

March Trap and Field article  
and NSTA newsletter.

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February saw Nevada shooters breaking clays at local shoots, and at the Spring Grand in Tucson, AZ, February 24 - March 2.

The First Sunday Social shoot started things off February 2 at Clark County Shooting Complex in Las Vegas.

In event 1, Jasmine Hicks, Corky Peters, and Jerry Harms all broke 45s to win money and earn yardage in the handicap.



Jasmine Hicks and Corky Peters celebrate their handicap win. Not pictured : Jerry Harms.

Ken James was perfect in the singles to win it with 50 straight.

Senior Veteran Don Huston prevailed in the windy doubles with 42.



First Sunday shooters hit the line with friends Patrick O'Neill, Viruch Vachirakornong, Melvin Tabion, Heather Telford, Terry Barkey.

Shooters next tackled the Big 50 Race for the Buckle, held at Clark County on February 22.

Winners included Sam Ford in the singles, with 49; and Josiah Hazelton, Wes Atkin, and Carlos Rodriguez, all with 47s in the handicap.

Jack Wang and Rodriguez carded 45s to take the doubles.

At the conclusion of the February Big 50, several Nevada shooters headed for the much anticipated Spring Grand in Tucson.



Meeting old friends and current pals at the Spring Grand. (Bottom) Frequent Nevada shooters and longtime friends, Jimmy Heller and Nevada ATA delegate, Danny Talbot; (Top) Jack Wang, Danny Talbot, ASTA president Greg Holden.

The squad pictured below were tough shooters! Jon Slinker won A class singles, in Event 13 with 100 straight!



L-R. Jack Wang, James Schooler, Jon Slinker, Leticia Slinker, Greg Holden

Jack Wang represented Nevada well by winning class A honors in the championship singles, with a nice 197!





Leticia Slinker posted strong scores throughout the week.

Gary Rusch smashed 100 straight to win sub-vet in event 13!



Gary Rusch carded 100 straight in Event 13, winning the sub-vet trophy at the Spring Grand.

Nevada shooters enjoyed the 80 degree weather in Tucson.



Clockwise from lower left. NSTA president Greg Pink, Patrick O'Neill, Gary Rusch; Danny Talbot, Don Huston; Bob McLendon.

I've shot in Tucson many times, but I have never seen better weather for the Spring Grand. Most days saw temperatures pushing 85 degrees! Tough duty for February! I encourage everyone to go enjoy the shooting and the weather in Tucson.

This month's person behind the scenes in Nevada trapshooting is Doug Miles.

Doug is constantly working to further trapshooting, and all shooting, in Nevada.

Doug Miles, Clark County Shooting Complex manager, has facilitated Nevada trapshooting since the Clark County Shooting Complex began operations in December, 2009.

After attending high school at Bishop Gorman in Las Vegas, Doug attended UNLV, from where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in community recreation.



Doug Miles planning some of the hundreds of shooting events and days at Clark County Shooting Complex.

Doug began working for Clark County Recreation in 2003, where he managed youth programs at several County Recreation centers.

When the opportunity to be part of the creation and operation of the Shooting Complex came along in 2009, Doug jumped at the chance.

His duties now require the daily management of all facets of archery, rifle/pistol, the education center, sporting clays, 5-stand, skeet, and trap.

Doug coordinates schedules for four full time employees, 40 hosts, 20 range officers, and numerous part-time workers.

His crew is tasked with maintaining 24 trap machines, 48 skeet machines, 75 sporting clays throwers, and all of the equipment necessary for archery, the rifle/pistol ranges, card readers, and buildings and grounds.



Doug Miles is constantly inspecting the trap line during shoots, making sure everything is running smoothly.

We frequently hear from local patrons and visitors alike, that they have never shot at a better maintained facility than Clark County Shooting Complex.

For example, a recent out of state shooting friend of mine, when inquiring about attending the 77th state trapshooting tournament in October, said he told his pals that when they shoot at Clark County Shooting Complex, there won't be even one rock out of place.

I can only agree with his assessment.

Yet, the greatest thing about working with Doug is that he will do anything possible, sometimes bordering on the impossible, to help shooters and their programs succeed, all the while with a pleasant, engaging demeanor.

His commitment to making shooter's experiences enjoyable, and his ever affable style, is evident throughout his staff, due to Doug's constant vigilance, staff training, and supervision.

It is rare to find even a temporary worker at the Shooting Complex who doesn't do everything possible to help shooters.

All this means trapshooting in southern Nevada is a better experience because of Doug and his crew.

Cudos and a collective thank you to Doug Miles for helping to make Nevada trapshooting great.

Until next month, let's remember it's a game! Have some fun out there!