

■ *From the Trapshooting Hall of Fame*

## **New fund to benefit scholarship efforts**

The Trapshooting Hall of Fame is excited to announce its new Earl H. Goetz Memorial Fund, administered by the Richland County Foundation of Mansfield, Ohio. Proceeds from the fund are earmarked for general support of the HofF's scholarship awards.

In 1942, at age 17, Goetz began his trapshooting career and earned the runnerup trophy in the Grand American Preliminary Handicap with a 98. His photograph appeared in *Sportsmen's Review* on September 5 that year. He continued to shoot registered targets whenever he could until 2003, accumulating 47,175 singles, 46,175 handicap and 34,400 doubles.

Described in an article in the Foundation's newsletter as "quiet, humble, and impeccably honest" and "a shrewd and successful investor," Goetz was a generous contributor to the Hall of Fame from 1982 to 2005. Some time before his passing, he made it known that he would like to set up a fund to honor and benefit youth shooters. After his death in March 2006, the HofF was informed by the Richland County Foundation that Goetz had followed through on his plans.

The Foundation manages his wishes by recognizing many youth organizations in his community as well as three national organizations. The HofF is honored to be recognized alongside Boy Scouts of America and The Salvation Army.

Goetz served in the Navy during World War II as a pharmacist mate. He owned and operated his family's business, Goetz Ace Hardware, until he died. He was an only child and had no close family at the time of his passing; however, he spent the last several years of his life with close friend Margaret Lindley.

The Hall of Fame is extremely grateful to Earl H. Goetz for arranging to assist young shooters through our programs. We are also thankful to The Richland County Foundation and Margaret Lindley for honoring his wishes.

*The Goetz Memorial is a closed fund, and while we cannot accept additional donations to it, if you would like to donate in memory of Mr. Goetz, or if you knew him personally, we would love to hear from you.*

*—Trapshooting Hall of Fame office*



**EARLE GOETZ**

17-year-old boy, broke 98x100 in the Preliminary Handicap. He was in a late squad and finished shooting Friday morning.