



The OUTDOOR CREST



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President's Message

By Robert L. Haynes, President

Xmas message 2011

As we look back on the year 2011 the one thing that we cannot say is that it was a very dull year. It seemed that there was always something that was changing or in need of fixing.

The most upsetting issue would have to be the loss of the Royal York shooting range where we shot for close to 30 years. This was one loss we could not blame on City Hall. New building owners and building renovations were to blame. The good news is that the club that was on the head lease has found a new location, with a landlord that is more than cooperative; stumbling block is getting city hall to approve Bylaw changes to allow for a shooting range. This is being aggressively pursued at many levels and we are cautiously optimistic that this will be resolved. The fact of the matter is that as Toronto gets ready to host the PANAM games, City Hall is finally starting to realize that there is little or no place for them to deal with the shooting portion of the games; they need ranges, and fast.

Weekend shooting at the outdoor range is now drawing to a close for this year. We were able to extend our shooting season into mid December. If the weather cooperates we may be able to get an early start next year.

I would also like to remind all of our shooting members to not forget to renew your membership as it will directly affect the renewal of your ATT (*Authorization to Transport*).

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, safe and prosperous 2012



The Canadian National Sportsmen's Show

Early in the new year we shall send out our Volunteer Sheet, and would hope that you would be able to give us some of your time to run the Airgun Range, Archery Range, and our new item which we introduced last year - the Shooting Simulator.

Should you know of any student who is looking to complete their community service hours, please ask them to consider helping us out at the show. We guarantee they will have a great time, meet new friends, and we would love to have them!

CNSS / TSA Dinner

As mentioned in our last newsletter, The Canadian National Sportsmen's Show will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary this coming year, and in celebration of it they are hosting a dinner which will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012, at the Metro Convention Centre, 255 Front Street West, 2 blocks west of York Street.

As they did on their 60th Anniversary, they have again asked the Toronto Sportsmen's Association to participate in this event.

There are still spots available. Tickets are \$40.00 per person, and should you wish to attend, please call Yvonne and we would ask that you send in a cheque ASAP in order to reserve a spot. As usual, there will be great draw prizes!

Metro Pistol League

The Metro Pistol League has started and TSA's team got off to a great start! As always, new shooters are always welcome. If you have an interest in participating in Team TSA, please contact Team Captain George Worthington at (416) 444-0951, or Jack Summers at jack@radioworld.ca or telephone (416) 963-0614.

Firearm Safety Courses / Hunting Safety Courses

Werner Menzel and Robert Haynes courses are going great. Their next four courses are Jan / Feb / April and May. 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 Course dates are:

Non-Restricted Firearms Courses

January 14-15, 2012
February 4-5, 2012
April 14-15, 2012
May 26-27, 2012

Hunter Safety Training Courses

January 21-22, 2012
February 11-12, 2012
April 21-22, 2012
June 2-3, 2012



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Buy & Sell

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!