



**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 18th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. - TSA Clubhouse, 2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66, Toronto.

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

Peter Edwards	Jack Summers
Richard Latorre	Paul Delaat
Werner Menzel	

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

Cliff Gissane	William Jenkins
Blaise Iannaci	Sam Najib
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.

**President's Message**

*By Jack Summers, President*

**2016 is the Year for Change!**

Dear Friends,

As we grow older together we tend to get comfortable with the present and remember the “*Good Ole Days*” without really having a plan for positive growth. As you may recall, last year I wrote a message talking about how “*still waters run deep*”. I cannot begin to explain how grateful I am of the efforts put forth by many of the Directors and the Staff, allowing the Toronto Sportsmen's Association to continue business as usual. I think it appropriate to speak collectively in thanking Yvonne Gissane for her relentless efforts in keeping the Club running smooth day in and day out. I also wish to sincerely thank June Samme for her equally consistent effort in watching over our finances. Both Yvonne and June are an amazing support system for the Association and we are lucky to have them on our team. Even in the toughest of times, these ladies rise to the occasion and answer the bell.

It is fair to say that the 2016 Toronto Sportsmen's Show was a HUGE leap forward. The new facility combined with a return to its history of captivating Spring Break was an amazing transformation from recent history. Each and every day showed record traffic through the doors and the kids returned with a vengeance. I understand that the attendance figures by midday Friday surpassed all last year... with 2.5 days to go! I believe that the Saturday was the busiest day I have seen at any show ever and it really reminded me of what I remember the Toronto Sportsmen's Show really was. Congratulations to Walter Oster, Peter Lockhart and all of our Friends at the Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows.

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The planning, coordination and execution of our participation at the 2016 Toronto Sportsmen's Show was superb. The entire team lead by Paul Delaat and Blaise Iannaci under the guidance of our "resident expert" Peter Edwards arose to the challenge of creating excellent Air Rifle and Archery Ranges in a completely new venue. Of course they could not have done it alone and the efforts of all of the volunteers are to be commended. It is my opinion that this was the BEST Toronto Sportsmen's Show the Club has participated with in years! Special Thanks to Rick Latorre and Wendy DeWilde for their tireless involvement too!

Our Education program headed by Werner Menzel slowed to a stop last year due to some health concerns and a lack of approved Teachers. We have people in place (*including Werner*) to start again but are awaiting opportunities and approvals by the CFO. It is our wish to continue all Firearms and Hunter Education Courses by Fall 2016

Spring is upon us and the outdoor range is now open. We are hoping for an improved *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 April through December 2016. 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.

With more plans in the works, more change needed and new additions to announce, I look forward to seeing you at the Annual AGM with hopes that more good news and a safe 2016 awaits us all.

Sincerely,

Jack Summers  
President

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## Latvian Range

The Latvian Range will be open from April 2<sup>nd</sup>, every Saturday (except April 23<sup>rd</sup>) **Including long weekends!** (*Unless otherwise notified*). 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. Especially Handgun members who have not renewed. Although you do not need an ATT any longer, the club is still required to notify the CFO if you are not a member in good standing, and should you not be a member of another club, the CFO might revert your PAL back to only the 5 conditions and not the 6 conditions that is attached to your PAL.

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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 2016

By Peter Edwards and Paul Delaat

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 2016 show was held at the International Centre in Mississauga for the first time!

For her fourth 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, Pat Edwards, Paul Delaat, Andrew Mackevicius, Stephen Reynolds and his crew, Yvonne Gissane, June Samme, John Smith, William Jenkins, Rob Smith, 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, 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 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, CNSS, thanks to all the Volunteers who made this year a success!

See you in 2017! New Dates: March 15-19, 2017 (*March Break*).  
Location: The International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga.

The Montreal Salon Camping Show was an excellent one this year. The Hunting Hall in Montreal created a great interest for show visitors. Thanks Luce, Roger 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

For Information on Casting, please contact Ron Bolton for more information - (416) 282-7912.

## Metro Pistol League Report

By Stephen Reynolds, TSA Team Captain

Sorry we were not able to field a team for the MPL last year, hopefully this year we can.

Typically, there are 6 matches per season, starting in November, ending in February. You don't have to be a crack shot, just an interest in doing better this time, than last, and striving to do better the next time out.

If you have an interest, come see me at the range, and you can see for yourself what it's all about. Call the office for the next time I am scheduled at the range, or contact me directly at [stephen@sstn.ca](mailto:stephen@sstn.ca).

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## Some Updates . . .

