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One thing I notice about shooting in Nevada is how many people are willing to step forward to make it all happen.

For example, there is a substantial group of shooters in Northern Nevada working tirelessly to promote trap shooting.

Deb Main, Jason Nelson, and Mark Dagher, are just a few of the many people in northern Nevada working for trapshooters.



Jason Nelson and Deb Main. Tireless workers at Mason Valley.

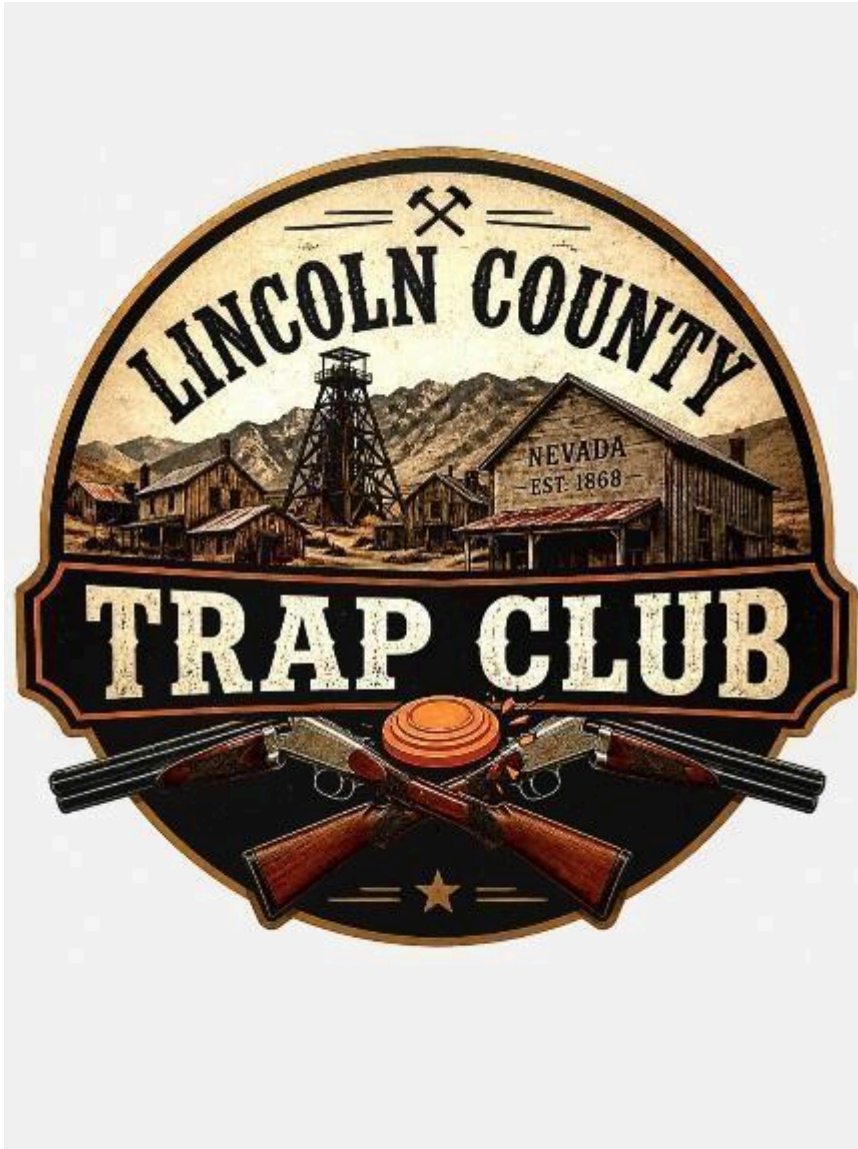


Mark Dagher. Mason Valley Gun Club.



Deb, Mark, Jason, and others will be hosting the ATA Western Zone at Mason Valley Gun Club in Yerington, Nevada, July 16-19, 2026.

Another great Nevada gun club that is run by a very committed group of volunteers is the Lincoln County Trap Club (LCTC) in Pioche, Nevada.





Larry Gearheart, President, Lincoln County Trap Club

Larry Gearheart, Bill Daniels, Lorin Wilkins, Amy Wilkins, Bobby Orr, Steve Linrode, and a small but dedicated group of hard working individuals see that the Lincoln County Trap Club is a great place to shoot.

