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## Annual General Meeting

*By Peter Edwards, Director/Treasurer*

Members are reminded that our Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday May 23rd, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. - TSA Clubhouse, 2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66, Toronto.

This year, the following Directors are eligible for re-election:

John Smith	Robert Haynes
Peter Edwards	Earl Barr
Richard Latorre	Ken Durie
Werner Menzel	

The following Directors have one year remaining in their term of office:

Harvey Beck	William Jenkins
Michael Beerden	Sal Termini
Cliff Gissane	Sam Najib
Blaise Iannaci	Steven Reynolds

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. In accordance with our constitution, any 5 members in good standing may nominate a candidate for Director.

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## President's Message

*By Robert L. Haynes, President*

Fellow Members,

Our 2012 shooting season is about to start.

The early spring weather has allowed us to be able to start shooting at the Latvian Club. Our shooting season should be starting in early April and go through to at least the end of November.

The Club office will be advising you of the odd Saturday where we will not be scheduling any shooting because of long weekends. If any range officer chooses to go out on a long weekend, then that is entirely up to him, however, officially there would be no range officer scheduled for any long weekend.

Our relationship with the Latvian Club has been an excellent one because of the class of members that we have. We have always treated the Range with respect and followed not only our range etiquette, but their range rules as well.

The CPFO office monitors range operators for compliance to their requirements; by default that includes us as well. It is a great place to shoot and you can even BBQ your lunch if you choose to do so.

We strongly encourage you to come out and shoot.

I look forward to seeing you there.

## The Toronto Sportsmen's Show 2012

The 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!

After 65 years of holding the Sportsmen's, we now share our new home at the Metro Convention Centre.

Setting up and tearing down, as well as staffing the Archery, Air Gun Range, and main booth, takes a lot of dedicated volunteers with specific skills to ensure the areas run smoothly and safely.

The Crosman Air Gun Range run by TSA requires so many volunteers to run. Range Officers, loaders, maintenance, crowd control, etc. Thanks to all who gave us their time. Special thanks to Yvonne Gissane, Pat Edwards, Blaise and Annamaria Iannaci, Stephen Reynolds and his crew, June Samme, John Smith, Werner Menzel, Peter Hemlich, Paul Delatt, and the C.S.S.A. If we listed all who helped, it would take the entire newsletter!

The Crosman Archery Range was well managed by Rick Latorre and his team of volunteers. Thanks to all who pitched in to make the Archery area enjoyable for the kids. Special thanks the Wendy DeWilde and her group, John Fitzgibbons, and all who helped.

Mitchell Ostapchuk and the C.N.S.S. staff worked hard to make the show entertaining and educational for visitors. The Big Air Dog Show, Big Water Adventure, Outdoor Adventure Zone, Spring Boat Show, Cottage Country, Classic Sports World, Travel Expo, and the new Hunting Hall were great attractions. The Pro Fishing Seminars, Trout Pond, Cast for Cash, as well as the Crosman/TSA Air Gun and Archery Ranges were successful. Let's not forget the Retriever Trials in the dog feature area.

To see some photos of this years show, please visit our website at: [www.torontosportsmens.ca](http://www.torontosportsmens.ca) and click on our 'Photo Album'.

On behalf of Walter Oster, Chairman, thanks to all the Volunteers who made this year a success! See you in 2013 for the start to the next 65 Years!

The Montreal Salon Camping Show was an excellent one this year. The addition of the Hunting Hall in Montreal created a new interest for show visitors. Thanks Luce and your staff, it was fun working with you.

Thanks to Walter Oster, Chairman, Peter Lockhart, Vice President, Mitchell Ostapchuk, Show Manager, and the entire show staff for their fine cooperation!

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## Latvian Range

The Latvian Range will be open from April 14<sup>th</sup>, every Saturday (except for April 21<sup>st</sup> and long weekends). There will be AM and PM Range Officers on duty.

