



# The OUTDOOR CREST



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*The Official Newsletter of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association*

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## Annual General Meeting

*By Peter Edwards, Executive Director/Treasurer*

Members are reminded that our Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. - TSA Clubhouse, 2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66, Toronto.

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

Michael Beerden	William Jenkins
Cliff Gissane	Sam Najib
Blaise Iannaci	Steven Reynolds

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

John Smith	Trevor Blachford
Peter Edwards	Jack Summers
Richard Latorre	Paul Delaat
Werner Menzel	

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 Jack Summers, President*

### *Still Waters Run Deep*

Well another year has passed and although it may appear on the surface that the waters are calm, behind the scenes at TSA things are always moving fast. Our Education program headed by Werner Menzel continues to over-achieve, much to the credit of Werner and his team of Paul Delaat, Yvonne Gissane Blaise Iannaci and Forge Durzo. The TSA Education Team proudly provided 19 courses with some 265 students going, achieving their Firearms and/or Hunter Education Certificates. Job well done!!!

Our Toronto Sportsmen's Show Team, lead by Paul Delaat, were also stars this past year. This event is the pinnacle of our activities and is no simple task. Planning, organization, logistics and dozens of volunteers are required to make this happen and our team performed flawlessly, putting our best foot forward. Special thanks to all involved...

Spring is near and the outdoor range will be opening soon. We are hoping for a much better season (*both weather and participation*) and the Range Officers are at the ready to work with members new and old to have another safe, successful year. We encourage all members to come out to the range any Saturday from May through December 2015. TSA will also strive to hold "Special Event" Days and an OPEN HOUSE at the range this year and other exciting news will be forthcoming.

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The Metro Pistol League TEAM TSA was headed up this year by Stephen Reynolds. To say the least, Stephen was engaging, encouraging and worked hard to get members out to shoot and was both gracious and generous to the other Clubs that allowed us to use their facilities for both HOME and AWAY matches. Although participation was not what we expected, Stephen has plans in place to get things moving for 2015-16. Thank you Stephen!

In closing, I also wish to recognize the recent achievements of Paul Delaat. Paul has recently achieved the Canadian Shooting Sports Association Certifications for "Range Official" Safety Club Level and "Safety Instructor" Handgun Club Level. CONGRATULATIONS Paul.... And thank you for your support.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual AGM with hopes that more good news and a safe 2015 awaits us all.

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## Latvian Range

The Latvian Range will be open from May 2<sup>nd</sup>, every Saturday (*except long weekends*). There will be AM and PM Range Officers on duty.

**Please Note:** For those Handgun members who have paid their '2015' Membership and hold a valid 'ATT' permit, you will find an 'Invitation Letter' to the Latvian Club Range. We ask that you carry this letter whenever you go to the range. This is a requirement of our ATT's. We will mail another letter mid-year, which will cover you until December 31, 2015.

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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 to cancel any existing permits for those who have not paid their dues. Please do not let this happen!

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## Firearm Safety Courses/Hunting Safety Courses/Wild Turkey Testing

Werner Menzel's courses are going great, and have had excellent attendance. Unfortunately Werner has had to cancel his April and May courses, but hopes to restart up again in June or July.

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*).

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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.

## The Toronto Sportsmen's Show 2015

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!

The 2015 show was held at the Direct Energy Centre at the CNE Grounds.

For her third year, Jennifer, CNSS Show Manager, did a great job on the Show. It was fun working with her and we appreciate the cooperation.

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 Blaise and Annamaria Iannaci, Ashley Iannaci, Paul Delaat, Andrew Mackevicius, Stephen Reynolds and his crew, Yvonne Gissane, June Samme, John Smith, Darrell Yarek, William Jenkins, Mark Palmer, Ron Smith, Jake Kobak, Peter Helmich, Jim McHugh, Laszlo Szabo, and 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 to Wendy DeWilde and her young men.

Jennifer Allaby 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 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.

To see some photos of this year's 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, CNSS, thanks to all the Volunteers who made this year a success!

*See you in 2016!* New Dates: March 16-20, 2016 (*March Break*).

New Location: The International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga.

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, Rogers and your staff, it was fun working with you.

Thanks to Walter Oster, Chairman, Peter Lockhart, President, Jennifer Allaby, Show Manager, and the entire show staff for all their fine cooperation!

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## Casting

The Canadian Casting Championships will be held Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Scarborough Civic Centre Pool in Toronto. This competition is for fly's and plugs only, no distance casting.

Please contact Ron Bolton for more information - (416) 282-7912.

