



***Danny Talbot***  
***ATA Delegate Nevada***

The Western Grand attracted several Nevada shooters to the Vernal Rod and Gun Club the first week of June.

As usual, Nevada shooters represented the Silver State very well.

In Event 1, tough Nevada shooter Jasmine Hicks broke 98 to tie for A class singles, and Ken James tied for veteran honors with 98.



Jasmine Hicks and Ken James started the Western Grand strong and continued shooting well throughout the week.

Ken James was back in the Winner's Circle in Event 3, taking class C doubles with 90. Eli Walker was tied for high veteran with 95.

In Event 4, Ken James again won the C class with a nice 93.

Jon Slinker tied in Event 5 doubles with 97 for A class.

Ken James kept his hot streak alive in Event 7, singles, as he tied for first place in the veteran category with 99. Jasmine Hicks was Runnerup in Lady 1 with 96.

Leticia Slinker broke 93 from the back fence to tie the high score in Event 8 Lady 1.



Highly accomplished shooters Leticia and Jon Slinker shot well throughout the Western Grand.

Event 9 doubles saw Eli Walker back at the top of the Veteran category with 97.

In the handicap, Event 11, Jasmine Hicks was Runnerup in Lady 1 with 92.

Ken James was Runnerup in Event 12 Singles Championship, veteran category, with 196.

James also won the Veteran category with 91 in the Handicap Championship.

Congratulations to these fine shooters, and to everyone who made the trip from Nevada to the Western Grand.

Back in Las Vegas, shooters were vying for awards in the Summer Singles Spectacular and the First Sunday Social Shoot, held June 6th and 7th, respectively, at Clark County Shooting Complex.

In the Summer Singles Spectacular, Merle Acampora, veteran, 197; Don Mayhall, 191, sub veteran; and David Johnson, junior, 185; all shot well, won their categories, and had good paydays.



(Linda Hand photos) Clockwise from top left, David Johnson, Merle Acampora and Don Mayhall shot great singles scores. Don earned his first 100 straight.

Other Singles Spectacular winners were Jack Wang, A, 195; James Halliday, B, 193; Melvin Tabion, C, 186; Don Huston, D, 168; Juan Rodriguez, SJ, 163; Joe Atkin, SV, 192; Gianna Johnson, L, 123.

The next day, June 7th, in the First Sunday Social handicap, Bob Hazelton was first with a very respectable 48. Bob received a half yard punch for his efforts.

In the singles, Jack Wang ran the table for a 50 straight and first place.

Finally, in the doubles, Jack Wang again was victorious with 44.



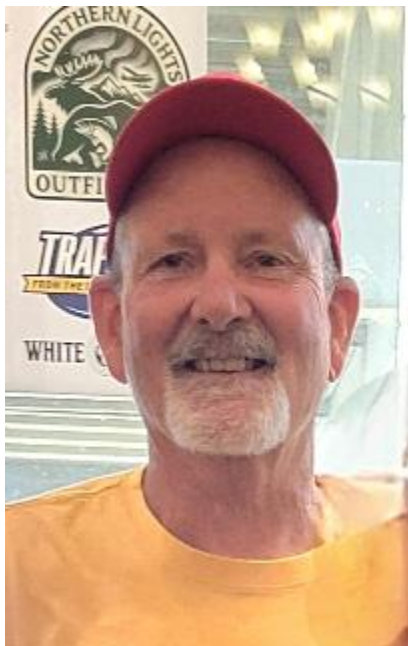
Jack Wang won the singles and doubles events in the June First Sunday Social Shoot, and was only one away in the handicap.

To finish up the ATA June shooting in Nevada, shooters wisely escaped Las Vegas heat and headed for the Lincoln County Trap Club in Pioche Nevada June 20th, for the Race for the Buckle Big 50.

Shooters posted some very good scores in the race for the buckle shoot at Lincoln County Trap Club in spite of some challenging atmosphere conditions due to local wildfires in the area.

In the singles, Event 1, Merle Acampora broke all 50 to take first place.

Juan Rodriguez and Joe Atkin both broke 48s to take the handicap and received half yard punches.



Juan Rodriguez (top) and Joe Atkin (bottom) broke 48 to win the Race for the Buckle handicap at Lincoln County Trap Club.

Angel Diaz and Ken James prevailed in the doubles 46s.



Junior shooter Angel Diaz had a 46

in Event 3, doubles.

Good shooting to all these fine competitors.

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This month we highlight a man of many talents who has been a tremendous contributor to Nevada trap shooting, and trap shooting in general, for many years.



Bill Daniels, friend of trapshooting.

A friend to many, Bill Daniels has long been a presence in Nevada trap shooting, as well as in other clay sports.

It seems that wherever one goes to a shoot, there you find Bill helping with everything from fixing traps to hauling water bottles, to dressing the trap fields with his tractor.

Bill's professional career has been for the most part with White Flyer Targets. He has been Western regional manager for White Flyer for many years.

Bill's experience with trap shooting, and shooting overall, started many years ago in Mississippi.

It was in Mississippi that he developed and ran the Willows Gun Club. During the 1990s, the Willows Gun Club was a premier destination in the southeast.

While managing the Willows Gun Club, White Flyer principals became aware that Bill possessed a high level of management and personal skills. Eventually, they talked him into coming to work for White Flyer.

