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A rare phenomenon greeted the 30 or so shooters who participated in the First Sunday shoot at the Clark County Shooting Complex (CCSC) May 4th.

For the first time in recent memory, shooters competed in the rain!

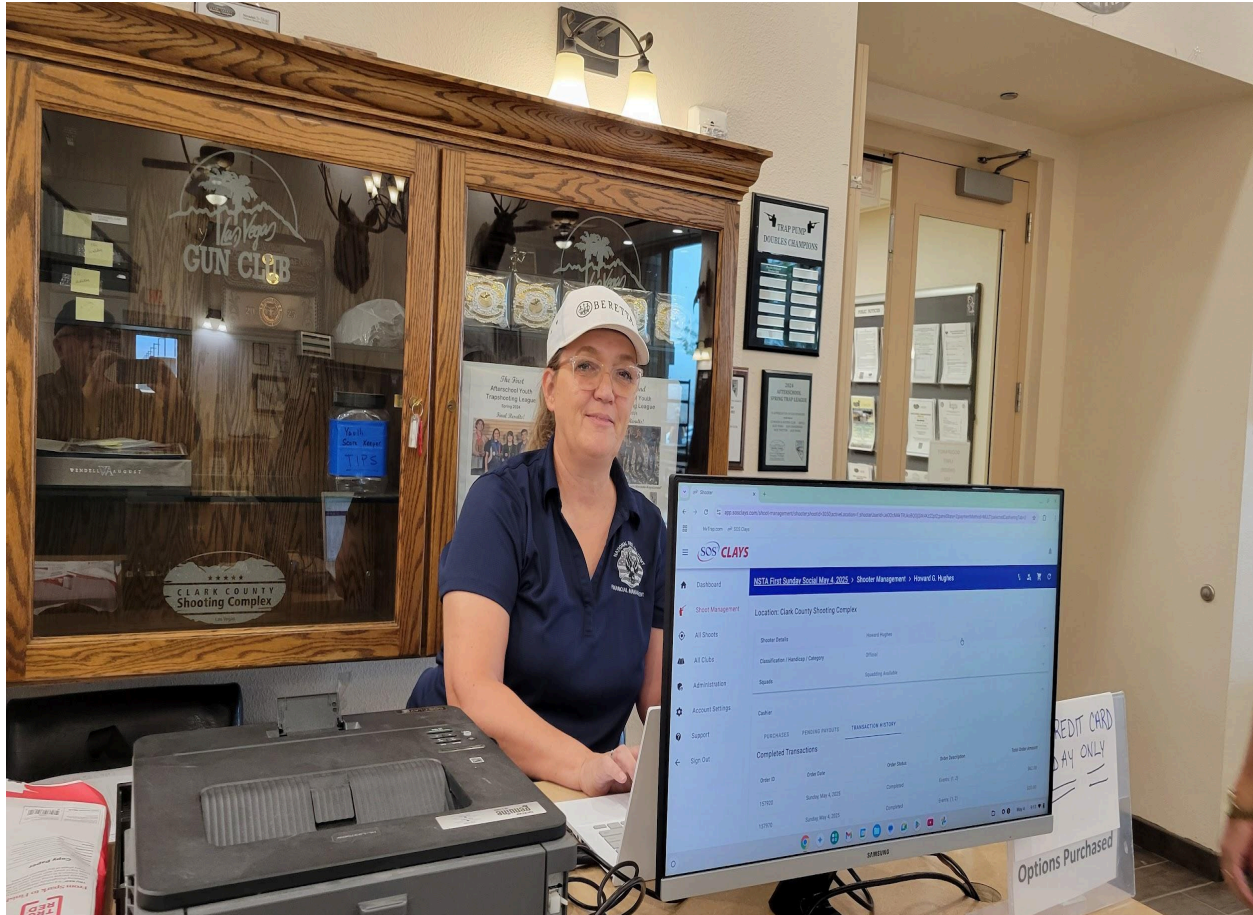
However, rain and wind aside, shooters posted some great scores.

Joe Hanley won the handicap with 44.

Hanley and Ken James didn't let the rain bother them in the singles, as both left only one target for 49s.

Always tough shooters Carlos Francisco Rodriguez and William Hare won the doubles with 42.

Shooters appreciated Tracey Petrisko and husband Mike coming all the way from Arizona to cashier the shoot.



Tracey Petrisko cashied the shoot. Husband Mike (not pictured) kept the squads shooting on time.

A week later, shooters tested their yardage skills May 10 and May 11, as the Nevada State Trapshooting Association (NSTA) held the annual 500 target Spring Handicap.

Five handicap events of 100 targets each challenged shooters at their respective assigned yardage.

Blue skies, warm temperatures, and manageable winds greeted shooters for the Spring Handicap.



