

Las Vegas Woods and Waters

GAMEBAG

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



March Program: Member Craig Wright

FEAR NOT

Recently released, the book *Fear Not* is now available through all of the Book Resellers and on-line and as an E-Book. It was a comprehensive 2 year effort that was undertaken and completed by service members from various branches of our armed forces and affiliate agencies. The co-authors are former Special Forces and David Fabricius is one of the foremost speakers in the world on the International Speakers Tour. The other is our own Woods and Waters member, Craig Wright and he will address the importance of the publication, why it was written and what it means to all of us. He will be our Guest Speaker in March.

LVWW SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR BANQUET

**March 17th at the South Point Hotel & Casino
Doors open at 5pm dinner at 7pm**

**AWESOME RAFFLE PRIZES & AUCTION ITEMS
MOST AFFORDABLE BANQUET IN TOWN!!!!!!**

MEMBERSHIP DUES FINAL NOTICE

This could be your LAST GameBag, if you have not paid your dues for 2012 by the Banquet (the first quarter of 2012) you will be dropped from our rolls. We will be purging our membership roster at the end of March after the banquet. Please send your \$48 annual dues to PO Box 29081, Las Vegas NV 89126.

Next meeting Wednesday March 14 at noon

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

Menu

Corned Beef and Cabbage, parsley potatoes and glazed carrots, mixed greens salad with assorted dressings, rolls and butter and apple pie.

Presidents Message



Dues are \$48 per year please send them in. I know many of you pay at the banquet but monies collected early help us put on the best banquet in the valley so please pay promptly. This may be your last GameBag please renew your membership.

Anyone that thinks hunting a critter with dogs is "too easy" has never hunted mountain lions in northern Nevada. Jack and I spent the long President's Day weekend trying to bag a mountain kitty up near Eureka. We have some friends up there with hounds and figured it would be a slam-dunk type hunt where the dogs are turned loose and a little while later we casually walk up to where the cat is treed. Then BANG, hunt over, where's the celebratory whiskey? Not hardly. I don't have room here, but suffice to say we're going back in a few weeks to try again. I also know a certain club member has had similar "luck" chasing the big cats closer to home with the same results.

IMPORTANT NEWS: The board voted to make a change in how we charge non-members for our monthly luncheons and activities. Beginning April 1st, 2012, anyone attending a LVWWC monthly luncheon who is NOT a dues paid member in good standing will be charged an extra \$10 for lunch. Along the same lines, anyone attending a LVWWC sponsored event that requires some type of entry or participation fee who is NOT a dues paid member in good standing will be charged an extra \$10 for that event. This policy does not apply to kids under age 18 – they will continue to pay the regular member price. Until now, non-members were afforded the same treatment as dues-paying members which isn't fair to the members or the club. The new policy corrects that and also encourages our friends to pony up to the bar and join the club.

Buy your dinner tickets to the banquet as soon as you get this issue of the Game Bag! And remember we're having a coyote/jackrabbit event on Saturday March 31st. Call me or talk to me at the March lunch for details. See you at the banquet and on the trail...

The coyote/jackrabbit hunt meetup spot will be the big gravel parking area at the turnoff to Nelson from I-95 (or I-93, I can't remember which one it is) headed down toward Searchlight. We'll meet there at 6:30am with the hunt to kick off at 7am. We'll go over rules and ending time, etc. that morning. But as of now I'm planning on having a coyote contest and a jack-rabbit contest.

Mark your Calendar

March 31st :Coyote Jackrabbit Hunt - Joe Luby 451-3456

April 15th: Spring Feast at Desert Hills Gun Club

Don't forget: Nevada hunting and Fishing licenses expired on February 29th.....time to buy your new license to fish and put in for big game tags next month.

Utah Bull Elk Limited Entry Report – Rifle during the Rut

By Nelson Stone



Well, after 14 years accumulating points, I finally pulled a coveted Utah Bull Elk Limited Entry Tag for west-central Utah. The season date was square in the rut from September 17th to the 25th. This particular mountain range is the only mountain range in Utah not administered by US Forest Service. It is controlled and administered by BLM. It is remote with very little road access and is characterized by steep rocky outcroppings which rise from the desert floor extending to the top peak at over 11,000 feet.

