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PURPOSE OF THE AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

"The purpose of the ATA is to promote and govern the sport of Amateur Trapshooting throughout the world"

ATA RULES AND REGULATIONS

As we all know, the Rules and Regulations are a set standard that all are to follow during registered shooting. It is the responsibility of the Gun Clubs and Shooters to protect the integrity and framework of our sport. If you have any issues or concerns, please let me know.

For the most up to date ATA Rules, please refer to the ATA web site (<http://www.shootata.com>).

MISSION STATEMENT

To listen and support every Shooter and Gun Club in California and represent your ideas and concerns at the State and National Level. This is accomplished through establishing open lines of communication between the Shooters, Gun Clubs, CGSTA Board, and you're Delegate.

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This is your newsletter, your ideas are needed!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information in a timely manner. I want us to share in the excitement of seeing what is occurring in California and at the National Level. We will report on shooters accomplishments and milestones, provide photos when we can, report on upcoming signature shoots at our clubs, and provide information that may impact our sport. Trap and Field is a great resource, but I also know not everyone receives one. If you have any ideas, photos, or information, please send me an email or call me so I can add it to the newsletter.

Technical Glitch

I discovered that the article I submitted in July to Trap and Field did not make the September issue. This was due to an email issue between my email and Trap and Field's email server. This issue has been corrected. Elissa Cronk from Trap and Field will publish my July and August articles in the October 2010 T&F magazine. Again, I apologize for this error, and you can find both articles published here.

Thank You

This newsletter could not have been accomplished without David Van Elgort's help and support. David continues to provide California Shooters with a great service. When you see David, please tell him thanks for the service and support that he provides on the CGSTA web site, the Western Zone Leader Board, and as our star Technical Support Representative for the California State Shoot.

Your Delegate Team



James Hammond ATA Delegate

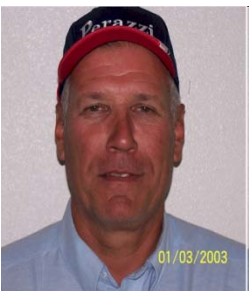
In 1995 I started shooting at Inyokern Trap Club and joined the ATA/CGSTA. Being a hunter and an outdoorsman, I fell in love with the sport. In 2000, I met my beautiful wife, Candy, and relocated to Southern California where we have been able to enjoy shooting year round.

For many years I have traveled to other states for major shoots including:

Spring and Autumn Grand, California, Arizona and Wyoming State Shoots, Las Vegas Fall and Spring Shoots, the South Western Grand, Vernal Utah Fall and Summer Shoot, Western Grand, and the Grand American.

I would like to thank everyone that supported me and encouraged me to run for the California Delegate position. I will do everything I can to represent each and every California Shooter. Please contact me, Dan Hoffman, or David Kelly if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to better our State Members and the ATA as a whole.

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Dan Hoffman 1st Alternate

My wife Linda and I joined the ATA/CGSTA and attended our first California State Shoot in 1998. We also fell in love with trapshooting and have made many friends in the past twelve years.

I became involved with the Kern County Gun Club in late 1998 and was on the Board of Directors for eleven years.

I became a CGSTA Director in 2001, and I am currently the CGSTA President.

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Dave Kelly 2nd Alternate

I started shooting in 1972 at the age of 13 with the encouragement of my father. Much like trap shooting, I am an avid hunter and have traveled all over the United States to do what I love.

In these past years I have shot over 150,000 ATA targets. I enjoy going to new clubs, meeting new people and visiting with friends I have met along the way. This past year I became a member of the All American Team for the first time. I firmly believe that you get what you

put into this sport. The future of trapshooting is in our hands and it is up to all of us to promote the sport to our upcoming youth.

I have been a member of the CGSTA board of directors for the past three years, and I believe with my 38 years of shooting experience and being involved in other aspects of the sport, I can, with assurance, represent the California shooters.

