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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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CGSTA News

At this time I have been notified that the CGSTA has established the 501c3. As some of you may remember this was an issue that was voted on at the California State Shoot. Many state organizations have obtained or are also in the process of obtaining 501c3 status. This will be a tremendous asset to the future of the CGSTA. The next step in the process will be to dissolve the corporation that was established to gain 501c3 status and return all operations under the CGSTA. This process will take a little time but should be done soon.

Youth Shooting

As mentioned several times in other articles Marc Billen who is the SCTP State Director, and Board Members of the CGSTA, have been working on the California Youth Shoot Program. The CGSTA is working to protect the organization from those that have chosen to mislead and minimize the support that each and every member of the CGSTA has provided to the youth shooting program. Marc has been working with the CGSTA Board to provide several new opportunities for our youth to participate under SCTP and AIM. This will take several years but when it is all said and done the youth shooters from the North to the South will all have the same support and opportunities that they deserve.

The SCTP and AIM opener will be held at the Kingsburg Gun Club on November 5th 2011. For additional information refer to the flyer or contact Marc Billen or Kym Hughes. This should be a great event for both organizations.

PITA Update

After reviewing the PITA letter of agreement it has been decided that the ATA is going to request that PITA punch 96s a half yard. This punch will be for those shooters who cross register targets from PITA to ATA. With the added rule it will not require the Central Handicap Committee to punch a shooter after the fact for known ability.

ATA News/Rules

The ATA Executive Committee has announced the ATA is seeking a qualified Executive Director. Information can be found on the ATA website http://www.shootata.com/pdfs/ATA_ED_Description.pdf.

This year the ATA Board of Directors made a couple of changes or additions to the current rules.

Section IV, ATA Tournaments A. Registered Shoots (Page 12, 2b)

b. each contestant must pay an ATA daily registration fee of \$3.00 for each day of competition at each shooting location (\$1.50 fee for Big 50 events), and such Zone or State Association fees as may be charged, and

G. Squadding, Squad Leader Responsibilities and Target Observation (Page 14)

2. In Handicap there shall be no more than two (2) yards difference between adjacent shooters in the squad, and no more than a total difference of three (3) yards in a squad. If 18, 19 or 20 yard shooters are in a squad, there shall be no more than one yard (1) difference between adjacent shooters in the squad and no more than a total difference of two (2) yards in the squad.

Section VI, The ATA Handicap System C. Handicap Yardage Assignment (Page 23)

2. New sub-junior shooter – a new male shooter who has not reached his 15th birthday will be assigned a handicap of 19.0 yards. A new male shooter who has reached his 15th birthday will be assigned a handicap of 20 yards. All additional yardage increases or reductions will be earned.

3. Removed

Section VIII, Standards for Trap houses, Targets, Target Setting, Guns and Ammunition Flights and Angles (Page 48, Third Paragraph, Last Sentence)

Where terrain allows, a visible stake may be placed on the centerline of the trap on the arc of a circle that has a radius of 50 yards and its center is Point B (Point F, Diagram II)

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Upcoming Shoots

Santa Ynez Shoot

October 22th through 23th 2011

Autumn Grand

November 7h through 13th 2011

Newman Winter Chain

November 12th through 13th 2011

Thanksgiving Shoots**Kern County**

November 25th through 27th 2011

Redlands

November 24th through 27th 2011

Redlands New Years Shoot

December 28th through January 2nd 2011

2011 Western Grand American

This year the Western Grand was held in Vernal Utah. The shoot was well received by Western Shooters who attended. As usual there were some big names at the shoot and some great scores were posted. There were twenty-two shooters from California.

This was a great week of shooting by all California Shooters. Others and I would like to thank Sean, Stacey and the Vernal Rod and Gun Club Members for hosting a great shoot. Thanks to Bill, LeeAnn, Lori and Pete for their continued support to trapshooting. Next year Vernal will again host the Western Grand. As always I hope to see California Shooters at the next one.

Event #3 - Stubbs & Stubbs Doubles

Stephen Fiant - Class C - 96

Event #4 - Mustang Drilling Fluids Doubles

Jimmy Heller - Champion - 99

Candy Hammond - Class C - 93

Event #5 - Propetro Handicap

Stephen Fiant - 22-24.5 yard Champion - 95

Event #6 - Singles Class Championship

Stephen Fiant - Class B - 98

Keith Baker - Class D R/U - 95

Steve Williamson - Veteran Champion - 100

Event #7 - Showalter Handicap

Lonny Brown - 25-26.5 yard Champion - 96

Stephen Fiant - 22-24.5 yard Champion - 95

Steve Williamson - Veteran Champion - 98

Event #8 - Class Doubles Championship

Jimmy Heller - Champion - 100

Bruce Hobbs - Class A R/U - 97

Keith Baker - Senior Vet R/U - 96

Event #9 - Remington Preliminary Handicap

David Kelly - Champion - 99

Event #12 - Western Grand American Handicap Championship

Larry Premo - Veteran R/U - 97

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Jimmy Heller - AA Champion - 969

2011 Grand American

This year we also had more California Shooters attend. There were approximately 60 shooters. Some of this year's Grand American Winners were Vickie Larkin, Rich Davis and Andrew McClernon. This year's State Team Race consisted of Dan Hoffman, Jimmy Heller, Dan Bonillas, Homer Hansen, and Zack Nannini. The State Team tied New York and Colorado for second place. The Champion of Champion participants were Dan Hoffman and Kerrie Largent.

