

101ST. NATIONALS- CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO- CANADA

*A warm thank you to ACA President Patrick McFadden for all his contributions!
It's been a great four years working with him.*

WELCOME TO CANADA

We just know Pete Edwards has outdone himself in outfitting the Nationals and associated celebrations! He wouldn't divulge the details, but we've provided what isn't a classified Canadian Top Secret. (p.2)

NEW ICSF CERTIFIED JUDGES

Read about the International Judges class held and why this may help the ACA host an ICSF World Championships in Lexington, Kentucky! It was an enjoyable class and 13 members have their certificates. (p.6)

KENTUCKY TOURNAMENT

As you may know, this is where the new casting hardware is tested in action before the Nationals. Read about the Kentucky casters and a "brown horse" from Florida! (p.7)

SUNSHINE STATE CASTING CLUB

Maybe the IGFA/ACA Tournament sparked something, but a bunch of West Coast Floridian fishing guides and a few others, started the first Florida casting club in 40 years! (p.8)

ACA- C3 STATUS PENDING

Read about what to expect when ACA gets the OK from the IRS to start asking people for donations and what we'll need to do to deserve them. (p.9)

REEL-LY CLEAN

John Seroczynski taught us how to clean old baitcasters in an earlier Creel. Now he wants to add: how to prevent old ones, and new, from getting dirty in the first place. Read on... (p.10)



TORONTO SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION HOSTS THE NATIONALS!

With help of Westhill Anglers!

Mississauga, Ontario, Canada's sixth largest city, is the destination contact us at the field, pool, or Host Hotel



for this year's ACA National Casting Championships. They will be held this August 3-8, 2009!

Pete Edwards, Executive Director, TSA, says, "We are offering their invitation for ACA Members to come and accept, "some of the gracious hospitality that so many of the Clubs and casters have extended to us." We also want your stay with us to be fun. We of course hope you will all cast the best scores you have ever made. If you need any information

The host hotel is the Four Points Sheraton Meadowvale, located near the events. This hotel, which was recently renovated, has everything you could ask for, plus is located 20 minutes from the Toronto Airport. The Host Sponsor is Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows (see pg.4).. They are an essential part of making this event possible.

The Accuracy Events will take place at the City Center Reflecting Pool right outside Mayor Hazel McCallion's office, to whom we

owe many thanks. (See pg.5 for her warm welcome letter.) If you get a chance, search YouTube for: **Welcome to Mississauga**. It is a great introduction to the Mayor.

She has also opened free parking for us under City Hall. All you will have to do is take the elevator from the parking deck, and you're at the casting pool! Pete has also made arrangements for a secured tackle area.

UPDATED DETAILS:

REGISTRATION: Registration will be open at the Host Hotel Sunday Aug 2 and Monday Aug 3rd from 10:00a.m. Until 3:00pm. Info as to the room # will be posted in the Lobby.

RECEPTION: There will be a reception at the Host Hotel to welcome the casters on Monday from 5p.m. to 6p.m. Casual dress, light refreshments, finger food and announcements.

DISTANCE FIELD: Courtney Park Cricket Pitches.

DIRECTIONS: Go right from hotel to Derry Rd. Right on Derry Rd. to Mavis Rd. Right on Mavis (south) to Courtney Park

Rd. Left on Courtney Park Rd to Spinnaker. Right on Spinnaker to the Courtney Cricket Pitch. Park in the parking lot and the fields are just to the left. **NOTE:** If you are coming via the 401 go north on Mavis and right on Courtney Park, right on Spinnaker.

DISTANCE PRACTICE: Monday Aug. 3rd until 4:00p.m. Reception starts at 5:00p.m. (This is a Canadian holiday but we have booked the field.)

ACCURACY POOL: Mississauga Civic Square

DIRECTIONS: Go right from the hotel to Derry Rd., right on Derry Rd. to Mavis Rd. Right on Mavis (south) to Burnhamthorpe Rd. Left on Burnhamthorpe Rd. to Duke of York Rd. Left on Duke of York. Civic Center parking is on the left. Go under ground (free parking) and take elevator to the ground level and you are at the casting pool.