David Kelly

DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

Qualifications as set forth by ATA Rule/Regulations and the Delegate's Handbook

- Delegate constitutes the Board of Directors of Amateur Trapshooting Association
- Having the responsibility of overseeing the operation of the Association
- Serve as Liaison between the State Associations and ATA
- Attend Annual State, Zone, ATA Western Zone Tournaments and ATA Grand American Championship
- Certify that trap fields and trap machines in my jurisdiction meet all requirements of the ATA Official Rules
- Be an advocate for shooters in California
- Represent and vote in the best interest of the ATA and California Shooters
- Respond to all complaints in a timely and efficient manner
- Maintain a supply of recognition awards and notify the ATA Office and Trap & Field

Bill & LeeAnn Martin \$300,000 Donation for the 2011 ATA Grand American

The ATA is proud to announce LeeAnn Martin's
\$200,000 Lewis Challenge For the 2011 Grand American

Here's how it will work:

There is a \$200,000 added starter fund which was donated by LeeAnn and Bill Martin. To enter the option, participants will pay a \$200 option entry fee on Monday of Grand American week. The \$200 will cover a fee of \$20 per 100 targets for the 1,000 target High-Over-All. This fee will make participants eligible for both daily and a High-Over-All Lewis options.

50% of shooter's option entry fee will go into an option that will pay out for each 100 targets. These options will be paid out to 5 Lewis classes divided 60/40%. An example of how the 100 target options would work with 2,000 entries is:

2,000 shooters x \$200 = \$400,000 shooter's Lewis option entry fee money

\$400,000 Divided 50% to daily Lewis Classes, 50% to HOA Lewis

\$200,000 divided by 10 = \$20,000 per 100 targets

\$20,000 divided by 5 Lewis classes = \$4,000 per class

\$4,000 divided 60/40% = \$2,400 for 1st in each Lewis class and \$1,600 for 2nd in each Lewis class

Monday and Wednesday would pay out \$4,800 and \$3,200 in each Lewis class because they are 200 – 16 yard target events.

The other 50% of shooter's Lewis option entry fee is added to the Martin \$200,000 starter fund and will be paid out to 5 Lewis classes divided 50/30/20% on the Grand American High-Over-All. An example of how the High-Over-All target option would work with 2,000 entries is:

\$200,000 remaining shooter Lewis Option money + \$200,000 Martin Added money = \$400,000

\$400,000 divided by 5 Lewis classes = \$80,000 per class

\$80,000 per Lewis class divided 50/30/20% - 50% (\$40,000) /30% (\$24,000) /20% (\$16,000)

All Monies will be calculated using the Percentage System (all ties divide).

Please Note: The \$100,000 Grand American Challenge will return to the 2011 Grand American as well.

The ATA Encourages ALL trapshooters to thank LeeAnn and Bill for their generosity.

For more information visit the ATA's website <http://www.shootata.com>.

July 2010 Trap and Field Newsletter

Dear Shooters,

I would like to start off by thanking California Shooters for your encouragement and support you have given me as your new Delegate. With Dan Hoffman and David Kelly assisting me as Alternate Delegates, I know we will be successful in our duties to represent the Shooters of California. I encourage anyone that has ideas or concerns to bring it to our attention so we can serve you, the shooters. As I write this article, I am hopeful that we can all do something positive for the ATA and CGSTA. I am currently working on several projects that I hope to have completed in the upcoming months.

One of my first tasks, with the help of David Van Elgort, is to establish a "Delegate's Corner" for shooters to obtain the latest information on changes to rules, milestones, accomplishments, upcoming signature shoots, and items that are good for the shooters to know and discuss. My goal is to provide the Shooters with the most current information in a timely manner. I believe the best way to accomplish this is through the internet, and with David Van Elgort's help, I know this can be accomplished.

