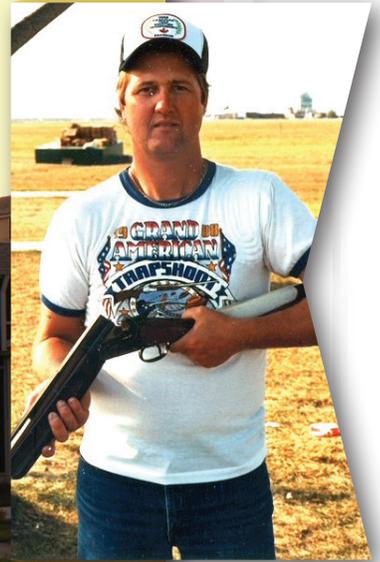


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# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## PATRICK LAMONT & ROD BOLL

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The future of any sport depends upon building upward from the foundation that has been established by past and present champions. Trapshooting is no exception and the Hall of Fame Board of Trustees is working to finalize this year's plans to honor Rod Boll (posthumously), Patrick Lamont, Dale Stockdale and Neil Winston (posthumously). All champion shooters, from the past and present, will insure the future of trapshooting.

The 55<sup>th</sup> annual Hall of Fame ceremonies to honor these very deserving competitors will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The induction ceremony and banquet traditionally have been held on the grounds of the World Shooting and Recreational Complex, near Sparta, IL.

### PATRICK LAMONT

Trapshooters may vary in ages and come bearing flags of all colors but it's the similarities that create bonds of friendship, even between

fierce competitors. Canadian Patrick Lamont, 6-time ATA All American, has been inducted into both the Manitoba Provincial Trapshooting Hall of Fame and the North Dakota Hall of Fame and will soon be the

newest member of the Trapshooting Hall of Fame.

Rob Lamont got his young son off to an early start (age 10), by letting him tag along to the local gun clubs. Pat grew up around shooting and progressed from just standing directly behind the trap house to shoot, on to joining the local Junior Shotgun program at age 12 in 1996. Shortly after, he broke a 96 in his first ever tournament (Manitoba Junior Shotgun competition), which won the open champion's trophy over the field. His registered shooting career began in 1998 and from there he has brought countless trophies back to his Brandon, Manitoba home.

Grand American championships began with winning a Handicap ring in 2008; High All Around in

PATRICK LAMONT AND DAD, ROB



2008, 2009, and 2017; the Clay Target top award in 2016 and 2022; High Over All honors in 2017, 2018, and 2022; and the Doubles championship in 2017. To date, Lamont has a Grand ring for each finger, (he was the second shooter, after Kay Ohye, to win a ring in each of the five main events) but when the 38-year-old takes the line at this year's Grand, he definitely has plans to add more!

Competition fuels Lamont, having helped him to claim other Grand American accolades, including the Winchester AA Class Singles in 2009, 2016, and 2018; Champion of Champions, 2011; NRA Singes, 2012, 2015, and 2018; Preliminary High All Around, 2015; and in 2017, both the President's Handicap and the Downrange Doubles championships were his for the taking.

His most memorable Grand win was the first of three times he and his dad claimed the Parent/Child trophy. At the last Grand in Vandalia (2005), they tied with Bob and Eric Munson and Kay and Debbie Ohye. The decision was made to carryover into the Championship Singles. A perfect 400/400 for the Lamont duo gave them the honors.

The inventory of Canadian National Championships currently numbers 38, more than any other shooter. High All Around championships began in 2002 and since then have been added to his trophy case seven more times. Lamont's string of High Over All crowns came first in 2004 and most recently again in 2022, for a total of ten trophies throughout the years. Canadian Doubles championship trophies started accumulating in 2005 and by 2022 his awards numbered to ten. In the championship Singles race, Lamont's performance bested all others seven times between 2005-

2018. Canadian Handicap victories came in 2015, 2018 and 2022.

The ATA Central Zone includes ten U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. Lamont has posted the High All Around scores in 2005, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2018 and 2020. Twice he captured the Zone Singles; Zone Doubles three years; and Zone Handicap in 2012.

High Average awards have listed Lamont on top in the All Around, Singles and Handicap multiple times. Currently, his registered target totals stand at 56,500 Singles; 42,650 Handicap; and 35,100 Doubles. According to Lamont, "I actually take a lot of pride in the high average awards, those would be some of my best accomplishments."

