

Utah ATA Delegate's Report  
To the USTA Board of Directors  
2011 Grand American

The 2011 Grand American was held from August 3 – 13, 2011 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex (WSRC), Sparta, Illinois. The following is my report on the Utah attendance and the meetings that were conducted during the Grand.

**Utah Shooter Attendance and Trophies**

Forty-two (42) shooters attended the 2011 Grand American from Utah. Utah's Grand participation was second only to California (59 shooters) among Western Zone states.

The following Utah shooters won trophies or awards at the 2011 Grand American:

Event No.	EventName	Trophy	Winner	Score
5	Trapshooting USA Handicap	27 Yd Runner Up	Hawley Sean	97
6	EZ-Go Little Egypt Doubles	Class AAA Runner Up	Hawley Sean	100
9	Sparta Hunter Field Doubles	Lady Runner Up	Gibson Linda A	100
10	Krieghoff Handicap	23-24 Yd Winner	Pope John K	97
11	NRA Singles	Lady 3Rd Place	Gibson Linda A	200
WF Prelim HOA	White Flyer Prelim High Over-All 1000	Class AAA Winner	Hawley Sean	985
13	Winchester AA Class Singles	Class AAA Winner	Hawley Sean	200
13-M	Medallions	Jr Class AA Winner	Williams Connor	198
		Lady Class A R/U	Gibson Linda A	197
13-Sp	Special Races	Brother/BrotherWinner	Johnson Ross D	197
			Johnson Steve P	200
14-M	Medallions	27 Yard Winner	Hawley Sean	97
16	ATA Clay Target By Beretta	Class AAA 5Th Place	Isom Wynn R	200
19	Gipson-Ricketts Doubles	Champion	Hawley Sean	100
		Class AA 3Rd Place	Hart Craig J	100
20	Kolar Handicap	27 Yd 3Rd Place	Hawley Sean	98
22	GA Handicap by Remington	13Th Place	McKinnon Scott	98
HAA	High All-Around	Class AAA 3Rd Place	Epperson Brent	394

The AIM team from Golden Spike, consisting of Colton Anderson, Colby Anderson, Shawn Cahoon (ID), Whitney Stitt, and Kyle Daly, took 2nd Place in the Junior category out of 30+ Junior teams competing.

Keylee Kugler, Nephi, won the AIM "Academics" scholarship.

Leslie Bodily, Spanish Fork, won the Trap & Field "Photograph of the Year" Award for a picture she took last year at the Grand during an especially violent thunderstorm.

### **Western Zone Meeting – 10 August 2011, 7:00am**

Zone Vice President Allan Radway called the Western Zone meeting to order at 7:00 am.

Following the Roll Call, a motion was made by Dave Kaiser (AK) (Second: Dex Tourville (OR)) to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meetings in TY11 and accept them as is. The vote was unanimous.

**The Chairman's Report** included the following items:

1. The Great Lakes Grand has requested permission to move the shoot to the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend due to poor weather during its usual Memorial Day weekend slot.

- Little to no impact to Western Zone shoots – Unanimous agreement to allow the change.

2. Change the ATA Daily Fee or institute a per target fee.

Discussion – The ATA has been using investment income to “bridge the gap” between operating expenses and revenue received from a declining member base. Membership fees have kept pace with inflation, but daily fees have not.

- Following discussion – The Western Zone delegates approved increasing the daily fee to \$3/day.

3. Change the rule on squadding of 18, 19, and 20-yard shooters.

Discussion – Clarify that the rule applies to any squad that has an 18, 19, or 20-yard shooter on it.

- Following discussion – The Western Zone delegates approved the wording change.

4. Change the Special Category rule such that shooters who qualify for a category are automatically put in that category by default. The shooter must then indicate that they don't want to be in the category for a particular shoot.

Discussion – There have been some instances where shooters did not declare their category at the time of classification and then changed their mind, claiming an error was made. This rule change was suggested to take care of that situation. Consensus was that the change to “default classification” was not fair to the shooters and would not prevent classification errors as intended – classifiers would still have to physically change something in many of the software packages that are used, so errors would still be possible.

- Following discussion – The Western Zone delegates disapproved the rule change.

5. Change the handicap rule for Sub Juniors.

Discussion – Remove the requirement that a shooter be punched to the 20-yard line on their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is felt that a shooter should not be moved back just because of age. It is not fair to the shooter to add yardage that they haven't demonstrated they can handle.

