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Ontario Skeet Shooting Newsletter

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Membership—25\$ per year

Your OSSA Website:

www.ontarioskeet.com

Message from The President:

Jim Malcolm

Hi Everyone,

First off, I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope that you all are doing your best to stay safe and healthy during this crazy time. Unfortunately some of our members and familiar faces around the OSSA are currently dealing with some health issues. I hope that you know that our thoughts are with you during these challenging times.

With the recently tightened guidelines I hope there is still some opportunity for you to get out and enjoy the sport that we are all very passionate about. In Barrie we are doing our best to provide our members with a safe environment, and a much needed outlet for recreation and fresh air while shooting some skeet and other outdoor shooting activities. On the skeet fields we have implemented an online booking system to ensure that we can stay within the maximum group sizes mandated in the Ontario Government guidelines. Unfortunately the popular "Penguin" winter skeet league has been put on hold for the time being, but we look forward to getting back to it as soon as we can.

Although we did not have an AGM, your board is in constant communication with each other dealing with regular as well as new business. We are excited about some new achievement awards that we will be giving out along with the existing All Star recognition, as well as the return of the "Piggyback Tour". As you can see on the 2021 shoot schedule we have some new dates, and we look forward to filling up the empty weekends in the years to come.

One of the other items that we would like to tackle this year is the revitalization of the OSSA website in the hopes of making it a more resourceful tool for our members and potential new members. For this task we would like to reach out to you, our members for assistance, if any of you have web design experience and would be will-

sistance. If any of you have web design experience and would be willing to help out please drop me a line via e-mail or text message and I will get back to you.

I wish I knew what 2021 has in store for us, but regardless of what happens we are going to do our best to make this skeet shooting season as enjoyable as we can for the members of the OSSA.

I look forward to seeing you all at a Gun Club in the near future, but until then please do your best to maintain the Three W's – Watch your distance, Wear a mask, and Wash your hands.

Be Safe, and I wish good health for you all,

Jim iims98flhtci@gmail.com

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The Annual General Meeting in November 2020 was cancelled due to the increase in Covid cases and further restrictions.

A tele conference meeting of the board of Directors was held Dec 1 2020. Highlights

Meeting call to order 7:05 Directors Attending: victor Fink, Keith Hutcheson, Brad Mcrae ,Steve Malcolm ,Douglas Steed, Jim Malcolm, Tony Raponi, Dean Herzberg, Jennie Marsh

- 1.It was moved and seconded that the current membership and club fees will remain unchanged 2. Bids for the Ontario Provincial Ontario Open were discussed. Waterford Gun Club was selected to host the Ontario Open for July 23,24,25 2021.
- 3. The 2021 tentative shoot schedule was reviewed and approved subject to confirmation of Waterford and Hamilton dates Note: this has subsequently been done and a final schedule is included in station 9
- 4. A motion was approved for the current Board of Directors and Executive continue in their roles until covid restrictions are lifted and a Annual Meeting can be held possibility at the spring meeting or Ontario Open.
- 5. victor Fink provided an extensive report on the Ontario Council of Shooters. One member of the OCS Emily Brown of the OPTA has attended numerous meetings with the provincial government sport agency and other PSOs in determining how to deal with the economic and social

effects Covid 19 has had on individual organizations. She also took the lead and sent a mutipage letter to Minister Bill Blair, apprising him of the economic benefits generated by shooting clubs and their activities while exposing the social and economic impact that the governments

firearms re-classification will have across the country. Jennie Marsh added to the report that the OCS received the total grant for 2020 –2021 and has been distributed to the member organizations.. Early November a letter from the Ministry was received regarding additional funding (Emergency Federal Funding determined using the Ontario Amateur Sport Funding model. The OCS will distribute the funds to the member organizations.

- 6, The current OSSA Policies on the website were reviewed and approved. This review must take place every 3 years.
- 7. Champion and Runner up plaques were approved for purchase for the 2020 Ontario Open and will be presented retroactivity to the recipients.

 8 The 2021 World Junior Championships will be held at Rochester –Brooks Club July 22-25 2021.

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Discussion re the OSSA website. Jim will ask for a volunteer to look after the website in his presidents address.