ACCURACY PRACTICE: Casting pool will be opened after 10:00a.m. Monday Aug. 3rd. until 4:00p.m. closing in time for reception at 5:00p.m. Also Tues. & Wed. for practice is all day.

LUNCHES- DISTANCE FIELD: There will be a lunch truck available for food purchases at 1:00p.m. On Tues and Wed. at Courtney Park.

LUNCHES- ACCURACY POOL: Casters may go to the 12th floor of the Tower in the Civic Center to purchase a cafeteria style lunch. They will be open all day so you can go between your casting order.



CLOSING AWARDS BANQUET: Tickets will be for sale at \$35.00 Cdn. each until Thurs., after that we will assume you will not be attending. Banquet will be at the host Hotel (Four Points by Sheraton) starting at 4:30 pm.

THE LOCAL AREA:

Arts & Culture:

McMichael Canadian Art Collection
10365 Islington Avenue
Kleinburg, Ont 29 min. drive

Art Gallery of Ontario 40.0 km/24.9 miles

Royal Ontario Museum 42.0 km/26.1 miles

Community:

Credit Valley Hospital 5.0 km/3.1 miles

Mississauga Convention Center 5.0 km/3.1 miles

Entertainment:

Meadowvale Theatre 2.0 km/1.2 miles

Hershey/Iceland Centre 10.0 km/6.2 miles

Living Arts Centre 13.0 km/8.1 miles

Local Attractions:

Hersey Centre - Sports and Entertainment Complex 11.0 km/6.8 miles

Playdium Entertainment Complex 13.0 km/8.1 miles

Woodbine Racetrack and Casino 30.0 km/18.6 miles

CN Tower 39.0 km/24.2 miles

Ontario Science Centre 47.0 km/29.2 miles

Recreation:

Canada's Wonderland 36.0 km/22.4 miles

Ontario Place 37.0 km/23.0 miles

Shopping:

Square One Shopping Mall 13.0 km/8.1 miles



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June 19, 2008

Mr. Patrick McFadden,
President,
American Casting Association

Dear ACA Members:

The Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows is proud to be the host sponsor for the 101st North American Casting Championships August 3 – 8, 2009, to be held in the City of Mississauga, Ontario.

Established in 1948, the Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows is a non-profit corporation and the largest producer of fishing, boat, sportsmen's, ski and outdoor shows in Canada.

Through its family of shows, Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows is committed to conserving Canada's outdoors and instilling Canadian youth with an appreciation for nature and outdoor activity programs. Since 1948, Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows has contributed more than \$30 million in support of Canada's outdoors.

We look forward to working with Pete Edwards and the Toronto Sportsmen's Association, your host club, to make your Championship a success.

I look forward to meeting many of you personally next year.

Sincerely,

Walter Oster,
Chairman.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August, 2008

Dear Friends:

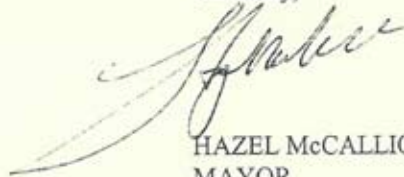
On behalf of members of Council and the residents of the City of Mississauga, I am pleased to extend greetings to the organizers and participants of the 2008 North American Casting Championships.

As an avid fisher, it pleases me to see that Mississauga has been chosen to host the 2009 North American Casting Championship. I know that in order to be a successful fisher it all begins with a good cast. Competitors will compete in distance and accuracy events over five days and I am sure the competition will be healthy and first rate.

As Canada's sixth-largest city, Mississauga is fortunate to be home to excellent recreational facilities, wonderful parkland and waterways. During the competition, I hope that competitors and visitors will make time to visit all that Mississauga has to offer.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues on Council and the residents of the City of Mississauga, we are happy to welcome the North American Casting Championship in 2009.

