

Las Vegas Woods and Waters

GAMEBAG

"all we want to do is hunt and fish and talk about it"



April Program: No Program provided to editor by press time, show up and see what is in store, if nothing else we can always share past hunting storiesalways a good time.

SPRING FEAST APRIL 14th DESERT HILLS GUN CLUB

Lunch and sign up at noon and the shoot will start immediately after. Approx 1pm. 50 sporting clay targets. \$30 for members and \$40 for non members. (Family members are considered members). Desert Hill Gun Club also known as Pro gun club. Off Hwy 95 turn right at Silverline Rd and follow the signs. Same place as last years event. Please RSVP to mreese@Yesco.com or 400-6501. Shrimp, crawdads and all the fixings, water and soda provided too. Alcohol is served after the shoot in the club house. Monies will be paid out using the Lewis Class system. For every 15 shooters we will award a 1st and 2nd place. This is a Marksman of the Year event and you don't want to miss the FREE food, family and friends eat free! Bring at least two boxes of shells for the shoot. It's TAX day, take out some of your frustrations on some clay targets.

Next meeting Wednesday April 11 at noon

Putter's Bar and Grill 6945 S. Rainbow at 215 South

Menu

Herb Roasted Chicken, Homemade meatloaf with brown gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed green salad with assorted dressings, rolls and butter, strawberry short cake.

Presidents Message



As you read this, turkey seasons are opening in many areas of the country, and I hope some of our members have plans to get out there and chase those thunder chickens!

For those of you that weren't able to make the banquet on March 17th, you were sincerely missed. For those in attendance, what a great time! Our banquet is always one of the best each year and St. Patty's Day 2012 was no different! Also, on the banquet note, please accept my deepest gratitude and humble appreciation for the honor of Sportsman of the Year. I remember wondering as a new member years ago how one could ever get selected for that award with so many excellent sportsmen and great guys for competition. I thank you sincerely.

Next up for events is the coyote hunt on March 31st which will be over by the time you read this. Hope you were there and got a big 'un! And then the Spring Feast this month! One of our best monthly events with great food, good weather (usually), and a fun sporting clays event even if you're not a shotgun marksman nut like some of the trap shooting guys. This is also a great event to invite prospective members to come out and get a chance to meet some other members, have some fun and join our fine organization.

I'm in Washington DC as I write this and can't wait to fly home later today. These people are crazier here when you actually have to see and hear them up close! J See you on the trail...

Mark your Calendar

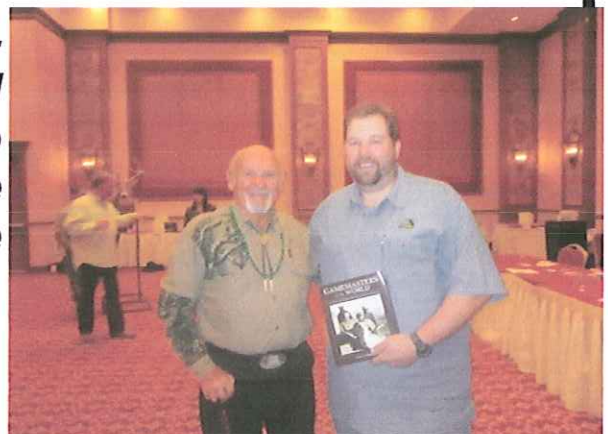
April 15th: Spring Feast at Desert Hills Gun Club