10.Piggy back tour will be tried again for 2021. Steve will do a write up for station 9

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Congratulations to our Past President Steve Malcolm who has been elected as NSSA Vice President. A great honour for him and well deserved Congratulations to Brad McRae who is elected zone 8 director

OSSA Membership Renewal

Renew your OSSA membership You can use the forms included with this issue of Station 9 or renew at shoots.

You must be a member of OSSA and NSSA to shoot registered targets in Ontario.

Complimentary Memberships

The NSSA for the past several years has offered a Limited Complimentary Membership for new shooters to try registered skeet. The OSSA has matched this program with a free annual membership to our provincial association. The Board of Directors of the OSSA has confirmed that these complimentary memberships will continue for 2018 This membership is available to those shooters who have never shot registered skeet prior to 2018. Shooters must be a member of both NSSA and OSSA to shoot registered skeet in Ontario. We are encouraging shoot directors to introduce registered skeet shooting to as many new members as possible. As a new registered shooter you are receiving a NSSA Limited Membership (40 US Value)and an OSSA (\$25 Value) . You may register for these membership at a registered shoot or by contacting your club skeet shoot director. This is a great way to get out to registered shoots for the year. Remember in registered shooting you shoot in your own class so you don't have to be the worlds best shooter before you try registered shooting

Past President OSSA and NSSA Vice President Steve Malcolm.

Good day,

I hope this letter finds everyone healthy and coping as best you can in these trying (and very unusual) times. By the time you read this I will have assumed my role as Vice President of the NSSA based in San Antonio, Texas and while it was a very challenging year in the Ontario Skeet circles, it was even more so in the entirety of the NSSA. Back in March; when the Covid -19 pandemic shut things down, a "worst case" scenario (basic expenses, salaries, taxes, etc.) was outlined and it was determined that the NSSA / NSCA needed \$3.2 million dollars to keep things running. If things were totally shut down and we had no revenue from targets and events, the NSSA / NSCA would be in a very precarious position. However, due to a comprehensive austerity program and the fact that many of the events that did take place were better attended than forecast, the association will begin 2021 approximately \$250 K in the red, which while not ideal, is a lot better than it looked like it would be earlier in the year. There was a LOT of conference calls and emails that took place this year, but the results have been worth it. Hopefully, there will be enough of a positive effect of the vaccines that have been released (along with continued social distancing, hand washing and masks) that the entire skeet world will be back to the "new normal" in the spring of 2021.

Closer to home, I have been participating in the Penguin Skeet League at the Barrie Gun Club since October. I have to commend the folks at Barrie for the levels of participation and comradeship that they have been experiencing during the league events. Over 50 shooters have been in attendance for the series of 100 bird races, necessitating OSSA President and Barrie Skeet Director Jim Malcolm to ask the retired folks if they can do their shooting on Fridays to make room for the productive members of society on Saturdays. Some of the scores have been great, some not so much...but everyone is having a great time and cheering each other on. It is a great way for some recreational shooters to dip their toes into some semblance of competition. From a club standpoint, the targets thrown result in profit which is turned back into club improvements, which is very evident at Barrie. 2020 saw the OSSA "Piggy Back Tour" put on hold. We hope that as the season breaks that we can resume the Tour and build upon the success that we did see in 2019. The Tour is based loosely upon the ideas first thrown out by Charlie Peacock and Don Walton a few years ago. While each of the events is separate and operates under their own guidelines, the OSSA will compile the individual scores from each event towards determining winners for five classes of High All Around (HAA) scores. \$1,000.00 has been set aside to pay for significant prizes of eligible winners. Some improvements to the tour guidelines have been made based upon feedback that we received in 2019. The gauge scores that are used for the tour will be your BEST score for that particular gauge, as opposed to your FIRST score. This gives you the opportunity to improve (hopefully) as you go. There will also be the opportunity to shoot some extra targets at the Ontario Provincial Championships that can be combined with your Provincial Championship scores if you are not able to get to enough of the Piggy Back Tour events to score in all five of the guns. Currently, there are 12 events on the Ontario Schedule that could contribute to your HAA scores and we are negotiation at this point for a few more sites. Please look for more details in the future.

