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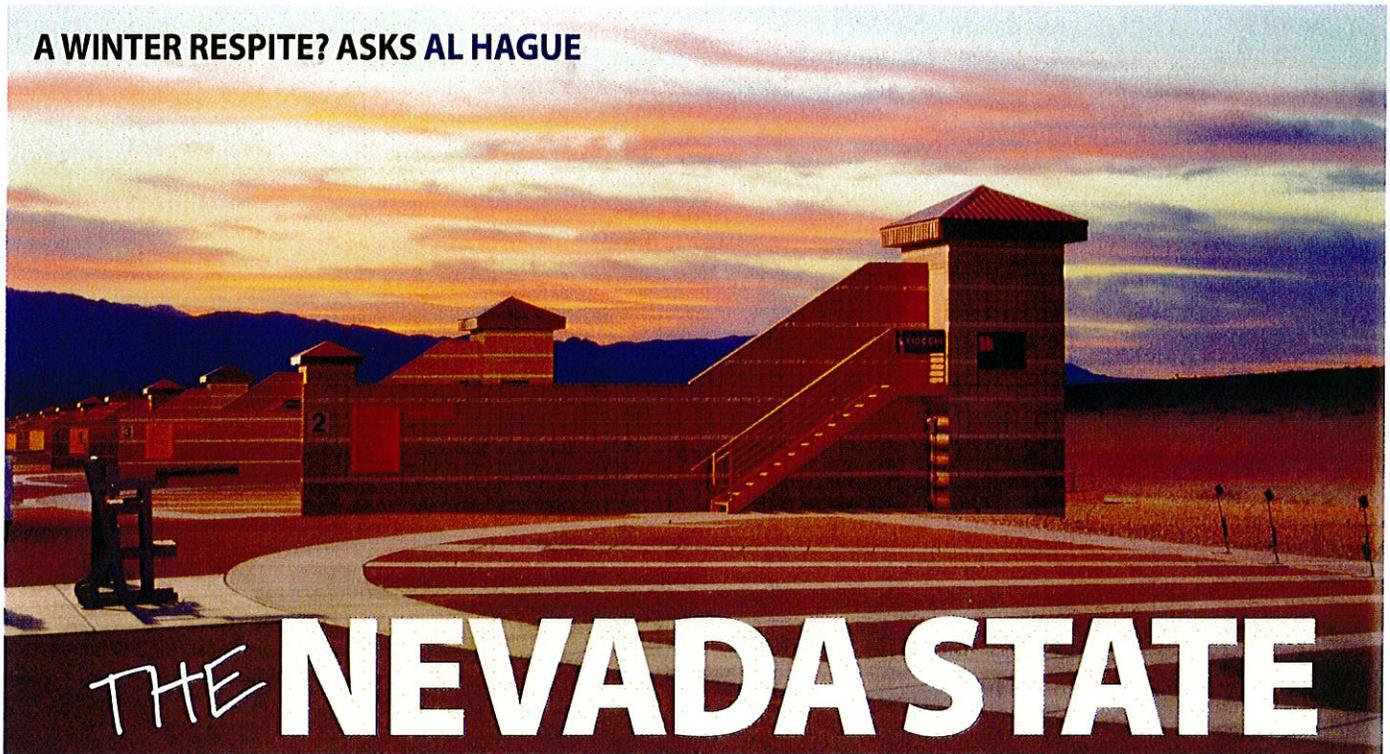
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## A WINTER RESPITE? ASKS AL HAGUE



# THE NEVADA STATE TRAP CHAMPIONSHIPS

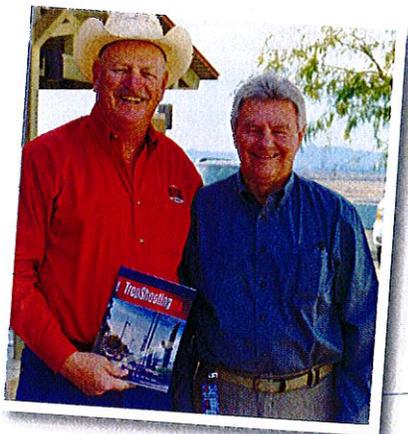
**The 2012 Nevada State Trapshooting Championships were held March 28-April 1 at the Clark County Shooting Complex – one of the best shooting facilities in the West.** Only one drawback, which no-one can control, is the wind that comes along most anytime, and as it turned out on this occasion, it came at exactly the wrong time causing the cancellation of Sunday's events.

