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I am honored to be representing Nevada trapshooters as the new ATA Delegate from Nevada.

At this writing, our 2025 Nevada State Shoot has just concluded. A full report of winners will be forthcoming in Trap and Field, but a few highlights of this very successful shoot need to be mentioned.

The shoot was the largest Nevada State shoot in memory, with 952 shooters competing in the championship events. Next year the goal is to take the shoot from a factor 4 competition factor to a competition 5 factor, with even more people having a great time.

Hundreds of exceptional trophies were won by people from across the U.S., and Canada. More specifics on this in future columns.

Overall, trapshooting is alive and well in Nevada, with new clubs and growing programs the norm.

The newest club to come online is a result of Larry Gearheart and his crew continuing to develop the Lincoln County Trap Club. Lincoln County was a successful Big 50 and Western Zone site this past year. With its spectacular background and friendly people, the shoots will only continue to grow.

In addition, Deb Main, Mark Dagher, and others are busy reviving the gun club near Yerington, Nevada, to hold ATA shoots in the northern part of the state.

Youth leagues are forming and growing under the direction of Steve Carmichael, Jack Wang and others. The youth leagues have grown from a couple of teams to over 40 participants this year and are only destined to involve more students in the future.

An intermittent feature in this column will be about the many heroes who labor behind the scenes for Nevada shooting. The goal here is to shine the light of recognition onto those people who make things work for Nevada Trapshooting, but who are often so busy in the background that we may not see all the critical and extensive work that they do.

One such person is the Grand Dame of Nevada trapshooting, Linda Hand.

It is hard to talk about all the things Linda does, and has done, in our sport.

For example, at the recent State Shoot, Linda could be found managing scorers, which she hired and personally trained, managing the trap line, coordinating the distribution of trophies, helping in the cashiering center and originating shoot-offs.

Of course, she also selected, ordered, and hand checked every trophy that was given out at the State Shoot, all while taking reservations and organizing over 80 RV rental spaces at the gun club.

During the year, she cashiers over 20 shoots, and fills many of the same roles at those shoots as she does for the State Shoot.

In addition to all she does, Linda is also a certified shooting instructor, and has helped countless new shooters get started. Linda ran the extensive youth program, Silver State Clay Breakers for many years. Several ATA shooters participating today in Nevada got their start in the Clay Breakers program.

She has no trouble establishing her credibility as a shooter, having been Nevada State Lady HOA and HAA Champion 12 times.

Linda is a long serving member of the Nevada State Trapshooting Association Board of Directors and was recently elected vice president of the NSTA.

Above all, Linda is a great friend to many shooters here in Nevada, and across the country.

A huge collective thank you to Linda, and to all those working behind the scenes for Nevada shooters.

Until next time, as my friend John always said about trapshooting, It's a game. Have fun!

