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## TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM MOVING IN

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March 14 has been “targeted” as the date that trapshooting’s most historic and prized exhibits, memorabilia and artifacts will be moved to the newly constructed Trapshooting Hall of Fame & Museum at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources World Shooting & Recreational Complex, Sparta Illinois.

Established in 1969, the Hall of Fame chronicles the shooting careers and accomplishments of the greatest trapshooters in the history of the sport. The list of nearly 175 enshrines includes the likes of Annie Oakley and John Philip Sousa. The Museum will include artifacts and exhibits that will showcase the history of the sport from its 19<sup>th</sup> century beginnings to the present day.

Up until 2012, the Museum was located at Vandalia Ohio, the former location of the Grand American World Championship Tournament. When the Amateur Trapshooting Association headquarters were moved to Sparta in 2012, the Museum exhibits were put into storage to await the construction of a new home.

Shortly after the August 2014 groundbreaking ceremony, construction of the 9,200 square foot facility began. Although the location is on the grounds of IDNR’s massive World Shooting Complex, the Trapshooting Museum was constructed and will be maintained completely with private donations and funds.

“The building is quite attractive and has a very high quality of interior finish, carpet, tile, lighting; high windows and ceilings add to the vastness of the interior” were the proud comments of Hall of Fame Chairman Jim Bradford.

Although their goals, interests and efforts are parallel, the Trapshooting Hall of Fame & Museum and the Amateur Trapshooting Association have always been two separate entities.

The Grand Opening of the Hall and Museum will be in August during this year’s Grand American Championships at the Complex.

Local dignitaries and media are invited to the move in at 10:00 am on Wednesday March 16.

Volunteers are being asked to assist with the move and are encouraged to contact Lynn Gipson at [lgipson@shootata.com](mailto:lgipson@shootata.com).