



*Silver State Claybreakers
Clay target Program
Athlete/Parent Handout*

*A Non-Profit Group and member of Nevada Youth Shooting Sports
Association. (NYSSA)*

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History of Program

Silver State Claybreakers was formed in 2002. We started with 5 athletes and quickly grew to 58. During those first few years we campaigned and encouraged youth trap shooting throughout the state. We helped form youth shooting groups in Winnemucca, Elko, Fallon, Yerington, Reno and Carson City and Ely. After forming our groups, we increased the youth participation at the Nevada State Shoot from 2 entries to 126 entries.

In 2006 we created "invitational" shoots which encouraged youth shooting groups in the surrounding states to have team challenges. Our first invitational was a huge success with teams from San Diego Shotgun Sports, Oaktree Jr. Claybreakers, Ogden, Stockton, Red Mountain, A & A Sports, Golden Spike, Project 2000 and Santa Ynez. Many of these clubs now use our model program to encourage youth competition.

We also took our teams to compete at the Grand American several years, and in 2008 our "Rookie" team (3rd thru 5th grade) won First Place at the Grand American.

In 2008 we applied and were approved as an IRS 501 c (3) Non Profit Corporation.

In 2011 our State Youth Shooting Board decided to form NYSSA, (Nevada Youth Shooting Sports Association). The NYSSA Board consists of a member of each shooting club in the State. This board of directors have created guidelines, in the form of a handbook. The handbook in addition to our by-laws set forth the rules of membership and competition. Each year we hold an NYSSA State Shoot. The location of the shoot rotates each year. Each of our 7 State groups (Fallon, Yerington, Reno, Las Vegas, Elko, Carson City and Ely) are free to develop their individual program based on circumstances in their area as long as they abide by the by-laws and handbook. For instance, Fallon's program runs from April through July. They shoot once a week in the evening.

Overview of current Program

This program is designed to introduce athletes and their families to the sport of Clay Target shooting.

Emphasis is on GUN SAFETY, SPORTSMANSHIP, Discipline, Integrity, Responsibility and building self-confidence. All coaches have been clay target shooters for many years. All of the coaches are certified NRA Certified Shotgun Instructors. All coaches "volunteer" their time and expertise. No one in the organization is paid a salary.

Our group is a member of NYSSA, Nevada Youth Shooting Sports Association. Our total source of funds comes from donations and fundraisers. Each athlete will be asked to participate in the fundraising projects. Loaner guns are available if you do not have one. The athletes never take these guns home.

Attendance at each scheduled practice is a must. If you cannot make a practice, please inform one of the coaches (list attached). We also encourage you to practice on your own between scheduled practice dates. We will try to arrange for a coach to be present. Advance notice is necessary if you wish a private lesson. There are 3 competition divisions when shooting under the NYSSA program.

Senior

High School Athletes in 9, 10, 11, 12 grades. There are 2 subdivisions in this group. Varsity and Junior Varsity. Varsity athletes are those who start their 2nd year in our program. Junior Varsity athletes are those who are in 9th grade or those in 10, 11 or 12 grade when it is their 1st year in the program.

Junior

Those in 6, 7, 8 grades. There are 2 subdivisions in this group. Intermediate entry and Intermediate advanced. Intermediate advanced athletes are those who start their 2nd year in our program. Intermediate entry athletes are those who are in 6th grade or those in 7 or 8 grade when it is their 1st year in the program.

Rookie

Those in 5th grade and below.

**Note, if your athlete participates in a competition under the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) his shooting category or division is determined by his age as of September 1st of the current shoot year. Those classifications can be found in the ATA rule book.

Costs

A first year registration fee of \$100.00 is required which helps to cover the costs of liability insurance and a team shirt. After that, returning athletes pay a yearly fee of \$50.00

Weekly Practice Costs:

Practice is normally held at Clark County Shooting Complex with practice rounds currently costing \$4.50 for 25 targets plus shells. Additionally, shotgun ammunition can be purchased from Clark County Shooting Complex. Prices are subject to change based on shooting facility.