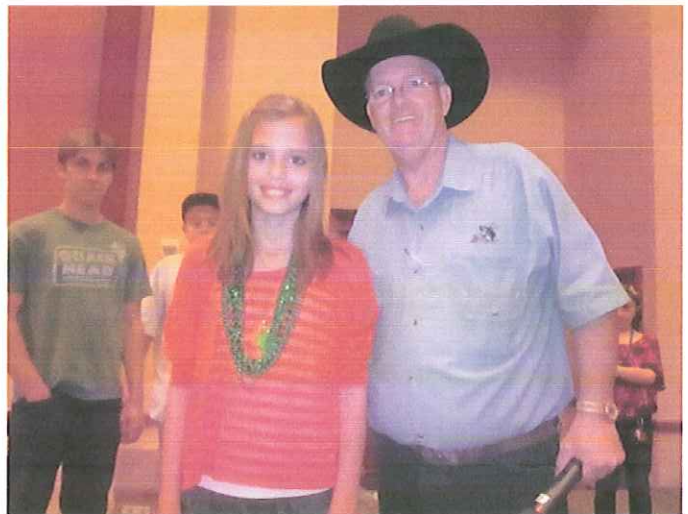
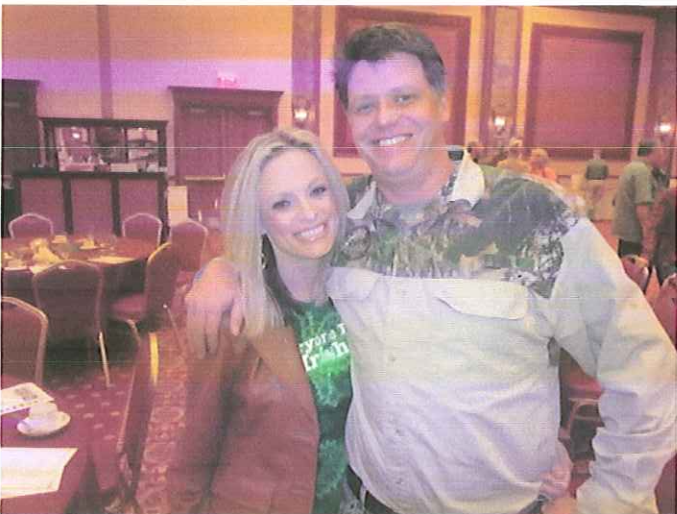
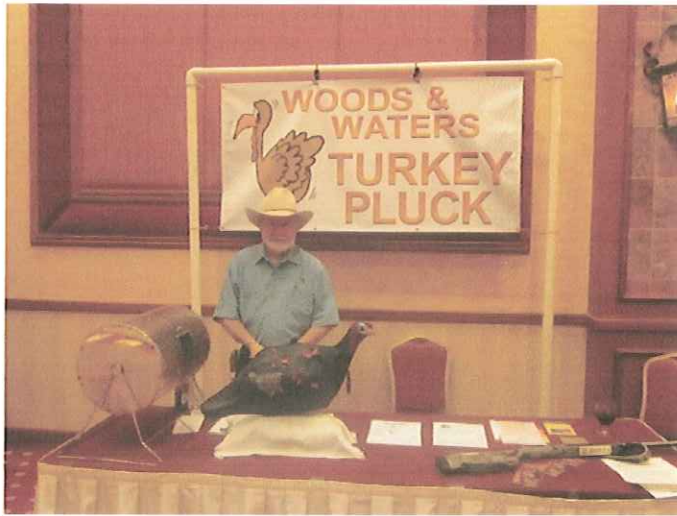
May 5th: Silhouette Rifle Shoot CC Shooting Range

?Eagle Valley Trout Fishing?

LVWW Banquet Notes and Updates: All credit card charges will show up on your bill as charged to Jagen Investments. Please take note and make sure to honor these charges.

Joe Luby III and Chris Klineburger





Images from the Banquet....Duane LaDuke at the Turkey Pluck, our logo for desert, Roger Zueger, Sportsman of the Year Awarded to Joe Luby III by Randy Weaver, Russ Johnson and his pretty bride in the St. Patrick's Day spirit, Mike Reese with one of the youth winners.

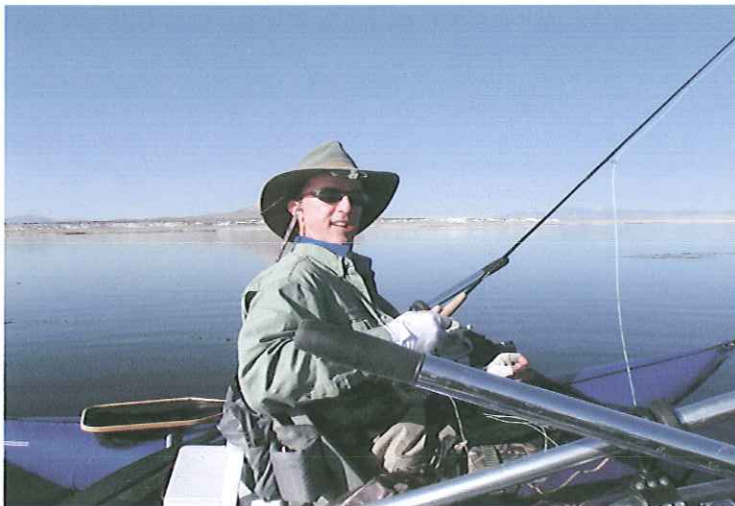
The Banquet was a big time, thanks to Randy Weaver and his crew of helpers. The night moved along and was out on time. Clayton Philipp was a big winner with 2 guns and \$1,000 cash.



The past two luncheon speakers provided lots of information. Both are authors, and I thought we should remind everyone about both books and provide information on how to obtain them for your personal library. First off in February was Chris Klineburger and his book *Game Masters of the World* www.Gamemastersoftheworld.com In March it was Craig Wright and *FEAR NOT* www.AuthorHouse.com if you have not picked up a copy do so they are both a good read.

