



# WASHINGTON STATE TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME



## CLASS OF 1978

**NORM BIRCHER** has a very unusual style of shooting, but one that has been quite successful for him. He shoots both rifle and shotgun right-handed from the left shoulder. As a small boy learning to use a large shotgun in Palouse, Washington, he was taught this different placement because his left eye is his master eye and he could hold his head straighter and sight easier if he placed the gun on his left shoulder.

Norm has many wins and trophies which he has gained since he shot his first registered targets in 1938. He has a total of 26,525 16-Yard targets with an average of about 95, and 25,000 Handicap targets with an accumulation of 8,950 Doubles on his record. He won the Washington state Class D at the beginning of his trapshooting career in 1938, Class C Doubles in 1970 at the Camas Prairie Trapshoot, and in Spokane at the Inland Empire Tournament, he won Class A in 1976. He was named on the Washington A.T.A. High-Average Team in 1967, and was a member of Spokane's Tiger Squad for many years.

A Life Member of A.T.A. and a Life Member of the Spokane Gun Club, Norm served the club as President in 1969 and on its Board of Directors from 1965 until 1969. After spending four years in Japan as a POW during World War 2, he taught skeet shooting at Naval Air Stations and shot with the National Reserve Skeet team in 1952 in Dallas, Texas and at Pontiac, Michigan, in 1956. Since that time he has devoted his competitive efforts to trapshooting and received his 25,000 A.T.A. pin on February 9, 1978.

For twenty-four years of devotion to the game of trapshooting as a Washington State resident and for his many years of championship target shooting this true sportsman and competitor, **NORM BIRCHER**, is worthy of a permanent place in the Washington State Trapshooters' Hall of Fame.