Family has played an important part in his shooting successes. From the very beginning, his dad, Rob owned Jo-Brook Firearms (sold in 2006) and was very involved at the local gun club. Rob naturally stepped into the role of coach when his son picked up a Remington 870 pump gun at age 10. He explains how his son came to be shooting an

MX10RS Perazzi, "Pat had been shooting a used BT99 and a Citori and was never very successful with the O/U on Doubles." The search had begun for a Perazzi combo, and a purchase of an MX10RS (for Rob) caught the attention of Pat. After barrels were choked and back-bored, a trip to the gun club got the new gun set up. Pat broke 24/25 in the first round, however something seemed "off" so adjustments were made to the stock to accommodate for the left hander. That was the last change ever made to the gun that has been shot over the past 21 years, winning Grand rings and setting high averages. Rob comments, "At the time, people told me that I was crazy to give a 16 year old a gun like that. In retrospect, I wouldn't change a thing." Rob will be presenting his son at the HOF induction ceremony. His mom, Kathy Lamont and sister Jen Hart have also been very supportive of his shooting efforts and travels.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree with a Chemistry Major from Brandon University in

2006, Lamont continued his education at the University of Saskatchewan, earning his Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering in 2010. Currently he is employed by Chemtrade, the world's largest manufacturer of sodium chlorate. Sodium chlorate is an important ingredient that goes into every shotgun/rifle primer made in the United States.

In addition to his family, friends from both sides of the US/Canada border have been supportive and instrumental in pushing Lamont to improve his game at every opportunity. Fellow 2023 HOF Inductee, Dale Stockdale reminisces about Lamont, "We didn't usually squad together, but we have become good friends off the line." At last year's Spring Grand, their differences were very obvious when Stockdale showed up to shoot in boots, insulated jeans and jacket while Lamont was wearing shorts. The friends shared a laugh when Lamont stated that Canadians must just be tougher than shooters from Iowa.

During the off-season of shooting, he likes to hunt, mostly waterfowl but pheasants, coyotes and big game are never safe when he is in the field. Lamont says, "Trapshooting is my game. I love the shooting. I'm greedy in that I like to be able to call pull, know a target is going to show up, and I get to shoot it. Hunting isn't like that!" When his Perazzi isn't in his hands, a golf club or wood working tools fill his free time.

The first piece of advice that comes to mind from this year's HOF inductee is to "Have fun!" He advises that it's important to learn to see the target and don't move until you've seen it. If the gun is adjustable, set it up and keep making changes until you're breaking targets, then keep it there!



## ROD BOLL

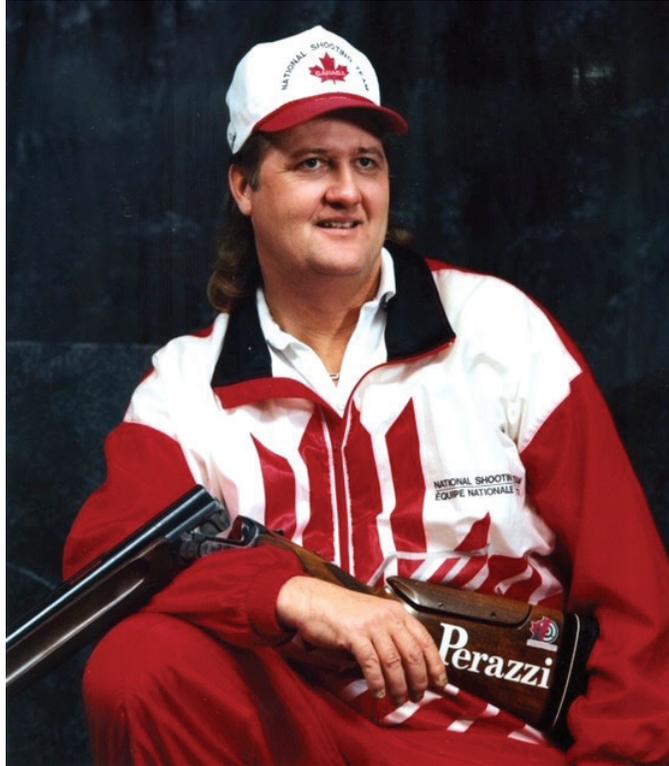
It's been said that behind every successful man, there is a good woman. That was definitely true for 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee Rod Boll. His grandmother, Olivia Lebbert did the driving to local gun clubs before the 15-year-old could drive himself and paid his entry fees, enabling him to compete. She was watching her grandson at the Regina Gun Club, where the future champion broke his first 100 straight, making it one of her proudest moments!