- Following discussion – The Western Zone delegates approved the rule change.

6. Change the target speed to allow Singles targets to be set at 40 – 43 mph, and Doubles to be set at 37 – 40 mph.

Discussion – This rule change was suggested in order for clubs to have the option of throwing an easier target. It is believed that an easier target will encourage more new shooters to register targets. Most of the discussion concerned the potential for abuse of this rule if speed requirements are relaxed.

- Following discussion – The Western Zone delegates unanimously disapproved the rule change.

7. Change the rule regarding placement of the 50-yard stake to say that a stake may be placed. Removing the requirement that a stake must be placed at the 50-yard point.

Discussion – Most delegates felt that the rule could be changed without any detrimental effects.

- Following discussion – The Western Zone delegates approved the rule change.

## 2012 Western Zone Shoot

1. Zone Shoot Site Requirements:

Each site will be required to:

- Have an Internet hook-up
- **Pay the \$100 website fee**

2. The Zone Shoot will be **July 19 – 22, 2012** and the Zone Shoot Program will be:

- Thursday – 100 Singles, 100 Handicap, 100 Handicap (2<sup>nd</sup> handicap may be shot at any time during the tournament)
- Friday – 100 Class Doubles, 100 Prelim Handicap, 100 Class Singles

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- Saturday – 200 Singles Championship
  - Sunday – 100 Doubles Championship, 100 Handicap Championship
3. The Zone fee will be **\$1.50 per 100 targets**. This increase will enable us to provide shoot participation pins and trophies for the Preliminary Handicap event. Prior winners in the Preliminary Handicap event have only received All American Points Pins as their award.
4. The following sites have been confirmed:
- AB – Edmonton
  - AZ – Garden Canyon
  - HI - Schofield
  - MT – Anaconda
  - UT - Vernal
  - WA – Spokane

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

**ATA BoD General Meeting, WSRC BoD Meeting Rm., 11 August 2011, 7:00pm**

The Board of Director's General Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. President Jeff Wagner welcomed all the delegates and then introduced the newly elected Delegates.

Mike Hampton, Grand American Tournament Director, reported that attendance for the Grand Preliminary Week was down slightly from 2010. However the attendance was up markedly for Grand Week due to the large number of shooters participating in the Martin Lewis Challenge (1,610 shooters chose the option).

Judy Harden (ATA Controller) gave the Treasurer's report. The lead recovery effort at Vandalia should (finally) be finished by the end of 2011.

The Past Presidents had not met at the time of the BoD Meeting, so there was no Report from them.

AIM now has 3,800 participants nationwide. AIM has created an Advisory Committee with representatives from each ATA Zone. The committee is looking at revising the AIM category structure. They are also looking at holding the AIM Championship just prior to the Grand instead of during Preliminary Week weekend.

The Executive Committee (EC) put out a proposal for shoot software in May 2011. This proposal was necessitated by the announcement by R. J. Stuart that he would be retiring after the 2012 Grand from the job of providing cashiering services for the Grand American. The EC received 8 bids. Developers met at the Southwestern Zone to see the current set up. The EC received bids ranging from \$150k to \$775k. Computech Services of Kansas City, MO was selected. The project is currently on schedule. The software will be run in parallel with Stuart's system at the 2012 Grand. It is hoped that the ATA can offer a "lite" version to gun clubs for cashiering of small shoots.

A recess was called so that each Zone could elect a Vice President. Allan Radway was unanimously elected Western Zone Vice President. Scott Hoover was elected Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer.

After reconvening, each Zone announced their Vice Presidents (Eastern – Wayne Morris, Central – Jeff Wagner, Western – Allan Radway, Southern – Terry Roush, Southwestern – Rob Taylor).

Jeff Wagner, Central Zone Vice President was elected ATA President by acclamation. Jeff had served out Bill Anzaldi's term as 2011 President following Bill's untimely death in November 2010.

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The proposed rule changes were reviewed:

1. Change Target Speed – Vote taken, defeated
2. Clarify 18, 19, 20 yard – Passed (51 – 3)
3. Sub Junior Handicap – Passed (54 – 0)
4. Stake may be placed – Passed (53 – 1)
5. Assign category shooters by default - Failed
6. Change Great Lakes Grand date – Approved
7. Change daily fee to \$3 per day – Approved (50 – 4).

With all business concluded, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Western Zone Vice-Chairman, Sec./Treasurer