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Delegate's Newsletter

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(2025 target year)

The Race for the Buckle is at the finish line!

The Nevada Trapshooting Association, under the direction of Greg Pink, president, provides custom buckles for the year end high point

earners in each ATA category for Big 50 tournaments. It is called The Race for the Buckle.

Points in the very popular Race for the Buckle series were earned this year by winning one of the monthly events in an ATA category, and were accumulated over the 11 Big 50 tournaments held during 2024. Eight of the Big 50s were held at the Clark County Shooting Complex in Las Vegas, and three were held at the Lincoln County Trap Club in Pioche, Nevada, during the summer months.

Coming into November, there were just two Big 50s left in the Race for Buckle.

Big winds accompanied shooters competing in the November 23 penultimate Big 50 buckle race.

43 shooters braved the November breezes, but temperatures stayed in the high 60s.

At the November Big 50, Danny Talbot and Merle Acampora prevailed in the singles with 48, while up and coming young shooter, Brandon Buchholz, broke 46 in the handicap. He received a well earned one yard punch to the 21 yardline, while Ken James won the doubles with 45.

Danny Talbot garnered the November HOA with 138.

Along with the November points, the final Big 50 on December 14th will determine the year end category winners. I'll cover the winners next month.

A new Race for the Buckle begins with the January, 2025 Big 50, in Las Vegas. Come join the Race!

I reported in last month's column that several Nevada shooters were doing well during the Autumn Grand preliminary week.

I predicted that Nevada shooters would carry their successes into Championship Week. They did not disappoint!

During Championship Week, Jon Slinker won Event 17 C class doubles with 96, and tied for A class singles in Event 19, missing just one target for a 99.

Leticia Slinker was right there for Lady 1 in Event 19 with 98.

Jack Wang arrived on the grounds and promptly won class A doubles in Event 21.

Rich Bullard won the Sub Veteran Championship singles trophy in Event 23 with a stellar 200 straight.

Great shooting to everyone who attended the Autumn Grand.

The Hero Behind the Scenes this month is long time Nevada resident and trapshooter, Joe Hanley.

Joe has been a stalwart driver and tireless worker on behalf of Nevada shooters and Nevada gun clubs for almost his entire life.

Growing up in a trapshooting family, he was raised a stone's throw from the historic Bob Taylor's gun club and the Mint gun club in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He states he often rode his bicycle to those clubs before he could even drive.

First registering ATA targets in 1979, he was soon Nevada State Junior Champion.

Since those early days, Joe has amassed many, many trophies while shooting across the country.

In years past, Joe could often be seen squadding with legends Dan Bonillas, Britt Robinson, and others.

In addition to being an accomplished shooter over many years, Joe has selflessly given substantial financial and personal support to clubs throughout the state.

For example, Joe recently donated a stately flagpole to the newest club in Nevada, the Lincoln County Trap Club in Pioche, Nevada.



New flagpole at Lincoln County Trap Club, donated by Joe Hanley.

In addition to financial support, Joe has spent countless hours as Nevada ATA Delegate, having served in that role in the 1990s, and again from 2013 through 2019.

Along with his ATA duties, Joe can be found doing everything from grilling steaks at state shoots to jumping into the scorer's chair at a night league.

Never seeking the spotlight, Joe continues to offer support to Nevada shooters, clubs, and programs.

A collective high-five and thank you to Joe Hanley, a great shooter, a great friend, and a great advocate of Nevada trapshooting.



Joe Hanley, longtime shooter and supporter of Nevada trapshooting

The new year brings many more shooting opportunities for Nevada shooters.

Shoots include Big 50s, First Sundays, handicaps, doubles and singles marathons, leagues, and more.

Many shoots in the new calendar year will have added features and opportunities. See them all at [nvtrap.com](http://nvtrap.com).

Until next time, let's remember that it's a game. Have fun!