

ATA Delegate Article Nevada



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Good news for Nevada shooters, as January presented a plethora of opportunities to break some clays.

The initial registered ATA targets in January were thrown at the First Sunday Social shoot, January 5 at Clark County Shooting Complex (CCSC). The 50 handicap, 50 singles, and 50 doubles tournament attracted 27 shooters.

The First Sunday shooters had clear skies and 60° temperatures for the three events.

The First Sunday shoots are designed to help newer shooters get started in registering ATA targets.

A factor that encourages participation in this shoot is that the First Sunday option and added money payout sheet is usually a long one, paying deep into the field.

For example, with 27 entrants competing in January, payouts were made 19 times, often to newer, short yardage shooters.

Some shooters won money in multiple events, and some very happy shooters won money for the first time. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

The handicap started off the First Sunday events. Carlos Rodriguez was shooting well that day and won the 'cap with 46.

Always tough shooters, Jack Wang and Clayton Philipp left nothing to chance, with each breaking perfect 50 straights in the singles.

The doubles saw Rodriguez in the winner's circle again with 46.

Next up, the January 11 Big 50 at CCSC launched the 2025 edition of the Nevada State Trapshooting Association Race for the Buckle, under the direction of Greg Pink, NSTA president.



Greg Pink NSTA President

The January Race for the Buckle Big 50 was shot in daunting conditions. Swirling winds, cold temperatures, and low winter light all contributed to making a challenging day.

Forty-one brave souls stood on the line and battled the winter conditions.

Carlos Francisco Rodriguez emerged the singles winner with a very respectable 47.

Carlos repeated in the handicap with a 38 from the 20.5-yard line, earning him another punch.

Doubles were especially challenging in the high wind.

Battling the breeze-blown targets, Ken James won the twins with a commendable 40.



Doubles winner Ken James
(file)

Rodriguez garnered the HOA by a whopping 14 targets with 123.

The January Big 50 winners began accumulating points toward the coveted Race for the Buckle trophies to be awarded in December 2025.

Each month, Greg Pink posts the cumulative point totals on nvtrap.com, where shooters can track their relative positions throughout the year.

Closing out the January Nevada ATA shoots was the annual Big Silver Shootout, which took place on January 25th at CCSC.

The Big Silver Shootout was held under cloudy skies, and testy winds.

Forty-seven shooters competed for over 50 ounces of silver.

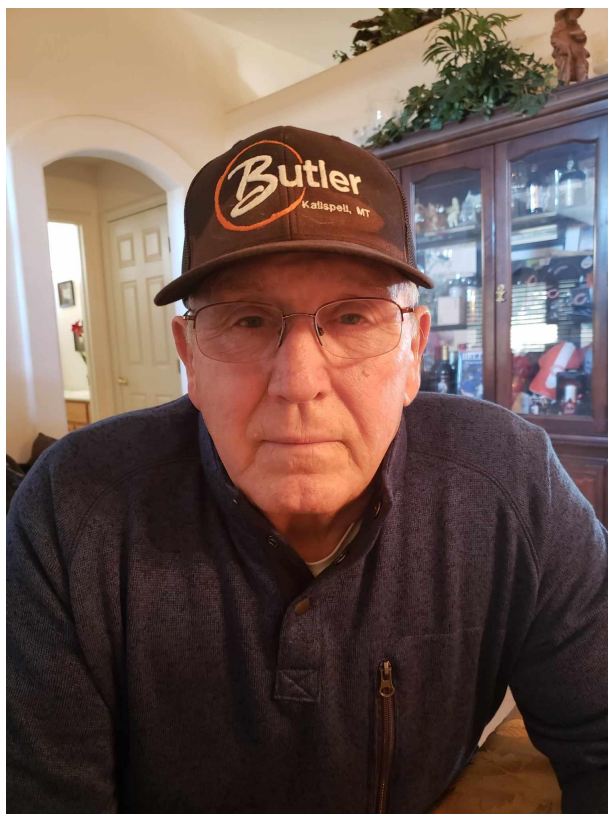


Over 50 ounces of silver were awarded to the winners. (Photo LuAnn Bunn)

Two 100 bird handicaps and a 100-target singles race made up the program.

Darryl Putman, Carlos Rodriguez, and Richard Krenzer prevailed in the first handicap with 89s. All received one-yard punches.

In event 2, octogenarian and longtime Nevada shooter, Jerry Harms, came out of retirement and reminded us all how to do it with a 98, winning the singles race.



Jerry Harms, singles winner.

In the final handicap, James Schooler and Don Huston tied for first place with 90s.

Shooters from six states competed for the silver at this year's shoot. As the shoot ended, many were making plans to return for the 2026 edition.



Some of the almost 50 shooters take the line at the Silver Shootout. (Photo LuAnn Bunn)

For shooters who like to win silver, (and who doesn't), it's time to calendar the **77th Nevada State Shoot**, October 28th - November 2nd.

Last year's shoot was a huge success. Literally pounds of silver were won by shooters.

The 77th State Shoot promises to be even bigger. It will be one not to miss.

Looking Ahead.

Many Nevada shooters are getting ready for the Spring Grand in Tucson, February 19 through March 2, 2025. Good luck to everyone headed that way. Next month we will no doubt have lots to report from Tucson.

Jumping to the next month, March 2nd offers the First Sunday Social Shoot, and March 8th presents the Race for the Buckle Big 50. Both shoots will be at Clark County Shooting Complex.

For more information and programs of upcoming shoots, go to:

NVtrap.com

Until then, let's remember that trapshooting is a game! Have fun!