



WASHINGTON STATE TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF 1977

A.D. (DAREL) BRANSCOM, Mansfield, Washington has been one of the State's top contenders in trapshooting sine his first registered targets were shot in 1948. He was introduced to the clay target spot during World War 2 but did not enter the game seriously until he returned to Mansfield in 1948. He won his first trapshooting trophy at the Inland Empire Trapshoot in 1949; Class D Singles winner.

He was placed at the 27-yard Handicap Line in the late 1950's and in 1960 he captured first place at Reno, Nevada in the Golden West Flyer shoot from maximum yardage. He hit the first fifty straight using a model 12.

In 1962 Darel broke 95.77 per cent of 3,950 targets and attained the second highest overall composite average in the United States. This record gained him a spot on the 1963 Sports Afield all American Men's Trapshooting Teams. He was named Captain of the 1962 Washington State 16-yard High Average Team with an average of .9850 of 1200 A.T.A. targets. That same year he was High Overall shooter in the Century 21 Tournament and won three trophies in the Canadian-U.S. International Shoot. He was invited to participate in the 1962 Clay Pigeon Final Tryouts for the selection of the United States International Shooting Team held at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and rated tenth among the twenty-eight top trapshooting marksmen in the country. In February 1963, Darel was among the six finalists for The Everett Daily Herald's award as "Man of the Year in Sports."

This highly competitive trapshooter holds a Master's rating in International shooting and has won numerous High All Around and High Overall awards during his shooting career. Among his Washington State A.T.A. championships are Singles Champion in 1974 and Doubles Champion and High all Around Washington state shooter in 1976.

For consistent high averages and expert performances in all events of the sport of trapshooting during twenty-nine years of competitions, A.D. (DAREL) BRANSCOM is awarded the honor of a permanent place in the Washington State Trapshooters' Hall of Fame.