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

**Latvian Range** - We had another great time at the Latvian Club Range in Mount Albert for our Handgun and Rifle shooters last year, and we are aiming to do the same this year!

We had our first day of shooting earlier this year - on April 2nd. The range will be open from April 2<sup>nd</sup>, every Saturday (except April 23<sup>rd</sup>) **Including long weekends!** (Unless otherwise notified). There will be AM and PM Range Officers on duty. Please also remember that we share the grounds with the Latvian Club members, and we ask all our members to respect their generosity by keeping the grounds clean and abiding by their rules, as well as our own.

So far, we haven't had too much of a turnout, but we're hoping for better weather which should help in that regard! After all, it's a great place to picnic, shoot, sit back relax, and get reacquainted with old friends and make new ones.

We look forward to bringing in new members and guests to visit us at the Latvian Club Range. We would like to thank our existing members and Safety Range Officers for again sharing their friendliness and expertise (*as well as their guns on some occasions*), with any new members and guests.

**Toronto Sportsmen's Show** - Well, we had another fantastic time at the Toronto Sportsmen's Show in our new home at the International Centre in Mississauga! The surroundings, services, and people were just great! The new large venue had a fantastic attendance. I'm sure the new 5-day show, during March Break had a lot to do with that. And of course being accessible by most of the major highways, and Free Parking helped!

I would also like to thank the more than 100 volunteers who were able to help us - from setting up, during the show, and helping with the tear-down. Many of our own club members (*new and old*) were a great help. Many of our volunteers are from other clubs as well, and offer their help without hesitation. We really couldn't do it without all of you!

**Help** - Remember, 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!*

## Buy & Sell

Some of our members have some items for Sale which are listed below. Please consider supporting our Members when you are looking for these items!

### *For Sale:*

CZ 9 MM black Czech Rep. pistol with laser site, 3 magazines and belt clip for two magazine used in great condition \$600

S&W 38 special long barrel revolver, modified to single action, blue colour, wood and plastic grips good used condition \$725

I can send pictures of the guns to your email. If Interested, please contact Angelo Picamilho at [apicamilho@hotmail.com](mailto:apicamilho@hotmail.com)

### *For Sale:*

Colt .45 SSA. 3rd. Generation. Best offer. If Interested, please contact Wilfried at [wilfriedjussen@hotmail.com](mailto:wilfriedjussen@hotmail.com)

### *3 Items for Sale:*

Harrington & Richardson Arms Co., Worcester, Mass. U.S.A.  
Model 121, Bolt action (blocked to load 3) 20ga. 2 3/4"  
Good starter gun for teen!

North American Arms, Toronto, Canada.  
Mallard Model 7, 20 ga. 2 3/4". Single shot break open barrel.  
Used less than 10 times. Good starter gun for teen!

Lee Enfield Mk V. WWII  
.303 British (sportified).  
Accurate w/open or field sight 100-400yds



Interested persons may contact Trevor at home at (905) 791-4266, or through the TSA office.

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## In Memory

Earl Barr passed away March 31, 2016. He was a good friend to the TSA.

Earl joined back in 1965. He was a Life Member, a Director and a Vice President for many years. He was also a Range Officer in both Rifle and Handgun, participated in the Metro Pistol League and was one of the starters of the Handgun Section in TSA.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Joyce and his family.



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## Donations and Bequests



***Did you know you could make a Donation at any time, or a Bequest to us in your Will?***

Please remember the Toronto Sportsmen's Association with an Individual Donation or Bequest so that we may be able to continue to serve our members, and inspire future generations. Our goal is and has always been, to encourage outdoor enthusiasts to join TSA and enjoy the many activities and programs that we have to offer. All Donations are greatly appreciated, and allow us to continue to inspire young, new members and keep our traditions alive and well for decades to come.

## Safety on the Range – Painful Brass!

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

*(I published this in 'The Outdoor Crest' over 5 years ago, but with the new Shooting Season upon us, I 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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## Open House and BBQ!



Don't miss our  
Open House and Barbeque  
for TSA Members and Guests  
on June 18!

*More information will follow.*



### 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.

## Did You Know . . .

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

We are looking for some interesting articles from our members that may be near and dear to your heart for our Newsletter! Articles could be about some new (*or old*) Handgun or Rifle you just received or tried, Reloading, Archery, Fishing or Casting, or just anything you think may be of interest to our members.

