

INFORMATION UPDATE - October 2006

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for the Canadian Shooting Sports Association takes place on Saturday, November 25, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Select, Toronto Airport starting at 10:00am.

• TOWN HALL MEETING

ON THE SAME AFTERNOON – come to the CSSA Town Hall meeting with:
MP GARY BREITKREUZ – Chairman of the Parliamentary Outdoor Caucus
Tony Bernardo – Executive Director CILA
Ed Burlew, LLB General Council
Jim Newman, CSSA Director of Marketing, Candidate Trainer
Topics – Legal and Legislative Updates – Election Readiness – Q&A

• AGM DINNER

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER???
The Canadian Shooting Sports Association is very proud to announce an evening with:
SANDRA S. FROMAN, PLC – PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

When - Saturday November 25, 2006

Where – Holiday Inn Select, Toronto Airport (order form enclosed or see our website)

COME ONE, COME ALL – TICKETS ARE LIMITED, ORDER YOURS TODAY!!!

SCHOOL SHOOTINGS FIRE UP GUN CONTROL DEBATE

All members of the Recreational Firearms Community are shocked at the tragedy that occurred at Dawson College in Montreal. We wish to extend our deep and sincere condolences and best wishes to the innocent victims of this heinous random violence, and to their families.

And while our attention should be focused on the victims of this senseless act, there are those who will use it to further their own political agenda and call for further restrictions and prohibitions on firearms in Canada.

The simple truth is that that you cannot legislate against insanity. Unfortunately, much of the media and politicians have a problem grasping that fact. Hence the call for further restrictions, prohibitions and bans.

WHAT NOW?

We have so far issued several press releases in conjunction with the National Firearms Association. These releases were very carefully worded so as not to inflame the situation.

All media requests were handled and on one very busy day, Tony Bernardo was quoted in over 15 newspapers and appeared on 5 national TV broadcasts. As well, there have been countless radio spots with more to come. We have also been in constant contact with the powers in Ottawa urging them to stay the course.

And that is where you come in. We need letters and faxes sent to the MPs, particularly Conservative MPs; polite but pointed letters; asking them not to bend to the hysteria and continue their commitment to repealing C-68. Enclosed are some talking points to use in your correspondence (also on our website).



OUR POSITION ON C-21

Bill C-21 was introduced by the Conservative Government to remove the requirement to register your non-restricted firearms. It does not address many of the other issues we presented to government officials and is far short of what we would like to see. It does not touch the problems with licensing nor does it resolve the prohibited handgun grandfathering or the Special Authority to Possess refusals.

However, it is the first step of many in the right direction and all that we can expect right now with a minority government. We urge all firearms owners to support it despite the flaws. Please write your MP and ask that they support the Bill. You can use the Demented Democracy website (see article in this update) or better yet, fax them.

We have developed a document called “*10 Myths of the Gun Registry*” which can be downloaded from our website. Use those points in your letter. Also, we have some concerns over two sections of Bill C-21 which mandate CFO approval for all transfers. These two sections (23 & 27) must be amended or removed as they delegate far too much power to the CFO to refuse transfers with no explanation.

The recent shootings in Montreal may have delayed second reading of C-21 but the word from Ottawa is that they will proceed with the legislation. We must do our part to pressure the opposition MPs to break with the party lines and support the bill.

DMeNTED's DEMOCRACY MACHINE What Is It?

The DDM website is the brain child of a very dedicated member, Rafael Gomez, who decided to make it easy for firearms owners to send emails to the major newspapers.

The website also allows you to post an email message to MPs and Senators, although we highly recommend that any correspondence to MPs and Senators be mailed or faxed. Emails are routinely deleted by staff.

How does it work? Very easily. Just log on to the site, register, choose where you want your email to go, type or paste your email and send it off. DDM generates an individual email message for each target recipient along with your contact information, thereby avoiding being rejected by a SPAM filter. The website is: <http://ddm.fiveronin.com/ddm/> or click on the DDM icon on our website.

WHERE IS THE BULLETIN?

Due to the emerging political situation in the wake of the Montreal shootings, we have been forced to postpone the September Bulletin for one month, hence this update. All of our resources have been focused on Ottawa and responding to media requests. We apologize for

the delay but our priority right now is to protect our rights.

We thank you for your understanding and patience.



COURT ACTION UPDATE

12(6) – Prohibited Handgun Court Challenge
This case is slowly winding its way through the court system. The 10-day hearing date is set for February 5, 2007. This will give the government plenty of time to rectify the situation (if they so desire). We are advising that if you have a separate hearing date, you ask to be included with the test case in February (if you reside in Ontario) or delay your case until after the hearing (outside of Ontario). We can supply letters for your hearing requesting the delays. Just contact the office with the details.

For updates and a history of this case, go to www.twelvesix.ca

Special Authority to Possess (SAP)

A full hearing was conducted in St. Thomas on September 19 with our council, Ed Burlew, LLB. Our case was strong and the judge seemed to be impressed with the arguments. However, he reserved decision and we will have to wait for the judgment. Watch our website for any updates.