Clockwise from upper left: Melvin Tabion, Greg Holden, Joe Hanley, Jack Wang.

Greg Holden bested shooters with a 91 to win Event 1. Joe Hanley won Event 2 with 93. Melvin Tabion won Event 3 with 94. Jack Wang won Event 4 and the HOA.

Colorado 27 yarder Scott J. Obenchain (not pictured) won Event 5 with 91.

In addition to lots of great shooting, several fun milestones were achieved and celebrated during the Spring Handicap.

Russ Roberts got inches away from a personal goal of attaining 200,000 registered ATA targets. His friends decided to mark the occasion with a cake party.



Clockwise from lower right.

Russ Roberts shows the Almost 200k cake.

Friend Jack Wang congratulated Russ, and provided the famous cake.

ATA Delegate Danny Talbot congratulated Russ on his notable achievement.

Russ will achieve the 200k mark very soon!

Along with the cake party, two shooters achieved their first 25 straight during the Spring Handicap.

William Hare and Juan Rodriguez both hammered all 25 for the first time. Congratulations to both on their milestone achievements!



Top: Sub Junior Juan Rodriguez, and

Bottom: William Hare, both broke their first 25s from handicap yardage!

Later in the month, shooters competed for the coveted Race for the Buckle points in the NSTA sponsored Big 50.

Natalie Nishio-chang and Leila Tabion both had just one error and posted 49s to win the singles race.

In doing so, Natalie broke her first ever 25 straight!



Natalie Nishio-chang holds her 25 straight patch and her hat that has been ceremoniously shot up by her friends commemorating her achievements.



Leila Tabion smashed 49 to win the singles event.

Kevin A. Allen and Brandon Buchholz each broke 47s to garner the handicap. Both received a one yard punch for their efforts.

Danny Talbot and Jon Slinker smashed 46 windy doubles to win event three.

This month we look back at another great Nevada gun club of the past, the Las Vegas Gun Club (LVGC).

The LVGC was known throughout the years, until it's closing in 2009, as the Flamingo/Sahara/Mint/Landmark, and finally, the Las Vegas Gun Club.

LVGC is fondly remembered by many shooters as "the old club".

The LVGC opened around 1950 and operated for almost 60 years under the various names mentioned above.

The club was located near Floyd Lamb park in northwest Las Vegas.

The facility offered a full bar and restaurant, and threw excellent targets.

Casinos owned and operated several of the major gun clubs in Nevada in the 1950s - 1980s, the LVGC location being one of them.

LVGC was a major destination for local and out of town shooters from its beginning in the 1950s, until 2009, when it closed.

I was fortunate to attend many shoots at the old LVGC throughout the years, starting back when it was known as The Mint Gun Club.

The shoots were big events, with big money, cars given as prizes, salmon bakes, raucous shooter auctions, and more.

Options and purses paid well. I recall my squad mate winning \$600 for a 25 straight during one blustery Mid-Winter tournament. We all had a nice dinner on that 25.

Some of the big shoots, such as the Mid-Winter tournament, saw over 800 shooters compete.

At one point, the club had 30 trap fields, although that was reduced to about 15 fields in later years to accommodate a sporting clays layout.

As an example of money shooters vied for at those shoots, below is a program from the 1977 Nevada State Shoot, held at the LVGC, then known as the Mint Gun Club.

Notice that \$20,000 open added money was available.

If we put \$20k in 1977 into a valuation calculator for 2025, we see that the added money today would be an astounding \$140,000!

Targets were \$12.50 per hundred at the 1977 State Shoot.

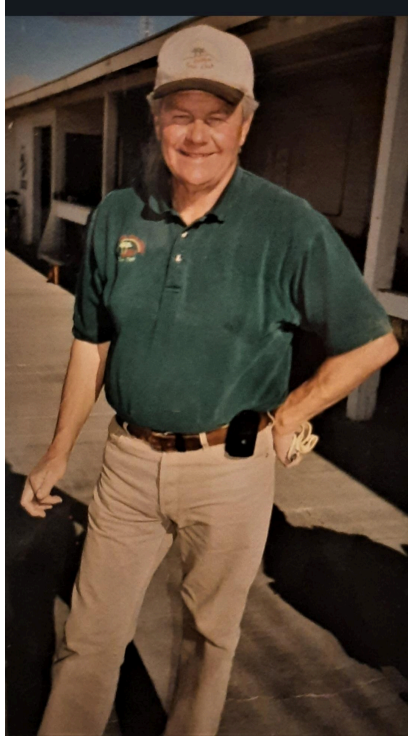
Of course, hotel and casino sponsorship of the shoots made those numbers possible in those days.



