



NMMLRA
RIFLE
SHOOTERS
HALL OF FAME



2008

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association

*"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State,
the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."
Second Amendment to the Constitution*



NMLRA Rifle Shooters Hall Of Fame

Welcome to the first induction ceremony of the NMLRA's Rifle Shooters Hall of Fame. The Rifle Committee has worked for several years to develop the criteria that would establish the qualifications for individuals to be considered and earn their way into this honorary society. We have gone back through the record books and *Muzzle Blasts* searching for the names of those who have earned the right to be a part of tonight's ceremony. Thank you for attending and CONGRATULATIONS to those who will be the first group of inductees.

The following criteria were recommended by the Rifle Committee and approved by the Board of Directors on September 11, 2006:

All entries into the Rifle Shooters Hall of Fame shall be determined by rifle competitor's shooting performances during National Championship Shoots. Entries whose shooting careers began after 1982 shall be determined by the following point system. Male shooters shall be required to earn a minimum of 100 points. Female shooters shall be required to earn a minimum of 50 points. *Points are earned as follows:* aggregate winner = 3 points; aggregate 2nd place = 2 points; and aggregate 3rd place = 1 point.

All points must be earned in individual adult competition. Points earned from offhand rifle competition shall be earned only from the highest class. Territorial aggregates and the Offhand Classification Aggregate (CA) shall not be eligible for points earned.

Early rifle shooters whose careers concluded before 1983 or extended into the post-1983 years shall require fewer points for entry into the Rifle Shooters Hall of Fame.

The Rifle Committee shall continue research to determine additional entries into the NMLRA Rifle Shooters Hall of Fame.

NMLRA Rifle Committee
Ann Reed, Tony Capriglione, Mark Donaldson, Lowell Crane,
Branch Meanley, Jr., J.L. Hargis - Chair



**NMLRA Rifle Shooters
Hall Of Fame
2008 INDUCTEES**

Male

CLAUDE TURNER, Otway, OH
L. M. WOLFE, Wilshire, OH
WALTER GROTE, Canton, OH
DON COBLE, Bellefonte, PA
CHARLES SAINOPULOS, Portsmouth, OH

CLARK FRAZIER, Rawson, OH
L. E. STEPHENSON, Arroyo Grande, CA
DAN SCHLEGEL, Louisville, KY
WILBURN TERRY, Gas City, IN
CHARLES BLENDER, Ben Avon, PA
BRUCE TIPTON, Springfield, OH
TED BUTZ, Indianapolis, IN
DON WARNER, Wapakoneta, OH
J. L. HARGIS, Cobden, IL and Ellis Grove, IL
MIKE BELLE, Tampa, FL
ELWOOD CULLERS, Timberville, VA
BRANCH MEANLEY JR., Decatur, AL
H. P. GREGORY, Amhearst, VA
TIM MARSH, Stanton, KY

Female

BERTA TURNER, Otway, OH
ELLEN GROTE, Canton, OH
LAURA BROOKS, Lowell, OH
RUTH SAINOPULOS, Portsmouth, OH
JUDITH FUNDERBURG ROBINSON, Tiffin, OH
and Fort Wayne, IN
SUE RUNNEBOHM, Shelbyville, IN
CAROLE PORTER, Berlin Center, OH
KADENE WARNER, Wapakoneta, OH
SHARRON SMITH, Beaverton, MI
THERESA BROWN VAN EPPS, LeRoy, MI
SARAH LOTT, Crimora, VA



Years Of Participation For Inductees

Claude Turner 1932 - 1965
L.M. Wolfe 1941 – 1960
Walter Grote 1934 - 1976
Don Coble 1938 – 1970
Charles Sainopulos 1953 - 1964
Clark Frazier 1951 –present
Les Stephenson 1959- 1967
Dan Schlegel 1951 – 1995
Wilburn Terry 1958 – 2005
Charles Blender 1964 – 1991 and 2007
Bruce Tipton 1961 – present
Ted Butz 1973 – present
Don Warner 1972 – present
J. L. Hargis 1973 – present
Mike Belle 1976 – 1998
Elwood Cullers 1981 – present
Branch Meanley, Jr. 1984 – present
H. P. Gregory 1990 – 2005
Tim Marsh 1991 – present
Berta Turner 1951 - 1966
Ellen Grote 1943- 1966
Laura Brooks 1948 - 1959
Ruth Sainopulos 1954 – 1964
Judith Funderburg Robinson 1956 – 1962
Sue Runnebohm 1967 – 1978
Carole Porter 1971 – 1976
Kadene Warner 1972 – 2000
Sharron Smith 1974 – present
Theresa Brown Van Epps 1984 – present
Sarah Lotts 1990 – present