Monthly Challenge Costs:

We hold a monthly Challenge competition at various shooting ranges in the area and range fees are determined by that facility, but will usually be about the same as above weekly costs. Shells for the competition can be purchased from our club, currently \$60 per case of 10 boxes or \$6.00 per box.

Prices quoted are subject to change.

If you choose to purchase your ammunition elsewhere, please follow these guidelines. 12 Gauge shells should not exceed a 2-3/4 dram powder equivalent. Game loads are not appropriate for trap due to the recoil and heavy powder charge. Shot size should be 7.5, 8 or 8.5 and a 1 oz. or 1-1/8 oz. of shot is adequate.

Equipment

Before you purchase anything, check with our Coaching Staff. We have a list of vendors who will give discounts to members of our group. Each athlete needs the following equipment:

1. A 12, 20, 28, Shotgun
 - If you do not have a shotgun, a loaner will be provided for a short period of time until the athlete can purchase his own.
2. Shells appropriate for your gauge gun (note: 20 and 28 gauge shells are more expensive than 12 gauge ammunition)
3. Eye protection (mandatory & you provide)
4. Ear protection (mandatory & you provide)
5. Shell pouch (loaners are available until you are able to purchase your own.)
6. Shooting vest (optional- you provide)
7. Shirt (provided at registration)
8. Sun Screen (optional-you provide)
9. Water bottle (optional-you provide)

10. Shooters towel (optional-you provide)

It is also recommended that you obtain a small sports bags to keep all of your equipment together. **EAR AND EYE PROTECTION MUST BE WORN WHEN SHOOTING AND SCORING -- NO EXCEPTIONS**

Competitions

Athletes are not eligible to participate in competitions such as the NYSSA State Shoot, Scholastic Invitational's or Challenge shoots until they have completed a safety course and have shot a minimum of 6 practices shooting at least 50 targets at each practice during the 3 months prior to the date of the competition. This requirement may be waived with the recommendation of a Silver State Clay-Breakers coach.

The Nevada Youth State Shoot, (NYSSA), is held in June of each year. All athletes in good standing are encouraged to attend. Coaches organize teams by category, (Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Intermediate Entry, Intermediate Advanced and Rookie). Each team will consist of 5 shooters plus alternates and will compete as a team in the 200 bird Singles Championship. (Additionally, they will be competing as individuals by category named above). Trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, place teams and individuals will be awarded.

Selection of the teams will be based on many factors:

- Participation at practices
- Marksmanship
- Scholastic Average
- Sportsmanship
- Participation in fund raisers

We will also be organizing competitions between our athletes and other youth clubs in other states.

Athlete Requirements (Do's & Don'ts)

1. No smoking at practices or at any shooting events.
2. No Drugs.
3. Eye and Ear Protection Required.
4. Knowledge and adherence of ATA & NYSSA rules (see Silver State Claybreakers website for NYSSA handbook and see the Amateur trapshooting website for the ATA rule book (shootata.com).
5. A grade point average of 2.0. Proof of GPA must be furnished by February 1st of each year.
6. All participants must attend the Gun Safety Course (provided by the coaches) and at all times practice Gun Safety.
7. Good sportsmanship is a must.
8. Participation in fundraisers is required.
9. Must attend all training courses and pass academic test.
10. **All Claybreaker consent forms must be completed and sent to Linda Hand, 339 W. Sherwood Drive, Henderson, NV 89015**
11. Athletes must be punctual !!!
12. Proper dress means;
 - shorts must reach finger-tips when hands are at sides.
 - no open toed shoes

- no improper sayings or pictures on shirts
- no midriff shirts or tank tops

Note: Parents are required to attend practices and volunteer as scorekeepers and participate in fundraisers.

Fundraisers

Parents can help by contacting their employers who currently sponsor youth groups in other sports like baseball, basketball, etc. Any type of donation can be put to good use. Money always helps. If a company cannot give funds, perhaps they can donate something for our raffles. (A weekend stay at one of the hotels, dinner for two, etc.)

We will be holding raffles so start gathering those item. Perhaps your barber or salon will donate a cut and style, etc.

Remember the more money we raise, the less it costs you to shoot.