Sincerely,



HAZEL McCALLION, C.M.
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New ICSF Certified Judges



Starting Top- Lt to Rt: William Clements, Orville Hansell, William Burke, Andy Statt, Beth Statt, Jay Klenk, Elmer Bergandahl, John Field, (Thorgeir Guvtavsén ICSF Instructor), David Roberts, Peter Edwards, Gus Beushausen, John Seroczynski and Patrick McFadden

For several years, the ICSF has been asking the ACA if it would host a World Tournament or Championship. The only certified judges in North America were Pete Edwards and Gus Beushausen of Canada. It's very expensive to hire judges from Europe and pay for their expenses here. During that time, Steve Rajeff and John Seroczynski have been trying to bring an ICSF judge instructor to the U.S. to hold training and certifications for ACA members. Steve and John were thinking we would need our own judges to make this financially feasible and also be involved in the judging. This year, everything came together and we had our first chance.

Steve invited his long time Norwegian friend, Thorgier Gustavson for a combination; sightseeing, fishing and instructing trip!. Thorgie is Chief of International Judges and Instructor. Thorgie agreed to come, so Steve let us know and was instrumental in the arrangements.

The ACA offered the choice of three class locations; Woodland WA, San Francisco, CA and Lexington KY. There weren't enough students in the two West Coast locations separately, and not enough students from one wanted to travel to the other. There were however, just enough students for the Lexington class, so ACA president and Lexington native Patrick McFadden did the

planning and locations for the class.

It was held on June 27-8 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. Thorgie gave one day of class indoors; ending in an exam. As you may know, all ICSF events are conducted on grass. Some of the instruction the first day addressed fairness, uniformity and accuracy of court construction and tackle control. The second day he lead drills on casting court construction, verification and judging. He taught us court builders construct the courts, but it's the judges' responsibility to verify every measurement before and during competition. Fast accurate judging and clear communication of calls are essential. After the outdoor class, he presented certificates to thirteen ACA members as new ICSF Certified Judges.

This was the first certification given in North America and we're hoping to do it again on the West coast next year for another group of judge prospects. We would like to thank our instructor for giving an enjoyable, well prepared class. We would like to thank Patrick for the planning and Steve Rajeff for inviting Thorgie to see the U.S.A. and help make this happen. The ACA is hoping to host a World Championship in a few years! (con't pg.10)

The Kentucky Tournament

“The East’s Season Opener”

By Patrick McFadden, ACA President

If you missed the Kentucky Open this year, you missed a great tournament! The casting was good despite the conditions. It was nice and windy for both days; the problem was the wind was unpredictable and it came from every direction and changed many times throughout each event. This made setting up the courts tough.

In the distance games there was a nice turnout. David Roberts was hard to stop winning two out of three plug events in the men’s division. Patrick McFadden did sneak up and finally kept a cast in the V-Court and won one event. In the senior men’s it was three different casters splitting the plug events - Dick Fujita, Bill Burke and Bill Clements.

In the distance fly games it really got interesting. David Roberts won two of three again in men’s, but the star of the day was Walter Hoover from our newest club in Florida. Walter came north and really showed us all how to cast 1-Hand Fly, recording a distance of 191 feet. The crowd watched in amazement as Walter casted his round. He is going to be a huge threat in the fly games at this year’s national tournament.

In the senior fly distance events Zack Willson taught a class of his

own winning two out of three fly events with Bill Clements winning the other event.

At the end of the day it was Bill Clements being named the distance plug champion and David Roberts the distance fly champion and all distance champion.

Day two started very windy and the courses had to be reset during the first event and the event cast again.

Pam Peters won all three fly events in the women’s division and in the men’s Dick Fujita won Dry Fly and David Roberts won Trout Fly and Bass Bug. In B-Class Orville Hansell won Dry Fly and Patrick McFadden won the other two fly events.

In the plug events Bill Clements showed us how it was done winning two of three plug games and Andy Statt won the 5/8 keeping Bill Clements from sweeping the plug games. In B-class it was Elmer Bergendahl winning all three plug accuracy games and showing Bill Clements how to sweep the plug games. In the women’s it was Pam Peters winning two events in A-class and Lu Ann Johnson taking the other. In women’s B-Class it was Beth Statt winning all three

showing Elmer she could sweep the competition as well.

One of the most sought after awards at this tournament every year is the Bill Burke Cup that is awarded to the highest score in the senior’s 5/8oz game. The winner this year was Bill Burke himself. I guess he was tired of seeing other peoples name on his trophy and wanted to get his name back on the front once again.

