

## **2019 Nevada State AAFTA Grand Prix Match – June 15-16, 2019**

With thunder clouds on the horizon we completed setting up the courses for the Saturday and Sunday Grand Prix rifle and pistol matches.

We had the minimum fifteen shooters to qualify and the location did not disappoint. Saturday was beautiful, sunny and with an ever increasing wind.

Typically we shoot to the west and to the south so for something different we added a few lanes to the east and north to take advantage of the incline and new wind angle due to the orientation of the slope.

The first two lanes were the most difficult with a combined Troyer of over 98 with the angle (27 degree incline). With the lifting wind that would also push the pellet to the left these lanes were nearly impossible to clean towards the later end of day one. It was a true test of wind reading and hold off determination skills. I believe the most hits were by a WFTF shooter who had all the data needed to tackle these two freakishly difficult lanes.

From there it slowly let up on day one. Or so one would have thought.

Two standing lanes back to back were tough, the elevated shots on the first standing lane were exhausting even though they were not that difficult from a Troyer rating the entirety of the day was felt when you were taking the last few shots.

Day one had a Troyer rating of 35 and change accounting for shooting angles of 20 degrees or more. On day two there was little respite even though the course was under a Troyer rating of 29.

The smaller kill zones and mixed in longer lanes were enough to perplex some of the better shooters. It may have been the difficulty of the first day or simply a shifting wind that made the easy course not all that easy.

There were a few day two standouts but the high score was just within the 90th percentile.

This was likely the most difficult Nevada match to date and so it will remain as such. If I am allowed to set up the course next year it will fall into the lower Troyer ratings due to the location, angles and wind.



Respectfully submitted by  
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