

Trap and Field Report March 2026

Greetings AZ Shooters!! I'd like to take a few minutes to recap the last month's activities from the Grand Canyon State. A bunch has happened this month so be prepared for a long read.

2026 Spring Grand American Recap

This year's Spring Satellite Grand American saw what is known as "Chamber of Commerce" weather. Highs were unseasonably warm and wind was at a minimum which made for some great shooting. The host club, Tucson Trap and Skeet, put in great effort to ensure that the targets were good, machines were in top condition and the hospitality was well given. Shooter numbers were up from last year by around 10% for the HAA events.

AZ shooters of note for the HAA events were Alexis Fernan in the Lady I win in the Championship doubles with a 99 (and a shoot-off win as well). She also decided to follow that up with a 200/200 in the Championship Singles to end up with Lady I honors there as well. Jesse Zamora won the D Class Runner up trophy with a 195/200. Welcome back to Arizona Jesse.

The Championship Handicap gave new AZ shooter Kelly Dwyer the opportunity to shine with a 99/100 which ended up with him taking home the 3rd Place trophy after 2 rounds of shooting off.

High All Around ended with Kelly Dwyer winning C Class HAA and Alexis Fernan winning the Lady I HAA. Alexis rounded out her trophy package with the Lady I High Over All trophy.

We appreciate all of the shooters that participated in the Spring Grand and look forward to seeing you all back at the Autumn Grand in November. With shooter numbers increasing, make sure to make your RV or hotel reservations early.

97th Annual Arizona State Shoot

This year's Arizona State Shoot was hosted by 2Lazy2 Consulting at the Ben Avery Clay Target Center located in Phoenix, AZ. The shoot was moved up on the calendar a couple of weeks, and the weather was better than previous years with high temperatures in the mid 80's to low 90's. A bit of wind showed up for the morning events but was just enough to keep the temperatures manageable out on the line. Shooter numbers were right in line with the previous State Shoot of 2024 which was held at this venue.

This years HAA Events were a continuation of the shooting phenom, Alexis Fernan.

The Championship Singles event held on Saturday saw her go 199/200 in the event and end up in a shoot-off with Yours Truly. Youth and perseverance won out and she ended up beating me for the Champion Trophy.

Other in State winners were Walter Allen winning Sr. Vet with a 198/200, Steve Lueck winning Vet with a 197/200, Michael Stacey taking Sub Vet with a 197/200 Denise Shute with the Lady II win with a 194/200 and Kaitlin Quan with the Lady I trophy and 194/200 also. Junior Gold was Jacob Juhas with 190/200, Ryan Swayzee winning Jr. with a 197/200 and Tavia Crum winning Sub Junior with a personal best 192/200.

Class winners were AA winner Tim Robb at 197/200, A Class winner, Scott Skaggs at 197/200, B Class Gunner Manterola with 196/200, Steve Bell winning C Class with 195/200 and D Class being won by Owen Gruntmeir with 189/200. Great shooting all.

Doubles on Sunday saw Alexis shoot the lone 100/100 for AZ shooters and win the Championship trophy for that one. Tim Robb won Runner Up with a 96/100, Walter Allen AA Class with a 96/100, Scott Skaggs, A Class with a 95, Vince Bianco, B Class winner with a 90/100, Kelly Dwyer with the C Class win with a 92/100 and Thomas Braden with the D Class trophy with a 91.

The Jr. Trophy went to Jackson Link with a 94/100. Jr Gold was won by Wyatt Pzinger by shoot-off. Sub Junior was Owen Gruntmeir with a 82. Lady I Winner was Kaitlin Quan with a 94/100 and Denise Shute taking the Lady II trophy with an 86/100. Sub Vet winner was Mike Petrisko with 96/100. Vet winner was Max Peevyhouse (95/100) winning the honors in a shoot-win. Lastly, Jimmy Heller won the Sr. Vet trophy with a 97/100.

The Final HAA Event was the Jackson Link Handicap. Alexis actually had to work on this one to win the Handicap Championship (98/100) by a shoot-off with Steve Lueck who ended up taking the Vet Trophy. Michael Viga ended the night with the Runner Up trophy. Gunner Materola won Junior by shoot-off, Jacob Juhas with the Junior Gold, Kaitlin Quan with Lady I and Sandra Smith with Lady II. Tavia Crum with 91 for Sub Junior and Gerry Williams winning Sr. Vet with a shoot-off over Jim Copsey with 97's.

High All Around and High Over All were won of course by Alexis Fernan, giving her the honor of winning all 5 Champion Trophies in one shoot which is an amazing accomplishment. I'm glad I was there to witness it. Keep up the great work Lady!

Other items of note from the AZ Annual Meeting, I'd like to welcome the new Arizona Directors who were voted in this year. Please welcome Max Peevyhouse and Dave

Landwerlen to the Board and special thanks to the outgoing Directors, Chere McCracken and Doug Sims.

I'd also like to welcome Greg Spiczka as the new ATA Alternate Delegate. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Final bit of information here. The Western Zone Shoot will be held on July 16-19 at the Northern Arizona Shooting Range in Flagstaff, AZ. The format has changed from 3 days and 700 targets to 4 days and 1000 targets. In addition, the Zero Dollar Entry for the HOA Lewis has been increased to \$10,000 and is being calculated over all 1000 targets. We look forward to seeing you all out at one of the clubs for this upcoming shoot.