It was Pam Peters winning the accuracy flies champion and Bill Clements taking the accuracy plug champion and the all accuracy champion awards. At the end of the weekend though it was David Roberts pulling out as the Grand All Around Champion.

Congratulations to all who won and thanks to everyone who came to Lexington to participate. We enjoyed having you and hope to see you next year. For those who could not make it this year we missed seeing you and hope to see you next year.

Editor’s note: Patrick who is not seeking re-election this year, will be continuing to promote casting at BGSJ and is trying to lock-in a World Casting Championship for Lexington in the near future.

Sunshine State Casting Club

Welcome to our newest club!



We are pleased to announce the formation of the Sunshine State Casting Club (SSCC). This club will offer ACA fly and plug casting for the first time in over 40 years in the state of Florida!

SSCC's first event will be a ACA 5 wt Combo Event, on Saturday, October 24th on the grounds of the Celebration Ramada Resort in Orlando. This first event will be in conjunction with the Annual Conclave of the Florida Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. We appreciate the Florida Council's assistance in planning this inaugural event for SSCC.

Redfish Landing in Ruskin, Florida serves as the host location for the SSCC. A club business meeting is scheduled on June 27th. Subsequent event schedules will be announced via email to club members or here.

Club officers include Walt Hoover, PhD, serving as President (shown on left shaking hands with ACA President, Patrick McFadden). Walt resides in Boca Raton, Florida, is an ardent caster and member of the ACA and Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). He is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow - Center for Complex Systems and Brain Science at Florida Atlantic Univer-

sity, and a member of the Society for Neuroscience.

Capt John Hand serves as Vice President and Leslie, his wife, serves as Treasurer. They are the owners of Redfish Landing in Ruskin, Florida. John is a member of the ACA, FFF, and the Florida Guides Association. He is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captain, an Orvis Endorsed Guide, and a FFF Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor.

Dusty Sprague serves as Director At Large. Residing in North Port, Florida, Dusty is a member of the ACA and FFF. He is a FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor, a member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors, and serves as chairman of the FFF Florida Council Casting Committee.

With a small initial cadre of members SSCC's goal is to grow membership through promoting the sports of angling and casting. If you would like to become a member or want more information about the Sunshine State Casting Club contact Walt Hoover, 561-371-0299; Capt John Hand, 239-842-7778; or Dusty Sprague, 941-468-1467.

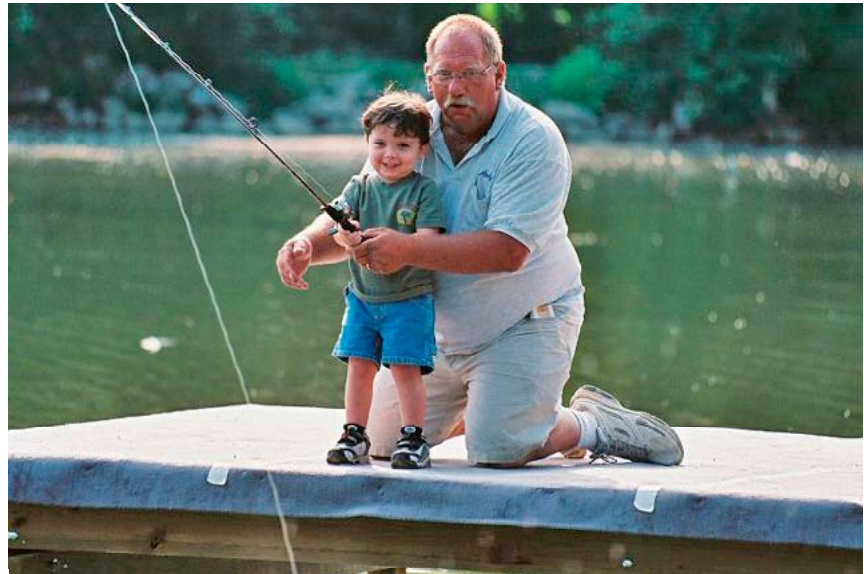
ACA- 501(C)3 STATUS PENDING

By John Field, ACA Vice President

Last year, the ACA Voting Delegates passed amended bylaws aimed at satisfying the IRS requirements for a charitable organization. Over the course of months, an application was made to the IRS containing the history of how ACA has conducted business, a profile of our board of directors and a description of our future plans. Our new status is now pending. In approximately eight months, Dale Lanser will receive a Determination Letter from the IRS, acknowledging ACA as a 501(C)3, or a request for additional information, hopefully the former.

