



The OUTDOOR CREST



Summer 2012

The Official Newsletter of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association

2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66, Toronto, Ontario M6B 4J3 — Tel: (416) 487-4477 • Fax: (416) 487-4478
Email: info@torontosportsmens.ca • Website: www.torontosportsmens.ca

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Toronto Sportsmen's Show
- 1 President's Message
- 2 PAL / POL Fee Changes
- 2 Membership Renewals
- 2 Canadian Airgun Grand Prix
- 3 Casters Cleanup at ACA
- 3 Metro Pistol League Report

2013 Toronto Sportsmen's Show

This year, the Toronto Sportsmen's Show is coming back to the Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place (*not the Metro Convention Centre*). The show that for 65 years has celebrated the Great Outdoors, will now once again take place at its long-time location, February 7-10, 2013 (*not in March as previous years*).

The 66th edition of this iconic show returns to the Exhibition Place complete with the Hunting Hall, Fishing, Adventure, Boats and Family Entertainment, as well as our own Airgun and Archery ranges.

With the show going back to its' original home, we will be able to enjoy everything the show has to offer, all on one level, with easier parking and commuting!

President's Message

By Robert L. Haynes, President

Fellow TSA Members,

I wish to bring you up to speed on what is happening with respect to range availability.

We all recognize that in today's GTA environment, setting up a new shooting range is extremely difficult; the process is very slow, largely due to Council members, their political affiliations and aspirations.

The Toronto Sportsmen's Association continues to explore many alternatives; however, due to our need to work with other Clubs and/or range operators, no quick solutions have been forthcoming thus far.

Aside from the outdoor range that we continue to enjoy every Saturday, we are engaged in discussions with former range operators just outside of the GTA who are trying to finalize many of their issues that involve building inspections, approvals, CPFA involvement and related issues.

Our primary contact is currently out-of-country attending world sporting events, and is not expected back until August 22nd, 2012. As soon as we have positive information, we will let you know; keep your fingers crossed!

The former operators of the Royal York range are actively pursuing City Hall on a different approach, however that is moving at a snail's pace; they have a new location in mind, with a cooperative landlord, and are awaiting for a date to be set for their meeting. Positively speaking, the Pan-Am Games bring positive pressure to their arguments.

Expecting new ranges in the City of Toronto likely will not happen with existing Toronto Council, does not mean that other bordering cities cannot be approached. This is being looked into by experienced range operators with our support, and that of our membership.

Rest assured that the Toronto Sportsmen's Association Executive are working the phones, our contacts, and brainstorming with the respective community to resolve our current situation as expeditiously as possible.

PAL / POL (Firearms Licence) – Fee Changes

Should any of you have a PAL/POL coming up for renewal shortly, even if it is 6 - 9 months away, this will be of great importance to you (*see below*)!

As of September 18, 2012, the RCMP will now be charging a fee for a new 5-year license. The new fee will be \$60.00 for Non-Restricted, and \$80.00 for Restricted and/or Prohibited. However, if you get your application in to them before SEPTEMBER 17, then it should be free. You can download the application form CAFC 979 from their website www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca, or give Yvonne a call at our office.

To make sure it gets to them in time, send your application by Express Post or Registered Mail. By doing this, you will have proof that they received it in time.

More information regarding the fees associated with all firearms licenses and documents can be found at: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/fee-frais-eng.htm.

Membership Renewals

Membership renewal invoices will be sent out mid October and we ask that you remit in a timely manner as always.

You will notice that your ATT is good up to November 15, 2012, which is the Club's expiry date with the CFO. At the time of writing, all TSA's new ATT's are being processed in Orillia and will be back in our office well before November 15. We have requested a 3-year ATT again for our members.

Thank you all for your support!

The 2013 Canadian Airgun Grand Prix

The CSSA will be hosting the 31st Anniversary of the Canadian Airgun Grand Prix, which will take place on February 15-17, 2013 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 14th and/or take-down is on Sunday, February 17th. Your help would be much appreciated!

Firearm Safety Courses / Hunting Safety Courses

Firearm Safety Courses / Hunter 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. 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 upcoming Course dates are:

Non-Restricted Firearms Courses

September 8-9, 2012
October 6-7, 2012
November 17-18, 2012

Hunter Safety Training Courses

August 18-19, 2012
September 15-16, 2012
October 27-28, 2012
November 24-25, 2012

TSA Casters Cleanup at ACA

Chuck Phillips and Bill Wattie casting for TSA/West Hill made us all proud in Cincinnati. Chuck won gold in 5/8 acc., and won the Anglers All Round Champion Award as well. Individually, he won 4 silver medals, 3 bronze, and the gold in 5/8. In the combination, Chuck came 1st. in all plug acc., 2nd all fly dist, 3rd all plug dist, all distance and all accuracy.

Bill Wattie won 1 silver, and 3 bronze medals, as well as the all plug title with Chuck.

To cap off a super tournament for these 2, they both earned a spot on the very prestigious All American Team.

From all of us - Congratulations!

This year's ACA was dedicated to DICK FUJITA who passed just a couple of weeks ago. Dick was holder of many records and was a member of both ACA and ICSF Hall of Fames. He was considered as one of the most knowledgeable casters in the World. He will be sadly missed by Casters and Friends in the US, Canada, and around the world.

Casting

The Canadian Casting Championships held on June 9-10, 2012, were a great success. Harvey Beck took the "All Around"!

Metro Pistol League Report

By Jack Summers, Team Captain

Hello everyone,

It is that time of the year again where we should start thinking about our fall and winter evening activities. Our involvement in the Metro Pistol League has been legendary over the years, and this season should be no exception.

Coming on a back to back winning seasons, and winning the Division 3 of the last 4 seasons, the Toronto Sportsmen's Team is a welcome competitor, and a vital part of the league's success.



The Toronto Sportsmen's Association

2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66
Toronto, Ontario M6B 4J3

Phone: (416) 487-4477

Fax: (416) 487-4478

E-mail: info@torontosportsmens.ca

Website: www.torontosportsmens.ca

It is evident that we do have some short term facility challenges, however, we have endured the past year by the goodwill and grace of other Clubs that want to shoot against us!

At this time I ask all interested people to send me an email, or give me a phone call. We can discuss the terms, our needs, and make it work! Let's get this season off on the right foot and be a strong force moving ahead.

Sincerely,

Jack Summers
Team Captain
(416) 953-0614
jack@radioworld.ca