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Steve Sprout Nomination for the WVATA Hall of Fame

Steve Sprout started shooting Registered Targets in 2003 and has since accumulated a lifetime total of 24,200 singles --19,750 handicap --and 17,050 doubles targets. His skill as a competitive trapshooter has won him numerous trophies from several states and the Grand American. With help from his shooting buddies and his lovely wife Holly, produced the following compiled a list of trophies :

4- Marietta Gun Club / Winter league Trophies

Ohio State and Buckeye Classic Handicap RU Trophies

PA State Shoot Doubles AA Trophy

Kansas State Shoot Handicap Yardage Trophy

10- Trophies from Virginia State shoot in the past 5 Years in Caps, Singles, Doubles and a High All Around.

Several from the 2010 grand American including a Class AA in the Clay Target Championship.

At least 26 WV State Shoot and WV HOF Shoot Trophies, including the 2 States Singles Championships back to back in 07 and 08, HAA, HOA, and the prestigious "Newt Jones" Award.

Many of these trophies were hard won in marathon like shoot-offs. I want to say that Steve thrives in the competitive atmosphere and pressure of the shoot off. At the start of the event he envisions himself in the shoot off, looks forward to it, and is prepared for it. In my opinion that is the true measure of a champion shooter.

In addition to Steve's shooting skills, and abilities, he has been a welcome and productive member of the WVATA. At the State Shoot he has worked for years as a squad hustler. More recently he has taken on more duties in the cashier office in addition to being invaluable as treasurer of the WVATA. His pleasant and comic nature makes him likeable and he has no trouble keeping smiles on the faces of the people around him. Steve is also unselfish with advice and coaching for fellow shooters.

With having a strong work ethic, being an avid outdoorsman, a great camp chef and a loving family man, Steve rates being a HAA and HOA human being.

With all these things considered, we would like to nominate Steve Sprout to the WVATA Hall Of Fame.

Fred and Mary Ellen Dague