

F. Rudy Etchen

Mr. "870"

Inducted Posthumously October 22, 2016

Our 50th Inductee into the Arizona Trapshooting Hall of Fame was born in Chicago in 1923, the son of Fred Etchen, a legendary shooter in his own right. During his lifetime, Rudy lived in several different states but no matter where he resided, he earned state titles.

During a career that spanned 65 years, he won 34 ATA championships in six states. His career started at a young age in Kansas when at age 12, he was Junior runner up in 1935, earning his initial state crowns in Junior Singles in 1936 and capturing the men's crown in 1938 and 1939. In 1945 and 1946 he earned the Tennessee Doubles Titles also nailing down the Handicap and All Around in 1945. He made a clean sweep of Idaho's four main championships in 1953, also winning the Singles, Doubles and All Around in 1952 and again in 1957. The Pennsylvania Doubles and All Around titles were his in 1960, 1962, 1964 and in 1975, he annexed Louisiana's All Around crown. In Golden West Grand action in 1952, Rudy topped the Singles, Doubles and All Around with a record 394x400 and, High Overall.

He won nearly 50 Grand American Trophies, plus numerous titles and trophies at the Golden West Grand, the Spring Grand and the Western Zone tournaments. One of Rudy's proudest Grand American accomplishments was winning the Grand American Clay Target Championship title in every category for which he was eligible. Sub-Junior in 1936 and 1937, Junior in 1938 and 1939, Amateur in 1952, Professional/industry in 1951, Veteran in 1989 and Senior Veteran in 1993.

He was the Grand American Doubles Champ in 1942, 1943, 1945 and he won the High Over All in 1945. At the 1950 Grand American, shooting one of the first Remington 870 pump guns produced, he broke 100 straight in the doubles, becoming the first person to break 100 Doubles at the Grand. Rudy continued to shoot his "870" throughout his career. His 17 All American Team selections include – Six Men's (two as captain or co-captain), Three industry (captain or co-captain each time), Three Junior, Three Veteran and Two Senior Vet spanning a period from 1938 to 1995.

Rudy was inducted into the ATA Hall of Fame in 1980 following his Father Fred, who was inducted in 1979. Rudy is also enshrined in the Kansas State and Pennsylvania State Trapshooting Halls of Fame.

His mastery with a shotgun did not rest with ATA shooting. Rudy excelled in all shotgun sports. He won titles in Skeet Championships, International Skeet Championships, and International Trap Championships. In 1972 during the Olympic tryouts in Rochester, MN he broke the first 100 straight ever shot on the way to a 196x200.

Rudy also won many Live Bird Championships in Monte Carlo, Madrid, Paris, Guadalajara in addition to many Columbaire Championships in Spain, Madrid and Egypt. He was the winner of the Grand National Quail Championship in Enid OK with the high score three years in a row.

Some trivia: At one point, Rudy held the Long Run Skeet Record with 104 targets straight. That doesn't sound like a long run, but, consider this...he shot it while standing on one foot...atop the post at each skeet station...using only one hand...with a model 12 pump shotgun!

Rudy attended Southern Methodist University and was a World II Naval Aviation veteran flying "PBY"s. He was in the advertising business in Pittsburgh and the oil and gas business in Louisiana, retiring from the oil and gas business in the 1980's. At the time of his death, he was a consultant to the President of Remington Arms Company. He also held executive positions with Hercules Industries and E.I. DuPont de Nemours, among others. His son Joel, carries on the Etchen trapshooting legacy.

Rudy and his wife Harriet moved to AZ in 1981 and became full time residents in 1986 where he continued winning championships. In addition to shooting, Rudy was a avid fisherman and enjoyed golf and gun collecting. The Scottsdale resident passed away in August, 2001 at age 78.

We are honored to have Rudy Etchen in the Arizona Trapshooting Hall of Fame!

In Addition:

Year	Event	Trophy Won	Score
ARIZONA STATE SHOOT			
1999	Wed. Dbl	Resident SV	90
	Thurs. Sgl	Resident SV	99
	Sgl Class Chmp	Resident SV	99
1998	Sgl Champ	Resident SV	196
1997	Thurs. Dbl	Resident SV	98
	Dbl Champ	Resident SV	95
1996	Sgl Champ	Resident SV	190
	Thurs. Sgl	Resident AA	100
1995	Sgl Champ	Resident SV	194
	Dbl Class Chmp	Resident SV	98
	Sgl Class Chmp	Resident SV	99
1994	Sgl Champ	Resident SV	198
	Wed Sgl	Resident Vt	99
	Fri. Sgl	Resident SV	97
	Dbl Champ	Resident SV	93
	Hd Champ	Resident SV	81
	All-Ar	Resident SV	372x400
	HOA	Resident SV	1,106x1,200
1993	Sgl Champ	Resident Vt	199
	Dbl Class Chmp	Resident AA	99
1991	Thurs. Dbl	Resident AA	98
	Dbl Class Chmp	Resident Vt	97
	Sgl Class Chmp	Resident Vt	99
	Sgl Champ	Resident Vt	197
	Dbl Champ	Resident Vt	97
	All-Ar	Resident Vt	380x400
1990	Thurs. Sgl	Resident Vt	99
	Thurs. Dbl	Resident Vt	99
	Sgl Class	Resident Vt	99
	Sgl Champ	Resident Vt	198
	Hd Champ	Resident Vt	91
	Dbl Champ	Resident Vt	97
	All-Ar	Resident Vt	386x400
	HOA	Resident Vt	953x1,000
1989	Sgl Champ	Resident Vt	199+23
	Sgl Class Chmp	Resident Vt	100
	Dbl Class	Resident Vt	97
	Fri. Sgl	Resident Vt	100
	Dbl Champ	Resident Vt	94
	HOA	Resident Vt	970x1,000
WESTERN ZONE SHOOT			
1953	Dbl Champ	A-Runnerup	94
	Sgl Class Chmp	AA	199
	Challenger Sgl	Winner 1	00
	HOA	3rd	670x700
SPRING GRAND			
1996	Wed. Dbl	SV	97
	Dbl Champ	SV	99

More Achievements:

17 time All American:

Junior First Team - 1938, 1939, 1940

Men's First Team 1942, 1943, 1945(C), 1953(C), 1954, 1955

Industry First Team- 1949, 1951(CC), 1952(C)

Veteran Team - 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995

Senior Veteran Team - 1994, 1995

Arizona State Team:

Veteran Team 1998 (C), 1992 (C), 1995

Lifetime Target Attainment:

Singles: 75,175

Handicap: 32,650

Doubles: 28,570