

## Harry C. Gruenwald

Inducted 1998

Harry Gruenwald was an active and dedicated Life Member of the Tucson Trap & Skeet Club for over forty years. Harry registered his first ATA targets in 1959 at the old Tucson T&S Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Pantano Wash. As he recalled, he was shooting an automatic that bounced shells off the hat of the shooter next to him. He remembered the other shooters words were not too kind at the end of the event.

In 1993, at the age of 84, Harry reached his 100,000 singles target milestone. He would go on to register 102,700 singles, 79,300 handicap, and 32,250 doubles targets in his career that spanned 42 years.

Harry earned many Tucson T&S Club Championship trophies as well as numerous trophies from the other clubs throughout Arizona and other southwestern states. Harry won Arizona State Shoot trophies for Veteran Handicap in 1974, Veteran Handicap Champion in 1975, Class B Resident Singles in 1978, and earned two more Veteran Handicap titles in 1986.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the Tucson T&S Club, Harry was instrumental in laying out plans for the present facilities located on Old Ajo Way and as owner of Harry's Electrical Shop, supervised the electrical wiring of the new facility. As an electrical contractor in Tucson for over 40 years, Harry served as President of the National Electrical Contractors Association for several years. Harry would be the first shooter to run 100 straight on the new club grounds.

Harry participated in the Tucson Winter Chain Shoots, with his first in 1960 and 1995, received his Tucson Pin for 35 consecutive years attendance.

In addition to trapshooting, Harry was an avid bowler, competing in both Open and Senior Pro-Am Tournaments where he also earned trophies. Certainly, his accomplishments as a gin player will long be remembered at the Tucson T&S Club.

Harry Gruenwald passed away in September of 1997, just prior to his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Perhaps Harry wrote his own trapshooting eulogy when he was quoted in an October 13, 1985 newspaper interview on reaching his 75,000 singles milestone. . .

. . . "Why do I shoot trap? It's the people I meet and the fun I have. There's no other sort like it."