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July NSTA Newsletter and Trap and Field article

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To paraphrase the famous Broadway musical song, June was busting out all over! The targets were flying fast and furiously all across Nevada in June.

In addition to many Nevada State Trapshooting Association tournaments, several shooters did very well at the Western Grand in Vernal, Utah. Let's look first at the Western Grand.

Jon Slinker bested all shooters in Event 1 singles with 98 and carryover to capture the A class trophy. Jon was back to win B doubles in Event 9, Class Championship, with 97.



Jon Slinker with some of his Western Grand trophies. (See text)

Not yet finished, Jon broke 198, and two perfect shoot off rounds for 50 more, to win the Singles Championship Class A trophy.

In Event 2, Gary Rusch won mid yardage with 93 plus carryover.

Rich Bullard won the sub vet in the Doubles Championship with 97 and Eli Walker was veteran runner up in the same event with 96.

Ken James won the coveted High Over All trophy in the very tough Veteran category with 1038.

Rising shooter Carlos Rodriguez broke a 96 in the main handicap and received a yardage punch.

Congratulations to all the Nevada shooters who made the trek to Vernal and displayed their shooting skills.

Back in Las Vegas, the June 1, First Sunday shoot, Jack Wang won the handicap and doubles with 47 in each.

Melvin Tabion broke his first 50 straight to win the singles. Congratulations Melvin!



Melvin Tabion broke his first 50 straight and won the singles event in the NSTA First Sunday Social Shoot, June 1, at Clark County Shooting Complex.

The following Saturday, the Nevada State Trapshooting Association (NSTA) held their Summer Singles Spectacular on June 7th at Clark County Shooting Complex.

The weather was perfect, with temperatures in the 80s and 90s. Light south winds greeted shooters as they took the line.



Event 1 consisted of 200 singles, followed by a 100 singles race in Event 2.

In Event 1, Merle Acampora broke the first hundred, and followed in the second half with a 98 to win the 200 bird race with 198.

Acampora broke another 100 straight in Event 2 to win the 100 target event.



Merle Acampora broke 198 in E.1 and 100 in E. 2. He captured HOA with 298/300.

Merle broke two 100 straights on the same day in different events!

Acampora is the only one to break 298/300 in recent memory. Nice shooting, Merle!

Other HOA winners were

SV Greg Holden 296, V Ken James 290, SubV Gary Rusch 293, L Isabella Ricci 290, J Angel Diaz 287, SJ Antonio Casimiro 260.





Carlos Rodriguez broke his first 75 straight.

The June temperatures soon reached 100 degrees in Las Vegas, so the NSTA Race for the Buckle Big 50 headed north to the newest trap club in Nevada, the Lincoln County Gun Club (LCTC) in Pioche, Nevada.

Shooters were not disappointed, as skies were clear and temperatures were moderate.

In the Big 50 singles event, Joe Hanley, Merle Acampora, and Melvin Tabion all left just one target flying, for 49s, to win Event 1 at Pioche.

20 yarder Buck Stringer, broke 48 and won the handicap Event 2. Buck received a one yard punch for his nice handicap work.

Angel Diaz bested the doubles field by three targets to win the doubles event with 47.

Congratulations to all who enjoyed shooting the Big 50 at Lincoln County Trap Club.



2LT Hayden Daniels breaking clays at LCTC.



Shooters enjoyed a pristine day and perfect background at the NSTA Big 50 held at the Lincoln County Trap Club.

A big shout out to Larry Gearheart and everyone who has worked so hard to bring a new trap field on line this summer!



A fourth trap field was added in time for summer shooting at Pioche.

Shooters are headed next month back to Lincoln County Trap Club in Pioche, or to Mason Valley Gun Club, near Yerington, Nevada, for the Western Zone shoot July 18-20.

The Western Zone shoot offers added money, as well as local and Western Zone-wide trophies.

See [nvtrap.com](http://nvtrap.com) for the entire program and details.

Finishing off the month, always tough Nevada shooter Jasmine Hicks broke some great scores and won three events at the Utah State Shoot in Vernal, Utah.

Jasmine won the E2 handicap lady 1 trophy with 91.  
She won the Lady 1 prize in E7 singles with 98.  
Hicks won the o/s Handicap Champion Lady 1 with 95!



Jasmine Hicks with her Utah State Shoot trophies.

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This month, let's look at some of the programs and policies that are in place to support youth shooters in Nevada.

To begin the overview of Nevada youth trapshooting programs, its interesting to note that the NSTA has long offered sponsorship to sub junior and junior age shooters in Nevada, and beyond, and continues to do so.

For example, at the Nevada State Shoot, sub junior, junior, and junior gold shooters are offered free ammunition for the Championship singles event.

The NSTA generously includes youngsters from all states, not just Nevada, for the Championship singles free ammunition!

In addition, NSTA supports other Nevada youth shooting programs, such as the recently completed After School Trap League, with trophy buckles and instruction by ATA members.

The After School Trap League is the brain child of CCSC director and former All American trap shooter, Steve Carmichael.

Steve reported that over 60 participants just finished the Spring league. The League grew from 13 or 14 participants just two years ago to over 60 shooters now, and more are expected this fall.

Shooters from across the state competed over several weeks.

Many youth league shooters transition to the ATA.





Clockwise from upper left: Over 100 parents and youth shooters attended the After School League awards night. Next, youth league developer, Steve Carmichael. Lower right: Long time youth coach, Jim Borchers, lower left, coach and strong league and ATA supporter, Jack Wang.

During the awards presentation, I gave an overview of ATA shooting, and invited new shooters to join our next NSTA event, which some did.

The ATA and NSTA generously provided free annual ATA memberships to new youth shooters who wanted to get going in registered tournaments.

In addition to the After School Trap League, many Nevada youth shooters participate in the Silver State Clay Breakers.

The Claybreakers are a long running weekly trapshooting experience for young shooters. Terry Barkey currently directs the program.

Kudos to all those involved in the myriad ways that coaches, sponsors, parents and others help promote trapshooting opportunities for young people.

**\*\*NEVADA STATE SHOOT coming up!\*\***



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I would like to re-post the heartfelt notice from the Nevada State Trapshooting Association regarding the passing of our dear friend, LuAnn Bunn.

From NSTA:

“We lost a dear friend. ❤️

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of LuAnn Bunn — a wonderful soul, a passionate supporter of the trapshooting community, and a true friend to so many. Her kindness, laughter, and unwavering spirit left a mark on all of us who had the privilege of knowing her.

LuAnn, you will be deeply missed, but your memory will live on in every squad, every smile, and every sunset at the range.

Rest easy, friend."



LuAnn Bunn.