<p>FIRST DAY 9:00 A.M. Thursday, April 14, 1977 ATA & NSTA Fee . . . \$1.50</p>	
<p>EVENT NO. 1 SAGEBRUSH SINGLES 100 16-Yard Targets TARGETS & TROPHIES . . . \$12.50 5 Classes: AA-A-B-C-D \$500.00 OPEN NSTA ADDED MONEY</p>	
<p>\$100.00 added to each class; divided 60-40% High Gun Purse . . . \$10.00 Classes: AA & A divided 60-40% High Gun. Classes B, C & D 50-30-20% High Gun Classes: AA-A-B-C-D \$5.00 on each 50 divided 70-30% \$10.00 on each 100 divided 60-40%</p>	
<p>EVENT NO. 2 DEL WEBB HANDICAP 100 TARGETS TARGETS & TROPHIES . . . \$12.50 18-23 Yards & 24-27 Yards \$500.00 OPEN NSTA ADDED MONEY \$250.00 to each yardage group (divided \$100.00-\$50.00) \$50-\$50 High Gun Purse . . . \$10.00 Divided 1 money each 10 entries High Gun One Yardage Group Open Options: \$2.50 each 25 . . . \$10.00 Divided 60-40% \$5.00 each on 1st 2nd and 3rd 50 . . . \$15.00</p>	
<p>EVENT NO. 4 DEL WEBB'S SAHARA HANDICAP 100 Targets TARGETS & TROPHIES . . . \$12.50 \$4000.00 OPEN NSTA ADDED MONEY \$1,000.00 1st, \$500.00 2nd, \$400.00 3rd, \$300.00 4th \$200.00 5th, \$100 6th and next 30 high guns get \$50.00 each in this event. Purse . . . \$10.00 Divided 1 money each 10 entries High Gun One Yardage Group Open Options: \$2.50 each 25 . . . \$10.00 Divided 60-40% (percentage) \$5.00 each on 1st, 2nd and 3rd 50 . . . \$15.00 Divided 50, 30, 20% (percentage)</p>	
<p>EVENT NO. 5 NEVADA STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP 50 Pair TARGETS & TROPHIES . . . \$12.50 5 Classes: AA-A-B-C-D \$2,000.00 OPEN NSTA ADDED MONEY \$400.00 added to each class; divided 60-40% High Gun \$250 to Nevada State Champion Purse . . . \$10.00 5 Money Groups: Classes AA & A 60-40% High Gun Classes B, C & D 50-30-20% High Gun Class Options: \$5.00 each 15 pair . . . \$10.00 \$5.00 each 10 pair . . . \$10.00</p>	

Program from 1977 Nevada State Shoot held at the Mint Gun Club in Las Vegas.

Steve Carmichael, current director of the Clark County Shooting Complex, took over management of LVGC in 1990, until it closed in 2009, largely due to residential encroachment.



ATA Hall of Fame member Steve Carmichael, operator of the LVGC from 1990 to 2009.

When Steve took over the LVGC, he was no stranger to trapshooting.

By then, Steve had been an All American 13 times, he had won the Grand American High All Around award three different years, and had been on the US Army Shooting Team from 1967 to 1970.

Under Steve's direction, the club achieved the very difficult task of being an international trapshooting destination, and at the same time, catering to hundreds of local shooters.

For example, the weekly trap league often boasted 70 teams!

The LVGC was a great gun club, and is missed by many.

The LVGC legacy is seen in the successful shotgun leagues and registered tournaments held today throughout Nevada.

Speaking of big shoots with lots of money to be won, a reminder that the the 77th Nevada State Trapshooting tournament is coming up the end of October! Time to secure camping spots and hotel rooms is now! They are going fast! You don't want to miss this shoot!

See nvtrap.com for details.

The image displays three identical promotional posters for the 77th Nevada State Shoot, arranged in a 2x2 grid with the bottom-right position empty. Each poster features the following text and graphics:

- Header:** LAS VEGAS - OCTOBER 27th - NOVEMBER 2nd 2025
- Title:** 77th NEVADA STATE SHOOT
- Sub-header:** FREE DINNERS & DRINKS • BACK FENCE SHOOTOUT • TRAP TALK GOLD SHOOT • POKER TOURNAMENT • COSMIC TRAP NIGHT • HAA CHAMP BELT • SILVER SHOOTOUTS & MORE!
- Logo:** NEVADA STATE TRAP SHOOTING ASSOCIATION (NSTA)
- Prize:** \$75,000 SILVER + TROPHIES + ADDED MONEY! RES & NON RES TROPHIES ON ALL 15 EVENTS!
- Main Text:** 400oz of SILVER to the WINNER!
- Footer:** NEW THIS YEAR - 250z for RUNNER UP - 600z & 250z for YARDAGE WINNERS!
- Logos:** HAA, FIOCCHI, SOS CLAY, and others.

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