



## Ontario Rifle Association (Inc.) ORA/DCRA Memberships 2010-11

Once again it is time for the renewal and updating of ORA/DCRA Memberships and mailing information. There are only a few changes this year, but please read these notes carefully. If you have any questions, the Membership Secretary will be glad to try and answer them.

**Please note the new mailing address for ORA Memberships: ORA, P.O. Box 2076, Thornton, Ontario, L0L 2N0. All mail should be sent to this new address, NOT to the previous P.O. Boxes in Locust Hill or Oshawa, which have now been closed.**

ORA fees are rising slightly this year – this is the first increase in the basic membership fee for ten years. Due to increased shooting activity and rising costs at Kingston and Cedar Springs, the reduced fee for members shooting only on one of those ranges is discontinued.

Current annual ORA and DCRA memberships expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. The next Membership Year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Please renew your membership as quickly as possible, so as to be ready for the start of the new outdoor season. **All members are asked to complete and return the membership form, even if no fees are payable.** Only in this way can we keep our mailing and membership records up to date. If you move during the year, please let us have your new address and contact information as quickly as possible. It is always distressing when mail is returned marked “moved - address unknown”, since we then have no means of getting in touch with you. Please note that there is a special form for new members, who must provide the names of two references with their application. Application Forms for New Members will be sent to Clubs, and can also be obtained from the ORA Secretary or Membership Secretary or downloaded from the ORA web site (<http://www.OntarioRifleAssociation.org>). Photocopies are perfectly acceptable.

For those who are going to shoot this year, we are again offering a Basic ORA-DCRA Membership, which includes liability insurance, and which is all you need to shoot in all ORA events. This membership may be **augmented** if you want or need a higher category of DCRA membership, and the fee may be reduced through a number of **deductions**. If what follows is incomprehensible, please ask the Membership Secretary what you should pay!

### **Membership Categories and Renewal Fees for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.**

New members should pay the fees listed on the New Member Application Form.

#### **CATEGORY A**

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| <b><u>A1. Basic:</u> Full ORA - Limited DCRA Membership:</b>   | <b>\$170</b> |
| <b><u>A2. Associate:</u> Full ORA – Associate DCRA Membership (includes <i>The Canadian Marksman</i>):</b>   | <b>\$195</b> |
| <b><u>A3. Full:</u> Full ORA – Full DCRA Membership (includes <i>The Canadian Marksman</i>, eligibility to attend the DCRA National Championships, be a member of Canadian Teams, full DCRA membership and voting privileges):</b> | <b>\$270</b> |

#### **Deductions (you may claim more than one):**

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| *<br><u>Only</u> shooting the ORA Provincial Championships <u>or</u> not shooting at all in 2010:                                      | - \$50  |
| *<br>Existing ORA Life Member:   | - \$95  |
| *<br>65 or over on 1 April 2010 (only if <u>NOT</u> ORA Life Member):  | - \$30  |
| *<br>Under 25 on 1 April 2010 (if deducted from Basic or Associate Membership):  | - \$65  |
| or<br>Under 25 on 1 April 2010 (if deducted from Full Membership):   | - \$105 |
| *<br>Existing DCRA Life Member (if Basic Membership paid):   | - \$7   |
| or<br>Existing DCRA Life Member (if Associate Membership paid):  | - \$32  |
| or<br>Existing DCRA Life Member (if Full membership paid):   | - \$107 |
| <u>plus</u><br>If you are an existing DCRA Life Member <u>and</u> will not be shooting at all in 2010, you may subtract a further \$18 |         |

**Please note that the net total amount that you pay cannot be less than \$0.00!**

**CATEGORY B**

**ORA one-day guest Fee:** \$45 (payable up to 4 times, fees paid will accumulate towards Basic Membership, includes liability insurance, but no other membership privileges until Basic Membership is applied for and approved. All new members must provide names of references. The guest fee applies only to potential new members, not to existing members.)