## The Toronto Sportsmen's Show

*By Paul Delaat, Show Director*

Our biggest involvement is in the Toronto Sportsmen's Show, as a great deal of our office and volunteer time goes into making our contribution into the show a success. Special Thanks goes to YVONNE and JUNE, who worked so hard to get volunteers for this year's show. Well Done!

This year the Airgun Range created a large interest to our show visitors as it allowed them to both have fun, as well as test their skills. Thank you to Blaise Iannaci for his support, as well as to all the range officers, as it wouldn't have worked without them. Thank You!

I would also like to thank Annamaria and Ashley Iannaci, as well as her entire crew in the loading room for a job well done!

A special thank you goes to the Archery Range that was managed by Rick Latorre and his team of volunteers, and all those who pitched in to make this year's Archery Range enjoyable for the kids. Another special thank you to Wendy DeWilde and her young men.

I would also like to thank Jennifer Allaby and the C.N.S.S. staff for their hard work!

Thank you to Walter Oster the Chairman, Peter Lockhart the President, Jennifer Allaby the Show Manager, and the entire show staff for all their fine co-operation. Thank You!

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## Some PAL Renewal Pointers

*By Sam Lewkowicz, Member*

I recently renewed my PAL online. The PAL renewal webpage is impossible to navigate without assistance. Having successfully navigated the webpage, I want to share some pointers. It is my hope that these pointers will assist others:

1. Nowhere listed on the RCMP webpage is the telephone number for assistance. The assistance number is: 1-800-731-4000.
2. When inserting the current PAL number, only use the first eight digits. (*Using all of the PAL digits will not work*).
3. The date of birth calendar changes the date of birth on insertion. Ensure that the date of birth is corrected, prior to approving. (*This can be done manually*).
4. The expiry date for credit card payments does not have an oblique line. Therefore, June 2015 would read: 0615.
5. Each extension of time counts as an attempt, and one is only allowed 7 attempts prior to being locked out. Restarting, rather than extending time, may be advisable.
6. Only a digital copy (*no physical copies*) of one's picture is necessary for the online PAL renewal. The specifications for the picture are located in Section 5.6 of the instructions. The specifications are not identical to a passport picture. (*I was able to get an accepted digital photograph from: Decal Gallery, 734 Wilson Avenue, Unit 1*).

If I had had these pointers prior to starting my PAL renewal, my trip would have been less difficult. It is my hope that sharing these pointers will ease the journey for others.

*(Thank you very much to our member Sam Lewkowicz, for sharing this information with us! - Ed.)*

## Metro Pistol League Report

By Stephen Reynolds, TSA Team Captain

This year we have continued our longstanding tradition by participating in the Metro Pistol League. Although we have not been able to replicate the domination in years past, we continue to put in a great effort and enjoy good fellowship, good sportsmanship and have a lot of fun.

The 2014/2015 season has ended now and I would like to thank Claude Del Tatto, Mark Palmer, Neal McCarthy, Bob Ossowski, Jack Summers, Salvatore Velenzisi and Shasha Navazesh for their participation this year.

In preparation for the fall season, we will also organize training and practice sessions starting summer 2015 during our Saturday shooting opportunities. If you have interest in Bullseye Shooting Competition and joining our Team, please email me at [stephen@sstn.ca](mailto:stephen@sstn.ca) anytime.

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## Range Rules Update

By T. Blachford, Range Safety Officer

The following, will confirm further, the interpretation of the "Rules" as posted in the First Aid Station at the Latvian Range.

### Upon the Duty Range Officers' commands...

"This will be a practice relay, two (2) strings of five (5)

First five (5) to be loaded on command, 2nd five (5) on your own time."

"Is the Line ready?"

"Commence Firing!"

It is agreed, and understood that there will be no deviation from these commands, unless at the discretion of the Duty Range Safety Officer.

If there is to be any deviation from this format it is solely at the discretion of the R.O. in charge, and divergence from this will have to be cleared with the R.O. by the Member wishing to fire any additional rounds on target following the above Commands.

**THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL ON THE FIRING LINE.**

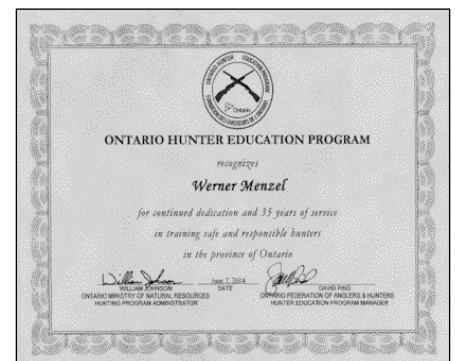
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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our very own Werner Menzel who was awarded a 35 Year Hunter Education Award at the last Hunter Education Conference!