Well, the Western Zone has come and gone. California had two great sites to choose from this year, Coon Creek and Triple B. My family and I attended Coon Creek while Dan and Linda Hoffman attended Triple B; David Kelly was able to be present in Oregon. Dan said Triple B had a great turn out even though it was hot and breezy. The facilities have been recently updated by Billie, Bruce, and Crew. The shoot was cashiered by Eileen Williamson while Jim Edwards and Bob Slough assisted in Handicapping shooters. I was told there was a great dinner for the shooters that Billie prepared herself. Thanks to Billie, Bruce, and Jeff for hosting a great shoot.

At Coon Creek we were greeted and welcomed by the owners, George and Joan Ahart. The shoot was very well planned and had some great one of a kind belt buckles for the winners. Jim Boatman cashiered the shoot while Jim McCullough and David Ver Halen handicapped shooters. Both clubs accounted for 20 trophies being awarded to our California Shooters. Thanks to all of the shooters who participated at both clubs. For a list of the winners, please refer to the shoot report for the Western Zone.

This year was the first year the Western Zone did not have to rely on fax machines to exchange scores. We should all thank David Van Elgort for his dedication and support to streamline the process by creating a website on the internet. By utilizing the internet, shooters and followers of the shoot were able to view results by using their cell phones or computers from anywhere in the country. We cannot thank David enough for the months and months of hard work that it took to accomplish this feat.

Santa Maria held their annual "Golden Four Hundred" shoot on July 24th and 25th. The shoot was well attended with approximately 34 squads. This is still one of the best shoots in California with gold coin buckles being awarded to the winners. As always, Santa Maria hosted a great dinner on Saturday night which included a raffle and a live band. This year's champion was Mr. Rich Bullard who traveled all the way from Reno Nevada to attend. Rich's score of 379 captured the champion gold coin belt buckle. One of our local shooters, Aaron Holguin, was runner-up with a score of 378. Thanks to Santa Maria's club members for doing a great job. The time honored tradition of gold coin belt buckles is appreciated by all.

Thanks and good luck to all.

James Hammond

August 2010 Trap and Field Newsletter

Dear Shooters,

Well, the target year is once again behind us all. The Grand American was well attended by California Shooters with the big winners being Jennifer Wilburn and David Kelly, who brought home approximately eleven trophies between the two of them. Jennifer had a great two weeks shooting singles where she broke 992 singles targets out of a 1000. Jennifer captured Lady Champion in the Presidents Handicap with a 96. She completed the week by winning Lady 3rd place in the HOA.

During preliminary week David Kelley captured a doubles trophy with a 100 straight and a handicap trophy for 5th place. That same week David captured third place 27 honors for the 500 handicap targets. During Grand week David followed up with a fifth place win in the Presidents Handicap. Also Andrew McClernon captured a Medallion Award for a 97 in the Presidents Handicap from the 27 yard line along with David Mathias who was 21 yard runner up. In the Kolar Arms Handicap Rich Davis shot a 98, and after the shoot-off he captured an 11th place trophy.

Paulette Graham captured two trophies, lady 3rd place HAA preliminary week and a lady medallion for AA/winner in the Browning Doubles. In the same event Vickie Larkin won a medallion for lady AA/runner up, and Ryan Howland won a medallion for sub junior AA/runner up. Additional medallion awards were captured during the Clay Target Championship by: Lawrence Marvier for senior veteran A/winner, Ron Alcoriza for veteran AAA/winner, and Ryan Howland for sub junior AAA/winner. Jimmy Heller and Steven Morishige both won trophies during the preliminary doubles event for their respective classes. Steve Smith captured two doubles trophies during Grand week for Class B.

This was my first trip to Sparta for the Grand and all I can say is what a place. I learned really quickly that if you don't take the time to talk with someone when you see them you might not see them again for the rest of the week. The temperatures were very hot. Even with the high temperatures, I along with many others had a great time. Thanks to all of the California Shooters who attended and great shooting. Hope to see you all at the Grand next year.

The \$100,000 shoot-out was very exciting to watch. As you have probably already heard, the Grand American is going to be even more exciting next year because of the generosity of Bill and LeeAnn Martin who are donating \$300,000. If you have always wanted to attend the Grand, this is probably a year you cannot afford to miss. When you see Bill and LeeAnn, please tell them thanks for all they have done to help the sport of trapshooting over the years.

