

Education & Sport Shooting Range

Gun Linx Presentation for Barrie Council
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Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA) -- Hunting and Sport Shooting

- Parliamentary Press Gallery Report (2019):
 - Canadians spent **\$8.5 billion** on hunting and sport shooting
 - Hunting and sport shooting contributed **\$5.9 billion** to Canada's GDP
 - Hunting and sport shooting accounted for **48,000 full-time equivalent jobs** in Canada, resulting in **\$6.4 billion in labour income**

The Conference Board of Canada (2018) -- Sport Shooting

- Sport shooting is growing in popularity
- An estimated **1.4 million Canadians** participate in shooting sports
- **\$2.6 billion** spent on sport shooting

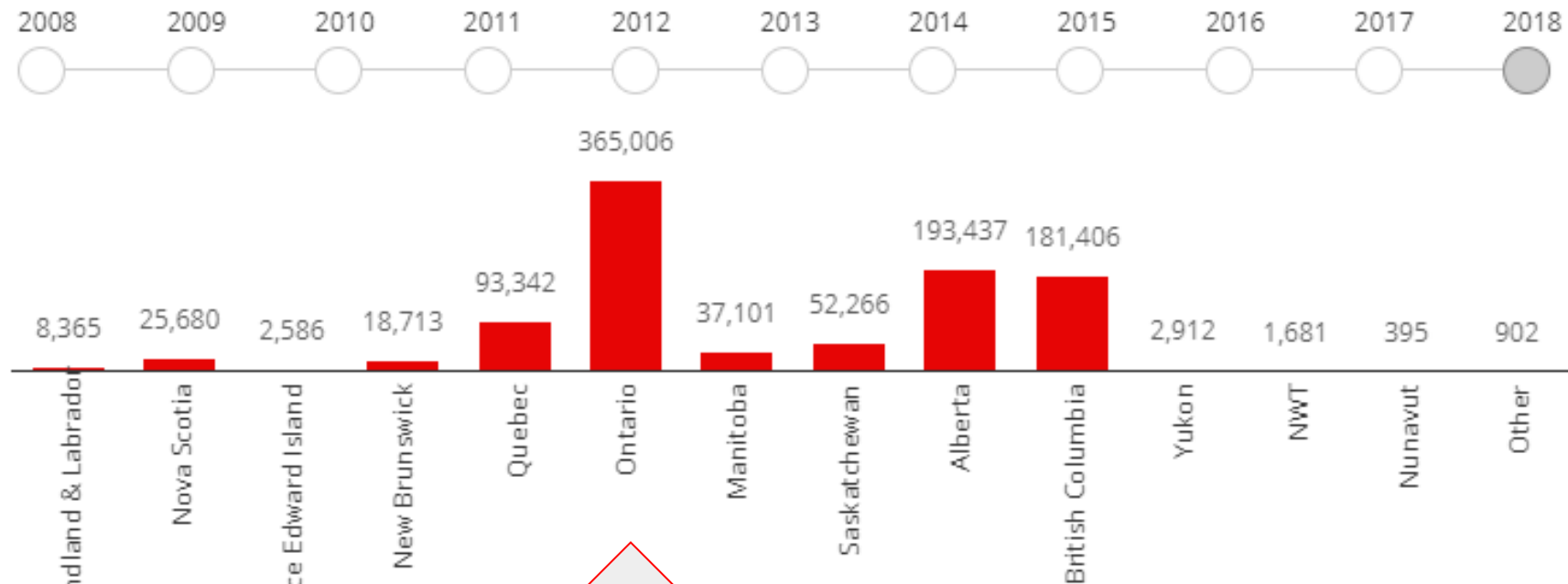


Canadian Commissioner of Firearms report for 2018 -- Positive Trends (2015-2018)

- When the Trudeau government was elected in 2015, the registered restricted & prohibited firearm count was **978,347**.
- At the end of 2018, the number of registered firearms was **1.16 million -- 19% increase. Decrease in Prohibited by 1.78%**
- Biggest change is in the number of registered restricted firearms which went from **384,888 in 2004 to 795,854** in 2015, then a increase to **983,792** in 2018.
- That is a **23% increase** in three years.

Restricted firearms in Canada

Reports by the Commissioner of Firearms show the rise in the number of restricted firearms in Canada



1/3 of the total are registered in Ontario.

Why the growing popularity?

Firearms advocate Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association:

- predicts the **number** of restricted firearms will **continue to rise**
- rise in gun ownership is in part a result of the growing **popularity** of **target shooting**

"Target shooting is a rapidly growing sport. Very, very popular with millennials. Many of the firearms that are used in target shooting, for example, all handguns, are registered firearms."

