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November 13th Lunch Program: Members will share stories from fall hunts, big game and birds hunts.....fishing too!

November 16th Turkey shoot at CCSC

In honor of Thanksgiving we will be shooting only the metal turkey silhouette targets.

The match is 20 rounds total (10 rounds pistol and 10 rounds rifle **OR** 20 rounds rifle **OR** 20 rounds pistol, shooters choice) Total score is 20 hits. One shot per animal. 10 Animals per bank. Two minutes for 10 shots. You may start at any distance, pistol will be 40 yards and rifle will be at 75 yards. Animals must fall down to be counted as a hit. You must have someone else spot your shooting and score for you. When completed, turn in your score cards to the Honcho. 22 LR ammo only. .22 mag OK for rifle only. Any sights. Offhand unsupported shooting only. No slings, no



braces, no back packs, no leaning on tables. We have the range from 8am-12, sign up at 8, shooting starts at 8:30. This is a Marksman of the Year event. Event cost will be \$20. Don Turner will be the honcho and range safety officer for the event. I'm sure there will be range time left after the shoot if you want to practice or set up some fun shoots of your own.

Next meeting Wednesday December 11th, 12 noon at Charlie's Lakeside located at 8603 W. Sahara (Sahara and Durango) Price \$20



Randy Weaver's Presidents Message

Hunting season is in full swing now and reports are coming in about the success people are having.

The next luncheon should be interesting with lots of stories to share.

Don Hunter had some excellent game warden stories at our last luncheon. As the wives say

"Shopping with your husband is like hunting with the game warden"

Lake Mead was closed recently and this affected some club members, so show your support and call Mike Swartz at FishVegas .com

New issues have come up lately with the Clark County Shooting Complex and it's important that you show your support.

Also Mike Reese has brought to our Board attention the lack of outdoorsmen attendance at the CAB-meetings. We need to be at these meetings and show our support as the outdoors we like so much is being threatened. Mike will send out a schedule.

On the fishing side our son Blaise and his team mate Matt fishing for the Nebraska Cornhuskers placed 3rd at the Big Ten Classic Championship on Kentucky Lake at Paris, Tennessee weighing 5 fish for 13.56 lbs. There were 25 teams from the Big Ten.

In case you missed the last luncheon you are now required to get your boat certified mussel free or face a fine beginning Jan. 2014.

We will be continuing our luncheons at Charlie's Lakeside for 2014. And we are looking for new board members for the 2014 so let's have some of you step up this year.

Happy Holidays to all the members and there families

Randy Weaver
President 2013

New Directors needed. There is a need for new blood on the Club Board of Directors, yeah it sounds like a fancy name and lots work and responsibility, actually its fun and a great way to get involved and a chance to interact with fellow club members. What is required....attendance at the Board meeting once a month at 6pm.....how hard is that? Have dinner or a drink and discuss the direction and workings of the club. Here's your chance to make a difference. Please contact Randy Weaver if interested.

Ralph Willits is putting together a video/slide presentation for the Banquet on March 1st, he is requesting hunting, fishing and outdoor photos from the members to be included or pictures from some club outings. If you would like some of your images included for everyone to see send them to Ralph Willits at deerguyrw@embarqmail.com Ralph asks to please put in the email topic that it is something for the banquet video or it may get deleted. Send good clear quality images, preferably those with a cleaned animal (minimal blood shown). Deadline for inclusion is February 1, 2014.

Sick Sheep in Nevada

Henry Brean REVIEW-JOURNAL

An ailing bighorn sheep caught and killed by wildlife officials in a Boulder City park two weeks ago has tested positive for viral pneumonia, but it does not appear to be a particularly lethal strain.

Still, officials are dismayed by the presence of the virus, which could cause lambs to get sick and die for years to come in one of the state's most robust and important herds.

"You don't have to have dead sheep littering the landscape to have your worst fears confirmed," said state wildlife veterinarian Peregrine Wolff.

Officials hope to get a better sense of the herd's overall condition when they count sheep from the air using a helicopter late this month and early next month.

Wolff predicts the annual survey will show a lower than expected number of young animals as a result of the pneumonia outbreak, which still appears to be in its early stages.

About 10 sheep have turned up dead in the River Mountains between Henderson and Lake Mead so far this summer. Most of the carcasses were found at the northern end of the range.

Several of the dead animals tested positive for a type of bacteria associated with pneumonia, but that wasn't enough to prove an outbreak of the deadly illness in the herd.

