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Nomination of Mr. Billy L. Martin
for induction into the Virginia Trapshooting Association's Hall of Fame
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Billy L. Martin of Radford, Virginia, is a trapshooter's trapshooter. Billy started registering targets as a young man shooting alongside his father in 1969, and he maintains strong dedication and enthusiasm for trapshooting to this day, almost 50 years later. Over Billy's shooting career, he has registered 90,300 singles, 76,200 handicap, and 67,580 doubles targets, for a grand total of 234,080 registered targets.

Billy has garnered many VTA trophies and awards in his trapshooting years including Virginia's singles, doubles, and high all-around (HOA) champion for several years. He has been a member of the 10K club many times, he has been on the Virginia men's top 20 HOA, singles, and doubles teams multiple times. His highest singles average of 97.93% came back in 2007 which put him in the top 10 in Virginia. He is a 27 yard handicap shooter, and he achieved a doubles high of 93.47%, also in 2007. Billy still regularly participates and assists in VTA registered shoots and serves as a range officer for many of our Christiansburg gun club open shoots in spite of complications such as switching to being a left hand shooter a few years ago due to eye surgeries.

For more than 40 years, Billy has supported the Christiansburg Izaak Walton Gun Club with maintenance of the grounds, careful operation of the equipment, and extensive upgrades to the facilities; he has been a scorekeeper at hundreds of registered events and he can be depended upon to arrive early, work throughout the event doing whatever was needed, and stay late to help take down. In addition to being a range office for the Wednesday open shoots, he regularly brings new shooters to our club and very often these shooters are junior shooters or brand-new shooters experiencing a trap shoot or shotgun for the first time.

In summary, we think Billy Martin's dedication and support of trapshooting is extraordinary in terms of the length of time he has been committed to our sport, the extensive support he has provided for the Christiansburg gun club of the VTA, and his promotion of trapshooting to a diverse group of beginning shooters over the years. The many small clubs in Virginia depend upon the support of a few dedicated volunteers. Billy has contributed to trapshooting in Virginia in various ways for almost 50 years and this persistence seems noteworthy.

Thank you for your consideration.