Scheduled Practice Dates

Every Thursday evening at 5:30 at Clark county Shooting Park. Current schedules and changes can be found on our Website (www.silverstateclaybreakers.com)

Website

For more information, see our website at www.silverstateclaybreakers.com. Biographies of coaches, copies of press releases, pictures, upcoming events, schedules, forms and an overview of the program.

Awards & Competition Structure

We use a point system through-out the year. Points are given for marksmanship, attendance, dress and grade point average.

Awards given at Christmas Party at end of year consist of Patches and Rockers as follows:

Pro-Marksman Rocker	Score 19 or better out of 25	10 times
Marksman Rocker	Score 20 or better out of 25	10 times
Marksman 1st Class Rocker	Score 21 or better out of 25	10 times
Sharpshooter Rocker	Score 22 or better out of 25	10 times
Expert Rocker	Score 23 or better out of 25	15 times
Distinguished Expert	Score 24 or better out of 25	15 times

Recorded practice scores, Challenge Shoot Scores, ATA verified scores, CYSSA and NYSSA scores can be used to satisfy this requirement.

Challenge Shoot Awards (Medals) given Quarterly. Points accumulate to end of shoot year.

Points are given by Category (Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Int. Entry, Int. Advanced, Rookie) to 1st through 5 place. Medals are awarded quarterly.

1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	5th place
25 pts	20 pts	15 pts	10pts	5 pts

Other points can be earned at Challenge Shoots for attendance (5 points) and proper dress (5 points). Proper dress consists of having properly maintained equipment (clean gun, team shirt, ear and eye protection, etc.)

End of year Awards, by Category based on total points earned throughout the shoot year plus grade point average of current school year

GPA 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0
Points 25 Pts 20 Pts 15 Pts 10 Pts 5 Pts

Lettering at your School

Just like any other sport, you may be able to earn a "School Letter". Requirements are:

- Participate in at least 10 shoots during the shoot year.
(Challenge Shoots, Nevada State Shoot, CYSSA Shoots, NYSSA Shoots)
- Skill average of Class "B" or higher (91 out of 100)
- Participate in Fundraiser
- Must attend the NYSSA State Shoot
- Must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Must write a 1 page essay on:
 - a. What I have learned from participating in shooting sports.
 - b. How can I use what I have learned.
- Pass a test on gun safety and history of shooting sports.

Gun Safety Instruction

New athletes must take a Gun Safety Class provided by one of the coaches.

One-on-One Instruction and Shooting

Each athlete will receive one-on-one shooting instruction at each practice session

Our Coaching Staff

Joe Hanley - Head Coach

Certifications

NRA Level 1 Coach

Teaching Experience

Head Coach Silver State Claybreakers

Worked with young athletes in California since 2013

Personal accomplishments

Nevada State Junior Championship at the age of 14

PITA (Pacific International Trap Association) Junior champion

Coach Hanley has been recognized for his trap shooting accomplishments all across the US including wins at Satellite Grand American Events and the ATA Grand American. His most recent wins have been at the Spring Grand American as Class A, HAA & the South Western Grand Handicap.

Coach Hanley was also a member of the Junior Olympic Development Team as a young athlete.

Linda Hand - New Shooter Orientation Coach

& NYSSA State Program Director

Certifications:

Red Cross Standard First Aid
NRA Certified Shotgun Coach (L3) National Coaches Development Staff
NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
NRA Certified Home Firearm Safety
NRA Certified Pistol
NRA Certified Personal Protection in the Home
NRA Certified Rifle

Teaching Experience:

Nevada Department of Wildlife Hunter Education Instructor for 6 years,
New Mexico Department of Wildlife Hunter Education Instructor for 2 years.
Teaching experience includes numerous youth and adult individual instruction, Diana Project, Nevada's Women in the Outdoors, Boy Scouts, Lead shotgun Instructor for NRA Women's Wilderness Escape (2009, 2010, 2011 & 2013), Lead Shotgun Instructor for NRA Whittington Adventure Camp in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.
Coach for Silver State Claybreakers since 2002.

