



2002 Inductee

Terry Ragsdale

In 1966 the Odessa Archery Club and the TFAA got a new member. Who would have ever guessed this new member would turn out to be arguably the greatest Freestyle Shooter of All time. Terry Ragsdale started shooting archery when he was a young boy. Terry's father Robert introduced Terry to archery, after Rudy Folds of California took Robert to an indoor shoot in San Diego while they were serving in the Marines. Therefore the blame for the beatings we have taken over the last 27 years pretty much needs to go to Robert or some crusty old Marine. The family later relocated to Longview and joined the Longview Archery Club where success for Terry soon followed.

Some of Terry's accomplishments include:

1975 TFAA PMFS State Champion

Youngest man ever to win an amateur national title at age 162 NFAA Amateur National Titles

1 NFAA Open National Title

8 NFAA Professional Titles

Shot the first ever-perfect 900 at Las Vegas in 1985

Shot the only 2-1200 perfects ever (uniquely the first 2 times the Vegas face was used)

Shot a perfect 1200 ten-ring perfect at Cobo Hall and Las Vegas in 1978

The Redding Trail Shoot

FAA World Field Championship in 1990

FITA Target World Championship

Holds NFAA five day scoring record, 2782. (Field-Hunter-Expert Round, 1983)

Holds a FITA world record

Only person to shoot an official 560 outdoors, 1995

Terry says the best thing about archery is the lifelong friends that he has made and the fun they have together. Terry's favorite tournament is the Redding Trail shoot. Terry says his parents, Robert and Ruth, are his most influential people in archery. He credits them with spending thousands of hours and dollars running up and down the highway to archery tournaments and keeping a steady flow of the finest archery equipment available. Terry also credits Robert and Ruth for having him at the right place (Clemson, S.C.) at the right time (1977) so that he could meet the greatest archer he has ever shot with and that would be his wife of 23 years, Michelle.

It is my privilege to introduce 2002 HOF inductee Terry Ragsdale.

(Terry was nominated to the Hall of Fame by Troy Wesley.)