



The OUTDOOR CREST



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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 21st, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. - TSA Clubhouse, 2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 66, Toronto.

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

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

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

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

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

With a new year comes new hopes and new opportunities. The past year has been both busy and exciting for us at the Association. Our largest event of the year (*the Toronto Sportsmen's Show*) is behind us and a HUGE round of applause is due for all involved.

As we all know, the show effort is headed up by Executive Director Peter Edwards. This year Peter has mentored Director Paul Delaat in what it takes to organize and manage this event. The team that Peter and Paul assembled has come through once again and knocked it out of the park! Job well done Team TSA!

Moving forward into the Spring, the outdoor range shooting opportunities (*HG and Rimfire Rifle*) will commence on May 3rd, 2014. We invite all members in good standing out to Saturday shooting opportunities each week at the Latvian Club range. This facility is well maintained and managed by the TSA Range Officers. You will be met with a smile and friends enjoying our sport, sharing stories, experiences and quite often a BBQ lunch! If you have any questions about your membership status or ATT, please contact Yvonne in the office.

Other new opportunities on the horizon include indoor Archery and Air Rifle/Air Pistol. Our Executive is working on agreements to add these opportunities very soon. More information will be announced at the AGM.

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It is our plan that our 2014/2015 membership and activities will be as follows;

General Membership

Casting

Outdoor Rifle (Rimfire only)- (includes CSSA)

Indoor Archery/Air Rifle/Air Pistol/Outdoor Rifle - (includes CSSA)

Outdoor HG/Outdoor Rifle - includes CSSA

All Sports and Activities (HG/Rifle/Archery/Casting/Air gun) - includes CSSA

More information and the cost structure for these member activities will be announced at the AGM. (All members will have the opportunity to upgrade their membership anytime by only paying the difference) There will be no indoor HG opportunities in 2014 at this time.

Other activities on the horizon include open houses, themed shoots, outdoor BBQ's and special event days. These events will be announced on our email reflector and posted to the website.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer and hope to see you soon!

Latvian Range

The Latvian Range will be open from May 3rd, every Saturday (*except long weekends*). There will be AM and PM Range Officers on duty.

Handgun members who hold an 'ATT' permit, and are members in good standing - attached you will find the Invitation Letter to the Latvian Club, and we ask that you carry this letter when you go to the range. We will mail another letter mid-year, which will cover you until December 31, 2014.

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!

Firearm Safety Courses / Hunting Safety Courses

Werner Menzel's courses are going great, and have had excellent attendance. His April courses are completely full, and his May courses are filling up fast.

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*).

Casting

The Canadian Casting Championships will be held June 7-8, 2014 in Toronto.

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

The Toronto Sportsmen's Show 2014

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 67 years of holding the Sportsmen's Show, we have now moved back to the CNE grounds.

Our new location is a perfect fit for our Association and is easy for the Show visitors to enjoy.

For her second 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 Yvonne Gissane, Pat Edwards, Blaise and Annamaria Iannaci, Ashley Iannaci, Paul Delatt, Andrew Mackevicius, Stephen Reynolds and his crew, June Samme, John Smith, Werner Menzel, Peter Helmich, Jim McHugh, Laszlo Szabo, 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 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 years show, please visit our website at: 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 2015!

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!

In Memory

Sal Termini passed away suddenly in early February. He was a good friend to the TSA. For many years he was a mainstay when we were at the Hutchinson Range.

Sal was a Range Officer, Handgun Safety Training Instructor, and during his time, was a recipient of the President's Challenge Award and the F.H. Kortright award.



Condolences go out to Sal's family. He will be sadly missed.

Metro Pistol League Report

By Jack Summers, 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 2013/2014 season has ended now and I would like to thank Claude Del Tatto, Stephen Reynolds, Roman Gawur, Mark Palmer and Shasha Navazesh for their participation this year.

In preparation for the fall season, we will also organize training and practice sessions starting summer 2014 during our Saturday shooting opportunities. If you have interest in Bullseye Shooting Competition and joining our Team, please email me at <president@torontosportsmens.ca> anytime.

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.



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 have 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.



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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!