



# STATION 9

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## Message from the President:

Hi Everyone, I hope this message finds you all well.

Well I'm glad to say that we are closer to the beginning of the 2025 OSSA skeet tournament schedule than we are to the end of last year's schedule, so that is positive news. Although it's still cold outside, the days are noticeable getting longer which hopefully means the warmer weather will be here before we know it.

It's great to see that we have twenty one events on our calendar for 2025, and there is a possibility that we will be adding another event at the Toronto International Trap and Skeet Club. More info on that to follow.

There have been a few changes on the OSSA BOD. After many years of being the President, and Vice President, Brad McRae has stepped away from those positions, but will still stay on the BOD and will continue to be a big part of the OSSA. Brent Wintermute was elected to take Brad's position as Vice President, and we are thankful that he has accepted the position. Brent is a fabulous guy, and we are lucky to have him. After several years of being on the BOD, Dean Herzberg has stepped away, but has graciously accepted to be position of Head Coach for the organization. With Dean stepping away, his position had to be filled, and we were lucky enough to have Victoria Bennett join us on the Board. For those of you that have not met Victoria, she has only been involved with skeet for a short period of time, but has already had a great impact. Victoria has a great amount of enthusiasm for the game, and we are very fortunate that she has joined us. On behalf of the entire OSSA BOD, we are committed to maintaining, and growing the sport of skeet in Ontario and we are looking forward to this upcoming season, and many more ahead.

We are very proud of the state of skeet in Ontario. There has been an increase in Junior, and female participation in the sport, and we look forward to carrying on with that trend. Again, this year we will be hosting a Junior Camp, and we hope to also have some women's' clinics in hopes to get more people shooting skeet, and potentially registered targets in the future.

There was a fear for a bit that we would have to cancel the tournaments at the Barrie Gun Club this year, so needless to say that caused many sleepless nights. To make a long story short, the CFO had some concerns regarding the "Range Danger Areas" for our clay fields, and that those areas exceeded the boundaries of our property line based on the CFO Guidelines.

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**Secretary:** T. Eve

**Treasurer:** R. Ludwig

### President's Message, continued

We didn't feel that the guidelines were realistic, and therefore we presented our case to them. The team from the CFO that we presented to was very reasonable, logical, and pleasant, and fortunately agreed with the information that we presented to them. That being said, we are business as usual, and I'm glad to say that we are going to apply to add an additional skeet field at our club.

In closing, I just want to thank you all for making skeet enjoyable in Ontario, and I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Be well, stay safe, shoot well, and shoot often.

Bye for now!!

Jim

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### 2025 OSSA Board of Directors

Election of members to the OSSA Board of Directors occurred at the 07 December 2024 Annual General Membership Meeting.

With 20+ years of service on his belt, Brad McRae is taking a step back from an Executive position on the Board. He remains a Director on the Board. During most of his tenure, Brad has held either the Vice-President or President of the organization.

Brent Wintermute has accepted the role as Vice-President of your Board.

New to the Board is Victoria Bennett.

After many years as a Director on the Board of Directors, Dean Herzberg has stepped off the Board. The Board thanks Dean for his contributions to the Board and for his interests in promoting skeet shooting in Ontario. Dean will still be involved with the annual Junior Camp.

#### 2025 OSSA Board of Directors

President	J. Malcolm
Vice-President	B. Wintermute
Secretary	T. Eve
Treasurer	R. Ludwig
Director	V. Bennett
Director	S. Malcolm
Director	P. Manojlovic
Director	B. McRae
Director	D. Steed
Chief Referee	D. Steed

Head Coach OSSA D. Herzberg

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### 2025 OSSA Memberships – Clubs and Individuals

The OSSA is accepting applications for membership to the OSSA for Calendar Year 2025.

In 2024, the BOD fielded a number of inquiries as to **WHY** the OSSA does not have a *LIFE* membership. The OSSA is a Not-For-Profit organization. As such, *LIFE* memberships are ***expressly prohibited***. If you have any questions regarding this, please direct them to the OSSA Treasurer at [ontarioskeettreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ontarioskeettreasurer@gmail.com) or speak with the Treasurer at an event.