Shoot well and shoot often,

Steve Malcolm OSSA Past President

74th Ontario Open Provincial Championship Waterford Ontario July 23,24,25

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Chief Referee news: Douglas Steed

I hope this edition of station 9 finds everyone healthy and safe as we enter a new year. I'm looking ahead to our 2021 Skeet season with excitement, there have been a few additions to our schedule and it certainly is great to see. I hope everyone is keeping their button fingers in shape during the offseason as best they can. There will be quite a few of us that need to update our NSSA Referee certification this year and I am hoping to be able to have a clinic in April at the Barrie Gun Club, Covid-19 situation pending. I will update everyone as things become clearer.

The 2021 Referee test is available on the NSSA website for those that wish to do it ahead of time or might not be able to attend in person. You can fill it in and send it to me by email or letter mail for processing. Please include the application form as well since the NSSA does keep them on file. The 3 year fee is \$10.00 US funds, it can be made payable to me through check or e-transfer at which point I will contact the NSSA to process the applications to them. If you are unsure about the status of your certification please feel free to contact me.

Even if you are currently only planning on participating as a shooter, it doesn't hurt to be aware of the proper rules for our game. If you already certified through this year, I can only recommend you to take the test again and keep some of the possible situations and rules fresh in your mind.

Additionally, referee talent is always needed. If there is someone that is showing interest or potential at your local club, encourage them and please get them in touch with me. I have attached a few extra tips to keep in mind as we get ready for the coming season.

Stay Healthy & Stay Safe! Douglas Steed O.S.S.A. – Director O.S.S.A. – Chief Referee

Referees Training Procedure on the Field

- Referee performance determines the success or failure of present and future shoots. You are the NSSA and club's representative, as well as an ambassador to the game. Shooters will form a good or bad impression of the club, shoot and NSSA based on how you handle yourself.
- Be at your assigned field and ready to start at least 10 minutes before the scheduled flight time and make sure you have proper equipment (Eyes, Ears, Clipboard, Pencil, etc.)
- Courteously introduce yourself.
- Inform the squad that you will call lost targets and questionable (small pieces) only.
- Ask all shooter's to check their gun's safety and barrel selectors.
- Read the squad line-up order (No changes on the field), event type (ie. 20 ga.), and make sure everyone has eye and ear protection.
- Wish all members of the squad good luck and good shooting.
- At the beginning of each round shooters have the right to observe 2 regular targets from each house.
- Make sure to call lost targets loudly.
- Call small pieces and chips quickly as dead bird (a way to improve your ability to see small pieces is to watch every target that is hit and try to pick out the smallest piece in the air. This also improves concentration. Cont'd Page 8



The Ontario Skeet Shooting Association

Presents the

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL JUNIOR SUMMER GAMES TRIALS

For the week May 24 to 30, 2021

Location for the trials will be

At your local club or at a club you wish to shoot at .Pick any day that week to shoot your 100 targets with any gauge

Cost is club rates plus fees (OSSA and NSSA)

A designate or OSSA Director will be on hand to referee the event

This is a 100 target registered shoot under the rules of NSSA. Juniors must be members of the NSSA and OSSA. . Complimentary Limited Memberships (NSSA) are available for new shooters

The OSSA will provide complimentary Junior memberships to all previously registered Junior shooters and new Junior Shooters. If you have shot registered targets in prior years you must renew your NSSA membership. This can be done on line

All juniors are welcome to participate regardless of ability. Your participation will enhance the inclusion of Junior Skeet in the Ontario Summer Games. Please make every effort to attend and gain the experience for the Games.

Junior age: must not have reached 23 by the date of the event, this is the same as the summer games.

Following the week of trials a committee of the OSSA directors will review the scores and select a team of 10 shooters to attend the Ontario Summer Games in London, Ontario. Two alternates will also be selected

Contact Keith Hutcheson to register Home Phone: 519-780-2547

Cottage: 705-882-1399 Mid May 2021

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NSSA Renewal

You must renew your NSSA membership to shoot registered targets in Ontario. Go to NSSA-NSCA.org to renew if you have not already done so . If you have renewed this year you must go to the skeet section on the website. Enter your name or NSSA number and your password in the member section. Click on My Home Page .You can then print your membership card, classification sheets and previous history. the forms are no longer being mailed so you must get them from the website.