Poker LVWW Style:

Several members joined together to play some cards several weeks ago. Honcho Mike Taylor was the early favorite to win all the money. President Luby who claimed to have "never" played poker before was set on not being the first player out. Several hands were played and the chips made their way around the table. There was some definite bluffing going on and even some good hands being dealt. GB editor Brian Patterson was the first one eliminated so I sat and watched the rest of the evening. In the end it was Shaun Deal and his father in law Ken that were the last two men standing. They elected to split the pot and both went home with a couple hundred dollars. Taylor provided snacks, got the room, and was all around good host for the event. Thanks Mike, we had a great time.



Early Spring Sunnyside Fishing by Brian Patterson

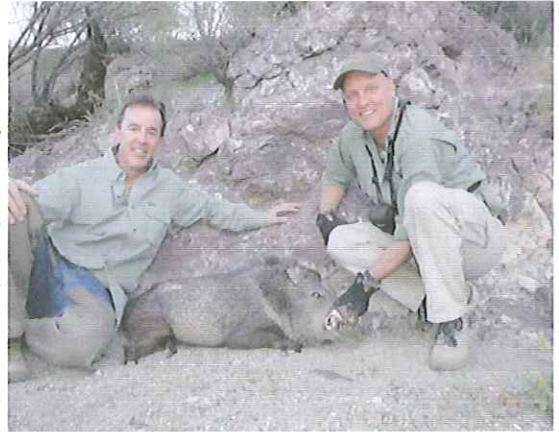


Steve, with a nice rainbow.

Four of us headed out early, Steve Carpenter, Nelson Stone, Paul Harris and myself. The weather was forecast to be perfect, high 60's no wind. We loaded our pontoon boats fully assembled to save precious fishing time. We hit Cold Springs and fished for almost 2 hours without a bite. The water was murky and full of turned up weeds from heavy winds the day before. I suggested we move to Haymeadow. We hit the water at 11 am. Almost immediately Harris had a fish, then another and another. The fishing was HOT. After 5 hrs on the water Harris had landed 53, Carpenter over 40, myself only 26 and Stone ZERO. He was fishing from the dam with bait as the rest of us were using the proper fly. Harris had so much fun he went back the next weekend with 2 other guys and they landed over 100 again. What are you waiting for? Spring fishing is the best.

Arizona Spring Javelina 2012 by Brian Patterson

Spring is a good time to get into the field so I applied for an Arizona javelina tag and drew a unit just outside of Wickenburg. You all read in last months GB about how Paul Harris guided Nelson Stone to a big bull elk, well I was on that hunt and saw Paul in action first hand. So I asked Paul if he wanted to run over to AZ for a weekend to look for those gray little pigs in the desert. I sweetened the offer with the prospect of calling in some coyotes if the javelina hunting was slow.



Paul agreed and we loaded the quads and headed out on Friday morning (opening day). We got to Wickenburg, checked into our hotel, ate lunch and then headed to the gun store looking for some information on just where to hunt. I had done some minor internet research and got the names of a few mountain ranges to start looking but it's always nice to get some local knowledge. The gun store directed us to the Chamber of Commerce to get a good local area map. We found one of the ranges I had read about and Paul the good guide he is planned out a course of travel and action to start our search for a javelina.

We headed out of town, unloaded the quads and started our quest. We wanted to find an area with lots of prickly pear cactus then sit and glass looking for these small grey ghosts. There was a web of trails and washes and we cruised around looking for animals, or sign or just the prickly pear. We stopped several times to glass and hike to a ridge and look, but honestly most of our effort was simply trying to learn the roads and access to areas we could hunt in the morning when we'd have a full day to get "serious". We bumped into lots of quail, found a couple seeps with water, saw lots of sign of wild burros but hadn't really seen much javelina sign. After about 8-10 miles of weaving our way around the unit I was thinking we should head back toward the truck while it was at least partially light out.

So far my "guide" had not found a javelina but he had been good with the map and actually remembered to bring his GPS (something I forgot). He selected a route to get back to the truck and we followed a wash in the general direction we needed to go. After a couple miles with Paul slightly in the lead we rounded a big bend in the wash and saw a couple javelina run across right in front of us...only about 40-50 yards. Paul pulled to a stop as did I. I jumped off the quad, frantically pulling my gun out of the scabbard. Paul was locked onto the last pig of the group in the brush that had not made it across the wash yet. I steadied myself on the back rack of Pauls quad but couldn't find the pig in my scope. "Shoot him" Paul kept saying. "I can't see him" "He's gonna run across the wash right in front of us soon" he said. And sure enough about then he lunged for his escape to catch up with his buddies. He got about 10 feet into the wash and was moving fast when I shot and he spun around and went right back to where he had come from.