Back on the home front, North Hollywood Sportsman's Club shot their third annual Silverado Shoot on August 14th and 15th. Gary Bombalicki said they had about sixty shooters on Saturday for the singles followed by fifty shooters on Sunday for the handicap events. That is a great turnout for this time of year. Gary said the winners all received 5 ounce silver bars as trophies. If you have not had a chance to shoot at NHSC, give it a try and stick around for a great lunch they put on.

As a reminder, the Autumn Grand will be held at Tucson on November 1st through the 7th. This is one of the best times of year to shoot at Tucson. If you have not had the opportunity to attend this shoot, see what you can do. This is a great club and a great opportunity for a chance to obtain All American Points. I would love to see all of you there. Let's show them what all of us California shooters can do.

Thanks and good luck to all.

James Hammond

2010 Grand American Trophy Winners

Grand Preliminary Week

Event # 2 - John Deere Handicap

David Kelly - 5th Place - 96

Event # 3 - E-Z-Go Doubles Entries

Jimmy Heller - AAA 3rd - 99

Event # 7 - Gipson-Ricketts Singles

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady 3rd - 99

Event # 12 - Remington Sts Doubles

Steven Morishige - A R/U - 97

Event # 15 - Wenig Custom Gunstocks Doubles

David Kelly - AAA Winner - 100

Silver Seitz All Around

Paulette Graham - Lady 3rd - 386

Winchester Super 600 Singles

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady 3rd - 593

Whiteflyer Super 500 Handicap

David Kelly - 27 Yd 3rd - 471

Grand Week

Event # 16 - Winchester AA Singles Class

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady 3rd - 199

Event # 17 - Cabela's Pres Sherrod Handicap

David Kelly - 5th - 98

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady - 96

Medallion Awards

David Mathias - R/U - 94

Andrew Mcclernon - 27 Yd R/U - 97

Event # 18 - Browning Doubles Class (Medallion)

Ryan Howland - Sub Junior AA R/U - 76

Paulette Graham - Lady AA - 96

Vickie Larkin - Lady AA R/U - 95

Event # 19 - ATA Clay Target By Beretta

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady 3rd - 200

Medallion Awards

Lawrence Marvier Sr. Vetran - A - 197

Ron Alcoriza Veteran- AAA - 199

Ryan Howland - Sub Junior Aaa - 196

Event # 22 - Sportear Doubles

Steven Smith - B R/U - 96

Event # 23 - Kolar Arms Handicap

Rich Davis - 11th - 98

Event # 24 - Federal Doubles Championship

Steve Smith - B Class - 98

Zone Team And Category Awards - Event # 24

David Kelly - Zone Category Champ - 99

White Flyer High Over-All

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady 3rd Place - 958

2010 Grand State Demographics (08/03/10 to 08/14/10)

*** WESTERN ZONE ***

STATE	SHOOTERS	PERCENTAGE
ALASKA	6	0.17%
ARIZONA	25	0.72%
CALIFORNIA	50	1.44%
HAWAII	2	0.06%
IDAHO	20	0.58%
MONTANA	11	0.32%
NEVADA	10	0.29%
OREGON	3	0.09%
UTAH	38	1.09%
WASHINGTON	16	0.46%
WYOMING	25	0.72%
ALBERTA	12	0.35%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	
TOTAL	218	6.28%
TOTAL ALL ZONES	3,473	

Internet Tips

Have you visited CGSTA.com recently?

If not, please take a moment and take a look. On the website there is a shoot calendar with links to shoot programs submitted by the gun clubs, shoot results received from the Gun clubs are posted on there as well. You can also sign up for email notifications when a gun club of your choosing submits a shoot program, delegate newsletters and other information.



How about SHOOTATA.com?

On the ATA's website you can view your scores, request a duplicate ATA card, and request your target history and more!