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Subject: OTSA Hall of Fame 2025 (Jim Black)

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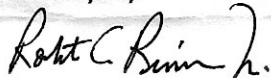
During my shooting career I have shot with many great Oklahoma shooters and after knowing Jim Black for many years I believe he has distinguished himself throughout his shooting years in many ways.

Not only has Jim Black separated himself as a very good Oklahoma shooter over the years, he has also been an asset who worked hundreds of hours at the OTSA grounds while the state association was in a transition phase keeping it open during a management change several years ago. Currently he volunteers on rotating basis at the Shawnee Twin Lakes Club. Jim also has assisted with the youth shooters at Shawnee, such as The Bethel School FAA and the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE) several becoming very good shooters.

I am submitting Jim Black for consideration for the 2025 OTSA Hall of Fame, based on his shooting career, state association and local club volunteering.

If you have any questions concerning this submission, please call.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Rimer Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert Rimer Jr.

Jim Black shooting career highlights attached.

Jim Black was introduced to trapshooting in 1973 by Donald Miller, a co-worker, who was avid trapshooter and hunter. We shot at the FAA Gun Club on SW 54th and MacArthur, North side of Will Rogers Airport.

I also shot at Capital City Gun Club and Weatherford Gun Club. In the late 1970s my wife and I started a family and I quit trapshooting to raise the kids, In 1995 I started back shooting a OTA and met a old friend Jess Pemberton and we have shot together for many years.

I was elected to the OTA board of directors on two different elections at the annual state shoot, once under past OTA presidents Doc Koper and Ron Willson. While Doc Koper was president then Gene Sears who had managed the OTA clubs operations stepped away from those duties.

Under OTA president Ron Wilson, OTA had a club lease with Kenneth Jantzen to run the club and he was released from the contract at his request. The board asked Tim Deister, Tim McCann and myself to run and keep the club open until someone could be found., this ended up be approximately 1 year. At the time there was league shooting on Tuesday and Thursday, with Saturday and Sunday for open Shooting. The 3 of us managed the OTA facilities including State Shoots, monthly shoots, Skeet shoots as well as winter shooting. We alternated weeks managing the OTA facilities.

We were so busy on the weeks I kept the club open my wife and friend Jess Pemberton helped me because shooting was very busy and active during these times. We mowed all 19 traps all the way out to the wheat fields. Jess and I did not get to shoot for 1 year because of the club was always very busy and active with shooters.

I shot in the Grand American 4 times in Vandalia Ohio and 1 time in Sparta and San Antonio for the Southwestern Grand. At the Grand American in 2005 in Vandalia the last year it was held there I broke 200 straight to reach the Singles Championships shootoff, the shootoff began during pouring down rain at night and the water was deep I shot a 19 during the 1st 25.

In 2006 I began shooting at Shawnee Gun Club. At Shawnee I have been on the board six times and three times as president. During my first time as President I resigned because of family illness. I am currently serving again as President.

At Shawnee Gun Club, we have Bethel Acres FAA youth shooters and I do my best to help teach these young shooters, I really enjoy helping them learn. I have also worked closely with the (OYE) Oklahoma Youth Expo and Bray Havens to setup preliminary shoots for their State Shoot.

During my career I have shot Three 200 straights, Thirty seven 100 straights, 47 99s, 53 98s, 52, 97s. I have won a total of 179 ATA registered contests, 94 singles awards, 26 handicap awards and 59 doubles awards.

Memorable Wins:

June 1995 Oklahoma State Shoot Preliminary Handicap Champion

June 1995 Oklahoma State Shoot B Class High Overall

April 1996 B Class Singles Runnerup

July 1996 Oklahoma State Shoot AA Singles Champion

1996 Southwestern Zone Budweiser Handicap Mid Yardage Champion

2000 Oklahoma State Shoot Preliminary Class C Champion

2008 Oklahoma State Shoot Handicap Champion. It was a windy day and I shot a 96 to win, The award was a beautiful engraved knife in a display case.

2010 Oklahoma State Shoot Class A Singles Champion

2012 Oklahoma State Shoot Class AA Singles (tie)

2014 Oklahoma State Shoot Class AA Singles (tie)

2002 State Team

Most Memorable Memory

One of my most Memorable shoots was at the OK State Shoot, shooting off for Singles Championship against Karl Tomanka (OTA Hall of Fame member). We both ran the 200, in the shootoff we were tied going into the last post, I shot 1st on last post and my wad broke the target as verified by Karl Tomanka and the score keeper, Karl missed the next and I ran the trap winning the shootoff and singles championship.

When I first made the 27-yard Line

I made the 27-yard line on June 1st, 2008 at the Oklahoma State Shoot when I won the State Handicap Championship with a score of 96.

Life memberships

Life member of ATA and OTA

NRA, a Patriot Life Benefactor member and member of the Golden Eagles.

Handicap Events on the way to 27-yard line

I started back trapshooting at the 1995 state shoot, I was assigned penalty yardage because of lack of targets. I was assigned the 22-yard line and won the preliminary handicap with a 96 and I was awarded the 23 yard line. On May 18, 1997 I earned the 24-yard line at Oil Capital Gun Club with a 98. On February 28, 1995 I earned the 24 1/2-yard line with a 95. On June 13, 1999 I earned the 25-yard line at Shawnee Twin Lakes Trap Club with a 94. On April 17, 2005 I earned the 26-yard line at the Grand National Gun Club in Enid with a 97. On June 1, 2008 I earned the 27-yard line at the OTA State Shoot with a 96.

Long run from scratch

357 singles straight.

Noteworthy Prizes won

Crystal glass and candle holders, sterling silver bowls, engraved platters, wine goblets, crystal glass beer mugs, many knives, utility tools, gun cleaning kits, plastic mugs, gift certificates, belt buckles, 4 gold coins and 10 silver coins.

Total number of ATA registered targets

24,550 Singles	19,350 Handicap	14,350 Doubles
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I would be honored to be inducted in the Oklahoma Trap and Skeet Association Hall of Fame. In all the years that I have competed I have met a world of wonderful people at Oklahoma trapshooting clubs. I am proud to be part of OTSA Association.