



Danny Talbot
ATA Delegate
Nevada

It's nice and warm in most parts of Nevada in July.

However, Las Vegas shooters were not deterred by the heat as they hammered clays at the First Sunday Social Shoot on July 6 at Clark County Shooting Complex.

Over 30 shooters braved the high temperatures during three 50 target events.

Carlos Rodriguez won Event 1 handicap with 49, and received yet another punch this summer. Carlos is now on the 24 yardline. Corky Peters was second with 47.

Bruce Dame (see below) left no questions unanswered in Event 2 singles, as he broke all 50 targets. Gary Rusch, Greg Holden, and Jack Wang were second with 49s.

In Event 3 doubles, Jack Wang had 48, and Danny Talbot was second with 45.

Junior shooter Cole Rosario broke his first ATA 25 straight in Event 2.



Shooters then shifted their attention to the Western Zone shoot, which had two locations in Nevada this year.

Nevada sites were the Mason Valley Gun Club in Yerington and the Lincoln County Trap Club in Pioche.

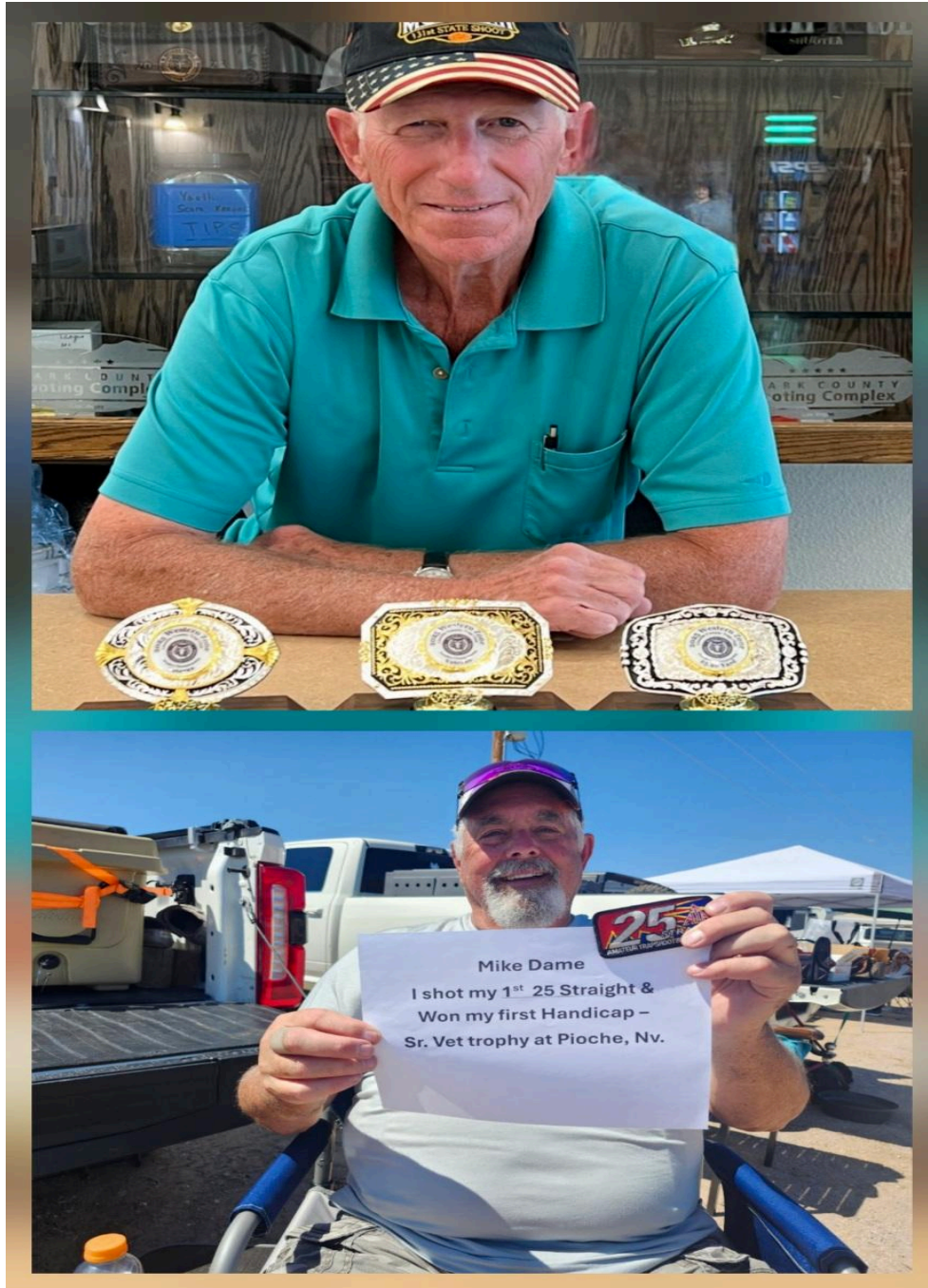
Shooters competed over three days for local prizes, and for Zone wide honors.