Lincoln County Trap Club also will be hosting the ATA Western Zone shoot July 16-19, 2026, along with ATA Big 50s in June and August. See Nvtrap.com for details.

Bill Daniels will be providing a hand forged miners knife for a main trophy at LCTC Western Zone.



Bill Daniels crafting the trophy knife for the Western Zone at LCTC.

I encourage everyone to attend one of these great clubs for the Western Zone July 16-19, and their other fun shoots. Information is at nvtrap.com.

Recently, the Nevada State Trapshooting Association (NSTA) selected three more members to the very important NSTA Advisory Committee.

Merle Acampora (L), Ken James (R), and Robert Hazelton (B), are newly appointed members.



They join Pat O'Neil and Larry Gearheart on the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee is a non-voting, but highly valued group that gives their insight and perspectives on NSTA policies and procedures.

Advisory Committee members also work to promote shoots, including the state shoot, in any way possible.

Congratulations to all these Advisory Committee members. I know that I can speak for many ATA shooters when I say thank you for your contributions and time.

The shooting resumed in Las Vegas on May 3rd with the First Sunday Social shoot. About 30 shooters participated in what may be the last cool weather shoot of the spring for Southern Nevada shooters.

Cole Rosario won the handicap with 49. Cole was punched to the 22 yard line.

It seems as though handicap punches are getting to be a regular occurrence for junior Cole Rosario. Congratulations, Cole.

Always competitive shooter Clayton Philipp won the 16s with a perfect 50 straight.

Rosario was back in the Winner's Circle with 45 doubles.



Cole Rosario won the handicap and doubles.

Here is another typical example of many people pitching in to make trapshooting a success.

Very successful Nevada shooter and NSTA board member, Jack Wang, who was cashiering a recent shoot, and shooting the events, jumped in the chair without hesitation when he saw we were short one scorer. We often see this kind of support from Nevada shooters.

Thanks to everyone who helps keep targets in the air for Nevada shooters.



NSTA board member Jack Wang is one of many Nevada shooters who help promote trapshooting.

The long awaited NSTA Spring Handicap on May 9-10, drew shooters from around the country.

Although the temperatures were very hot, into the high 90s, almost 40 shooters braved the heat to tackle the 500 handicap targets.

The shoot boasted over \$4000 in added money and awards over the five, 100 target handicap events.

Event winners in reverse event order were:

- HOA. Mark McDowell
- Ev. 5. Howard Hughes 95
- Ev. 4. Joe Atkin 95
Matthew Riffe 95
- Ev. 3. Joel Laborde. 96
- Ev. 2. Greg Holden 94
- Ev 1. Don Mayhall 93
Gary Rusch 93



Top to bottom: Greg Holden, Gary Rusch, Joel LaBorde



Top to bottom: Howard Hughes, Mark McDowell, Joe Atkin, Don Mayhall, Not pictured, Matthew Riffe. (Jack Wang photos)

Congratulations to these outstanding shooters for the winning scores, all of which earned either punches or honorary punches for each of the winning shooters.

Rounding out the month of May shooting in southern Nevada was the NSTA Race for the Buckle Big 50.

The Big 50 was held under clear, cool temperatures at CCSC.

Thirty-nine shooters competed over the three events.

Greg Holden won the singles and doubles with 50 straight singles and 48 doubles, respectively.

Murry Dominguez received a half yard punch while winning the handicap with 48.

Looking Ahead:

Summer Singles Spectacular, June 6, Clark County Shooting Complex (CCSC)

First Sunday Social Shoot, June 7. CCSC

Big 50, June 20.
Lincoln County Trap Club

Western Zone Nevada Dates and Sites:

Lincoln County Trap Club, Pioche, Nevada
July 16-19, 2026

Mason Valley Gun Club, Yerington, Nevada
July 16-19, 2026.

Important note: Just around the corner is the huge **Nevada State Shoot**.

Dates are October 27 through November 1, 2026.

You will want to pre-squad early for this shoot, as several hundred shooters are expected again this year.

Early planning for accommodations is essential.

Again, see Nvtrap.com for details.

You won't want to miss this shoot! See you there!

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