In the years that followed his college sweetheart/wife, Terry, stood beside Rod as the Fillmore, Saskatchewan native represented Canada and competed within the ATA. His record setting trapshooting achievements and excellence in international shooting took Boll to multiple World Cup and Olympic competitions.

Following a period of intense international shooting, Boll returned to ATA trapshooting and picked up right where he left off with wins at the Grand American, Satellite Grands, and Zones. He earned a placement on the All-American men's team in 1988. Later as an ATA Sub-Veteran, Boll was a category All-American from 2014-2017 and Veteran All-American in 2018.

In 1992, Boll was a member of the Canadian team that won the Champion of Champions team title at the Grand American. After a shoot-off against a strong Iowa squad, the trophy went north for the very first time.

Other Grand trophies became his personal awards from 1981-2018. For three consecutive years, Boll was the category champion of the Preliminary Super 500 Doubles. In 2016 and 2018, he claimed the High Canadian and Sub-Veteran Doubles Championships with perfect scores.



Sub-Veteran category trophies came from Satellite Grands in 2014 as the Autumn Grand Prelim Handicap champ; Spring Grand Doubles champ; and Southwest Grand Doubles, Singles, HAA and HOA champion.

In 2015, he garnered the Sub-Veteran Handicap championship at the Spring Grand and category Doubles and Handicap honors at the Western Grand.



Satellite Sub-Veteran honors in 2016 came from the Autumn Grand for Doubles and HAA championships and the Western Grand Class Singles and Handicap.

In Boll's last year (2017) as a Sub-Veteran, he excelled with Atlantic Provinces Singles, Doubles, HAA and HOA championships. He also won the ATA category Singles/Doubles/HOA championships at the Autumn Grand; category Doubles/



HAA/HOA championships at the Western Grand; and the Canadian CTA High All Around championship.

Boll's first year as a Veteran shooter saw him claim the ATA category High Over All at both the Autumn and Spring Grands. At the CTA Championships, he captured the Doubles top honors.

Boll was a member of Canada's National Team from 1993-2005, winning a gold medal at the Western Canadian Games in 1979. At the 1994 World Cup in Cuba, he won a gold individual and silver team medal; and as a team member, won a bronze medal at the 1995 World Cup in Peru, just a year after he was designated as the Saskatchewan Sport Athlete of the year. He earned a place on the Saskatchewan All Star Team for 37 years.

Along with his gold medal in World Cup competition, came the opportunity to qualify for a spot on the Canadian team at the 1996 Olympics, held in Atlanta, Georgia. According to his wife, "The Olympic experience was something that will be remembered forever. Coming out into the stadium in Atlanta was the thrill of a lifetime—hearing that massive crowd cheer on Canada gives you goosebumps and a lump in your throat."

Outside of shooting, Boll attended Kelsey Institute and received a Biological Sciences Technology degree. He worked in a research facility before moving back to Fillmore to work with his dad, Maurice Boll, eventually assuming the role of general manager and grain marketing liaison for the Boll Land Company.

Rod Boll was a community and service minded individual. He helped the Fillmore Legion with many projects over the years. But shooting was his passion and he was thrilled to pass that on to his sons, Kahl and Schon. Winning a shoot-off was always his goal but

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when he triumphed over his son, Kahl at the CTA Championship, it was a bittersweet trophy to accept.

He operated his own gun club which hosted clinics. His coaching extended beyond his own sons, who also became accomplished shooters, as evidenced by the Parent/Child championships won by Rod and Kahl. It was a proud passage when instead of Kahl and Schon being referred to as "Rod's sons" it was Rod who was referred to as "Kahl and Schon's dad". Today the family donates the President's cup annually to the Province that has contributed the most to the sport.

Boll was very excited to learn of his upcoming induction into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame before his untimely death in January 2021. His uncle had been inducted years prior as a hockey player for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Boll was inducted into the Indian Head Sports HOF in 2002.

A presenter at the Hall of Fame induction in August has yet to be determined, but his family will be there to celebrate his HOF induction and represent his legacy to the sport of shooting. ■

