, however, the importance of keeping the League alive and well has never been more paramount. I suspect that many of you feel exactly the same way.

As always, new shooters are welcome. If you have any interest in participating in Team TSA and the Metro Pistol League, do not hesitate in contacting Team Captain George Worthington at (416) 444-0951, or myself, by email at jack@radioworld.ca or telephone at (416) 963-0614.

See you at the range!

Firearm Safety Courses / Hunting Safety Courses

Firearm Safety Courses / Hunting Safety Courses are going very well. Our Instructors, Werner Menzel and Robert Haynes have had great success in having full courses since switching over to weekend courses.

The November Non-Restricted course is full, but should anyone wish to do a Hunting Course, we have a few spots open for the 2-day course, November 19-20, 2011. Please call the office for more details.

In Memory

The TSA recently lost some of its' favourite people. Some have volunteered for many years to make our projects very successful.

Oscar Grauds

Oscar passed away May 28th, at the wonderful age of 93. Oscar was a Life Member, Rifle Shooter, Kortwright recipient, and was a wonderful coach and range officer going back to when we were able to shoot at Fort York in the early 70's. Oscar was very much a part of the Latvian community and it was through him that TSA was able to use the Latvian Range each Saturday.



Hilary Bell

Hilary, the wife of Director and Range Officer Michael Beerden, passed away on September 2, 2011.

Both will be missed dearly and remembered for all their friendliness, warmth, and help that they have given to TSA throughout the years.

Notice to Members Concerning Your Membership Renewal

Please note that we need your membership in the Toronto Sportsmen's Association now, more than ever! Membership Renewal Invoices will be sent out shortly and for those who have not renewed their Memberships yet, would you please do so as soon as possible.

You should be aware that your membership cost also includes the cost of your CSSA membership that we all belong to. Most shooting clubs charge this CSSA portion as an extra to their membership.

We need your Membership dues in a timely manner in order to enable us to continue offering different activities that we have committed to, as well as the costs associated with maintaining an expertly-run office. Please remember, if your TSA membership is not current, your ATT (*Authorization to Transport*) will be cancelled by the Chief Firearms Office (*CFO*). Thank you for your support and understanding.



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Buy & Sell

In our ongoing efforts to generate funds for our non-profit Association, we thought we would offer the ability for our members to advertise items that they may be looking to sell, or wanting to purchase, in our newsletter as well as on our website!

For a nominal fee of \$10.00 we would publish your ad in our newsletter for one issue (*usually quarterly*), as well as on our website for the same period of time. The ad can contain 50-100 words, and should contain a contact name, phone number, and/or email address. The ad should relate to items that would be useful to our members in the activities that our club supports, but that is not mandatory.

If you are interested in placing an ad, please send your ad copy (*and photo if you would like it included*), along with your payment to the office, and we will publish it as soon as possible!