

ATA DELEGATE'S NEWS LETTER

Last month I mentioned that the folks at the Kane County Gun Club wanted to get into registered shooting. As part of that process, I was invited down to take a look at their club and talk to them about the ATA. I stopped by on my way to Tucson for the Spring Grand. I'll be honest with you; the folks at KCGC have a nice set-up. I was impressed with the work that they've put into their club. I posted some pictures on utahtrapshooters.com if you want to get an idea of what the club looks like. I don't think they'll be able to start full-size registered shoots until the fall, but they may be able to put on some Big 50s before then to keep the locals entertained.

The Spring Grand was a bit dampish and cooler than I would have liked. It didn't help that I didn't shoot very well. But that wasn't the case for some Utah shooters. Sean Hawley did well during the Preliminary Week. He won three of the four handicaps during the Prelim including the Handicap Championship. During the Spring Grand another Vernal shooter, Sharred Oaks, stepped up and claimed Sub Junior Runner-Up trophies in three events. That's no small accomplishment, either. Since the Spring Grand is a Satellite Grand it attracts many of the best shooters from all over the country, even among the Sub Juniors. So Sharred had to put up some very solid scores to garner those trophies. Congratulations Sharred.

One of my squad mates, Justin Bodily, came down to Tucson to get fitted for a new stock by the guys at Wenig. When I talked to him before the shoot, he said he might shoot the new stock or not during the Spring Grand, he'd have to see how it felt. Well, apparently it felt pretty good, because he ran the 150 program targets during the Singles Championship and then kept on pounding the targets during the shoot-off. After five shoot-off rounds, there were only three left standing; and Justin was one of them. Leo Harrison had bowed out after the fifth round to take the AAA trophy. Only one more round was required to determine the Singles Championship. And after Bobby Chambers and Justin each dropped one target in the sixth round that left Mike Jordan, a Senior Vet All-American from Illinois as the Singles Champion. Two more rounds were required to sort out who would get Runner-Up and who would get AA. In the waning light, Justin let one target go and Bobby ended up running the eighth round to claim Runner-Up, leaving Justin with the AA trophy. It was a very good shoot-off that attracted quite a crowd. The really ironic part of it was that Bobby Chambers works for Wenig and had done the fitting on the stock that Justin was shooting.

While at the Spring Grand, the Western Zone had an informal meeting since almost all of the delegates were there. We talked about the Zone Shoot and started to make plans for conducting the shoot solely using an Internet web site. As some of you know, Zone shoots for the past 10 years or so have relied on faxes to communicate data. Last year we dabbled with using a web site. This year we are going to go completely with the web site. There will be no faxes. Those of you who have Internet access, either at home or at the shoot will be able to see all the scores from all of the sites almost as soon as the events are completed. This should make shoot-offs run more quickly and smoothly. I'll post the web site address, as we get closer to the Zone Shoot date in July.



UP COMING EVENTS

ROUND ROBIN	MAR. 14,21,28
ROUND ROBIN FINALS	APR. 11 @ Golden Spike
SPANISH FORK	APR. 10
PURGATORY	APR. 17-18
OGDEN	APR. 23-25
Utah State Sporting Clays Championship	APR. 8-11
Sporting Clay & FUN SHOOT	Are listed on USTA Website

Thank You,

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