**CATEGORY C**

**Mailings only (no shooting):**

ORA-DCRA mailings only, pay: \$70                      ORA mailings only, pay: \$35

**CATEGORY D**

**ORA Individual Military Membership:**

ORA Individual Military Membership, pay: \$120

**ORA SHOOTING ACTIVITY FEE.** The ORA Activity Fee for 2010-11 is \$50. This fee is **included** in all the above fees for active shooters. Payment of the appropriate membership fee will allow the member to take part in all ORA practices and matches without payment of extra 'greens fees' on any of the ranges at which the ORA runs shoots (primarily Borden, Cedar Springs and Kingston), and will cover such costs as range fees, range safety officer fees and targets. **For active shooting members of the ORA, both Full and Life Members, the Activity Fee is not an option. It must be paid in order to take part in ORA matches and practices.**

**VISITORS**, who are not regular ORA members, and those who have not paid the full activity fee with their membership, will be required to pay an additional charge of \$45 at each ORA match or practice (see above).

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS.** Active shooting members will be sent a laminated card and clip, designed to be worn visibly at all times on the range at an ORA practice or match. To save postage, a new clip will not be sent – please use last year's! If you need a replacement clip, please send \$2.00 to the Membership Secretary. New members will, of course receive a laminated card and clip.

**FIREARMS LICENCES.** All ORA members who intend to shoot in 2010, and who pay an active shooting membership, must provide the **number and expiry date** of their **current** Firearms Licence. For active shooting members, this is a requirement that must be met in order for the member to shoot in any ORA match or practice. Visitors will be required to provide this information at each match or practice they attend when they pay their additional Guest Fee. ***If you have a new licence, please supply the new number and expiry date.***

I. **WHAT SORT OF MEMBERSHIP DO YOU NEED?** The ORA operates a "conjoint" membership scheme in conjunction with the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA). If you are going to shoot in 2010, you must be a Full Member of the ORA, combined with either Full or Associate or Basic DCRA membership. You cannot be a shooting member of the ORA unless you are also a member of the DCRA. For full DCRA membership privileges, ***the usual type of membership is FULL ORA/DCRA Membership*** (unless you are or become an ORA and DCRA Life Member). If you are only going to shoot with the ORA, you may wish to consider the more restricted, but less expensive, DCRA Associate or Basic Memberships, described below. All members who are going to shoot, even if in ORA events only, **must** have taken out one of the three "conjoint" ORA/DCRA memberships

II. **TYPES OF DCRA MEMBERSHIP:**

- a. **FULL DCRA MEMBERSHIP** (Life, Under-25 or Annual) provides all membership privileges as currently outlined in the DCRA By-Laws. This is the recommended type of DCRA membership for all ORA shooters.
- b. **DCRA ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** provides liability insurance coverage, eligibility to shoot on military rifle ranges in events organised by the ORA, a DCRA Membership Card, a full subscription to the "The Canadian Marksman", eligibility to enter the DCRA Winter Program and to wear the DCRA badge, and other privileges spelled out in the DCRA By-Laws. Associate members are not eligible to stand for DCRA office, to vote in DCRA elections, to shoot in the DCRA matches (the CFRC) or to be members of DCRA Teams. If you take out this type of ORA/DCRA membership and decide that you need full membership during the year, you can pay the difference to the DCRA to make up the full fee.
- c. **DCRA BASIC MEMBERSHIP** provides liability insurance coverage, eligibility to shoot on military rifle ranges in events organised by the ORA, and a DCRA Membership Card,
- d. **DCRA LIFE MEMBERSHIP** provides all the privileges of full DCRA membership. The DCRA has established a variable scale of Life Membership Fees based on age. For details, please see refer to the ***Canadian Marksman*** or contact the DCRA or the ORA Membership Secretary.