National Championship Shoot Locations & Dates

Matches were called “Annual Matches” until 1939. **Bulletins** were issued to notify members of all shooting events. After 1939 Annual Matches were called “National Matches” or “National Championship Matches.” 1947 was the date of the first National Spring Shoot that promoted the “Founders” match as the main event. *Muzzle Blasts* first began in September 1939. Shooting events, national, state and local clubs, were listed and promoted by the early NMLRA leadership.

Location	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Portsmouth, Ohio	February 22, 1931
<input type="checkbox"/> Portsmouth, Ohio	February 22, 1932
<input type="checkbox"/> Portsmouth, Ohio	February, 1933
<input type="checkbox"/> Portsmouth, Ohio	February 21 – 22, 1934
<input type="checkbox"/> Laughery Park, Rising Sun, Indiana	September 27 – 29, 1935
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<input type="checkbox"/> Dillsboro, Indiana	October 8 – 10, 1937
<input type="checkbox"/> Dillsboro, Indiana	October 7 – 9, 1938
<input type="checkbox"/> Fred Hastings Farm (Sugar Bowl) near Friendship, IN	October 6 – 8, 1939
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilkie Lemon farm (Present site)	October 18 – 20, 1940
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilkie Lemon Farm (Present site)	October 17 – 19, 1941
<input type="checkbox"/> Officially Dedicated As The Walter Cline Range	September 4 – 6, 1942
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<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range	August 30 – September 4, 1961

25th Anniversary

Location**Date**

<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range		August 29 – September 3, 1962
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<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range		September 1 – 7, 1964
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<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range		June 13 – 21, 1987
<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range		June 11 – 19, 1988
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<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range		September 10 – 18, 2005
<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range		September 9 – 17, 2006
<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range		September 8 – 16, 2007
<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Cline Range	75th Anniversary of NMLRA	September 13 – 21, 2008

Year	Rifle Champion Winners	Crosley Winners
1931	Tom Overly	
1932	W. L. Turner	
1933	William Large	Stanley Brown
1934	Walter Massie	Stanley Johnson
1935	E. W. Williamson	E. R. "Bull" Ramsey
1936	Stanley Johnson	
1937	William McQuerry	May: Walter J. Keenan October: Jess Johnson
1938	H. J. Rhodes	Andy Whitehurst
1939	H. J. Rhodes	Andy Whitehurst
1940	Don Coble	John Jones
1941	L. M. Wolfe	L. M. Wolfe
1942	Lester Cox	Ralph Dunn
1943	Harvey Rhodes	Clyde Bishop
1944	L. M. Wolfe	W. E. Vanderford
1945	L. M. Wolfe	Clyde Bishop
1946	Harold Porter	Charles L. Gillis
1947	L. M. Wolfe	Don Coble
1948	Lloyd Bader	W. E. Vandeford
1949	Don Coble	Edna Williamson (Woman)
1950	Roland Harper	Claude Turner
1951	Don Coble	Robert Gibson (Junior – 13 years)
1952	Don Coble	Mrs. W. E. Vanderford (Woman)
1953	Don Coble	Don Coble
1954	Clark Frazier	Clark Frazier
1955	Don Coble	Norman Kobb
1956	Judy Funderburg (Woman)	Judy Funderburg (Woman)
1957	Clark Frazier	Delford Rowland
1958	Tom Pike	Donald Westfall
1959	Don Coble	Judy Funderburg (Woman)
1960	Les Stephenson	Carl Bufink
1961	Les Stephenson	Fred Stallcup
1962	Les Stephenson	Don Coble
1963	Robert Morris	Loren W. Bill Thoman
1964	Don Coble	Al Deutschman
1965	Les Stephenson	Harold Stoffer (Junior)
1966	Charles Blender	Roland Harper
1967	Charles Blender	Bruce Tipton
1968	Charles Blender	William E. Vanderford (Senior)
1969	Wilburn Terry	Wilburn Terry
1970	Wilburn Terry	Clark Frazier
1971	Clark Frazier	Debbie Frazier (Junior)