I was sure I hit him, but asked Paul, "did I get him?" No response. I jumped on a large boulder on the side of the wash hoping to get some elevation to see where he went. Paul kept saying get up there and shoot him. I have heard stories how mean these guys can get when wounded so I wanted to make sure I was in an elevated safe location. I saw some brush move and jumped down from my perch to go investigate. There he was right there piled up not 20 feet into the brush. I reached to grab his leg and his head moved so I quickly shot him again in the top of the head and pulled him down to the wash so we could see him better.



Paul took most of the pictures while we had some light. Wow, we had been hunting almost 3 full hours! We quickly dressed him out and actually had the quads loaded just as it was getting dark. We had 5-6 miles back to the truck in the dark. Good thing Paul had his GPS, we had to stop a couple times at forks in the trail to make sure we were headed the right direction.

That night we had a great Mexican dinner and a couple beers. We got up in the morning to call coyotes in an area a bit closer to town. They were calling when we stopped the truck but as luck would have it we couldn't get one to come in to our calls. So by mid-morning we were loaded up again and headed back to Vegas. Another successful outing, saw some new country and the Harris guide service added another species to his resume.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUY—SELL— TRADE

Buyers & sellers agree to obey all firearms laws and local regulations in all transactions and hold LVW&W harmless.

The club is looking for a small enclosed trailer to store club items, contact Joe Luby. 451-3456 or 290-9590.

SPRING CLEANING Time to clean out the garage or the closet and add some cash to your pockets.

If you didn't purchase your new hunting and fishing license better do so, it expired on February 29th this year. Hit your local sporting good store, big box outlet or get it on line at www.NDOW.org

Get involved sportsmen: There are groups pushing to introduce bills in the next state legislature to re-organize the wildlife commission and the County Advisory Boards. They also want to merge NDOW with the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, eliminate the bear hunt, and out law trapping in the state. Please follow these issues and get involved, the things we enjoy are being targeted to be taken away.

Please contact me with comments or articles you want in the GB. 715-2020 or bpatterson@wlbgroup.com



In the News:

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Next Meeting May 8th 6-9 pm at the Clark County Shooting Range, Education Center.

This is your chance to voice your concerns to the decision makers about hunting and fishing issues in the state of NV. Mike Reese and I both sit on this board that makes recommendations to the Wildlife Commission, they set the rules and regulations throughout Nevada.

Friends of the NRA Banquet
Santa Fe April 28th 5-9pm

Fraternity of Desert Bighorn
May 19 Banquet at South Point

Per our lunch speaker Steve Carpenter the Clark County Sporting Clays course should be open in the fall Sept or or Oct.

Sportsmans Warehouse is now open at 95/Ann.

Time to submit for the BIG Game draws in Nevada, application deadline is April 16th.

2012 Officers

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Calendar of Events (tentative at best)

January- Ice Fishing Cave Lake 28th
Honcho Neil Dille 234-7215

February- Texas Hold'em Poker Event 10th
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012

March- Annual Banquet South Point 17th 5pm
Honcho Randy Weaver 460-7829
Coyote/Rabbit Hunt 31st Nelson turnoff on hwy 95
Honcho Joe Luby 290-9590

April- Spring Feast and Sporting Clays 15th
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501

May- Silhouette Rifle Shoot 5th
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
Eagle Valley Trout Fishing 12th
Honcho Sean Cassidy

June- Black Powder Shoot 23rd CC Shooting Range
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020
Kolob Res or Otter Creek Trout Fly Fishing 10th
Honcho Paul Harris 596-6849

July- Archery Shoot 12th
Honcho Needed

August- Lake Mead Striper Tournament 25th
Honcho Randy Weaver 460-7829
San Diego Tuna Trip 18-19th
Honcho Sean Cassidy

September- Fall Feast and Trap 22nd
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501
Yuma AZ Dove hunt 1-2nd
Honcho Russ Johnson 271-0430

October- Searchlight Quail Hunt 13th
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012

November- Silhouette Pistol Shoot 17th
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466

December- 3 Gun Shoot 13th
Honcho Bob LaPome 378-3373

Honchos needed for some events! Volunteer today!
Marksman of the Year or Angler of the Year Events
Look for info about these and other events in future issues of the GameBag.



Luncheon Dates

(2nd Wed of each month at Putter's)

- January 11
- February 8
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

Marksman of the Year standings:

2012 Standings after 0 events.

Your name here 1ST

Angler of the Year Standings

2012 Standings after 1 event

Neil Dille 10pts



*"Guns have only two enemies—rust and politicians"
unknown*

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