



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 24th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. - TSA Clubhouse, 2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66, Toronto.

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

Cliff Gissane	William Jenkins
Blaise Iannaci	Sam Najib
Stephen Reynolds	

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

Peter Edwards	Jack Summers
Richard Latorre	Paul Delaat
Werner Menzel	Wendy DeWilde

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

Well another year has come and gone and we are all left wondering "where did the time go"?

Plenty of good things happened at the Club this past year and I am proud to say that we are holding our own in tough times. In fact, I think it fair to say that TSA is starting a slow climb back up the hill after being devastated by government policies and range closures.

Over the past year, the Executive has been involved in searching new range opportunities and has hopes that there will be positive news in the year coming. We have no plans to change our current range day or times at the Latvian Club and are pleased to say that the range has had some significant upgrades to satisfy the CFO this Spring. Once opened, we will schedule a few events including an OPEN HOUSE and SPECIAL EVENT DAY for members and guests. Thanks to Stephen, Rick, Wendy and the RO's for doing a great job for us.

Recently we celebrated the 70th year of the Toronto Sportsmen's Show working hand in hand with our Canadian National Sportsmen's Show partners in providing the very best show in many years. The Toronto Sportsmen's Show exhibited a renewed and revitalized space with major upgrades to our Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range, Archery Range and Electronic Range. We are proud to have added much needed new equipment including Air Rifles (*thanks to Crosman*), new Bows (*thanks to Bowtech*), new Arrows (*thanks to Gold Tip*) plus new targets, signage and more! The space looked great and was well managed by our team.

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At this time, I want to recognize one of the biggest achievements in our Club's History. Peter Edwards, TSA's Executive Director has lived and breathed the Toronto Sportsmen's Show for 70 years, faithfully serving the Club and providing guidance to the many volunteers. I believe Pete's efforts, tenacity and commitment to excellence has undoubtedly benefitted TSA and the Toronto Sportsmen's Show immeasurably. Please join me in offering a sincere THANK YOU to Pete for a job well done. He has a crew of trained volunteers and has passed the reigns down to Paul Delaat to lead the club's Toronto Sportsmen's Show events. You can reach out anytime by email phedwards@sympatico.ca

I also wish to sincerely thank Paul Delaat, Blaise Iannaci, Rick Latorre, Wendy DeWilde, Stephen Reynolds, Yvonne Gissane, June Samme, Andrew Mackecicius, William Jenkins, Pat Edwards, Annamaria and Ashley Iannaci, Rob Smith, John Smith, Berni Minegarten, Larissa Valentine, Brendan Sergio, Peter Helmish, Jim McHugh, Laslo Szabo and the many other volunteers for their tremendous efforts in making the 2017 Toronto Sportsmen's Show a complete success.

Let's make 2017 another successful year together.

Sincerely,

Jack Summers
President

Latvian Range

The Latvian Range will be open from April 29th, every Saturday ***Including long weekends!*** (*Unless otherwise notified*). There will be AM and PM Range Officers on duty.

Because of the new conditions on our PAL (*Restricted*) License that allow us to go to and from Gun Ranges, Gun Shows and Gunsmiths, we no longer need an 'Invitation Letter' to the range as in previous years. **BUT** - you will need to have a Current TSA Membership Card displayed and visible to the RO, as well as a Current Valid PAL.

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 could revert your PAL back to only the 5 conditions and not the 6 conditions that is attached to your PAL.

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 2017

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 2017 show was held at the International Centre in Mississauga for the 2nd time!

For her fifth 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, Cadets, 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 and click on our 'Photo Album'.

On behalf of the CNSS, thanks to all the Volunteers who made this year a success!

See you in 2018! New Dates: March 14-18, 2018 (*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 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!

Casting

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

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 are having our first day of shooting on April 29th. The range will be open from April 29th, every Saturday **including long weekends!** (Unless otherwise notified - Check with the Office or the Website to be sure). 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. This is a great place to picnic, shoot, sit back relax, and get reacquainted with old friends and make new ones.

Also please note - Because of the new conditions on our PAL (*Restricted*) License that allow us to go to and from Gun Ranges, Gun Shows and Gunsmiths, we no longer need an 'Invitation Letter' to the range as in previous years. **BUT** - you will need to have a Current TSA Membership Card displayed and visible to the RO, as well as a Current Valid PAL. **Also - Please DO NOT contact Dainis or the Latvian Club under any condition - address all inquiries directly to the office!**

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! We were also able to introduce some new equipment and signage this year! 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 year would be possible without all 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!

The Toronto Sportsmen's Show 2017 – Recap and Thanks!

By Paul Delaat, Show Director

Our biggest involvement as a Club 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, who worked so hard to get volunteers for this years' show, as well as June for her help in keeping the books in order! Well Done!

This year the Airgun Range again created a large interest to our show, allowing visitors to have fun and test their skills. Thank you to Blaise Iannaci for his support, as well as all the Range Officers - it would not have worked without them. Thank You!

I would like to thank Annamaria and Ashley Iannaci, as well as their entire crew in the loading room for a job well done! Thanks goes to Pat and Peter Edwards for their help and contribution in the loading room. A special thank you goes to the Archery Range that was managed by Rick Latorre and his team of volunteers in making 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 International Centre staff for their hard work! Thank you to Walter Oster-Chairman, Peter Lockhart-President, Jennifer Allaby-Show Manager, and the entire show staff!

Metro Pistol League Report

Looking to have some Fun! - You are Invited to Participate in the Metro Pistol League!

Continuing a longstanding tradition by participating in the Metro Pistol League in the past, we would like to continue to put in great effort and enjoy good fellowship, good sportsmanship and have a lot of fun!

. . . But, we need your help!

Lately, we have not had any interest! We need a commitment of at least 4 people to participate in 6 matches - This is a great opportunity to improve your bullseye shooting, and we would like you to be a part of our Team! If you have an interest in participating in a Bullseye Shooting Competition and joining our Team, NOW is the time to let us know!

Please Contact Yvonne at the office as soon as possible if you have an interest in joining our team! Don't be shy! You will have lots of fun, and may just improve your shooting skills!

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!

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 the TSA office at (416) 487-4477.

Safety on the Range – Painful Brass!

By Blaise Iannaci, Director and Webmaster

(I published this in 'The Outdoor Crest' over 7 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!

Open House and BBQ!



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

More information will follow.

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.

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.

I started the ball rolling with this first '**Did You Know**' article last year, 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!*). I thought it would be worth re-publishing to remind us (*and new members*) of our history!



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.

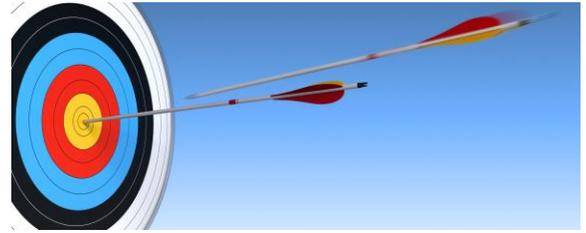
Our ninety-one+ year heritage is a long one. We have grown to meet the needs of our members and the public who often call upon us for seminars and demonstrations. You can see us at the Sportsmen's Show, where we have participated every year since its formation in 1948!

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, 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. I hope to see many of you out!

Rick Latorre. rookl@sympatico.ca



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 in order to get you added to our distribution list.



Our website is found at 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!