Year	Rifle Champion Winners	Crosley Winners
1972	Wilburn Terry	Allen Hoke
1973	Charles Blender	Allen Hoke
1974	Dan Schlegel	Vicki Terry (Junior)
1975	Gerald F. deVaudreuil	Jennifer Barnes (Junior)
1976	Frank Collins	George Laverty
1977	John Clove	Kevin Warner (Junior)
1978	J. L. Hargis	Brad Potts (Junior)
1979	J. L. Hargis	Jennifer Barnes (Woman)
1980	Mike Belle	Ted Butz
1981	Mike Belle	Chris Frazier (Junior)
1982	Ed Green	Don Warner
1983	Ron Hicks	Richard Glotfelty
1984	Mike Belle	Kadene Warner (Woman)
1985	Don Warner	Hoppy Hopkins
1986	Mike Belle	Theresa Brown (Woman)
1987	Don Warner	Renee Scott (Woman)
1988	Wayne Dunlap	Roy Scott
1989	Elwood Cullers	Roy Scott
1990	Don Warner	Roy Felix
1991	Elwood Cullers	Branch Meanley, Jr.
1992	Elwood Cullers	Rick E. Scott (Junior)
1993	Mike Belle	Branch Meanley, Jr.
1994	Elwood Cullers	Roy Scott
1995	Mike Belle	Randy Koerper
1996	J. L. Hargis	Branch Meanley, Jr.
1997	J. L. Hargis	Branch Meanley, Jr.
1998	Elwood Cullers	Rick E. Scott
1999	Elwood Cullers	Don Warner
2000	H. P. Gregory	David DeLong
2001	Elwood Cullers	J. L. Hargis (Senior)
2002	Tony Capriglione	J. L. Hargis (Senior)
2003	Tony Capriglione	J. L. Hargis (Senior)
2004	H. P. Gregory	Al Kramer (Senior)
2005	H. P. Gregory	J. L. Hargis (Senior)
2006	Elwood Cullers	Marvin Wotring (Senior)
2007	Tony Capriglione	Amy Frank (Woman)

- The NMLRA National Championship has been won by 34 different shooters; one of them female; 18 of them may not be living.
- The Crosley Cup has been won by 40 different Men, 8 Women, and 9 juniors; 2 Juniors also won as an adult.



NMLRA Total Membership

Year/Membership	Year/Membership	Year/Membership
1931	1962: January, 7,298	1993: November, 24,464
1932	1963: January, 7,761	1994: July, 24,270
1933	1964: January, 7,397	1995: September, 25,067
1934: 140	1965: January, 8,072	1996: June, 22,692
1935: 450	1966: March, 8,880	1997: July, 23,046
1936	1967: May, 8,589	1998: October, 22,246
1937	1968: April, 8,922	1999: June, 21,146
1938	1969: October, 9,839	2000: July, 21,314
1939	1970: July, 10,958	2001: April, 21,198
1940	1971: December, 13,980	2002: October, 20,586
1941: July, 926	1972: October, 16,267	2003: January, 20,359
1942: December, 1,600	1973: September, 17,806	2004: July, 18,971
1943: October, 2,539	1974: July, 17,259	2005: December, 18,927
1944	1975: September, 18,340	2006: October, 17,909
1945: February, 4,444	1976: September, 20,943	2007: July, 18,058
1946	1977: September, 22,720	2008: September, 17,200
1947	1978: October, 23,495	
1948: September, 5,500	1979: August, 24,908	
1949	1980: July, 23,765	
1950	1981: July, 24,460	
1951	1982: August, 25,001	
1952	1983: August, 24,559	
1953	1984: October, 24,878	
1954	1985: October, 27,568	
1955	1986: July, 24,184	
1956	1987: July, 25,121	
1957: 5,000 plus	1988: September, 25,856	
1958	1989: November, 25,084	
1959	1990: June, 25,326	
1960: January, 5,521	1991: July, 25,817	
1961: January, 6,023	1992: May, 25,051	