Membership applications are on the OSSA's website.

Note that the Club Affiliation Fee for 2025 is \$20.00.

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When submitting fees electronically, please indicate in the Note Section what the transfer relates to by including your name and whether it is for an individual or club.

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## 2025 OSSA Tournaments

The tournament schedule is on the OSSA's website. Please check for updates as more events may come in during the year.

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Sharing of information, to the Membership, pertinent to the respective event is via the OSSA's website. Please check back often, as there may be registration requirements.

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## 2025 OSSA Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual General Meeting of Membership (AGMM) scheduled for 29 November 2025. The location is yet to be determined and will be included in the October edition of Station 9.

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## 2025 Station 9 Newsletter Editions

- January 2025
- June 2025
- October 2025

If you have any items of interest for the Newsletter, please forward them to the OSSA Secretary at [OSSASecretary@gmail.com](mailto:OSSASecretary@gmail.com)

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## 2025 Ontario Junior Provincial Skeet Championships

The Barrie Gun Club is the host club for this event on 21 June 2025.

Details to follow in the Flyer – check the OSSA's website. Note: A participant must be less than 18 years of age to participate.

**Registration opens on 01 April 2025.**

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## 2025 Ontario Open & Closed Provincial Skeet Championships

The Oshawa Clay & Target Club is the host club for this event. The BOD is excited to see the updates to Oshawa's new facilities and look forward to another great weekend.

Event details to follow – check the OSSA's website.

**Registration opens on 01 April 2025.**

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## Secretary's Corner

Please forward completed membership applications to the Secretary at [OSSASecretary@gmail.com](mailto:OSSASecretary@gmail.com) and remit fees to the Treasurer at [ontarioskeettreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ontarioskeettreasurer@gmail.com)

When forwarding to the Secretary, please include mention that you have submitted the fees to the Treasurer.

When remitting the fees, please include a note as to the purpose of the fees.

Please inform the Secretary of any changes to:

- Address
- Phone Number
- E-mail

The OSSA uses e-mail to correspond with its membership with time-sensitive material; thus, a current e-mail is required.

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## 2025 All Star Awards

Award determination based on a candidate's 2024 year-end average.

Presentation of the Awards will be at the 2025 Ontario Open & Closed Provincial Skeet Championships.

The BOD completed a review of the criteria for the Awards. Please see the OSSA's website.

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## **NSSA Updates, from Steve Malcolm (NSSA Past President)**

First of all, I want to thank everyone from the OSSA for your support and encouraging words over the last two years as I fulfilled my role as the NSSA President. I am looking forward to serving as the Past President and supporting NSSA programs.

Speaking of programs...here are a few that are being continued to help support clubs and shooters throughout the year. I am pleased that the OSSA and the member clubs are committed to these and take advantage of them.

1/ Referee Camps. Host clubs may apply for and receive reimbursement from the NSSA to help offset the cost of holding these camps. As you know, there is a lack of referees in Ontario. Please consider attending and offer to referee even one squad at tournaments you are attending. Even if you restrict this to your own club, it will be a big help to the tournament organizers.

2/ Youth Camps. The NSSA is highly supportive of these and the OSSA has taken full advantage of the funding in recent years. Look for upcoming details for dates and a location. The increased youth participation (at a high level) in Ontario over the last few years is indicative of the outcome of these camps.

3/ Ladies Clinics (New). During our recent Winter Meetings held in San Antonio, Texas, the NSSA EC discussed and agreed to fund Ladies Only Clinics. Details are yet to be fleshed out, but a curriculum and other resource materials are being developed as we speak. If your club is interested in hosting one, please reach out to me [steve.malcolm23@gmail.com](mailto:steve.malcolm23@gmail.com) to discuss.

4/ Club Improvement Grants. In recent years, OSSA member clubs have received funds to help make club improvements. This could be for lighting, machine upgrades, trap house improvements, target release systems etc. Basically, anything that will make your club more efficient at throwing more targets are eligible. The application form is downloadable from the NSSA Website <http://mynssa.nssa-nasca.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2010/07/NSSA-Club-Grant-Application-Guidelines.pdf>. The application is not onerous but must be approved by our Zone 8 Committeeman Brad McRae and submitted prior to May 1, 2025.

