

January  
Nevada State Trapshooting Association Newsletter



Winter weather in Nevada ranges from many feet of snow in the mountains of the north, to milder, but still chilly desert winds in the south.

Not to be deterred by cold weather, shooters across the state gear up and hit the line to break targets.

The December First Sunday Social shoot at Las Vegas was held under cloudy skies but pleasant temperatures.

Tina Shigemura returned after a long layoff, and bested 35 shooters to win the handicap with a solid 46.

Tina received a one yard punch for a return trip to the back fence.

Clayton Philipp missed just one target for a top score 49 in singles, and Branden Okubo pounded 47 doubles to claim top doubles score. Jon Slinker garnered HOA with a 138.

Big 50s, First Sunday Socials, games, and the main event, The Big Silver Shootout, highlight the January Shooting calendar in Nevada.

The Race for the Buckle concluded in December. It is a January through December contest, based on points earned by winning events in the monthly Nevada State Trapshooting Association (NSTA) sponsored Big 50s.

Custom buckles, provided by NSTA, were given to high point earners in ATA categories.







Race for the Buckle winners

The Race came right down to the wire. 2024 winners were, L to R:

Leila Tabion - Lady  
Gary Rusch - Sub Veteran  
Jon Slinker - Open  
Kenneth James - Champion  
Angel Diaz - Junior  
Danny Talbot - Senior Veteran  
Jordan Groves - Sub Junior (not pictured)  
Anthony Machado -Veteran (not pictured)

The 2025 Race for the Buckle begins anew on January 11, 2025, at Clark County Shooting Complex.

The premiere shoot in January is The Big Silver Shootout. The shoot will be held at the Clark County Shooting Complex in Las Vegas on January 25, 2025.

I will report the results of the Silver Shootout next month, but, always a popular tournament, many shooters from multiple states will take home loads of pure silver again this year.

This month's column recognizes several Nevada shooters and interested parties who have been working tirelessly for many months to expand the shooting opportunities at the Mason Valley Gun Club.

Jason Nelson, Bailey Nelson, Mark Dagher, Deb Main, Ralph Lederer, and others are full steam ahead in the process of tuning up the gun club in Yerington, Nevada.

All are long time, accomplished trapshooters. Mark has been State doubles champion, along with many class wins, Deb has several State Lady II championships, and Bailey and Jason Nelson have too many trophies to count. Ralph is in his fourth year of registering ATA targets and shooting well.

These people are applying their cumulative trap skills and knowledge to making Mason Valley Gun Club an outstanding shooting venue.



Jason Nelson rebuilding a trap machine for the Mason Valley Gun Club

Located approximately 75 miles east of Lake Tahoe, and just 7 miles east of Yerington, Nevada, the Mason Valley Gun Club is a complete shooting facility.

Consisting of 9 traps, multiple skeet fields, sporting clays, and rifle/pistol ranges, it can handle many shooting events in first class fashion.

First constructed in the early 1980s, Mason Valley Gun Club has been part of an active shooting community in northern Nevada over many years.

Mark Dagher reports that the club will host one location of the ATA Western Zone shoot this year.

The addition of Mason Valley will give Western Zone shooters two locations in Nevada to choose from.

Lincoln County Trap Club in Pioche and the Mason Valley Gun Club in Yerington will host Western Zone shooters July 18, 19, and 20.

The Nevada State Trapshooting Association will provide identical local trophy packages for each club.

A big thank you to everyone who is working hard to create more shooting opportunities at the Mason Valley Gun Club.

Next month, I will talk with the people who recently built the newest ATA club in Nevada, the Lincoln County Trap and Skeet club. This is a growing and thriving club in Pioche, Nevada. I look forward to hearing from the folks involved in creating this new shooting venue.

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

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