- III. **REDUCED MEMBERSHIP FEES:**
- a. **NEW MEMBERS.** If you have **never** been a member (apart from a cadet member) of the ORA before, there are reduced fees for the first year. The reduced fees are shown on the New Member Application Form.
  - b. **LOWER FEES FOR FULL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** are payable up to the end of the membership year in which a member becomes 25 and for members aged 65 or over.
  - c. **"UNDER-25 TERM MEMBERSHIP"** is a special type of Full (ORA & DCRA) Membership which covers members up to the end of the membership year in which they become 25 for a one-time fee. It may be purchased by, or on behalf of, anyone under 25. Under-25 Ontario members of the 2009 DCRA Bisley or the 2009 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Bisley Teams will be awarded ORA/DCRA Under-25 Term Memberships, effective either April 1, 2010, or April 1 in the year following the end of their service with the cadets. Those who have been awarded DCRA Under-25 Term Membership and who have not entered the DCRA Matches in the last three years will be removed from the mailing list, unless they specifically ask to be left on. This does not apply to those who have purchased Under-25 Term Membership. Under-25 Term Members should make the deductions applicable to ORA-DCRA Life Members in determining the fee to be paid.
- IV. **IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO SHOOT IN 2010:** you may take out ORA "Contact" Membership, which gives you ORA mailings ONLY, but NO shooting, voting or other rights in the ORA. You can combine this with a full year subscription to the "Canadian Marksman" if you wish.
- V. **SPECIAL NOTICE TO ORA LIFE MEMBERS:** You do not have to return the membership form, if you still have your 'semi-permanent' ORA Life Membership Card, **unless** some of your personal information (address, etc.) has changed, **and/or** you also need to take out Annual DCRA Membership, **and/or** you need to purchase shooters liability insurance, **and/or** you intend to shoot in 2010 and must pay the SHOOTING ACTIVITY FEE, **and/or** you wish to make a donation to the ORA and/or to the DCRA. You should use your 'semi-permanent' membership number when entering ORA competitions. You will not receive a new card unless you ask for one. If you intend to shoot in 2010, you must pay the ORA SHOOTING ACTIVITY FEE, and pay shooters' liability insurance by taking out DCRA Full, Associate or Limited Membership or by paying the \$18 fee if you are a DCRA Life Member.
- VI. **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:**
- a. **Military Members.** Members of affiliated Military Rifle Associations will pay a reduced SHOOTING ACTIVITY FEE and an insurance fee in order to take part in specifically designated mixed military-civilian Service Conditions and/or Practical/Sniper Rifle shoots. Individual members of the CF Regular, Reserve, CIC, or Cadets, whose Units have not affiliated, must pay the one-day Guest Fee or take out individual ORA Military Membership and pay the full SHOOTING ACTIVITY FEE in order to enter such matches. Members of the military who wish to shoot in non-military ORA/DCRA events must take out full regular membership as described above.
  - b. **Other Residents of Canada,** who are not ORA Life Members, may join the ORA as Contact Members to receive ORA mailings. NCRRA members may also take out either full or Contact ORA Membership. See also SHOOTING ACTIVITY FEE above.
  - c. **Those resident outside Canada** who wish to shoot in ORA events must take out full ORA Membership as detailed above. This must include Full or Associate DCRA membership. Only Life Members resident outside Ontario have full voting privileges. If you only want DCRA, and not ORA, membership, please send your fees directly to the DCRA. If you wish to remain on the ORA & DCRA mailing lists, without shooting, you should take out ORA/DCRA Contact Membership. There is a reduced 'meeting' fee for those visitors from outside Canada who will **only** shoot in the ORA and/or DCRA Annual Matches. Contact the ORA Membership Secretary for details.
- VII. **ORA AFFILIATION FOR UNITS/UNIT RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS/CORPS/CLUBS:** For information on the ORA Service and Precision Programmes in 2010, please contact the ORA Secretary.
- VIII. **FIREARMS LEGISLATION and ATTs:** Under current Firearms Legislation and Regulations, the ORA is a partner in the process through which '**Authorization to Transport' (ATT) permits** are issued for the transportation of restricted firearms to ranges as designated on the permit. Endorsement by the ORA will only be provided to paid-up, active members.
- a. Current ATTs issued to ORA members will be re-validated for 2010, providing membership has been renewed by 1 April 2010. Only those whose membership includes insurance and activity fees are eligible to hold ATTs through the ORA. The ATTs of those who have not renewed by 1 April 2010 will be cancelled by the CFO.
  - b. Those who do not hold a current ATT should ask the ORA Membership Secretary about the ATT application procedures.
  - c. Please note that the ORA will only sponsor ATT applications for those who are **full annual or life members** of the ORA, who are conjoint members of the DCRA, who have paid the ORA SHOOTING ACTIVITY FEE, who are active shooters, who satisfy ORA safety and training requirements, and who have supplied all required information. The ORA will **NOT** sponsor ATT applications from military or "contact" members.