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## Membership Dues

For those who have not renewed your membership yet, please do so. Remember, for those who have restricted firearms, your 'ATT' permit is tied into your membership. The CFO will be notified shortly to cancel any existing permits for those who have not paid their dues. Please do not let this happen!

## C.N.S.S. 65<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dinner

The 65<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dinner for the Toronto Show was a resounding success! Over 100 guests attended the Metro Convention Centre G8 Summit Room in March just before the start of the show.

Special guests included: The Hon. Julian Fantino PC, MP, and John Howard the wine expert who provided a special wine for the evening. The menu for the dinner, selected by Chairman Walter Oster, included Arctic Char, followed by Roast Duck Supreme. The desert was a special 65<sup>th</sup> cake provided by John Kueng, a noted pastry chef.

Our draw was well stocked with over 160 prizes to suit everyone who attended.

The Kortright Award that TSA gives in honour of Dr. Frank Kortright, founder of the CNSS, went to Paul Delaat. He is most deserving for his dedication and volunteerism at the shows, as well as the programs we do.

TSA President Bob Haynes presented Walter Oster and the CNSS with a special plaque honouring 65 years of CNSS and TSA working together to support Conservation and the Outdoors.

The highlight of the night was a presentation to Pete Edwards from the Government of Canada by Julian Fantino, for his 65 years of support.

Walter Oster presented Pete with a special trophy named the "Peter Edwards Award" for the Canadian Casting Champion. The award will be presented annually and a keeper trophy will go to the winner.

As you know by now, Pete Edwards is retiring as Executive Director. Our new Executive Director, Blaise Iannaci, was introduced and we all plan to work with him and give him our full support. Pete will be working closely with Blaise until he is comfortable in the new position.

What a great event hosted by the Sportsmen's Show to celebrate a 65 year legacy started by Dr. Frank Kortright, and continues under the capable stewardship of Walter Oster, The Directors, and staff.

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## Firearm Safety Courses / Hunting Safety Courses

Werner Menzel and Robert Haynes' courses are going great, and have had excellent attendance. Their next courses are April / May / June. If you know of anyone who is looking to take these courses, please have them call Yvonne at (416) 487-4477. Each course is a 2-day course (*Saturday and Sunday*).

*The Course dates are:*

Non-Restricted Firearms Courses

May 26-27, 2012

Hunter Safety Training Courses

April 21-22, 2012

June 2-3, 2012

Courses will resume after the summer.

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## CSSA Grand Prix

Thanks to all those who volunteered to setup and dismantle the 80 placement range at the hotel this year!

## Metro Pistol League Report

By Jack Summers, TSA Co-Captain

This year's Metro Pistol League season saw many of the challenges that we all face with limited range access, however many clubs from existing ranges did make their facilities available and participated in the league with the exception of The South Peel Club. Their late withdrawal from the league and selfish attitude towards sharing facilities with visiting clubs did not sit well with the Metro Pistol League coordinators, nor none of the participants it affected, including Team TSA.

Nevertheless, we persevered in moving forward in a two team division which had us paired up against Maple Leaf Revolver Club. The Maple Leaf Club is to be congratulated on their willingness to share their facility, and for being great sportsmen, friends, and competitors. A letter of thanks on behalf of TSA was sent by George Worthington - Team Captain.

Now to the results . . .

I am pleased to report that Team TSA went undefeated in 2011/2012, mirroring our 2010/2011 season. Lead by Team Captain George Worthington with high average scores in both rim fire and centre fire matches, our entire team score averages were up and kept us in a winning position. Congratulations to all members who participated!

We invite all members who wish to participate in the future, to contact George or myself. 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](mailto:jack@radioworld.ca) or telephone at (416) 963-0614.

See you at the range!

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## An Invitation to the Range!

We're looking for new members! If you have any family or friends that you think would enjoy coming out to the range to have some fun, and learn about shooting in general, we would love to have them! Our hope is that by introducing people to our sport, they may take an interest and want to join.

If you know of anyone that would enjoy this experience, please contact Yvonne at the office, and she will let you know what to do.



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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!