

LOUISIANA TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME

THOMAS NASH



Thomas Nash was born in Monroe, La., on October 26, 1951. Growing up in Monroe, he enjoyed the outdoors and was no stranger to shotgun sports. His grandfather, T. O. Bancroft, Sr. began to instruct young Thomas, or "Butch" as Toby had nicknamed him, in shooting trap in the 1960's.

When it was apparent that the lad was not making progress in breaking many targets, it occurred to Toby that he should check for eye dominance. That solved the problem, and Thomas began shooting left-shouldered thereafter. It wasn't long before he broke his first 25X25 from 16 yards.

Joining an all-family squad, Thomas shot his first registered targets at the 1968 Louisiana State Shoot in Shreveport. Thomas graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1970 with the rank of Cadet Lieutenant. He continued his education at LSU earning a Bachelor degree in Zoology, a Master degree in Microbiology and Biochemistry, and his Doctor of Dental Surgery from LSU dental school in New Orleans, graduating May 1981.

Thomas and Rebecca Brown of Lafayette were married in 1976. They reside in Baton Rouge where they raised two lovely daughters, Caro-

line and Lauren. He has devoted his professional life to the practice of dentistry and is also quite active in organized dentistry. He is a member of the American Dental Association, Louisiana Dental Association, Greater Baton Rouge Dental Association, and is a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry.

After many years, Thomas resumed the sport of trapshooting. He joined Hunter's Run Gun Club in Port Allen, La., and began to shoot registered targets once again in 1995. That was the first year that Hunter's Run hosted ATA registered shoots. Since then, he has won 26 ATA trophies and awards; 16 of which were in Louisiana. Among those were the resident Louisiana Handicap Championship in 2001, Runner Up in 2006, and the Open Mississippi Handicap Championship in 2013.

In addition to several other place awards in handicap, he has one several class awards in singles and doubles. Thomas has served on the LTA board as Director-at-Large in 2003, SE Director in 2004, and was president from 2005-2007. The trophies and accolades are certainly treasured by him, but most of all he enjoys the many friendships that have been made along the way.



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