Personal accomplishments:

Nevada State Ladies Champion 9 times
Nevada State Ladies Doubles Champion 6 times
Nevada State Ladies Handicap Champion 6 times
Nevada Ladies High All Around Champion 12 times
Grand American Clay Target Champion Runner Up
Numerous other Local, State and National Awards
Nevada Trapshooting Hall of Fame inductee in 2004
President NYSSA (Nevada Youth Shooting Sports Association)
Nevada Amateur Trapshooting Association delegate for 6 years.

Jeff Lewis - Skeet Coach

Certifications

Amateur Trapshooting Association Level 1 coach
NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach

Teaching Experience

Basic Rifle Marksmanship for US Army
Head Coach Silver State Claybreakers 2 yrs

Personal accomplishments

Numerous Skeet and Trap awards in Nevada and New Mexico

James Borchers - Range Safety Officer & Coach

Certifications

Certified NRA Rifle Instructor
Certified NRA Pistol Instructor
Certified NRA Shotgun Instructor
Certified NRA Range Safety Officer
Peace Officer Standard Training
Certified Range Master

Teaching Experience

Train Nevada Corrections Officers in range safety & instruction on Rifle, Pistol, & Shotgun.

Volunteer Instructor with Silver State Sport Shooting (5 years)
Coach for Silver State Claybreakers
Part-Time Range Safety Officer for Clark County Shooting Complex

Ron Dombrowski- Head Sporting Clay Coach

Certifications

Level II Certified NSCA Shooting Instructor

Teaching Experience

Philadelphia Gun Club Head Referee/Trapper & Scorekeeper for 10 years
General Manager Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays, Coplay, PA for 3 years
Shooting Instructor, Target Setter & Shooting Event Coordinator
Amwell Valley Conservancy, private bird hunting club, general manager 18 years
Pro Gun Dog trainer & Official Gun @ "Shoot to Retrieve Trials"

Personal accomplishments

Won and placed in NSCA Class Shoots in NJ, PA & MD
High-over-All in Charity Shoots in NJ

Ryan Dombrowski - Sporting Clay Coach

Certifications

NSCA Certified Level 1 Instructor

Teaching Experience

Assistant Manager 2000-2003 Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays.
Coplay, PA Shooting Instructor at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
Instructed first time shooters as well as tournament shooters.
Instructor for Ladies Day and Corporate events

Personal accomplishments

1999 NJ State Shoot Class Champion
2003 Blue Crab Classic Class Champion
2003 Zone 2 Class Champion
2007 John De Vito Memorial Class Runner UP
2008 Great American FITASC Class Runner up
2009 Blue Hen Classic Class Champion
2016 Southern Nevada Iron Man runner up
Placed high-over-All in several charity events in NJ

Lance Hurst - Coach & Fundraising

Certifications

Level 1 NRA Shotgun Coach

Teaching Experience

Coaching Silver State Claybreakers for 1 year.

Personal accomplishments

Awarded 5 time expert rifleman- US Marine Corp

Mike Reese - Coach

Certifications

NRA Level 1 shotgun coach

Teaching Experience

Silver State Claybreakers 3 years

Personal accomplishments

Member of Nevada State Trapshooting Team
Member of Nevada State Sporting Clay team
Placed 2nd in US National 5 Stand Championship
Nevada State Class A doubles
Woods & Waters Marksman of the year 5 times
Utah State 5 Stand Champion Class A

Donnette Lewis-Coach

Certifications

NRA Level 1 shotgun coach

Teaching Experience

Coaching Silver State Claybreakers 3 years

Personal accomplishments

Numerous Trap shooting awards.

Ashlee Hill - New Athlete Orientation Coach

Certifications

NRA Level 1 shotgun coach

Teaching Experience

Silver State Claybreakers 1 year

Personal accomplishments

Ashlee started shooting with her dad, Bill, who also encouraged Ashlee's son Billy to begin his shooting instruction in 2011. Ashlee has volunteered at all Claybreakers fundraisers and has been an integral part of the group since 2011. She decided to become an NRA Level 1 Coach in 2015 and enjoys working with young athletes. Ashlee captured 1st place in the ladies division of the Iron Man Competition in 2016.

Other Directors

Gregory Pink Web design & Communication
Rachel Pink Team Store
Anna Hurst Fundraising & Athletes Mentor
Cathy Hill Team Photographer

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