



2011 CANADIAN NATIONALS

Shooters came from all across Canada to compete in this, the second Canadian National Sporting Clays Association Nationals. The event was held over Labour Day weekend near Cambridge, Ontario, at the Galt Sportsmen's Club. The C.N.S.C.A. welcomed 60 new shooters to its membership list, broadening the opportunity to bring sportsmen and women together under a Canadian Federation.

This year, the three day Nationals included a 100 Pre-lim, 100 5-Stand, 100 FITASC and a 200 Main Event – as well as Make-A-Break.

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Tony Olivieri of Quebec and Robert Meisner of Galt Sportsmen's Club set the targets. The FITASC was held on virgin ground where there was a good mix of open, wooded and elevated shooting positions. The level of difficulty was in the true spirit of the game – very challenging, especially Parcours 3 and 4 also proved to be tricky with most presentations below the shooter's feet.

The Pre-lim and Main Event were shot on the same woodland sporting ground – three times over. However, the presentations were modified each day making for a top class event. There were

plenty of specialty targets.

Thick fog rolled in on Friday morning which delayed shooting by an hour. The Cambridge weather forecast was threatening, but the 'clay gods' were on our side with only a brief downpour toward the end of the afternoon rotation on Saturday. The heat and humidity played a role on Friday and Saturday when at times it felt more like 100 degrees!

The Pre-lim results had a good number of Master class shooters bunched up in the mid to high 80s. Winner was Shawn Stitt on 88. Class honors went to Nat Lamanna (M – 88), Carl Brewster (AA – 73), Steve Ingram (A – 67), Graham Perry (B – 62), Fernando Pereira (C – 77), Gord Braid (D – 56) and James Leader (E – 59).

The 5-Stand was a tough battle between two of the top Ontario shooters – Matt Vaniello and Orazio Fior – and Quebec's Junior, Shawn Stitt. It was Stitt that once more took top honours with 87. Vaniello (86) took M1, Fior (83) was M2 and Grant Kirkup (81) was M3.

In the FITASC, Parcour 1 had high scores posted by Andrew Wysocky, Peter Chiefari and Dr Jan Kulhay – all at 23. Parcour 2's highest score was a 23 from Shawn Stitt and Parcour 3 had only three scores in the 20s. Parcour 4 had five scores in the 20s with a 21 from Stitt to take HOA with 87. Andrew Wysocki (84), Jerry Gagnon (80) and Matt Vaniello (79) took M1-3.

A prime rib beef dinner with all the trimmings, included with the entry fee, was served on a beautiful warm Saturday evening. The evening included the drawing of several raffle prizes and a brief auction to raise funds for the Canadian Prostrate Cancer Foundation.

The Main Event was shot with 100 targets on Saturday and 100 on Sunday. Leading Saturday night was none other than Shawn Stitt with his 94 followed by Ontario's Dr Jan Kulhay with 92 and Quebec's Guy Barette at 90 (a 9 target lead in Veterans). Part-time Canadian and sometimes Barbados team member, Graham Kirby was tied in Super Veterans with Paul Bolce at 81.

Sunday and it was a completely different type of course – some loved it and others hated it. Stitt dug deep and shot a 95 for a clear win with his combined score of 189. John Calautti also shot 95 on Sunday, but having only managed an 89 on Saturday finished Runner up at 184. Doug Harvey performed a turnaround on Sunday with his 83 and a total of 161 to win Super

Veterans with Graham Kirby eight targets adrift. Dexter Harvey, a Sub-Junior, put a whole crowd of seasoned competitive shooters in awe, shooting a 167 which bested all competitors except for the top 13 Master class shooters. Arnie Henning (163) won Juniors, Jessie Rasmussen was top Lady with 123 and Pierre Dubois (160) took Veterans. Class honors went to Tony Ortenzi (M – 181), Guy Barette (AA – 159), Lyle Bramley (A – 147), Paul Bolce (B – 143), Fernando Periera (C – 161), Armando Guido (D – 117) and James Leeder (E – 113).

These shoot results will be used to select the Canadians who will make the international teams

at events such as the World Sporting and/or World FITASC.

The new Canadian National Sporting Clays Champion is young Shawn Stitt of Quebec. He took HOA in the Main along with all the other events – 5-Stand, FITASC and Pre-lim, as well as winning all the \$\$\$ in the Make-A-Break. What a weekend! For complete results and shoot pictures go to www.losttarget.com

The C.N.S.C.A. will be hosting the 2012 North American Open English World Sporting Championship and the first North American FITASC Grand Prix in Canada at the Silver Willows Golf & Sporting Club in Carstairs,

Alberta on July 6-8th (www.silverwillow.ca). The event will be held during the same period as the world famous Calgary Stampede so the whole family can enjoy a good time in the Calgary and Rockies region – reserve your hotel rooms early!

A major thank you needs to go to all this year's Nationals volunteers – especially Marie (the Warden), Ann and Doug Cockburn, Val Carter, Beth Harvey, Jim Moses from Promatic and Bob Meisner – and let's not forget all the sponsors. Thanks also to Doug Harvey and Pierre Dubois who spear headed the organization of this event. ■



LEFT: PAUL TROMMLER (PRESIDENT CNSCA), DOUG HARVEY, SHAWN STITT AND ROBERT MEISNER. BELOW: DOUG COCKBURN MAKING SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS RUNNING OK.

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