The Western Zone allowed shooters from nine western states and one Canadian province to compete simultaneously on July 18-20.

At Lincoln County Trap Club, several happy shooters won trophies.

Trophy winners included, top 1 t r, Danny Talbot, Isabella Ricci, Murray Dominguez, and Jack Wang.





(T.) Ken James won three trophies. B. Mike Dame broke his first 25 straight and won his first category trophy.



(Top L to R) Leila Tabion, Melvin Tabion, Carlos and Juan Rodriguez, Merle Acampora prevailed in their contests.

Much activity could be found at the shoot after the events.



(Top.) Several shooters and others enjoyed the Friday evening barbecue organized by Linda Hand and sponsored by Jack Wang and friends. (Bottom) Lincoln County Trap Club president, Larry Gearheart, Becky Talbot, and Ray Thompson enjoy the mild weather in Pioche.

{Mason Valley photos and review to come in a later issue.}

This month, we continue our look back at some of the historic Nevada gun clubs that helped make Silver State trapshooting what it is today.



Bob Taylor's Gun Club, located at his famous restaurant, Bob Taylor's Ranch House in Las Vegas, was an iconic central part of Nevada trapshooting for many years during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s.

Ever the promoter, Bob's shoots offered new cars as trophies, a pro football challenge that featured NFL players breaking clays, and everything in-between. He even moved locales on occasion.

For example, in the late 70s, Bob created what he called Bob Taylor's 50 Grand.

\$50,000 in purses were guaranteed, with more money likely as shooters played the options.

Wanting to shoot it in the summer, he moved the entire tournament to the Jackson Hole Gun Club in Jackson, Wyoming, where he had a summer home.

I was fortunate enough to attend that shoot. It was a wild event. Most of the top shooters in the country were there, vying for what was then astronomical purse money.

A particular memory I have of The 50 Grand in Jackson Hole captures some of who Bob Taylor was.

I recall we arrived at the shoot early in the week, and headed in to sign up.

However, I was stopped short of the clubhouse as my eyes locked on to a long white Cadillac convertible parked next to the entrance.

It was pearl white and the interior was deep red tufted leather. It was about as long as a football field.

It had a gold colored, full size shotgun, cut longways in half, attached to the outside of the car just below the door handles.

A huge set of Texas longhorns, about six feet across, served as a hood ornament.

A large white Stetson hung on the mirror.

That eccentric car, and the one of a kind shoot, characterized a lot about Bob. Always interesting.

Back in Vegas, the show never stopped.

At one point, Elvis and Ann-Margret had been at the gun club filming the eponymous Las Vegas epic, "Viva Las Vegas!"



Elvis and Ann-Margret at Bob Taylor's Gun Club.



Ann-Margret breaking clays at Bob Taylor's in Las Vegas.

The above photo shows movie icon Ann-Margret filming "Viva Las Vegas!" She is shooting north across what is now I-215.

Bob used to say that during the filming of the movie, it was he who was breaking Ann-Margret's clays while standing just off camera.

Although the Ranch House restaurant is still going strong under different ownership, the gun club is long gone.



However, Bob Taylor's Gun Club remains a rich and integral part of Nevada trapshooting history.

Finally, as I write this, many shooters are getting ready for the Grand American. Good luck to everyone headed to Sparta!

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Sadly, we lost a frequent Nevada shooter and great friend recently.

Bruce Dame passed on July 25, 2025.

Everyone was happy to see Bruce at a shoot.

In the many years I had the good fortune to shoot with Bruce at the Magna Gun Club in Salt Lake, and later when he moved to St. George, I never saw Bruce that he wasn't smiling. He always had a good word for everyone.

He will be greatly missed.

This is a link to his obituary.

<https://www.mcmillanmortuary.com/obituaries/bruce-dame>