These court cases, and several other individual cases that we are supporting, are causing a large drain on our Legal/Legislative Fund. We need your help to keep up the fight. You can help by joining Operation Fire-Back.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE
2007 FEE INCREASE**

Despite all our attempts to keep our expenses low, we are forced to increase our membership dues for next year. Increased costs for insurance, court actions, lobbying, election expenses, etc, have forced our hand in this situation. The last increase was in 2002.

The fee schedule, effective January 1, 2007, is as follows:

General Membership	\$ 45.00
Family Membership	\$ 80.00
Junior Membership	\$ 27.00
Life Membership	\$675.00

At this time, we do not anticipate any changes to the club insurance fees.

Special Note: *If the membership fees are received prior to January 1, the old rate will apply. Also please note that for those who want to avoid the increase and renew early, we will simply extend your current expiry date by 12 months (eg. if your membership expires March 15, 2007 and you renew prior to January 1, we will extend the expiry date to March 15, 2008).*

Club and insurance renewal packages will be mailed out shortly.



**OPERATION FIRE-BACK – Your
Chance to Support the Fight**

You may recall in the last Bulletin that the Government is refunding any license renewal fees you may have paid. We have a great place you can put the cheque: ***Endorse it, and Fire it Back to the CSSA Legal/Court Action Fund!!! – Operation Fire-Back.***

We need your support and the government has given you a painless way to help.

Contact all of your shooting buddies and get them to do the same. The guns you save may be your own.



**\$\$ WE NEED AMMO \$\$
CSSA /CILA NATIONAL FUNDRAISING
CAMPAIGN**

Along with Operation Fire-back we have developed a campaign that involves all of the stakeholders: retailers, wholesalers, clubs, members and all firearms owners. It incorporates all our fundraising activities under one umbrella. Look for full details in the next Bulletin. We will be giving you the opportunity to make

monthly contributions or a one-time donation online using your VISA or MasterCard, and **do it on-line** from our website.

We have instigated a comprehensive and continuing lobbying, educational and awareness program with every MP, regardless of party, to make sure that our issues and concerns are addressed and the Firearms Act is repealed.

It is proving to be a very expensive endeavor combined with the court costs and lobbying efforts. *We estimate the cost for the next 12 months to be in excess of \$175,000.*

At present, we have 4 separate ongoing cases before the courts that we are funding, with major appearances scheduled this fall and in the New Year. *Our legal bill is expected to exceed \$200,000.*

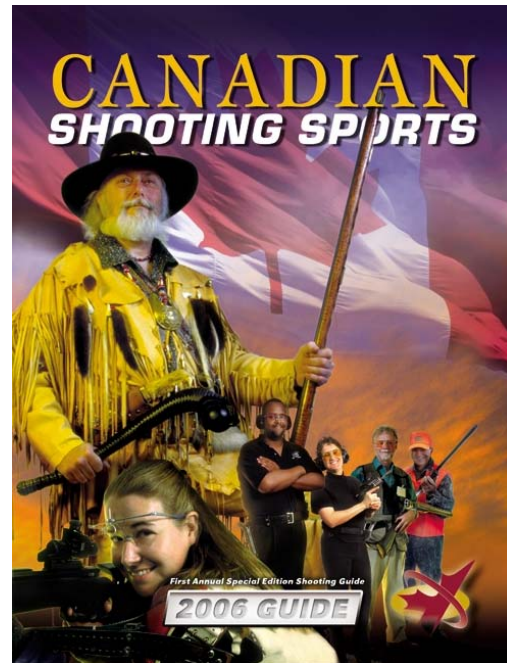
You can see the need is great!!! Help us fight the fight!!!



2007 SHOOTERS GUIDE
Your Chance to Advertise Your Club

It is now October and we are in the process of collecting information for the *2007 Shooters Guide*. If you have any activities planned for 2007 such as matches, shows, special events, please send us the details. Also, if your club listing did not appear in the 2006 Guide, please send us the information and map and we will include it (no charge). Advertising space is also available for clubs and businesses.

For those of you not familiar with the Guide, it is a 48+ page publication which includes everything you need to know to join the shooting sports including the licensing process, description of all the major shooting disciplines, listing of clubs with maps, and a schedule of events, matches and shows. We printed 10,000 copies in 2006 which were handed out at all major venues such as the Toronto Sportsmen's Show, Great Canadian Outdoor Expo and many others. It has been a very useful tool in promoting the shooting sports and clubs.



**DISCOUNTED PROPERTY
INSURANCE FOR CLUBS**

Did you know that clubs affiliated with the CSSA are eligible for discounted property and equipment coverage for your range? The savings from this group plan can be quite substantial as clubs have seen reductions of 20 to 30%.

We encourage you to call our broker for a no-obligation quote. The savings may surprise you.

Call Mary Mancuso (Cowan Insurance Brokers) for more information – 1 888 732 5866 x 245.

ON LINE STORE IS ON-LINE

Due to the efforts of our webmaster, *Robert Alexander* and Regional Director *Michael Nash*, you can now join, renew, donate and buy merchandise from our secure website store, *the Gunny Sack* (www.cdnshootingsports.org). Be sure to check out the new merchandise.

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR
CLUB TABLE FOR THE AGM
DINNER**