



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

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**Annual General Meeting**

*By Peter Edwards, Executive Director*

Members are reminded that our Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. - TSA Clubhouse, 2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66, Toronto.

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

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

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

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

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 Robert L. Haynes, President*

As we did last year, we have secured the use of the Latvian outdoor range for Saturday shooting. This is a great, relaxing way of shooting in the summer time.

Our range dates start on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2011 and the only Saturday where we will not have the use of the range is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.2011. Additional Saturdays where there may not be any shooting would be those that fall on a long weekend as we do not schedule range officers for duty on those dates. If a RO chooses to go in on a long weekend, it would be optional on his part and we cannot guarantee that there would be somebody there.

Some changes in range rules that we all must adhere too.

- 1. No shooting unless a range officer is present.
- 2. All shooting positions are for standing only. No prone, kneeling, or sitting. CPFO mandated until range has been upgraded.
- 3. Any individual below the height of 5' 6" must use the riser, which is provided. CPFO mandated by their "no blue sky policy"
- 4. Any individual standing on the riser and still able to see blue sky between the top of the target and the baffle cannot be allowed to shoot.

It should also be noted that occasionally Latvian members might join us. When that happens, the TSA range officer will be in charge and our range commands and procedures will be in effect.

There are a few BBQ's there for your use as well; just keep the place clean.

New baffles are being built for the 50-meter range and the work is expected to be completed by the end of May, weather permitting.

## The Toronto Sportsmen's Show 2011

*By Peter Edwards, Executive Director*

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 63 years of holding the Sportsmen's Show at the CNE, the show moved to 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, Cliff, Pat Edwards, Blaise and Annamaria Iannaci, Stephen Reynolds and his crew, Dave Ball, June Samme, John Smith, Werner Menzel, Peter Hemlich, Paul Delatt, Larry Whitmore 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 the kids, Dale Valentine, John Fitzgibbon, 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 2012 for the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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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!

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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!

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## Marksmanship Program

Ray Tofflemire will hold a Marksmanship Program on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:30pm at our offices - 2700 Dufferin St., Unit 66, Toronto. All are welcome! Please call, email, or phone the office if you would like to attend.

## Metro Pistol League Report

By Jack Summers, Co-Captain

Well, the Metro Pistol League season is finally over for another year! With the former Miller Government shutting down ranges and causing unnecessary grief to all Clubs in the area, the season got off to a shaky start, but the Toronto Sportsmen's Team was ready, willing and able to move forward and compete! To help promote the sport and activity, action was taken by Team Captain George Worthington to move our Home matches to Sunday afternoons. George came to this decision after polling the Team, ensuring maximum participation and a competitive effort.

The Toronto Sportsmen Team competed in Divisions 4 (*Standard Pistol*) and 14 (*Centre Fire*) against teams from the Maple Leaf Gun Club, the Toronto Revolver Club and the Forest Hill Revolver Club (*unfortunately the South Peel Club withdrew its team this year*). Each match was well attended by both teams (*with exception to the last match vs Toronto Revolver*) and very competitive. I am pleased to announce that the Toronto Sportsmen's Pistol Team went undefeated in all matches this season, thanks to good leadership and efforts to George.

I encourage all members, new and old to get involved in Competitive Bullseye Pistol Shooting. What better way than to do it amongst friends in a comfortable atmosphere? We look forward to another strong season next season and invite all members to join in!!! If you have any questions, comments or require further information, do not hesitate in contacting me at [jsummers0002@rogers.com](mailto:jsummers0002@rogers.com) .

See you at the range!

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## New Upcoming Courses!

### Non-Restricted Firearms Courses

Saturday, May 28, 2011, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, and

Sunday, May 29, 2011, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, and

**Testing:** May 29, 2011 at 2:00 pm

### Hunter Safety Training Courses

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, and

Sunday, June 5, 2011, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, and

**Testing:** June 5, 2011 at 2:00 pm

For Weekend or Daytime Courses for Groups of 5 or more, or for more information, call Yvonne at:

**(416) 487-4477**

**Or Email:** [info@torontosportsmens.ca](mailto:info@torontosportsmens.ca)

A short note from one of our Hunting Students . . .

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the course this weekend. I gained a lot of knowledge over the two days and have a higher appreciation and respect for hunting, and hunters who do it right. What made the course most enjoyable were the personal anecdotes that Werner and Bob shared over the two days. Theory is great, but it's the real life stories that shed light and perspective on all that we learned. I have at least one friend (maybe others) that I'll encourage to take the One Stop in April."*

## 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 will have our first day of shooting earlier this year - on April 2nd. The range will not be available on holidays, but if in doubt please call the office during the week before heading out on the Saturday! 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.

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.

**Royal York Range** - The building which houses our Royal York Range was sold to new owners a little while back, and they have decided to renovate the offices above us. While it may look a bit like a construction zone upstairs, it is *Business As Usual* for our range downstairs! We also have a new cabinet that has been moved into the range thanks to Stephen Reynolds!

**Toronto Sportsmen's Show** - Well, we had another fantastic time at the Toronto Sportsmen's Show in our new home at the Metro Convention Centre! The surroundings, services, and people are just great!

I would also like to thank all the 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!



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## In Memory

Harry Wendland passed away January 18, 2011. Harry joined us back in the sixties. He was a long time Handgun and Rifle shooter. Harry was a founding Director of Wilderness Survival and remained a Director for many years. Harry has setup many terrific wildlife exhibits at the Toronto Sportsmen's Shows for many years and deep down, he just loved to Hunt & Fish!

Our Sincere Condolences goes out to Harry's family and friends.