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HALL OF FAME



Bertram Manhin

Shooting

Inducted in 2008

Born in Arima, Bertram Manhin later moved to Port of Spain where he attended Tranquillity Boys Intermediate before going to Queen's Royal College (QRC) which is where he first took up the sport of shooting. The teenaged Manhin was interested in other sports, particularly hockey, so his focus was not totally on hitting the target. As such there were moderate results in the few rifle competitions that he entered.

Manhin left for the University of British Columbia where he still concentrated on hockey, but when he returned to Trinidad in the early 1960s it was with a maturity in the shooting game that bore almost immediate results.

He joined the San Fernando Rifle & Pistol Club and entered the pistol shooting category at the 1963 national championships, easily walking away with the Pistol Free title. This first title was barely a hint of his talent. In the ensuing years, Manhin would win the Pistol title every year – except three years when he did not enter – until 1999, an outstanding example of consistency and duration matched by few in any sport.

With such dominance of the local circuit, he was an easy selection for the 1966 Central American & Caribbean (CAC) Games held in Puerto Rico. There, he landed the bronze medal in the Pistol Free, amassing a score of 533, the gold medal winner scoring 537. He took part in the Commonwealth Games a few weeks later in Jamaica, and finished 7th in the 50m Pistol Free, 11th in the Centre Fire Pistol, and 12th in the Rapid Fire Pistol.

In 1968 he attended the Olympic Games in Mexico City, taking part in his pet event, the 50m Pistol Free, scoring 539 from his six shots, to finish 38th out of 69 competitors. Manhin continued to dominate at the national championships, ensuring his place in the contingents that attended the multi-sport events for which Trinidad and Tobago were eligible. In the 1974 Commonwealth Games he improved upon his 1966 showing, finishing 5th in the Pistol Free with 538 points.

1978 was a very good year for Manhin. He earned a second bronze at the CAC Games at Medellín, Colombia, scoring 542 in the 50m Pistol Free. He then returned to the Commonwealth Games, held in Edmonton Canada in 1978, where his six shots in the Pistol Free earned him 536 points and a bronze medal, an unprecedented achievement for a Trinidad and Tobago shooter and one that showcased the nation's sporting versatility.

His passion undimmed, Manhin was still competing eight years later at the 1986 CAC Games in Santo Domingo, when he displayed his all-round shooting talent by entering the Pistol Standard competition and earning a bronze to add to his growing collection and his first Games medal outside of the 50m Pistol Free.

1990 brought a final CAC Games medal, when Manhin returned to the 50m Free and secured bronze with 622 points in Mexico City. Regionally, he was a regular recipient of accolades at the Copa Caribe Championships, echoing his local dominance .

His efforts outside of sport are also outstanding. A lifelong horticultural enthusiast, Manhin bought a large acreage in south Trinidad in 1983 and created the La Vega Estate, an iconic part of Trinidad's nature hideaways and plant nurseries.

In 1992 Bertram Manhin was awarded the Hummingbird Medal Silver for services to sport, and in 2008 he was inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame.

CAC Games:	**1966 Bronze 50m Pistol Free**
	1978 Bronze 50m Pistol Free
	1986 Bronze Pistol Standard
	1990 Bronze 50m Pistol Free
Commonwealth Games:	**1978 Bronze 50m Pistol Free**