

## Dr. THOMAS P. ARVAS – 2002 NM HOF INDUCTEE

Dr. Thomas P. Arvas started participating in the sport of trapshooting in 1959. He has registered over 150,000 targets since his career started. He won the Southwest Zone Handicap in 1960 when the event was part of the Winter Chain. He also won the New Mexico State Handicap in 1988. He has served as New Mexico's Delegate to the Amateur Trapshooting Association for 17 years. He was elected to the Executive committee of the ATA in 2000 as the Southwest Zone Vice President.

He has served as a member of the National Rifle Association Board of Directors for 10 years and was recently reelected for a fourth term. He is presently chairman of the Shotgun Committee and the Hunting and Conservation Committee and serves on the Collegiate Committee for the NRA. The Collegiate Committee sponsors the NCAA Trap and Skeet competition. Dr. Arvas was also instrumental in establishing

ATA-NRA youth shotgun programs, which is currently implementing clinics for adolescents. Dr. Arvas is the center in three generations of trapshooters, the last generation being the best.