The position with White Flyer led to a move to Las Vegas, with his lovely wife, Jana.

The move to the Las Vegas area has been an advantageous one for Nevada shooters, and gun clubs throughout the West.

Many times Bill arranged for target and merchandise donations to youth groups and shoots across the West.

Not only that, but while attending between ten and twenty shoots per year, Bill makes it a point to contribute his considerable talents at every gun club that he visits.

Clubs and shooting organizations have benefited from Bill's considerable talents and generosity in countless ways.

However, highly skilled clay target shooting is not Bill's only talent.

For example, Bill and his sons, Hayden and Christian, rebuild antique cars from the ground up. Their rule is to always use recycled parts from a junkyard.



Classic Chevy trucks restored by Bill and sons Hayden and Christian.

Further, Bill is heavily involved in Red Rock Search and Rescue, along with son, Christian.

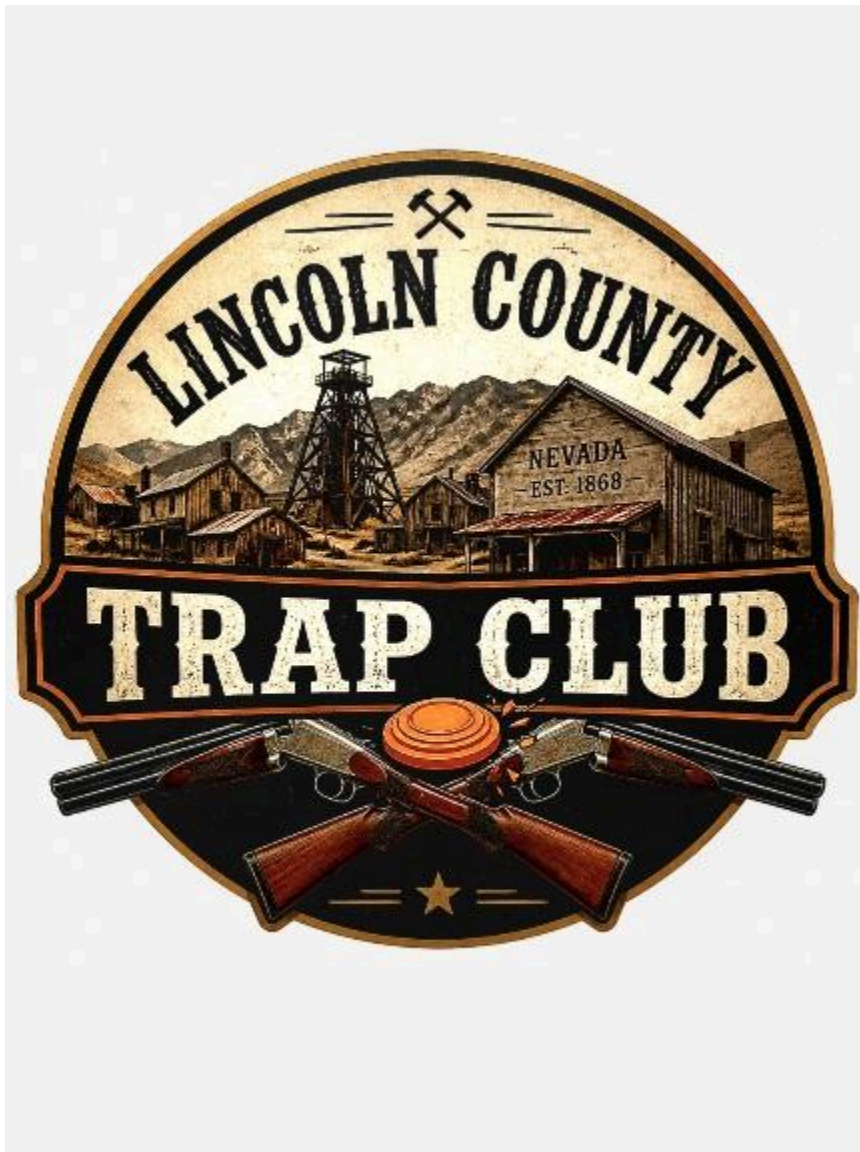


Bill is a tracker and trainer with Red Rock

Search and Rescue.

Even with all of this, Bill still finds time to be a very active member at the Lincoln County Trap Club (LCTC) in Pioche, Nevada, where Bill is a part-time resident.

His latest project at Lincoln County Trap has been to design a new logo for the club.



New LCTC logo reflecting the

heritage of the area designed by Bill Daniels.

Further, Bill is a professional hunting guide. This year, for the ATA Western Zone Championships, Bill, along with Western Zone Vice President, Ryan Constanti, will give away a hunting trip to Alaska that will be guided by Bill and Ryan.



Bill and ATA VP Ryan Constanti donated a hunting trip to Alaska, guided by them personally.

It is easy to see that Bill is a busy man, but I can unequivocally state that he is a great asset to trap shooting, a gentleman, and a good friend.

I can speak for many trapshooters in many states when I say thank you to Bill Daniels for all that he does.

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**Looking Ahead**

July 5, First Sunday Social Shoot, CCSC.

July 16-29 Western Zone Championships, Mason Valley Gun Club and Lincoln County Trap Club.

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 October 24th through November 1st,

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CCSC, Las Vegas, Nevada

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(Jon Slinker graphic)

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And in the meantime, let's remember it's a game. Have fun out there!