

Greetings from sunny Arizona! While the second season in Arizona has finally arrived and all of our out-of-town guests have left to cooler habitats, our Arizona shooters are still actively turning clay into smoke, both locally and abroad. 13 Shooters flew north to some cooler weather to compete in the Western Satellite Grand American in Vernal, Utah. Starting things off, Jimmy Heller shot a very nice 94 in the Uintah County Handicap to garner a Senior Veteran win. On Wednesday, Tim Robb brought home the Senior Vet trophy in the Craig & Sharon Hart Doubles with a solid 95. Robb bettered himself by a target with a 96 in the RHO RHO's Rally Doubles, with Jimmy Heller and David Landwerlen close behind with impressive scores of 94. Tim Robb, determined to fill his trailer full of hardware, concluded the day Wednesday with a winning Senior Veteran score of 94 in the All-Star Contributors Handicap. Continuing to the Class Singles Championship, Robb smoked an outstanding score of 99 to take Senior Vet Runner up. Max Peevyhouse and Don Williamson rounded out the top AZ shooters with 98's. Ending Thursday's events, Senior Veteran Tim Robb continued his dominance with a solid 92 and a dominating 2 round shoot off to claim Senior Vet Champion. Shooters Jimmy Heller and Gerry Williams weren't far behind with scores of 91.

Friday, beginning with the Doubles Class Championship, Senior Veteran Jimmy Heller scorched the competition with a cool 97 to win Senior Vet Champion. Beginning the High All Around was the Doubles Championship, Gerry Williams flexing his muscle took Class A Runner-up with a 94, not to be outdone by fellow Arizona shooter, Kelly Dwyer, scoring a C-Class Runner-up finish with a 94. Southern Arizona's David Landwerlen keeping things competitive with his 95 in the Sub-Veteran category. Once again, Jimmy Heller with a 97 edged out Jim Copsey (95) for the Senior-Veteran trophy and runner-up respectively. Moving on to the Caesar Guerini Handicap Championship to finish off Friday, shooters Kelly Dwyer and David Landwerlen kept things edgy with strong scores of 94.

With a beautiful day ahead, Saturday was the Singles Championships, with several Arizonan's putting up some pretty good performances. Darrell Goen clinched Class-A runner up with a very nice 195, joined by Gerry Williams with a Senior Veteran Runner-up trophy. Ending the shooting activities for this year's Western Satellite Grand, Senior-Veterans Tim Robb (93) and Gerry Williams (92) took home Champion and Runner-up honors in the Senior-Veteran Category. Kelly Dwyer and Tim Robb both stayed in the mix with scores of 93.

Another great week of shooting in Vernal, great hospitality and a great venue. Props to Sean Hawley and crew for another successful Satellite Grand American!

Locally, Tucson Trap and Skeet held a one-day event, with Clifton Braley leading the field in the Singles event with a lone 96, and Thomas Braden not far behind with a 95. Bruce Hobbs led the field during the handicap event with a 95 and closing out the activities in Tucson for the month of June, Jim Copsey dominated the Doubles event with a too-hot-to-handle 98.

While there were a few braving the 100-degree temps in Tucson, there were a few that played chicken with the weatherman and beat the rainy forecast at the cool Northern Arizona Shooting Range in beautiful Flagstaff, site of this years Western Zone Championships in July. This two-day event started with a bang after shooter David Landwerlen crushed the field with a nearly perfect score of 99. Kelly Dwyer, not too far behind Landwerlen, garnered a solid 96. Handicap saw Landwerlen leading the field with a nice 94. Doubles gave a different result, with Greg Ho Ho Holden pulling off a dominant 95.

Sunday would begin with the breakfast of champions, Breakfast Doubles...Landwerlen skipped the Wheaties and took the edge over Holden with a score of 95 and Holden a 94. Landwerlen continued to smoke targets in Sunday Singles, with a perfect 100. Winding down the first shoot of the year for the Flagstaff club, Holden topped the field with a 94 in Caps.

That pretty much wraps things up for Arizona this month, next month will be the Western Zone in Flagstaff, one day shoots in Tucson and Casa Grande as well as Big-50's in Casa Grande Weekly and at the end of the month in Prescott. Arizona shooters tend to travel pretty well, especially when it gets well into the heat of the summer! I look forward to seeing everyone in the coming weeks and months. Remember to hydrate, wear sunscreen and keep the sun off your neck! Until next time fellow shooters!

Keep Diggin'

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