5/ Skeet Manager Shoot Software. Beginning in 2024, this valuable tool, which is used to set up, manage and report tournament scores to the NSSA was provided as a benefit to all NSSA Member Clubs. Hopefully, all clubs in Ontario that are throwing tournament (or league) targets this year will utilize this software package to make it easier to run and report on results. We have an incredible resource here in the person of Brad McRae that is more than willing to help you with the program. Brad is at the top of the ladder as far as knowledge of this program and its capabilities.

6/ "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere!" Many of you will remember the NSSA Leagues that used to be an annual event. Utilizing the Skeet Manager software (above), the "5 O'Clock" is designed to be a series of monthly events where our scores will be mixed with other NSSA members...like what they refer to as an "I-shoot". Essentially, you get to shoot at your home club, but will be able to see how you match up with other NSSA members from all over the world. As per normal, you are competing in your own class and concurrent(s). Events will be 50 birds in duration, with a different gauge each week. A thorough set of guidelines will be published prior to the April / May kick off.

If you have any questions about the programs in this correspondence, please feel free to reach out and ask me directly.

Best regards,  
Steve Malcolm  
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## NSSA – NSCA Target Talk

Did you know that your NSSA membership provides you access to NSSA-NSCA Target Talk?

Remember to sign up for this informative digital newsletter with tips and videos pertinent to both Skeet and Sporting Clays.

A recent issue highlighted this pre-season training video . . .  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSYr1pCnjUE>

### ***How Bad Is It ... to shoot a registered tournament before renewing your membership?***

It really is imperative for shooters to confirm that their NSSA and NSCA memberships extend through any registered shoots they plan to participate in. Anyone who participates in an event without a current membership will not be awarded any of the points and/or punches they would have earned had they taken the time to make sure. Retroactive renewals aren't recognized, so bringing membership current after events won't bring scores and punches during any lapse. It might save time in the long run to choose the three-year membership rather than renewing every 12 months or to invest in a lifetime membership and call it a day. Your 2024 membership expired at the end of December, so if checking on your membership status is something you haven't done in a while, now might be a good time. Renewing is quick and easy and can be done over the phone or by filling out an online form at the NSSA and NSCA websites.

## **SKEET is Not a Game of Perfect,** an article by John Shima . . .

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### **Shape Up This Off-Season** *by Victoria Stellato*

There are a lot of on-the-field benefits to being in shape. Increasing your strength, stamina, balance, hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills is crucial to this sport. For example, increasing your arm and wrist strength will help you hold up the gun. Upper-body strength will also help prevent you from losing control of your shotgun because of recoil. You'll be able to keep it in your mount for doubles, so you can focus on hitting the second shot. Additionally, working on your core can help you effectively maintain your stance. After all, it helps improve your balance and be more aware of where you are distributing your weight. Off the field, it can also help with your posture. Finding a personal trainer is a fantastic way to help improve your fitness during the winter.

### **Shooting vs Training: Are You Building Skills or Pulling the Trigger?** By Kate Ahnstrom

<https://syrenusa.com/shooting-vs-training-are-you-building-skills-or-pulling-the-trigger/>

### ***How Bad Is It ...to not cancel your registration for an event you can't attend?***

Particularly if they are dedicated competitors who don't typically no-show, shooters don't have to think twice when urgent matters force them to bow out of an event they have registered for, even at the last minute. At the same time, they could be helpful about it by informing event organizers of their absence as soon as possible. By giving sufficient notice when they know they can't attend, shooters help ensure that their spot is filled by others on a waiting list. Also, they will boost chances that organizers can refund their deposits.

### **Links You Need:**

- [Apply for a grant to host a referee clinic](#)
  - [Ask a skeet rules question for "What's Your Call?"](#)
  - [Get help with your membership](#) or call 210-688-3371 ext. 961
  - [Update your member contact info](#)
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