Pre-hunt preparation was in order so I assembled a bunch of Woods and Waters buddies that volunteered for the hunt. The names are familiar and represent an All-Star hunting support team. They are: Paul Harris, Brian Patterson and Steve Carpenter.

I made several trips to the shooting range and was very comfortable shooting my rifle at extreme ranges with my Leupold VX-III with the Boone and Crockett long range reticle.

We had previously determined to camp at the upper elevation at an alpine bowl at the 9000 foot level. No access by truck required us to pack our ATVs to maximum capacity. After some dangerous rock climbing with our quads we made it to our camp. Shortly thereafter, the weather whipped up and it started to rain.

The next day and a half was spent hunting with no success. Another group we met at that same location had been watching a few bulls with a shooter but we determined it was time to leave that location in search for better country. We broke camp and went down to the desert floor and reset camp. That afternoon we split up and determined to scout some new country and meet back at camp later that night. When we returned, Paul informed us he had spotted a nice bull near the top of a mountain, near a green tree, next to a big rock. The next hour Paul set up the plan of attack like General Patton. He barked out orders to all of us to empty our packs and only take minimal items and only what you absolutely needed. He also calculated the time it would take to hike to the elk and determined we would have to wake up at 2:30 am! We all went to bed nervous and anxious.

Day of Kill: Paul got us up at 2:30 am. After an hour and a half truck ride and another hour of quad riding we got to our trailhead. In the pitch dark we all started hiking. About sunrise we started hearing bugling elk. It was awesome. Shortly thereafter, we spotted a heard bull with a dozen cows cresting a hill. The bull was a heavy 5x5. We watched awhile. Range 425 yards. I passed, this was not the bull I wanted. This was not the bull Paul had seen yesterday. Then disaster struck...Steve dropped his Swarovski spotting scope and it was now broken! Then disaster struck again....Brian had somehow got separated from our group. Attempts to raise Brian on the radio failed. Moving on, we hiked towards the sound of bugles where we crested a mountain to find a sage covered slope with quaking aspen. It was like the cover of Field and Stream. We spotted a group of elk in the quakies and closed the distance quickly and set up a sniper position with a good field of view of any possible shot angle. Time 8:30 am. Then we waited.



Just as Steve Carpenter was about to go to sleep, we heard the bark of a bull elk somewhere in the quakies. Paul said "Get ready, they are starting to move". Steve woke up. Then one by one cows started passing through a small rock slide area. I ranged the opening quickly at 340+ yards. Setting up on the tripod for a rest I got ready. I moved from my binoculars to the rifle scope which was now at 12x. I looked through that rifle scope for what seemed like forever. I noticed my right eye starting to freak out a bit and start to twitch. I don't remember how many cows passed through that opening, but my left leg was now asleep and numb and my arms and trigger finger were starting to cramp up...it seemed like an hour before the 6x6 bull was actually in my scope. I wanted to pull that trigger immediately, but Paul was reminding me calmly not to shoot.....wait.....wait...wait. The bull looked at me head on which was not the ideal kill shot. Paul said wait till he starts to walk away and I will bugle a grunt call, then and only then I will give you the ok to shoot. 30 seconds later, the bull started to walk away and I thought my chance was lost. But then in very slow motion, I heard Paul make the bugle and watched that bull stop and turn for maybe 1 second. Paul started to say the word "Shoot". Before he could finish the word, the bullet from my 300 Win Mag was on its way. My shot broke his shoulder and the hunt was over! Time 9:30 am. About that time Patterson made it over and let us know he had a radio malfunction and had not heard our radio calls. It took us 2 days to haul the meat off the mountain. My hunt success was due to preparation, knowledge of the area, a little luck and my Woods and Waters Buddies. Big thanks to Paul Harris (General Patton), Brian Patterson (MacGyver) and Steve Carpenter (my Wingman) for their help. I am indebted to you guys, you are the best!