Web designer Needed

One of the other items that we would like to tackle this year is the revitalization of the OSSA website in the hopes of making it a more resourceful tool for our members and potential new members.

For this task we would like to reach out to you, our members for assistance. If any of you have web design experience and would be willing to help out please drop me a line via e-mail or text message and I will get back to you.

Jim jims98flhtci@gmail.com

Ontario Summer Games July 31st –Aug 1 2021 London, Ontario

The Summer Games require a selection process for the shooters with only 10 shooters qualifying for the games .We encourage every sub junior and junior shooter to work hard throughout the winter and spring prior to the trials May 24 -30, 2021; to raise the level of their shooting so you can make the selection process. Each and every shooter has the opportunity to make the team but it does require hard work and practice. We urge each of you to practice with a purpose in mind and not just "shoot shells"; work on your trouble spots: work on specific stations until you can comfortably hit the birds: have a coach help you.

The formal selection will take place after the May selection trials. A committee of OSSA Directors will review the results and announce the team . Trials are at your home club or close to it . This will allow you ample time to practice at this facility so that you may do your very best in the trial . It is also vital to we have both male and female athletes who qualify for the games. Summer games are meant to represent both male and female athletes. Juniors , encourage each other to get out to the trials. Try to shoot any early spring competitions.

The shoot schedule is included in this edition of station 9 so you can plan your skeet year. A new schedule will be released as clubs add to the schedule. There is nothing like shooting in a registered shoot to get you ready for both the Trials and Summer Games.

You must be registered with NSSA and OSSA for these shoots as they are registered shoots. If you have never shot registered skeet you will receive a Limited complimentary NSSA membership. The OSSA provides juniors a free membership each year.

The Summer Games will be held in London, Ontario July 31 to Aug 1, 2021. Shooting will take place at Crumlin Sportsmens Association. The team will be billeted at Western University and transportation to the venue is provided. You will be given a uniform to wear to the opening ceremonies and to medal presentations. Team members will receive further details after the selection process.

Tony and I will need names; address phone numbers, emails of all the juniors who wish to shoot the trials so that I can get the information out to you.

Every junior or sub junior should shoot the trials regardless of the Summer Games age requirements. We must show wide participation in the selection process.

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ONTARIO SKEET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION 2021 SHOOT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u> <u>CLUB</u> <u>TARGETS</u>

March

March 27 (Sat) Kingston Butter Tart Open

April

Apr 25 (Sun) Waterford 200 20 gauge

May

May 1 (Sat) UxbridgeLen Wells Memorial (2 x 100 28 Gauge)

May 8 (Sat) Barrie Barrie 200 12 gauge

May 14-16 (F-S-S) Hamilton The Hamilton Smoke Show (4-Gun + Dbls)

May 24 (Mon) Orillia 21st Annual .410/500 Marathon

May 24-30 Various Ontario Summer Games Trials

May 29 (Sat) Oshawa Oshawa 200 12 gauge

June

June 4-6 (F-S-S) Hamilton AHA Lawry HAHA Shoot

June 12-13 (S-S) Orillia 24th Annual Orillia 4-Gun Open

June 18-19 (F-Sat) Barrie Barrie 200 .410

July

July 9-11 (F-S-S) Kirkfield Knotty Pine 200

July 17-18 (S-S) UxbridgeOrange Blast (4-Gun)

July 21 (Wed) Uxbridge Provincial Warm-Up 4 x 50

July 23-25 (F-S-S) Waterford 74th Ontario Open

July 31 – Aug 1 London Ontario Summer Games/Junior Prov Champs

August

Aug 4-9 OSSA Zone 8 (Orillia,

Aug 13-15 (F-S-S) Waterford Waterford 4-gun + Doubles

Aug 21 (Sat) Kirkfield Piggy Back Make Up Event (2x100s any Gauge)