- d. Please also note that to be eligible for an ATT, you must hold a current FAC or Firearms Licence that allows you to own restricted firearms. You must obtain this individually before applying for the ATT.

**IX. CADETS, Ex-CADETS and CADET INSTRUCTORS**

The ORA is planning to hold a "Cadet Reunion" Shoot and Social Event during the 2010 Season. More information will be published in the *ORA Journal* and placed on the ORA web site. A special mailing will also be made to those for whom the ORA has mailing information. It would be appreciated if all those with a cadet background, of any age, would assist in publicising and running this event and in contacting others, especially those not currently active in shooting

**X. DONATIONS:** Donations from members and friends of the ORA and DCRA are an important source of support. As a Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association, the DCRA may issue income tax receipts for donations, subject to the regulations governing RCAAAs. In particular these state that donations may not be directed to other clubs or organisations or individuals. You may, if you wish, indicate a preference that your donation be used for some purpose in the DCRA or ORA. However, that preference may not be stated as a condition of the donation. In allocating donated funds, the DCRA is free to direct financial support for activities under its control as the national governing body. Such support to PRAs could be broad support to several or all PRAs for a particular type of activity, or at the request of one or more PRAs for some defined activity. The DCRA Executive Committee will manage donated funds on behalf of the DCRA and will direct and allocate such financial support as appropriate. Here is what you should do if you wish to make a donation and receive a tax receipt:

- a. All payments must be made payable to the DCRA (you may send your cheque via the ORA, but it must be payable to the DCRA);
- b. If you want some, or all, of your donation to be used by the DCRA, say how much and whether you have any preference for its allocation;
- c. If it is your preference that some, or all, of your donation be used by the ORA, say how much and whether you would prefer it to be used for any particular purpose. Let the ORA know you have done this. The ORA can then apply to the DCRA for support to the area in which you expressed your preference. The DCRA Executive Committee will then decide how the donated funds are to be allocated.
- d. Your membership fees may be included in the cheque payable to the DCRA, in which case the DCRA will return the portion of ORA fees to the ORA, or, preferably, in a separate cheque payable to the ORA, in which case the ORA will forward the portion of DCRA fees to the DCRA.
- e. **It is not possible** for you to make your donation payable to the ORA if you want a tax receipt. Cash donations and contributions of goods and services from members and friends of the ORA and DCRA are always very much appreciated and form an important part of annual operating funds. We hope that you will feel able to act generously in this regard, even though the rules are somewhat complicated due to federal legislation.

**Note:** Only those members who have renewed their membership, including the shooting activity fee and liability insurance, will be permitted to shoot in any ORA Matches and Practices after April 1, 2010. Match organizers will be provided with current membership lists starting in early April. Visitors may pay the one-day Guest Fee at each event (up to 4 times) and must fill in the membership application form giving full details.

**Please do not hesitate to contact the ORA Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 2076, Thornton, Ontario, L0L 2N0 if you have questions about the fees or any other aspects of your membership. Any queries about DCRA Membership should be addressed to the DCRA (e-mail: [office@dcra.ca](mailto:office@dcra.ca) or phone 613-829-8281 or FAX 613-829-0099).**

*Final note.*

*The ORA Annual General Meeting will be held in Toronto starting at 11 am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010, at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Branch #13, on Kingston Road between Birchmount Road and Warden Avenue. Lunch will be served for those attending. Please let the Secretary know if you will attend: email [orafazal@bell.net](mailto:orafazal@bell.net) or phone 905-837-7824. The DCRA AGM is in Ottawa 27<sup>th</sup> March.*