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At the end of February many Nevada shooters were hammering targets at Tucson Trap and Skeet Club in Tucson, Arizona. They were there to participate in the 50th anniversary of the Spring Grand American.

The Spring Grand ran this year from February 23rd through March 1st.

Nevada shooters represented the Silver State very well.

In Event 1, the Flagstaff 100 singles, Jasmine Hicks broke 96 and 23 in the shoot off to win B class.

Also in Event 1, Don Houston broke 95 and secured the D class trophy. Don continued his winning ways in Event 11, winning the Doubles Class Championship D class trophy with 90.



Don Huston won several trophies at the Spring Grand and the Arizona State Shoot.

Our up-and-coming Junior shooter, Cole Rosario, earned yet another punch for his 96, and won the Junior trophy in Event 14, the Prelim handicap.



Cole Rosario won the preliminary handicap Junior category.

Next, the Event 19 Singles Class Championship saw Evan Martin breaking all 100 targets.

Rounding out the winning trophies, in the important Handicap Championship, outstanding Lady 1 shooter Jasmine Hicks won the Lady 1 trophy outright with a stellar 97.



Jasmine Hicks won multiple trophies at the Spring Grand and at the Arizona State Shoot.

Several other good Nevada shooters were in attendance at the Spring Grand and shot excellent scores.

These Nevada shooters included Jeff George, Jon Slinker, Leticia Slinker, Orion Cooper, Gary Rusch, Gina Martin, Harry Terzian, Bill Daniels, Joe Hanley, Juan Rodriguez, and Carlos Rodriguez.

Congratulations to all the Nevada shooters who shot at the 50th annual Spring Grand.

Meanwhile, back in Vegas, the popular First Sunday Social Shoot was held March 1st at Clark County Shooting Complex.

38 shooters enjoyed the mild Spring weather while competing in three 50 target events.

In Event 1, Cole Rosario and Howard Hughes both broke 48 handicap targets.



Howard Hughes broke 48 in the handicap.

In Event 2, Rosario, Jeff white, and Ken James erred on only one target to tie with 49s.



Jeff White was one of three with the score of 49 in the singles. Jeff also tied for first place in event 3 doubles with 44.

In the doubles, there were four tied at first place when the event ended. Joe Atkin, Juan Rodriguez, Cole Rosario and Jeff White all had 44s.



Juan Carlos Rodriguez was one of the winning doubles shooters.

One week later, March 7th, 33 shooters competed in the NSTA Race for the Buckle shoot.

Ken James won the singles event with 48.

Joe Atkin and David Johnson both had 46s to win the handicap.

Don Mayhall had 48 in the doubles to claim first place in the Big 50.



Don Mayhall won the doubles.

Later in the month, several Nevada shooters were in attendance for the Arizona State Shoot, held March 10-15 at Ben Avery Clay Targets in Phoenix, Arizona.



A group of happy Nevada shooters at the Arizona State Shoot. (Linda Hand photo)

Shooters from Nevada won an impressive number of open and out of state trophies at Ben Avery during the Arizona State Shoot.

Ken James won Class A with 99 in Event 1 singles.

Jasmine Hicks won Lady 1 with an 85 in Event 2 handicap.

During Event 3, doubles, Ken James was back in the Winners Circle to win Class B with 95.

In that same event, Don Houston won class D 1st place with 85.

In Event 4, singles, Don again prevailed in class D with another 85.

Junior Angel Diaz won first place in the junior category with 99 in Event 4 singles.



Junior Angel Diaz won his category, missing just one target in Event 4 singles.

Oscar Diaz won the 19 to 21 ½ yard first place trophy in Event 5, handicap.

In Event 6 doubles, Don Houston added to his trophy trove winning 1st place Senior Veteran category with a 94.

Jasmine Hicks was back in the Winner's Circle for Event 6, capturing the first place Lady 1 trophy with a score of 90 in the doubles.



Oscar Diaz won a yardage trophy in Event 5.

Gary Rusch won Event 7 doubles Class C first place with 93.



Gary Rusch won several trophies at the Arizona State Shoot.

Long time top Nevada shooter Joe Hanley won first place sub veteran award in the event 9 handicap.

Joe came back even stronger in event 15, the Handicap Championship. There he won the out-of-state Handicap Championship with a very impressive 98.



Joe Hanley won the Out-of-state Handicap Championship with 98, along with other Arizona State trophies.

Congratulations to all the Nevada shooters who shot in the Arizona State shoot.

Lastly, this month we round out our look at the Nevada State Trapshooting Association (NSTA) Wednesday Night League, where many shooters register ATA singles targets.

The Wednesday Night League, held at CCSC, is a very popular venue for new and experienced shooters alike in southern Nevada.

There are four individual leagues, which coincide with the seasons.

Every spring, summer, fall, and winter, a league commences and lasts 10 to 12 weeks. A cumulative team score determines winners.

Although you do not need to be an ATA member to participate in the leagues, for those who are ATA shooters, it is a great venue in which you can hone your ATA target skills and register some ATA targets.

For example the winning Fall and Winter League team, Phillip's, was composed of five frequent ATA shooters pictured below.



Fall and Winter League team winners, Team Philipp, included five ATA shooters. L to R, Melvin Tabion, Ken James, Merle Acampora, Clayton Philipp, and Carlos Rodriguez.

According to the ATA league target registration rules, Section IX, pp. 32-34, in the ATA Rule Book, current ATA members may register their singles targets.

Moreover, the leagues have long been a place for new shooters to get a great introduction to the game of trap shooting, later transitioning to ATA competitions.

Many ATA shooters, myself included, began competition shooting in leagues, then moved to registering ATA targets in addition to the league activities.

Currently, the Spring league is ready to commence. Approximately 200 shooters compete in the Spring league.

The NSTA league gives registered shooters a real head start on target requirements for the Nevada State tournament, minimum target totals required for the Nevada State Trapshooting Team, and in building their averages.

You can join the league either as a 5-person team, or, teams are often looking for an individual shooter to round out their squad.



(T to B) Linda Hand, Corky Peters, Jeff White

Linda Hand, Corky Peters, and Jeff White direct league activities. Contact any one of them and they can help you get signed up for the league.

Looking ahead, in April shooters will participate in the:

- First Sunday Social Shoot April 5th
- Doubles Marathon April 11th
- Race for the Buckle Big 50 April 25th

Please see nvtrap.com for complete contact information and details for shoots and the League.

Finally, let's remember that it is a game. Have fun out there!