Aug 27-29 (F-S-S) Hamilton The Down & Dirty (Gun + Doubles)

September

Sept 3-5 (F-S-S) Powassan Northern Ontario Open/Bud Welsh Bumbiter Open

Sept 8 (Wed) Kirkfield Knotty Pine 4x50

Sept 11-12 (S-S) Orillia 43rd Annual Mariposa Open – Doubles (200)

Sept 17-18 (F-Sat) Barrie Barrie 200 20 gauge

July 22-25 Rochester-Brooks, N.Y. World Junior Championships

Winter

Schedule Cont'd

Monthly Targets - 2021

May to September Hamilton Anglers and Hunters

January to December Orillia Gun Club, Orillia

April to October Knotty Pine Skeet Club, Kirkfield

January to December Uxbridge Shooting Sports Club

April to October Rock Cut Shooting Club, Powassan

January to December Kingston & District Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays Club

Chief Referee news Cont'd

• Where to look for the target: With the exception of station 1 high house and 7 low house, look directly into the hole of the house when the shooter is ready to call for his/her target. At station 1 high and 7 low – look approximately 6 feet in front of the gun barrel. If a target appears broken or irregular -your goal is to call that target a NO BIRD as quickly as possible. It is recommended that you clear the house, by throwing another target to assure you do not have several broken targets before proceeding. (Check with the shooter, ask "would you like the house cleared" – most will but some don't).

- **DO NOT** look at the shooter's mouth or try to anticipate their call.
- You should try to keep your pulls uniform! (If you feel the pull was questionable call NO BIRD as quickly as possible, most shooters will appreciate this and understand. Skeet is an outdoor sport, adjacent field noise, wind, spectators etc. can impact the ability to hear a call clearly).
- When it appears that a target has been missed, watch it all the way to the boundary pole before calling it lost. Targets sometimes travel 10 feet or more before falling apart.
- When walking between referees position for station one and two, go in front of the station. Be sure that the shooter is not on the station with a loaded gun pointed at you. (Your goal is to beat the 1st shooter to station 2 this can be done by not recording the last shooter's double score from station one until you are in place for station two).

At the completion of each round, read the scores out loud clearly. At the end of the final round read both that rounds score, and each shooters total score. Ask the shooters to check their scores and have at least one shooter initial the score sheet. You should also initial and/or sign the score sheet after verifying all scores.

Our main purpose is to provide uniform legal pulls and legal targets for the shooters while insuring the safety of everyone on the field. This allows the shooter to focus on their game for maximum score results! The referee is the backbone to a successful competition and taking pride in field etiquette and having competent skills is essential and expected at all times! Your behaviour is a direct reflection on the club, the other referees and the OSSA/NSSA. Take pride in your work!

Wear eye and ear protection at all times!

Always use caution if loading a machine that is running.

Never go out past the skeet houses to retrieve empty shells on station 1, 7 and 8 when there are still fields are being used.

Wear clothing appropriate to weather. A frozen, wet or sunburned referee hurts everyone. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times. Look respectable and tidy!

Report all unsafe conditions to the Chief Referee immediately!

Gun Safety

It is your responsibility to politely advise any shooter or unsafe gun handling practices.

A shooter should never load a shell in their gun unless they are on the station ready to shoot, even if the action is left open.

A shooter should never load more than two shells.

Gun actions must be left open except when shooting.

Guns should never be pointed anywhere except down range.

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Ontario Skeet Shooting Association