The week started out great – with a turnout of over 300 shooters, sunny warm temperatures and a cool breeze. RVs of all sizes rolled in and everyone that made the trip from other parts of the country and Canada were looking forward to a great shoot in ideal weather conditions. Clark County Commissioner, Tom Collins, was on hand to witness the activities of the first Championship held at this new venue. Steve Carmichael and his staff had made extensive

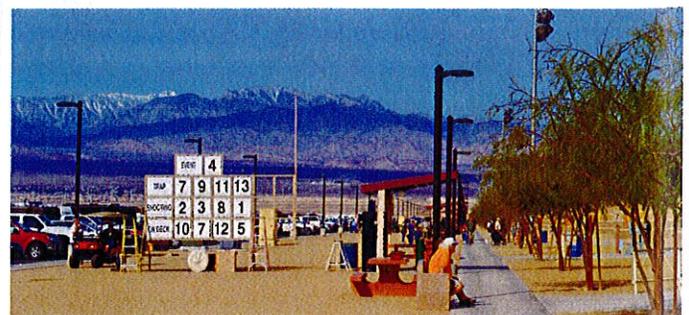
preparations for the classification and squadding with a large tent near the clubhouse – the grounds were immaculate and everything was ready for a great tournament.

Preliminary Day on Wednesday was an ideal warm up. Events 1-3 included The Preliminary Fiocchi Singles, The Delegates Fiocchi Handicap and The Directors Fiocchi Doubles. Fiocchi awarded Exacta Ammunition to each Class and Category winner for all three events.

The State Championship got



CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOM COLLINS AND STEVE CARMICHAEL.





## MAD HATTERS IN VENDORS ROW

Vendors are a large part of every shoot – adding atmosphere to each event. Every so often a new vendor pops up – in this instance, Dale from Las Vegas and Michael from Phoenix. They are cousins and were both in the hat business. They decided to join forces and become the “Mad Hatters”. They import hats made from palm leaves in Guatemala that are hand sewn and hand weaved. They come two ways – 4 inch brim and a 5 inch brim. Using a large bucket of water in front of their stand, they can virtually shape the hat to whatever style the customer chooses by submerging the hat in water, getting it thoroughly soaked, and then shaping it – Western style, Island style or any combination you can think of. This is not a gimmick, it’s a quality hat that travels easy and protects from the sun and rain alike. Shooters could be seen wearing them everywhere. (We all should have such a delightful way to make a living!)



VENDORS WERE KEPT BUSY ALL WEEK.

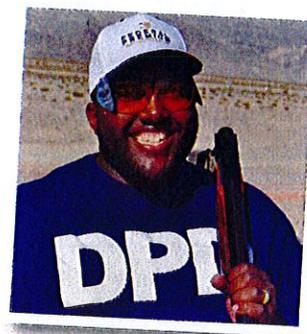
underway at 9:00am Thursday morning with the traditional playing of the National Anthems of both the USA and Canada. The Championship would consist of 1300 targets with over \$13,000 in Trophies and Ammunition with \$5000 added to Resident HOA and Non-resident HOA.

Event 4, The Doubles Class Championship had 166 entries –134 were non-resident! Resident Ron Christensen shot well, posting a 99. On the non-resident scoreboard the winner was Neil Burbidge from Alberta, Canada – also with 99.

