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The trapshooting season is in full swing in Nevada. As shooters in many parts of the country are putting their guns away for the winter, Nevada shooters are deep into an active shooting season.

The Nevada State Shoot just finished up. The shoot will be remembered as the largest state shoot in Nevada history, at least so far. Over 950 combined shooters competed in the championship days.

Over 400 trophies and 500 ounces of silver were given to winning shooters who came from 31 states and three Canadian providences.





Trophies and silver were abundant.

The Nevada State shoot was 10 days filled with shooting events and night time festivities.

After shooting each day concluded, visitors enjoyed free dinners, cosmic trapshooting, charity bingo and poker tournaments, and shotgun games under the lights. Everybody seemed to be having a great time from morning until they called it a day.



NSTA president, Greg Pink and Nevada State Team member, Deb Main, join the after-shoot party.

More complete scores are covered in the Trap and Field article, but the HAA category winners were Richard Bullard, jr., Open, 383; Antonio Casimiro, SJ, 343; Orion Cooper, Junior, 372; Leticia Slinker, L1, 361; Deb Main, L2, 319; Merle D. Acampora, SubV, 358; Eli Walker, V, 376; Danny Talbot, SrV, 364.

Fast on the heels of the State Shoot, the November First Sunday Social Shoot provided a great way to jump back into shooting after the State Shoot the previous week. Almost 30 shooters braved high winds and chilly temps to participate in the First Sunday Social shoot on November 3.

Brayden Okubo won the handicap with 43 and was punched to the 25 ½ yard line. The winds didn't bother veteran shooter Ken James, who let just one slip away in the singles for a 49. The weather picked up for the doubles event, but Las Vegas resident Jack Wang still banged 46 to secure top doubles prize.

The First Sunday Social shoot is a once monthly 50 target singles, doubles, and handicap event that is designed to be a low key atmosphere where new and experienced competitors alike compete in a relaxed yet challenging atmosphere.

The shoot has grown from 10 to 12 shooters a couple of years ago to 30 or 40 shooters competing in the first Sunday of each month at Clark County Shooting Complex. The shoot only looks to grow as more people are introduced to the event.

At this writing, several Nevada shooters are busting clays at the Autumn Grand in Tucson. Through the preliminary week, several Nevada shooters made their presence known.

George Carey tied for class B singles in Event 4. Don Huston is shooting well in handicap, tying with 92 in the 19 - 21.5-yard group for Event 9, and again for Senior Vet with 94 in Event 12.

Always tough junior shooter, Orion Cooper, didn't miss a beat breaking all 100 singles while winning the junior trophy outright in Event 13.

Well known Nevada shooter, Rich Bullard, Jr. won the sub vet trophy in the event 14 handicap with a 96.

As the Autumn Grand continues, I am sure Nevada shooters will continue to collect the hardware.

The Hero Behind the Scenes highlighted this month is good shooter and great young man, Cameron Pink.

Cameron got his start trapshooting as a young teenager in the Silver State Clay Breakers program in Las Vegas.

After success there, Cam moved on to ATA competitions, where he did well.

A four-year stint at the University of Utah, where he earned a degree in engineering, reduced his competitions somewhat, but not his enthusiasm for shooting sports and guns in general.

While shooting for the University of Utah pistol team, Cameron won first place in air pistol and sport pistol, which propelled him into the US Junior Olympics.

During his university time in Salt Lake City, Cam worked practically full time at a large gun store, where he furthered his knowledge of firearm function and design.

Recently, Cam has combined his extensive firearms knowledge with his engineering and computer skills to design potential improvements to rifles, pistols, and shotguns.

His role model is the great John M. Browning. Cam can often be found studying Browning's designs and methods.

Cam just graduated from a certified gunsmithing course, with the goal someday designing his own line of firearms.

Cam has stayed closely in touch with Nevada trapshooting.

He can often be found at shoots helping with signups and cashiering and shooting at the Boulder City Gun Club.

Always upbeat, shooters are glad to see him at the registration table or on the line.

Ever one to jump in and help, Cam could be found at the recent Nevada State shoot doing everything from cooking hotdogs for shooter's lunches to helping with scoresheets and answering shooter's questions.



Cameron Pink always helping wherever he is needed.

A big shout out of thanks to a fine young man and friend, Cameron Pink.

Until next time, let's all remember, it's a game, have fun!