



WASHINGTON STATE TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF 1976

REX MILES was really a trapshooter “before he was born,” he was born into a trapshooting family in the Rhondda Valley of South Wales, the setting for the novel “How Green Was My Valley.” His father was a dedicated outdoorsman and Rex was taken to target shooting competition as an infant in what he described as a “pigeon basket.” His brother, Sidney Miles, was a member of the Welsh Trapshooting Team which fired international competition and accumulated a chest full of medals won in such matches.

Rex came to the United States about 1912 and after becoming an American Citizen; he participated in World War I and fought in France. The great attraction of the Northwest was the excellent upland bird hunting he found in Eastern Washington State, but two of his best loves were trapshooting and hot tea.

Rex was a natural for paperwork. He cashiered trapshoots throughout the Western States and was the first Secretary – Treasurer of the Washington State Trapshooters’ Association, continuing in that position for twenty-two years. He was always active in his loyal club and held the office of Secretary of the Spokane Gun Club for many years where he did a great amount of promotion work. A published author, Rex wrote numerous articles about his favorite sport and saw them printed in local newspapers, national magazines and anywhere he could find an editor receptive to his writings- such as the Spokesman-Review, Walla Walla Union Bulletin, the Digest of Trapshooting and the Sportsmen’s Review. He wrote articles for the Australian Clay Pigeon Association’s publication and was an honorary Vice-President of that organization; he was influential in getting their members to come to the Grand in the United States, Rex attended the Grand regularly, and was accompanied by his son, Keith, after the boy was 10 or 11 years old.

For over fifty years of great promotion work for the trapshooting sportsmen of the Northwest, and for many years of dedication to the administration of tournaments and trapshooting organizations, REX MILES’ name is properly placed in the Washington State Trapshooters Hall of Fame.