Werner has been our Hunter Education Instructor here at the Toronto Sportsmen's Association for 35 Years!

Congratulations from all of us Werner! Keep up the great work!



## Safety on the Range – Painful Brass!

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

*(I published this in 'The Outdoor Crest' 5 years ago, but thought it warranted repeating!)*

It is every member's responsibility to ensure that all shooters, as well as guests, are properly protected on the range with safety equipment such as safety glasses and ear protection. This basic equipment is a requirement whether the person is shooting, or just a visitor that is watching the excitement!

Something that may not come as common sense as far as safety equipment goes, is the use of open-toed shoes or sandals, and low cut tops. Whether shooting or not, the ejection of hot brass (*especially the small .22 caliber brass casings*), can cause quite a burn to the skin if it happens to land in-between some toes, or down an open top. You must also be aware of glasses without the added protection on the top and sides, as ejected brass can slip in and rest on your eyelid causing a burn (*ask me how I know that!*)

Try to remember to mention these safety items to any guests you may have coming with you. We want everyone to have a Fun and Safe time out!

I would also like to repeat that none of the great times this coming year would be possible without all of our volunteer Range Safety Officers, generously donating their time and experience for us to safely enjoy the sport we love. They all deserve our thanks and support! Please, if you feel you would like to help and volunteer to be a Safety Range Officer this coming year, we sure could use your help. Just contact Yvonne at the office for more information. It's our volunteers that make the Toronto Sportsmen's Association what it is!

See you at the range!

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## Buy & Sell

One of our members, Shasha, has some firearms for sale. If you are interested in any of these, please contact Shasha at: [shashanavazesh@gmail.com](mailto:shashanavazesh@gmail.com)

*List of Shasha's firearms for sale:*

- Boberg Arms XR9 9mm with Tritium sight. Used - in great condition. Only 20 shots. \$1300.00
- H&K USP .40 S&W. Used - in great condition. New with adjustable night sights. \$900.00
- Glock G17 - Generation 4 - 9mm. Used very little - no more than 50 shots with adjustable night sights. \$500.00
- Tanfoglio Force Sport .45ACP. New - only 10 shots used. \$500.00
- Walther P99 .40. Used - great condition. \$400.00

*Rifles:*

- Robinson Armament XCR Rifle .223 Rem Black Piece ID: XCR-223-1-9-BLK. Used only 50 shots. Great cond. \$1900
- Chiappa 1887 T-Series 12 Gauge Piece ID: 930.015. Brand new never used. \$900.00
- Weatherby Mark V Ultra Lightweight .300 WBY. Brand new never used. \$1500.00



## EMAIL

In order to provide our members with the most up to date information on "What's going on" at the TSA, and to also reduce our postage expenses, we started to communicate with members via email on a more regular basis. I urge everyone to send an email to Yvonne at [info@torontosportsmens.ca](mailto:info@torontosportsmens.ca) in order to get you added to our distribution list.

# THE SILVER AMMUNITION AWARDS

By Werner Menzel, Director of Courses

## Attention Men!

Women have a better memory than Men.  
They don't need instant replay to watch their Soap Operas.

Now, since we have your attention, the latest news from our Education Courses!

On March 17, 2015, the Director for the Education Courses, Werner Menzel, handed out

## The SILVER AMMUNITION AWARDS

to deserving members of the Toronto Sportsmen's Association for their help and dedication.

10 ounce Silver .50 Caliber Cartridge  
Paul Delaat

1 ounce Silver .45 ACP Cartridge  
Yvonne Gissane  
Blaise Iannaci  
Jack Summers

Our courses are successful, popular, and continue to grow Year after Year!

	# of Courses	# of Students	
This Year	19	265	<i>(up to end of February)</i>
Last Year	19	204	<i>(up to end of April)</i>

*Now the bad news . . .*

Due to health issues and upcoming medical procedures, Werner was forced to stop teaching. We had to cancel our April and May courses. Werner is optimistic though, and with God's help, hopes to teach again in June or July. But . . . he will no longer do so by himself.

If you know of any Firearms Safety Instructor, licensed by the Firearms Education Service of Ontario, or Hunter Education Instructor, licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources, who is looking for a place to teach, (*or as in Werner's case - getting on in years*), and would like to continue teaching, but a full course by himself is too tiring - then please contact Yvonne at (416) 487-4477, or email: [info@torontosportsmens.ca](mailto:info@torontosportsmens.ca)



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## Buy & Sell Information

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!