

Roy Galloway

Roy Galloway was born in 1937 in Kent County. He attended Chatham Vocational School and afterwards worked at the C&D Sugar Plant and then International Harvester until his retirement.



Roy started trapshooting in 1965, and over the course of his shooting career, won more than 200 championships at gun clubs all over North America. His wins include 4 OPTA and 6 CTA championships.

Roy started shooting with a Remington 1100 and was known as one of the best 16 yard shooters in Canada. He was the first person to break 100 straight singles at a registered shoot at both Harrow and Hamilton Anglers & Hunters Club. He upgraded to a BT-99, which he wore out, and then shot a BT-99 Plus for many years, along with his trusty Perazzi combo at Doubles. He won many Ontario High Average awards, with personal bests of 98.81% in singles in 1988 and 1989, 90.00% in Handicap in 1982, and 95.31% in Doubles in 1989.

Roy won his first Grand American trophy in 1980 in the Class Doubles Championship. In 1994, shooting with John Shields, Joe Soos, George Wortner, and Tom Knight, he broke 648 straight singles targets during the Grand American. Roy made many shoot-offs at the Grand, and took great joy in waiting until the final call to check in, just to hear his name called repeatedly over the loudspeaker at Vandalia. He also saw the fun in being at the grounds as early as possible every morning, usually showing up before sunrise, in order to get a parking spot right up front with all the ATA officials and delegates.

Roy travelled to many clubs in the Eastern Zone, and won many New York, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania state shoot awards. He lost a shootoff against Kay Ohye for the Eastern Zone Singles Championship after 475 targets, which at the time it was one of the longest shoot-offs ever recorded. Unfortunately, Roy missed one. He has many fond memories of attending shoots at Jaqua's Gun Club in Findlay, Ohio, where he would normally come home with several trophies after a weekend of shooting. He broke his first 200x200 score in 1989 at the Bluewater Sportsman's Club, and broke 13 double centuries in his career. He broke his last 100 straight in singles at Jaqua's in 2008. Of all the trophies he has ever won, Roy considers the belt buckle he received for his induction into the OPTA Hall of Fame in 2001 to be the one he treasures most.

Over the course of his 45 years of trapshooting, Roy registered 137,950 Singles, 92,325 Handicap, and 72,800 Doubles targets. Roy now lives in Petrolia and is a member of the Dresden Sportsmen's Club.

Career Highlights

Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Championships

1978 – Doubles, High All-Around and High Overall Champion

1987 – Doubles Champion

1989 – Singles Champion

2002 – Veteran Singles Champion

2005 – Veteran High Overall

2006 – Veteran High All-Around, Veteran High Overall Champion

Canadian Trapshooting Championships

1971 – High Overall

1972 – Singles Champion

1974 – Doubles Champion

1978 – Doubles Champion

1979 – Singles Champion

2003 – Veteran Doubles Champion

2008 – Senior Veteran Singles Champion

Grand American Championships

1980 - Preliminary Class Singles – AA Champion

1980 - Class Doubles Championship – Class A Winner

1984 - Class Singles Championship – AA Winner

1988 - Class Doubles Championship – Class B Winner

2004 - Clay Target Championship – Veteran Runner-up (200x200) and won High Canadian award

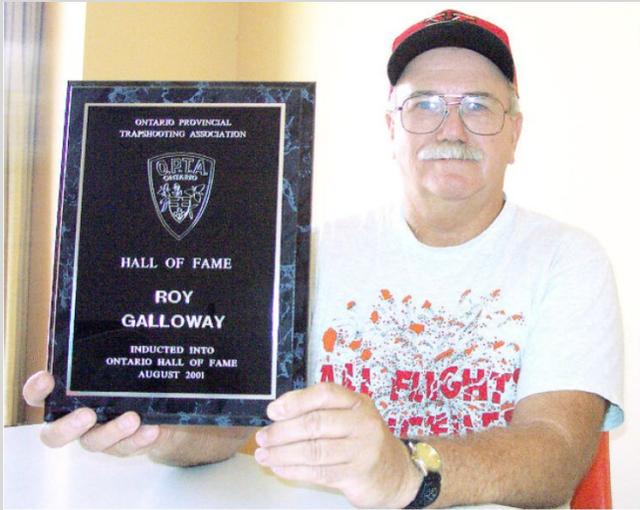
2006 - Doubles Championship – Veteran Runner-up

2007 – President's Handicap – Senior Veteran Runner-up

2008 - Doubles Championship - Senior Veteran AAA Winner



1976 Canadian Championship, Montreal, Roy Galloway, 5th from the right



(Daily News File Photo)

Galloway to enter Hall of Fame

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Roy Galloway is being honoured for his feats of clay.

The long-time trapshooter will be inducted Thursday into the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame for a championship career that began with turkey shoots. "You don't shoot turkeys," he said. "You shoot clay targets and win turkeys."

Galloway, 75, also hunted for small game, such as ducks and cottontail rabbits, before taking aim at competitions.

"I thought it was a lot better shooting clay targets than shooting game," he said.

When asked why, he said, "you don't have to clean them. And they pay you if you win."

There wasn't much money to be made, though, so he began hunting for trophies instead.

He's bagged more than he can count. He won so many trophies, he started giving them away at the shoots.

Now he keeps them. "I just put them in a plastic bin," Galloway said. "They're small."

He won a trophy just a few weeks ago at the Dresden Sportsmen's Club, where he still shoots weekly.

Galloway is already in the Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association's Hall of Fame. He was enshrined in 2001 for a career that now includes six provincial and four national championships. He's been the singles (1989), doubles (1978 and '87), high all-around (1978), high overall (1978) and veterans (2002) champion at the provincials.

He also won Canadian Trapshooting Association championships in singles (1972 and '79) and doubles (1974 and '78).

The one that got away was the American Trapshooting Association's Grand American championship.

As many as 5,000 shooters compete there, so someone's always going to hit all 100 targets, Galloway said. He hit 97 one year and 98 another year but he never achieved perfection.

"I went to it for 40 years," said Galloway, who began trapshooting in 1965. "I never won it. Came close, but I never won it."

Galloway moved to Thamesville in 1968 and then to Petrolia in 2004. He doesn't go to the big trapshooting events anymore, but he still takes his shotgun to intercounty competitions. He's won almost 200 championships overall.

“I love the game,” he said. “And I don't like playing golf. ...“I watch golf. They're always going for the middle of the hole. And that's where I get the bird – in the middle.”

There are no retirement plans in his future. “Not yet,” he said. “Maybe. The fingers are getting a little arthritis in them.”

His keys to success include dedication, focus and, most of all, concentration. “Ninety-per-cent concentration,” he said. “And vision, too. If you can't see the target, you can't hit it.” His vision isn't what it used to be.

“They say it's a little blurry,” Galloway said, “but I can still hit them.”