Let me start the ball rolling with our first '**Did You Know**' article by giving you some information *About Us and Our History!* (*This also appears on our Website, but it's nice to look back to see where we came from!*)



### **About Us and Our History!**

Our Association was founded in 1925 under the name Toronto Anglers.

Our goals in the beginning were aimed at fish restoration and conservation projects related to fisheries. As our Association grew, we added Hunters to our name to include all outdoor enthusiasts. Our new name, Toronto Anglers & Hunters Association, expanded our goals, projects, and outdoor programs. Shooting became a large part of our activities.

Two major projects kept us busy in the early 1960's. First, the Cold Creek Conservation area was developed with the Metropolitan Regional Conservation Authority and our Association. Rifle Ranges, Skeet & Trap, Dog Trials, and Archery became the programs at Cold Creek to better train outdoor enthusiasts. Our former President, Vic Evans, who found the need to emphasize the safe use of firearms for shooting and hunting, founded Hunter Safety Training at Cold Creek.

The second major project was the Nogies Creek Muskie Research Project. This project was funded by proceeds from the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show. Students from Ichthyology at the ROM learned under our director, Dr. Ed Crossman, who founded the project to learn more about the Muskie in the Kawartha Lakes. Today, all of the research data can be found at the University in Peterborough.

Following our natural progression of Casting and Fishing, Rifle Shooting, Skeet & Trap, and Archery, we formed a Hand Gun Shooting section. In 1970, Hand Gun was spearheaded by Ray Tofflemire, Ken Gregory, John Borson, Earl Barr, Bob Burden, Roy Dunlop, and several other enthusiastic members. Our Range Officers are certified with the Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA), formerly the Ontario Hand Gun Association, to ensure the best and safest instruction to all Hand Gunners. Today, this section is our largest activity.

We have continued the work of Hunter Education Courses and expanded to include training for Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC), now called Possession and Acquisition License (PAL), for both non-restricted, and restricted firearms.

In 1983, to better reflect our programs, courses and activities, we changed our name to the Toronto Sportsmen's Association (TSA).

Growing out of our dedication to the outdoors, 1948, our President, Dr. Francis H. Kortright, with the help of TSA members, founded the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show. To date, the show has raised over 29 million dollars for Conservation, Wildlife Restoration, Outdoor Education, and Special Projects in Canada.

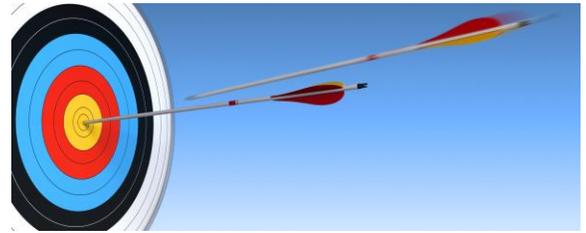
Our ninety-one+ year heritage is a long one. We have grown to meet the needs of our members and the public who often call upon us for seminars and demonstrations. You can see us at the Sportsmen's Show, where we have participated every year since its formation in 1948!

**Another Historical Note:** In 1927, two years after the formation of Toronto Anglers, several of our members expanded the base of outdoor members in Ontario to form the **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters!**

## Archery News! All TSA Members!

By Rick Latorre, Archery Director

Anyone interested in meeting at the outdoor range in Seton Park, please contact me, Rick, by email at [rookl@sympatico.ca](mailto:rookl@sympatico.ca), or by texting me at 647-333-6826. If that's not possible, then go ahead and call me.



This invitation is extended to experienced archers, as well as anyone wishing to try archery for the first time.

We will have equipment for people to use. I'll have more info regarding where to park, accessibility, and range rules and etiquette very soon.

I do know that crossbows are not permitted, and only arrows with target points are allowed. When I get a few responses, we will discuss which day of the week will be best.

The Seton Park range is on the south side of the Ontario Science Centre west off Don Mills Rd. There is a vehicle entrance off the east side of Thorncliffe Park Rd., just a bit south of Overlea Blvd. leading to a parking area. Then there is 10 minute walk north to the range.

For those of you that have Internet access, check out [archerytoronto.ca](http://archerytoronto.ca). I hope to see many of you out!

Rick Latorre. [rookl@sympatico.ca](mailto:rookl@sympatico.ca)



Our website is found at [www.torontosportsmens.ca](http://www.torontosportsmens.ca) is the best resource to find out what's going on at the club in a general sense. Since this domain is in the public, we will continue to limit personal information and other sensitive information that could prove not to be in our best interest as a shooting club. In the near future, we will create a member login page where current members can log in and find newsletters, detailed activities and other information related to TSA.



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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!