

Antonio 'Tony' Sacco



Inducted into OPTA Hall of Fame on June 30, 1984

Tony was born on January 30, 1915, the son of Rosario and Maria Sacco in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He worked for the family bakery known as Sacco's Bakery until 1939, then operated his own business Niagara Music.

He raised and showed Labrador Retrievers and German Shepherds as a hobby and started trapshooting in 1955.

He was a Life Member of the National Rifle Association and Life Member of the Hamburg Rod and Gun Club.

In 1977, Tony became the first Canadian to register 100,000 singles targets with the Amateur Trapshooting Association. In 1959, Tony was an instructor for hunter safety with the Department of

Lands and Forests and was a certified pistol and home safety instructor with the National Rifle Association for quite a few years.

Tony was known for taking over Squad 1 Position 1 at the Grand American from Spike Graham who surrendered it in 1974, and kept that honour for some twenty years.

Notable Positions

Past Director and Treasurer of the Niagara Falls Optimist Club

Past President and Treasurer of the Niagara Falls Sertoma Club

Past President of Niagara Falls Fish and Game Association

Past President of Niagara Falls, New York Kennel Club

Life Member of the Canadian Kennel Club

Shooting Accomplishments

1958 Eastern Zone, Class E Champion

New York, Out of State Champion, Buffalo, N.Y.

New York, Out of State Champion, Rochester, N.Y.

1967 Eastern Zone, Class C Champion

1973 Grand Island Summer League, Grand Island, N.Y Champion

1974 Steubenville, Ohio, 18-21 yards Handicap Champion

1982 OPTA Championships, Veteran Singles Champion 99 X 100

1983 OPTA Championships, Veteran Handicap Champion 95 X 100

Buffalo Shooting Club, Finger Lakes League, Winning team member

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ANTHONY SACCO
TRAP SHOOTING

Anthony has been a member of the Amateur Trap shooting Association since 1955. He won the Class D Eastern Zone Championship in 1958 which includes Ontario, Quebec, New York and Pennsylvania State. He has continued on to be successful in his sport winning numerous awards, titles, and championships in Canada and the United States. Anthony was the first Canadian Amateur to register 100,000 single clay targets in this sport. He hopes to reach 200,000 targets in the near future. With these accomplishments, he has joined only a select few trap shooters in his sport.

A letter from the Premier of Ontario sums up that Anthony Sacco received a certificate for his extraordinary interest and contributions in his Ontario sports program. Through his dedication and love to his sport, Niagara Falls has definitely benefited. Anthony, today, is still actively participating in all aspects of his sport.

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