

Sportsman of the Year Nomination Form

Date November 14, 2023

Nominator (your name) George Tripp, Dave Hague, Wayne Junier

Nominee (sportsman's name) Tom Orłowski

How long has this nominee been a member? 25 plus years

What are his/her affiliations? (Other clubs, community involvement, organizations,..)

TOM IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS; THE COPICUT RIFLE ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NRA), GUN OWNERS ACTION LEAGUE (GOAL), UNITED STATES PRACTICAL SHOOTING ASSOCIATION (USPSA), AND THE SINGLE ACTION SHOOTING SOCIETY (SASS).

TOM ORGANIZES A VERY SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL FUNDRAISING MATCH FOR THE VETERANS TRANSITION HOUSE AND A CAN GOOD DRIVE FOR THE VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION OF BRISTOL COUNTY.

What positions have he/she held in this or other clubs?

TOM IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER ON THE BOD AT; THE ROD & GUN CLUB OF NEW BEDFORD SINCE 2018 AS WELL AS BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER ON THE BOD AT COPICUT RIFLE ASSOCIATION SINCE 2022

TOM IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ACTION PISTOL COMMITTEE AT THE ROD AND GUN CLUB OF NEW BEDFORD FROM 2008 TO PRESENT

What committees has this nominee supported and in what capacity?

IN 2018 TOM SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK OVER THE ACTION PISTOL PROGRAM AT THE ROD AND GUN CLUB OF NEW BEDFORD; HIS PLAN WAS TO RESTART OUR ACTION PISTOL PROGRAM. WORKING SLOWLY BUT WITH A SOLID GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS, AND WITH TOM AS PISTOL CHAIRMAN NOW, HE AND HIS ACTION PISTOL TEAM CONDUCTED A LIMITED SET OF STEEL PLATE MATCHES IN 2019. AS WE PROGRESSED INTO 2020 WITH MUCH INTEREST, THEY WERE ABLE TO START A FULL SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY STEEL PLATE MATCHES. WITH TOMS CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE SPORT OF ACTION PISTOL SHOOTING THE ROD AND GUN CLUB OF NEW BEDFORD NOW IN 2023 HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST STEEL PLATE MONTHLY MATCHES IN THE STATE. REGULARLY DRAWING IN 50 UP TO 75 COMPETITORS EACH MONTH. TOM AND COMMITTEE THEN STARTED UP AN ACTIVE PRECISION RIMFIRE RIFLE PROGRAM (PRS22)

What has this nominee done to support the club, the 2nd amendment, and/or sharing our sporting values with the community?

TOM HAS SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT INTO THE ROD AND GUN CLUB OF NEW BEDFORD, GUEST INSTRUCTORS FOR DEFENSIVE PISTOL, DEFENSIVE SHOTGUN AND TRAUMA MEDICAL CLASSES AS WELL AS HAVING JON GREEN FROM GOAL AND CONDUCT RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASSES/CERTIFICATIONS, ALLOWING SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY SHOOTERS AND COMPETITORS AT ALL STAGES.

In what ways has his/her own image served as a good role model for the sporting community?

TOM'S KNOWLEDGE, DEDICATION AND PASSION TO SHARE, TEACH, TRAIN AND HELP COME FROM ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS TOM HAS ACHIEVED AND CONTIUNES TO MAINTAIN. CERTIFICATIONS:

NRA SAFETY OFFICER, NRA HOME FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR, NRA PISTOL INSTRUCTOR, NRA METALLIC CARTRIDGE RELOADING INSTRUCTOR, MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE CERTIFIED LEOSA INSTRUCTOR, AND MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFIED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE INSTRUCTOR. IN ADDITION, TOM ALSO HAS THE FOLLOWING SIG SAUER ARMORER CERTIFICATES FOR; THE P320 PISTOL, CLASSIC LINE PISTOLS AND FOR THE M400/M16/M4/AR15

IN ADDITION, TOM ENJOYS; FISHING, HIKING, CAMPING, BACKPACKING, CANOE, KAYAKING AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

Additional Comments: FROM THE NOMINEE'S

We would like to nominate Tom Orlowski for Sportsman of the Year.

Tom has done a great job bringing Action Pistol back to the club. This event has been very successful each month. Many new members noted their interest was action shooting when their application for membership interests are read before the Board. So, he has helped increase our membership.

He also spends quite a bit of time at the club. More than most. He has been a Board member for several terms opening discussions on many topics important to the operation of the club. Spends time with his committee preparing for matches days ahead of the event to make sure they are successful. Tom has also organized training classes for Defensive Pistol and Shotgun training further benefiting the membership experience by providing added training and practice in the art of shooting. He is also always willing to help out when necessary.

Tom is deserving of the Rod and Gun Club of New Bedford Sportsman of the Year 2023.