South Dakota—Dan Perry Style



5th Annual Dan Perry Memorial Hunt Pierre, SD. Geese were shot on Private Property South of Pierre Pheasants were shot on the Sargent Property where Dan Hunted from the early 90's till his passing. Club members present Jim Pope, Lou Degregorio and Richie Ray. Good job guys, keep the tradition alive and well.

PARTY TIME! Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the LVWW Banquet— The following individuals/companies have purchased tables for the banquet:

Arrow Air Conditioning- Neil Dille
Las Vegas Wrought Iron-Ray Huff
Merservey/Gangwish
New York Life- Randy Weaver
Pacific Stucco- Jim Pope
Putter's Bar & Grill- Ronaldo Tiberti
Spurlock Gun Shop- Rance Spurlock
Western Iron— Sean Deal



Your are cordially invited to the
21st Annual
Las Vegas Woods and Waters Club
Sportsman of the Year Awards Banquet



March 17th, 2012 - doors open at 5:00 pm
 South Point Hotel and Casino Sonoma Room
 \$50 per person

\$550 for a table of 10 (includes 100 Raffle Tickets)
Combination dinner of filet mignon and chicken

Raffles, Silent Auction, Live Auction and Games
Early bird discount deadline was March 2nd.....sorry

Call honcho Randy Weaver at 227-4700 for more information

Name: _____ phone _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Guest Two Name: _____

Guest Three Name: _____

Reserve _____ Individual dinner tickets at \$50 each \$ _____

Reserve _____ Sponsor Table(s) (10 seats) @ \$550 each \$ _____

(prime location and \$100 in raffle tickets for those buying tables) \$ _____

Reserve _____ Early Bird Raffle Tickets - 25 for \$20.00—your name \$ _____

Reserve _____ Early Bird Raffle Tickets - 25 for \$20.00—spouse/guest name \$ _____

Reserve _____ Early Bird Raffle Tickets - 25 for \$20.00—guest two name \$ _____

Reserve _____ Early Bird Raffle Tickets - 25 for \$20.00—guest three name \$ _____

Early Bird Raffle Tickets MUST be purchased by 3/2/2012 for discount prices

All tickets \$1 each AFTER March 2, 2012

Membership for Year 2012 renewal (\$48) new member (\$63)

Total enclosed \$ _____

___ Check enclosed or Bill my ___ Visa ___ MC

Acct No. _____ expires _____

Signature _____ date: _____

Mail coupon with check or credit card to: LVWWC, PO Box 29081, Las Vegas, NV 89126

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

Get well wishes go out to Roger Zueger, past president., he recently had some pretty intensive surgery.

Gordon Warren is back on his feet , even attended the Poker event last month. Paul Shoppe is undergoing some surgeries in the coming weeks, wish him well.

Last months speaker Chris Klineburger and Mike Reese, the high bidder for Chris's book ,Game Masters of the World. What an interesting life Klindburger has led. We all wish we could have gone on that many exciting adventures.



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 March 20th 6-9 pm at the NDOW offices at 4747 Vegas Dr.

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.

Sportsman's Warehouse
5647 Centennial Blvd. Ann/95
Opening March 12th with Grand Opening event
March 24th

LVWW Banquet
March 17th at South Point 5pm dinner 7pm

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 Oct.

2012 Officers

President	Joe Luby
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GameBag Editor	Brian Patterson

Club Board of Directors 2012

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Russ Johnson
Darren Wilson
Randy Weaver
Don Turner

3 YR TERM

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Mark Maffey
Sean Cassidy
Patrick Myrick
Casey Spanish

Calendar of Events (tentative at best)



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

- March-** Annual Banquet South Point 17th 5pm
 Honcho Randy Weaver 460-7829
 Coyote/Rabbit Hunt 31st Nelson turnoff on hwy 95
 Honcho Joe Luby 451-3456
- 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 6th
 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
- January-** Ice Fishing Cave Lake 28th
 Honcho Neil Dille 234-7215
- February-** Texas Hold'em Poker Event 10th
 Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012

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



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.

*"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."
 Derek Bok, Harvard University President*

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