



WASHINGTON STATE TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF 1976

RAY O'CONNOR has registered A.T.A. targets for the past thirty-six years, and like so many good things, has been improving with age. Although he has scored many wins during his shooting career, quite a few of his championships have come in the last several years after he reached the age of seventy. In 1951 Ray won the Singles Championship at the Inland Empire Tournament in Spokane, and at the Washington State Trapshoot in 1954 he tied the singles score of Bill Meyerhoff but was unable to shoot off for the championship because his residence at the time was Lewiston, Idaho. The next year he moved to Clarkton and has been a Washington State resident since then.

A traveling trapshooter, Ray has attended shoots in all the western states and Canada, and these tournaments have given him a total of 81, 6756 registered targets. Some of his Western Zone wins have been the Western Zone Class B Championship in 1970 and the Zone Handicap winner that same year. He was WSTA Handicap Champion in 1968 and the Zone Handicap winner that same year. He was WSTA belt buckle given as a trophy for the Handicap win. Ray O'Connor's veteran trophy championships are numerous and include the 1967 Golden West Grand Singles, 1971 Western Zone 200 Singles at the Calgary Gun Club, 1972 Calgary Provincial Veteran's win and that same year the Delweb Mid-Winter Handicap, the 1967 Washington State High Veteran and repeated that in 1968, and the 1972 WSTA Old Timer's Championship. A member of the Hi yu Indians for thirty years and a member of the Pacific Indians for twenty-four years, Ray attended most of their annual tournaments and has many wins marked up in these associations. He has devoted weeks of work managing these Indian shooting events and tending the traps. His home club, Lewiston Gun Club, has benefited through the years from Ray's willingness to work and help wherever needed. A recently completed road leading from their Lewiston Airport to the gun club was named "O'Connor Road" in honor of Ray in appreciation for all his work throughout the years.

For thirty-six years of championship trapshooting and for unselfish donations of time and effort to the shooting organizations, it is fitting that RAY O'CONNOR is awarded a permanent place of distinction in the Washington State Trapshooters' Hall of Fame.