

To the wonderful members of Canadian Trapshooting Association.

Kolleen and I recently had the privilege of shooting the Atlantic Provinces Trapshooting Championships at the Highland Gun Club in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. We wrote a letter of appreciation to the club members at Highland Gun Club thanking them for their hospitality. The other day as we were looking at information in SOS Clays we realized that at least half of the people we met in Yarmouth were from outside the Atlantic Provinces and wouldn't see that letter.

We've shot at clubs all over the USA and have made friends at all of them. Having said that, we've never been to any club where every single person we met went out of their way to welcome us. People recognized that we had traveled a long distance to attend this shoot and many of them approached us to welcome us to Canada. These were warm, sincere greetings that immediately made us feel at home.

When we arrived in Yarmouth, we only knew two people who we had only met very briefly in Ontario, Andrea Bassan and Janaya Nickerson. They were the ones that told us about the Atlantic Provinces shoot in Yarmouth. Both were EXTREMELY helpful to us as we planned this trip on fairly short notice. Our trip would not have been possible without their advice and guidance. Thank you!

To every single person who attended the Atlantic Provinces Championships, we send our most sincere thanks for your gracious hospitality, we will never forget you. For the spectacular food you prepared just for me and my allergies, THANK YOU! For inviting us to your awards dinner and allowing us to share in your camaraderie, THANK YOU! For all the recommendations on what to see and do and where to eat, THANK YOU!

To Americans who might be hesitant to cross the border for a shoot we say this, "JUST DO IT!" you'll be very glad you did. Crossing back and forth across the border with guns and ammo is a simple, painless process. You'll have the opportunity to visit new clubs and make new friends. We certainly did.

We both look forward to our next trip north where we hope to shoot with you all again.

Sincerely,

Jim Lavelle

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