Event 5, The President Singles, had shooters breaking some great numbers. Of the ten trophies available, six were taken with 100 straight and two more with 99s. Canadian, Dwight Smith, took AA with 100 as did Class A shooter Jim Kaima. Lady winner Jennifer Parr from New Mexico took her category with one less at 99. Junior shooter Shelby Dixon, along with Sub Junior Kyle Hoffmeyer, both posted 100s to take their category. Senior Veteran Vince McNamara (CA) and Veteran Robert Walker from Alberta also took their categories with 100 straights.

Event 6, The Sportsman Handicap, saw some more great performances in perfect weather conditions. All four yardage groups were won with 99s – as was Sub Juniors, won by Jason David (CA). Lady winner with 98 was Lori Clodt (CA) and Robert Clement (NV) won Veterans with a 98. As a reward for the early squads, Steve Crow of Steve Crow Shooting Supply, awarded a flat of ammunition to one shooter in each of the first five squads of each day. That shooter was drawn at random.

Event 7, The Singles Class Championship, began the separation for trophies for residents and non-residents. All ties were carried-over to the Championships. Twenty shooters posted 100



DARRYL HAYES DETRIOT POLICE OFFICER.

straights in this event with even more on 99s! After the carry-overs and shoot-offs the non-resident Champion was a Detroit police Officer, Darryl Hayes and runner-up was David Kelly (CA). Among residents, David Siegler was Champion and runner-up was Todd Delaney. James Bryce took the Junior category with 99. Hall of Famer Dan Bonillas posted a 99.

Event 8, The Clark County Handicap, was dominated by the non-residents with Jeremie Summers of Utah as Champion with

## 27 YARD PIN

Young shooter Andrew Narvick, aged 15 from Illinois and a High School sophomore in his third year of shooting, was punched to the 27 yard line and received his pin. He started shooting at 13 years old but unlike most youngsters he lives on a farm and has his own PAT trap. He shoots a Perazzi and mostly Remington ammo. His home club is The Erienna Hunt Club – he also loves duck hunting.



ANDREW NARVICK (RIGHT) RECEIVING HIS 27 YD PIN.

a 98 – determined by carry-overs. Long yardage was taken by Mike Fisher (TX), also with a 98. Lady winner, Jennifer Parr, from New Mexico, posted a 97 – as did Ronald McConnel from Alberta winning the Veteran category. Junior Shooter, Andrew Narvick from Illinois, earned a punch with his 97.

Event 9, The Memorial Handicap, had only one shooter straight – Alan Heifer from Alaska took top honors. One target back was Jim Ballard from Nevada. California shooter, Andrew McClernon, won the 27 yardage group with a solid 98. Another top performance was recorded by Veteran winner, Lloyd Smith from Canada, with a 99. Young Sub Junior, Sharrod Oaks from Utah, took his category with a 95 – one better than the Junior winner Derek Whitten from Nevada.

Event 10, The Nevada Singles Championship, was a 200 target event with the first squads starting at 9:00am. The weather was still cooperative and comfortable – even with a tricky wind on the rise. Scores were expected to be high with multiple shoot-offs necessary. Sometimes that just doesn't happen – and at the end of the day, resident Bob Clement from Reno, Nevada, was in top spot with his lone

198/200 and declared the 2012 Nevada State Singles Champion. Bob is well known in trapshooting circles as a former President of the ATA

and Hall of Fame

member. Most importantly, he is also a cancer survivor who had to stop shooting for five years and came back to it in 2011.

A shoot-off between Richard



L TO R: BULLARD AND HUGHES PRIOR TO SHOOT-OFF.

