



First, circling back to the Western Zone shoot, we've learned that Nevada had three Zone-wide winners.



T-L, Sub-jr. Colin Schwartz won his category in the singles Championship with a blazing 198, and won HAA SJ with 384.

T-R, Merle Acampora won C class event 1 singles for the Zone with an almost perfect 99. B-L, Melvin Tabion won third place in the Championship handicap with a very strong 98 and shoot off.

Congratulations to these fine shooters.

Starting of the month at Clark County Shooting Complex, twenty-four hardy shooters endured the 100+ degree weather to participate in the First Sunday Social Shoot August 3.

Melvin Tabion broke 48 and received another punch in the handicap.

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Gary Rusch and Ken James won the singles race with 49 apiece.

James came back to win the doubles with 45.

Later in the month, winners of the Big 50 at the Lincoln County Trap Club in Pioche, included: Singles, Ken James 50, Handicap, Melvin Tabion 48, who received his third yardage punch in 30 days, and Doubles, Carlos Rodriguez, 47.

Meanwhile at the Grand American, in Sparta, Illinois, several Nevada shooters represented the Silver State well.

Grand American attendees from Nevada included Leticia and Jon Slinker, Rich Bullard, Lucci Kern, Jack Wang, Joe Hanley, Greg Pink, and Clayton Philipp.



Lucci Kern.



(Bottom, L to R) Leticia and Jon Slinker, (T) Jack Wang, Joe Hanley, Clayton Philipp, (B, R) Greg Pink, Rich Bullard.

Next on the August agenda was the non-registered LuAnn Bunn Memorial shoot on August 23.

LuAnn recently passed. She was a beloved member of the Nevada clay target community.



LuAnn Bunn

The Memorial shoot was organized by Linda Hand, with support from many others. The shoot was composed of three events. 25 slider trap, 25 American skeet, and 25 five stand targets were thrown.

All proceeds went to LuAnn's family. \$16,000+ were raised.

Over 40 sponsors stepped up to provide items for a silent auction and raffle, which was facilitated by Pat O'Neil.



Patrick O'Neill organized the silent auction.

Lunch was provided by Roadkill Grill. Targets and help were donated by White Flyer and Clark County Shooting Complex.





Many valuable items were donated to the silent auction.

Score keepers and trap help all volunteered their time.

Originally, it was thought the shoot might draw 25-30 shooters. However, shooters came from all disciplines and three states, totalling over 80 participants.

Shooters came early to sign up for the memorial shoot.

The event was a great coming together of the Las Vegas shooting community to honor LuAnn Bunn, a special person who touched the lives of many.

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This month we round out our look at famous Nevada gun clubs from past years with a look at Sage Hill Gun Club, which was just outside Reno, Nevada.



Sage Hill was a spectacular shooting venue that hosted world famous shoots and shooters from 1989 to 2014.

Darlene Bullard was the central figure in ownership and management of the club.

The gun club encompassed 155 acres and included 28 traps, six skeet fields, and a full sporting clays layout.



In addition, facilities included a full bar and restaurant.



Sage Hill Gun Club offered a full bar and restaurant.



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Sage Hill facilities were top notch.

It would have been no easy task to make a gun club of that magnitude run so successfully, for so many years, in the relatively small market area of Reno, Nevada.

To do so, Darlene and her crew attracted national shoots and shooters from around the country and beyond.

Sage Hill put on the Western Grand, as well as it's signature shoot, the Golden West Grand, many Nevada State shoots and others.



The Golden West Grand was widely attended.

In addition, local, state, and national sporting clays and skeet tournaments were held at Sage Hill.

There was always something happening in Reno when Sage Hill was operating.

Further, many accomplished shooters were associated with Sage Hill.

One is our good friend, and arguably the most accomplished currently active Nevada shooter, Rich Bullard.



Rich Bullard

Of course, Rich is Darlene Bullard's son.

However, according to Rich, during most of the operational years of Sage Hill, other life responsibilities directed his attention elsewhere.

Rich indicates he actually had relatively few opportunities to shoot tournaments at the home location during those years.

A successful businessman, Rich now finds time to travel the country shooting.

Gregarious and outgoing, Rich is a great ambassador for Nevada trapshooting.

Wherever he goes, Rich is always working to spread the word about the many opportunities for Nevada trapshooting.

An extremely accomplished shooter, Rich has been an ATA All American six times, and been on the Nevada State Trapshooting team 17 times.

He has broken 200 singles many times and has multiple grand slams.

Rich was recently inducted into the Pacific International Trapshooting Association (PITA) Hall of Fame.

Many thanks and good luck to Rich in the future.

****We are all looking forward to the 77th Nevada State Trapshooting tournament!**

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October 27th through November 2nd!

See nvtrap.com for details!**

Finally, I mentioned in a previous issue that the ATA Board of Directors was considering a change in the age requirements for veteran and senior veteran categories.

That rule change did not pass the final vote.

The age for veterans remains 65 years old, but not yet 70.
Senior veterans are those shooters 70 years old and older.

In the meantime, let's remember it's a game. Have fun out there!
