

## William (Bill) Wylie

Bill's shooting career began in 1982 at the Crumlin Sportsmens' Club where he shot one round with a borrowed Browning BT-99. Bill said the gun kicked the heck out of him. He was introduced to the sport by Bill Henderson. In 1983, he decided to start registering targets. He had a lot of help from many shooters and his skills improved rapidly. It wasn't long before he started to win competitions and gaining yardage. Along with that came the beginning of his trophy and belt buckle collection. In 1991 at The Grand American he went to the fence with a 96 in the handicap event. He also won many championships in Michigan, Ohio, New York and Florida.



Figure 1 Bill Wylie at St Thomas Gun Club 2017

Bill was the runner up singles champion for three years in a row at the Great Lakes Grand in Michigan, twice shooting 200 straight in the event, only to follow that up with 500 extra shoot-off targets!

In 2004, Bill won the Canadian singles championship in Edmonton, Alberta, shooting a 199/200 and in the same year, he won the Eastern Zone singles championship in New York.



Figure 2 Bill Wylie with his All Star Team mock up of a Trap & Field cover

In August of 2004, at the Grand American in Vandalia, Ohio, Bill won the Champion of Champions title for the Zones. He was high Canadian clay bird champion four times, each time with scores of 200 straight and earned high Canadian title in the handicap event once. The last year that the Grand American was held at Vandalia (2005), Bill won high Canadian Clay Bird Champion, as well as earning the same honour for



Figure 3 Bill Wylie, centre, at the Canadian Trapshooting Championships 2004



Figure 4 Bill Wylie, left, and Keith Saunders, right, after a Senior Vet shoot-off

the first two years of the shoot at Sparta, Illinois. Over the years, Bill has won many events at the Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association and Canadian Trapshooting Association championships.

Bill was inducted into the OPTA Hall of Fame in 2018.