Bullard and Howard Hughes (197) was needed for the Resident's runner-up spot. It didn't last long as the strong breeze made the targets a bit unpredictable. Hughes dropped one fairly early on, making Bullard the runner-up, leaving

#### EVENT 10 – 2012 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	ROBER CLEMENT	198
RU	RICHARD BULLARD	197
AA	TODD DELONG	197
A	HOWARD HUGHES	197
B	MIKE FREEMAN	193
C	JANET PASLEY	188
D	JERRY MEYER	187
L1	TAMMY MARILUCH	179
L2	LYNN MARTIN	189
JR	BRYCE JAMES	195
JR GOLD	EVAN MARTIN	192
VET	EVERT BRADLEY	194
SUB VET	SAL MERCADENTE	197
SR VET	JABAL ABTAHI	192

#### NON RESIDENTS

CH	KENNETH SEIDEL	CO	199
RU	JEFF CLEMENT	NM	198
AA	DARRYL HAYES	MI	197
A	LAWRENCE SEIGLER	ID	197
B	RICHARD McCOY	MN	193
C	TAWNIA GEROLD		189
D	AL HAGUE	WA	180
L1	DENISE POPE	UT	197
L2	TERESA KOHN	WA	193
JR	ANDREW NARVICK	IL	195
JR GOLD	BRITT DALTON	NM	197
SUB JR	COLE JACKSON	WY	197
VET	GERALD GAU	AB	196
SUB VET	STEVEN SMITH	CA	197
SR VET	BILL WHALEN	WA	197

NO HAA, HOA, DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP OR HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS AS ALL EVENTS WERE POSTPONED UNTIL THE ZONE SHOOT DUE TO UNSAFE WIND CONDITIONS.

Hughes to take Class A. Todd Delong took AA by reverse score tiebreaker, also with a 197.

Kenneth Seidel from Colorado was the best non-resident shooter with 199, followed by runner-up Jeff Clement (NM) one back at 198. AA was won by Darryl Hayes with 197. Other notable wins included Bill Whalen from Washington State who captured Senior Veterans with his 197 and Sub Junior Cole Jackson (WY), also with a 197. Teresa Kohn (WA) had her day – taking the Lady category with a 193 in windy conditions.

tough enough, but the real issue was with the wireless voice call speakers. For some competitors, even standing still long enough to call for a target and pull the trigger was impossible.

The Doubles Championship – impossible with the second target going any which way – and the Handicap Championship were postponed (to be shot in Elko at the Zone Shoot). According to Steve Carmichael, the wind was just too much and danger concerns were very real.

Up until then, it was a great tournament – the facility has it all, even shoot-offs at night were so well lit that there were no issues.

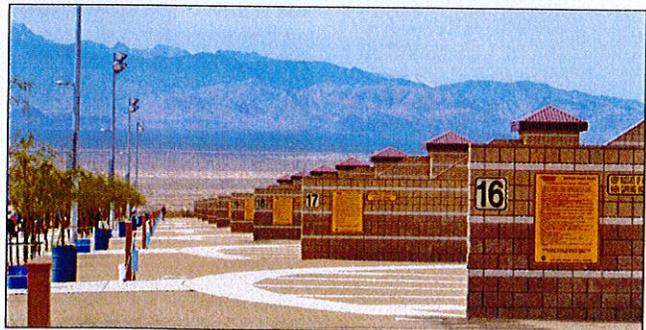
Next year the Nevada State Championships will be held in Elko, north of Las Vegas. No guarantees on the weather of course, but the shooting will be good – so put this one in your diary and get a break from the cold north. ■

## SUNDAY CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

The wind can arrive when least expected! It showed up in force on Sunday morning, howling across the trap fields at an estimated 40mph. Trying to shoot in this wind was

## NEW LEADERSHIP

The Clark County Shooting Complex began operating a little over a year ago and has since gone through its share of growing pains – but is now on track for future growth and success. Part of the change for the better was the hiring of Steve Carmichael who, up until 2009, was the Manager at the old Las Vegas Gun Club. His extensive background in shooting sports and club management bodes well for this venue. Leagues are already growing along with a solid schedule of major events.



Construction of the new sporting clays course is set to get underway soon and will no doubt be a huge draw from the casinos and hotels in the city. Improvements are being made to better serve the shooters and enhance their shooting experience. The complex will hold a large Fall shoot along with the Youth Championships in July. The Las Vegas 1000 is also scheduled to be held at the complex – shooting sports is now a serious part of the overall Las Vegas entertainment menu.



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