After we become a charitable organization, the way we do things will change considerably. The first thing we'll need to do is get our new message out. We need to rebuild our reputation with the outside world. We need to have the right message and deliver on our promises. The message will be: ACA wants to invest in training youth to cast and compete nationally and internationally. We will also be proactive in supporting and creating ACA clubs. We will be the home of the US Casting Team. If people believe in our mission, they will support ACA. As I've written before, we need the power of membership numbers behind us

The main focus from the financial



side, will be changing the balance of how we get our funding. Currently, we receive the most from ACA supplies sales and entry fees. In the future, we will have to derive at least a third from "public support", or donations. This will require fundraising by an experienced team of volunteers. We will apply for foundation and government grants and solicit private donations as well. Some of the tools we will use will be fundraising events and online appeals. Next comes the heart of the programs. We will create educational youth casting programs for ACA member clubs. The ACA will promote special events we will showcase at fishing clubs, fishing shows and elsewhere. We will offer our programs to youth through Fish America Foundation, Boys

Scouts of America, 4H, Dept. of the Interior, State Fish & Wildlife departments and others. Youth education will not only help club recruitment, but can create the champions of tomorrow.

The ACA will have funding to train and field our U.S. Casting Team. I don't see any reason we also can't help train and support the Canadian Casting Team. A committee will be create a training program and will hold ICSF tournaments in North America. These might serve as qualifiers for international competition. Our International Judges training and Certification program will have to be increased so we can host World Championships for all divisions. Yep, we've our work cut out for us.

John Seroczynski- Reel-ly Clean

ICSF Judges
(Continued from pg.6)

As we all know, we all have our favorite reels, especially when it comes to revolving spool and spinning reels. We try and think we are doing the reels and ourselves a favor by storing them in cases, boxes and Crown Royal bags.

Well guess what, in many cases that is far from the truth because those cardboard boxes, nice leather cases and Crown Royal bags are probably the worst place to keep them, at least in part. How many times (not enough I'm sure) have we decided to clean our reels and find they are filthy and caked with dirt, old grease and thick oil.

Well please allow me to give you a helping hand. First off in the case of the modern revolving aluminum spool reels you would think they are indestructible and nothing is further from the truth. Because they are so well made in most cases, their clearances and tolerances are much finer than in some of our older reels like the famous Tear Drop 1973D reels and Langley Plug Cast and others.

The bottom line is; before putting any of your valuable reels away, in what you thought was a safe place, be sure to dry-off your line, then place the reel in a Zip lock bag to keep out the cardboard flakes, the Crown Royal threads and the particles from the leather cases from getting in the gears and spool flanges. This is even more critical and true for those of

us who still like to cast with the occasional Meek, Talbot or Jack Welch reel. The balanced balsa wood or cork arbors in some are especially susceptible to warping, if the line is not first dried. I know you have seen many wood arbor reels with out of round spools and wonder how did that happen. That is purely because the reel had been placed in storage with a wet line which once dried shrunk the wood arbor to an out of round shape.

So my friends, please take care when storing your reels, your scores will rise and your reels will last longer. In closing, DO NOT store your spinning reels with the bail wire on the bottom; that's generally how bails are bent and then the bail will not click over for the retrieve.



John Seroczynski

Editor's note: Thank you John for serving as ACA Past President for the last 4 years!

Patrick was thinking ahead in his planning and believes Lexington has the best facilities available to us to host a World event. Since the World Equestrian Games are being held there in 2010, the whole town is gearing-up to accommodate the expected 5-700,000 spectators! Patrick has already obtained a quote for the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort to be our host hotel in 2011 or 2012. Patrick showed Thorgie the casting location; the Kentucky Horse Park and he approved. ACA will be looking at this potential opportunity, after the Nationals.

Editor's note: An ISCF Judge must judge in an EC or WC every third year to maintain certification.



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