2021 Membership Application

Name:	_
Address:	-
Postal Code: Phone Number:	
Email:	
Male Female Sub-Junior/Junior (under 23 for Ontario Provincial Junio Championships and Ontario Summer Games)	r Skeet
Membership Category:	
Individual Member Fee: \$25.00 Sub-Junior/Junior Member Fee: \$1.00 Complimentary Limited Member Fee: \$1.00 Associate Member Fee: \$5.00 Please refer to back of this application for each membership category.	
Waiver, Release & Indemnity-Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks, P. I hereby agree, in return for becoming a member of the Ontario Skeet Shooting Association (OSSA): To release the OSSA, event organization bodies, sanctioning bodies and OSSA sponsors and their respective direc contractors, representatives, successors or assigns (collectively the "Releasees") from any liability for any lo "Loss") that I may suffer as a result of any participation in and transportation to or from any OSSA program breach of contract. To waive any claim that I have or may have against any or all of the Releasees regarding any matter, including wi OSSA programs. To indemnify the releases from any and all claims, actions or Loss resulting in any way from my participation or possa program. This document shall bind my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives and will have effect threather extent reasonably necessary to give it effect, thereafter. That I am (for the child named below is physically fit to participate in any OSSA programs, I am a legal guardian That the OSSA is authorized to take photos of the child named below or me at its programs for publicity and prom I hereby acknowledge and agree that the OSSA may use and disclose the information on this form to enable the OSSA members. I have read and understand this agreement. By submitting this application, I acknowledge having read, understood an Indemnity and further agree to conduct myself in accordance with the "Code of Conduct" at OSSA Sanctioned Events	ctors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, oss, damage, injury or expense (collectively, due to any cause, including negligence or thout limitation, any claim arising out of any participation of the child named below in any bughout my membership in the OSSA and, to or custodial parent of the child named below notional purposes only. SSA to provide membership benefits to all d agree to the above Waiver. Release and
Signature Date	
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian – if Participant is under 18 years of age. Print name of Child Participating and	Relationship
Station 9 only available by email: Email address	
Mail completed form to: OSSA, P.O. Box 96, Hampton, Ontario, L0B 1J0, or, Give completed form with funds to an OSSA Director or to Club at your first registered tourname	nt.

Definitions for categories of Membership

Regular Individual Members - Fee: \$25.00

Subject to Ontario Skeet Shooting Association's rules and regulations, a regular membership allows one to coach or manage OS-SA affiliated member club competitive teams and in OSSA affiliated member club house leagues. Also entitles one to participate in any OSSA sanctioned registered tournament and the Ontario Provincial Championships. In addition, regular members receive the right to vote at the Annual Meetings of Members. A regular individual membership can include the following roles: club executive, coach team manager, elite development program coach, etc. Other membership benefits include a membership sticker and receive OSSA's publication Station 9 for schedule of tournaments, and up to date news and information.

Junior and Sub-Junior Members - Fee: \$1.00

Subject to Ontario Skeet Shooting Association's rules and regulations, a junior or sub-junior membership entitles one to participate in any OSSA sanctioned registered tournament in Ontario. Also entitles one to participate in Ontario Provincial Junior Championships. Other membership benefits include a membership sticker and OSSA's publication Station 9 for schedule of tournaments, results and up to date news and information. Unless full Regular Members fee of \$25.00 is paid, a junior or sub-junior does not have the right to vote at the Annual Meetings of Members.

Complimentary Limited Members (CLM) – Fee: \$1.00

This membership fee is a onetime fee for new members only who have never shot registered targets with another clay target organization. Membership benefits include (1) an OSSA membership sticker, (2) eligibility to compete in registered skeet tournaments, (3) receive OSSA's newsletter Station 9. This membership does not include voting privileges at the Annual Meeting of Members.

Associate Members - Fee: \$5.00

Subject to Ontario Skeet Shooting Association's rules and regulations, an associate membership is a limited membership which entitles the member to receive OSSA newsletter, Station 9 by email. Also, an associate member is limited to being allowed to observe events, but not to participate in the events. An associate membership is a non voting membership.

i agree to allow the OSSA to provide my mailing address for the purpose of promoting OSSA sanctioned events.

Yes No

For complete details on Ontario Skeet Shooting Association's policies and procedures and benefits of Membership, please visit our website at www.ontarioskeet.com Junior membership, CLM, and Associate membership has not changed.

\$10.00 of each Individual Membership will be forwarded to the Ontario Council of Shooters.

Benefits of membership in the Ontario Council of Shooters is:

- (1) Ontario Council of Shooters applies for grants from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- (2) Ontario Council of Shooters is the only target shooting sports Provincial Sport Organization recognized by the MTCS
- (3) Ontario Council of Shooters is the single voice for target shooters in Ontario
- (4) OSSA is included in OCS's website
- (5) Development of Coaches