While at the Grand I had the opportunity to present JB Singh with his first hundred straight pin. JB, who is a newer shooter from San Diego, shot a hundred straight in singles and then backed that up with a 97 in the second hundred. Congratulations JB and good shooting.

At the end of the Grand American Handicap Event on Saturday we all had a pleasant surprise. A shooters name was drawn for the \$100,000 shoot out. After the Shooter did not come forward a second name was drawn. The announcer stated this shooter was from California. Well knowing that the odds were not great at the start of the drawing it now was a one in sixty chance that the California shooter could have been anyone of us. The Announcer announced the name, and as you may know, it was Vickie Craine. It goes without saying Vickie was very excited and we were all proud that she was there representing California Shooters. Even though she did not win the big prize she is the first California Shooter and Lady to shoot for such a large prize. I am sure Vickie will remember this for the rest of her life. This shoot off will be televised in the future so hopefully everyone will get the chance to see the outcome.

Grand American Preliminary Events 1-12

Event #1 Hodgson Power Singles

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady 3rd Place - 99

Event #4 Precision Fit Stock Singles

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady R/U - 100

Event #7 - Chamber of Commerce Singles

Terry Bilbey - AAA Champion - 100

Event #9 Sparta Hunter Field Doubles

Jennifer Wilburn - A Class 3rd Place - 98

Event #10 Krieghoff Handicap

Andrew McClernon - 4th Place - 99

Winchester Super 500 Singles

Jennifer Wilburn - Lady 3rd Place - 495

Grand American Events 13-22

Event #13 Winchester AA Class Singles

Vicki Larkin - Lady 3rd Place - 200

Lonnie Shepherd - Vet. 3rd Medallion - 198

Event #14 Anzaldi Memorial Handicap

Bruce Wier - 25 Yard Medallion - 97

Event #15 Browning Class Doubles

Rich Davis - 3rd Place - 100

Ronnie McMahan - Vet AA R/U Medallion - 97

Kerrie Largent - Lady B 3rd Place Medallion - 94

Event #19 Gipson-Ricketts Doubles

Gary Bonetti - Champion R/U - 100

Event #21 Doubles Championship

Zachari Nannini - AAA 5th Place - 100

Kent Sakamoto - A 4th Place - 99

White Flyer High Over-All

Jimmy Heller - AA Winner - 970

Dan Bonillas - AA 3rd Place Winner - 968

Silver Seitz All-Around

Jimmy Heller - AA 3rd Place Winner - 391

2011 ATA Western Zone Shoot

The Western Zone had California Shooters at numerous sites. California had two great sites to choose from this year, Coon Creek and Triple B. At Triple B, Billie and Bruce hosted a great shoot. They also provided a great dinner for the shooters on Saturday. Both clubs were a little light on attendance but several shooters made the leader board at both clubs.

One of the great highlights occurred on Sunday when Leah Larkin-Dixon shot a 100 straight from the 27 yard line to complete her Grand Slam. Leah is only the sixth lady to accomplish this incredible milestone. Leah's parents, Vickie and Tom shot very well this week. I am sure Tom and Vickie were ecstatic about Leah's accomplishment.

At the shoot two California Shooters and one former Californian were on a 500x500 singles squad. The squad was Ed Wehking, Ronnie McMahan, Steve Williamson, Ron Christensen, and Wynn Isom. I was told this was the first time a 500x500 was shot in Utah. The following week Ronnie McMahan completed his Grand Slam by shooting 200 straight in a singles event in Spanish Fork Utah. Ronnie has had an incredible year and I am sure we will see more great shooting from him. Great shooting by all!!

Event #4 - Class Doubles

Terry Bilbey - 3rd Place - 99
Vickie Larkin - Lady Champion - 96
Jennifer Wilburn - Lady R/U - 95
Ronnie McMahan - Vet R/U - 97
George Reese - Senior Vet R/U - 98
Derek Whitten - Junior Champion - 97

Event #5 - Class Handicap

Ronnie McMahan - Champion - 100
David Kelly - 3rd Place - 98
Ken Mimura - Senior Vet Champion - 97

Event #6 - Class Singles

Vickie Larkin - Lady R/U - 99
Ronnie McMahan - Vet Champion - 100

Event #7 - Singles Championship

Andrew McClernon - 3rd Place - 199
Esther Puckett - Lady Champion - 198
Steve Williamson - Vet R/U - 199
Vince McNamara - Senior Vet R/U - 199
Matthew Whisler - Junior R/U - 197
Phillip Ross - Chair Champion - 194

Event #8 - Doubles Championship

Chuck Redding - Champion - 100
Andrew McClernon - AAA Champion - 99
Vickie Larkin - Lady Champion - 95
Tom Larkin - Senior Vet R/U - 96
Lee Specht - Chair Champion - 82

Event #9 - Handicap Championship

Lea Larkin-Dixon - Lady Champion - 100
David Kelly - 3rd Place - 98
Terry Bilbey - 6th Place - 98
Tom Larkin - Senior Vet R/U - 95
Lee Specht - Chair Champion - 86



Left to Right: Wynn Isom, Ron Christensen, Steve Williamson, Ronnie McMahan and Ed Wehking

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!