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Executive Director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association

The Canadian Shooting Sport Association -- Culture of Safety

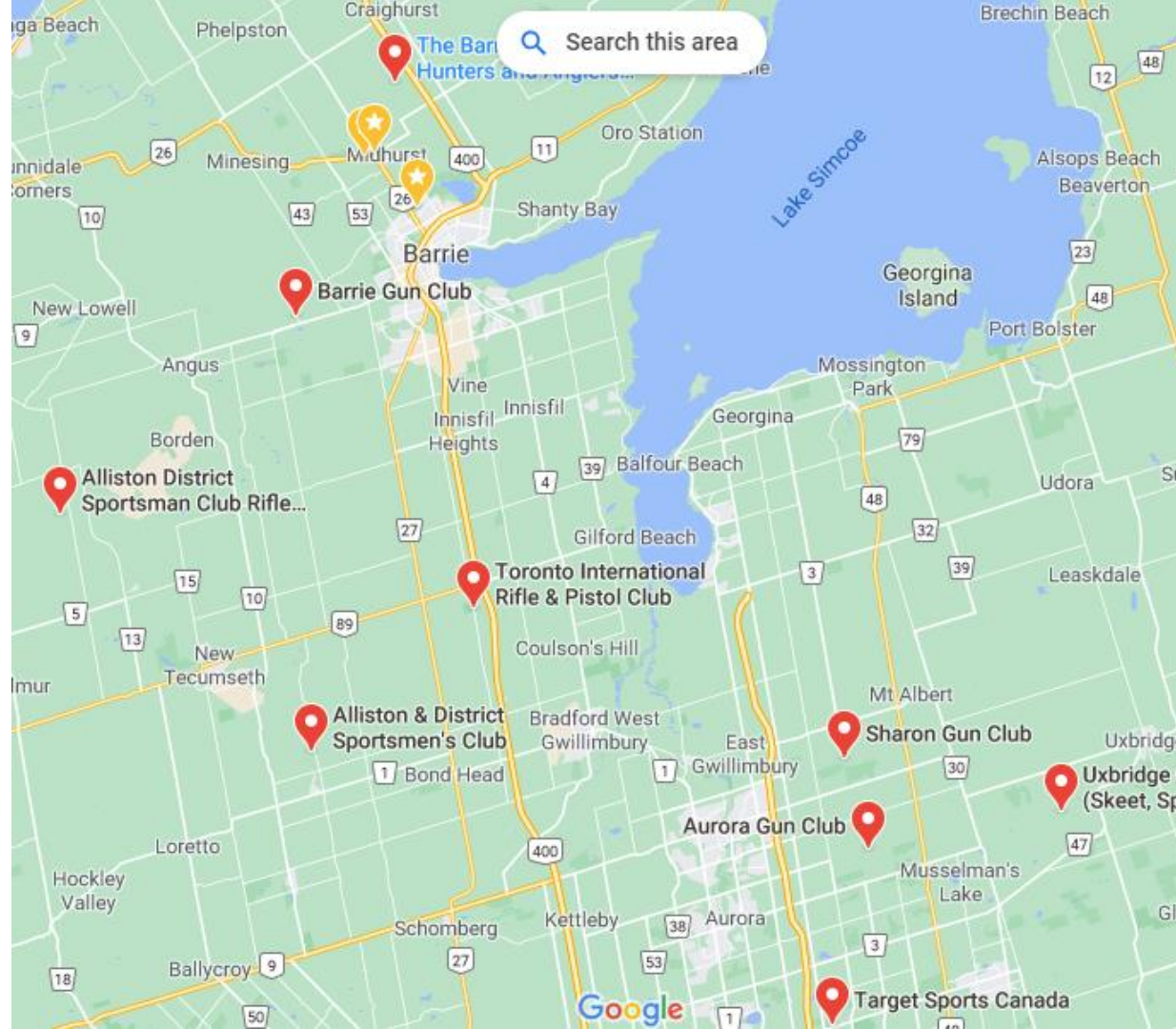
- Target shootings safety record is unsurpassed by any other sport.
- Lifetime sport
- Equal opportunity
- Year-round sport

“The shooting sports offer so many benefits, no matter which discipline is right for you. Whether you are a young person, adult or senior, whether you are male or female, whether you are able-bodied or physically challenged, the shooting sports are accessible to you.”

Survey of gun clubs in the area:

- Waiting lists
- Lack of indoor space
- Lack of continued education and training programs after licensing

**Growth in Bradford and Barrie, migration to Simcoe from GTA*



Gun Linx Plan review

- **Partnering with organizations**...Local law enforcement, Military, Security Industry
- **Create a facility**...State of the Art, sport shooting 50 m. Long gun 100m (hunting Practise & set up) Tactical/ certification
- **Educational programming includes** ...3 tiered training system. Trainers (Justin & Jason) ex Military and currently local officers in SWAT division. 200 to 300 people a month in Ontario are getting a firearms licence.