On Sept. 5, wildlife officials staked out Hemenway Park in Boulder City, where they picked out a sick-looking ewe born within the past year from a group of about 60 animals.

The ewe was caught and euthanized so its tissues could be tested. Wolff said the animal "may not have died the next day" from pneumonia, but the infection was widespread and probably terminal.

"She just looked out of it. It was obvious she did not feel good," she said.

Now that pneumonia has been confirmed in the herd of about 220 sheep, wildlife managers will no longer be able to use animals from the River Mountains to repopulate mountain ranges across Nevada and other western states.

"For the time being, that is off," Wolff said.

Since 1967, state wildlife officials have restored sheep to more than 60 mountain ranges across Nevada and helped boost their total population to more than 11,000 adults, more than any other state.

The River Mountains herd has served as the main supplier for that program. Of the nearly 2,900 sheep captured and relocated over the past 45 years, more than 800 came from that range.

Bighorn sheep have no natural resistance to pneumonia and tend to die at a high rate. Those that survive become carriers, infecting and eventually killing newborn lambs in a cycle that can diminish a herd for up to a decade, if not wipe it out altogether.

There is no real way to treat the virus, which does not pose a risk to people. Wildlife managers have tried a number of different approaches, including the "scorched earth" tactic of killing off the entire diseased herd, but nothing seems terribly effective, Wolff said. "Basically, there's nothing we can do."

A more serious pneumonia outbreak is now playing out at Mojave National Preserve in California, 100 miles southwest of Las Vegas, where two herds are afflicted and half the animals in one of the herds have already died.

For guys like me with a sheep tag this fall this is unsettling news. Sheep season begins November 20th.

50 Cal Container put to good use. By Ralph Willits

Everybody should have an ample supply of the old metal military .50 caliber ammunition cans. They can be an indispensable part of almost anything. They can be used for stackable storage for parts and stuff. They can carry a day's worth of almost any ammo for the range or hunt. Survival and/or first aid kits. Camera gear and lockable storage. Even as a gun case. With adequate padding like foam rubber, they can take a hit and protect the most precious cargo from impact as well as weather extremes. You can cut and shape the padding for a custom fit for optics, handguns, and other gear.

As a camera case, I've used one for years from white water trips, to sitting in a car trunk all summer and winter; (custom insulated - back before digital, when film was so unstable to the elements). Today I keep one in each vehicle for locking up valuables. It only takes a few minutes to prepare the can and thwart all but the best prepared burglars.

First obtain an eye bolt, about $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1.5 inch. When selecting the eye bolt, keep in mind that a padlock or cable will be run through it. Drill a hole through the can's side under the latch just big enough to accept the threaded end of the bolt. (PHOTO 1) Next drill a hole in the latch to align with the hole in the can side under the latch; they must align when closed and latched. This hole must be big enough to accept the eye part of the bolt. (PHOTO 2) Make sure your drill bits are for metal; these cans are real sturdy and will tear up a wood bit in seconds.

Now with one washer and nut on the bolt, insert it into the hole in can's side. Secure the bolt on the inside with another washer and bolt. Tighten. To lock it, simply close and latch the can, then padlock the eyebolt that emerges through the latch. You can run a padlock or cable through the eyebolt that can be secured to the car trunk hinge, seat bracket, motel bed, ATV, truck bed, etc. (PHOTO 3)

Before using it, be sure to tape, glue or otherwise cover the protruding bolt head in the can to keep it from scratching your cargo. Instead of foam rubber, I keep some gloves and a ski cap in mine to keep whatever I put in it from bouncing around.

.50 cal. Ammo cans can be bought one at a time or in volume at gun shows or surplus stores. If you can, pick through the cans to get the least damaged or dented one. They were once water tight, some still are if prior aggressive handling was kept to a minimum.

Photo 1

Photo 2

Photo 3



76th Anniversary of the Pittman-Robertson Act: Sportsmen's Hard-Earned Dollars at Work

Today marks a major milestone for hunters and conservationists. The Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act was signed into law 76 years ago.

The Pittman-Robertson Act was created at the urging of sportsmen and wildlife groups and diverts an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition to conservation. More than \$2 billion dollars have been invested in conservation because of Pittman-Robertson dollars. These funds are exclusively used to pay for a wide range of state-initiated conservation projects.

Conservation successes, like the restoration of the wild turkey, would not have been possible without the critical funding provided by this program.

All hunters and sportsmen should be proud of the Pittman-Robertson Act and take pride that generations of folks just like them have committed their money to support what's important — wildlife, wild places and the privilege to hunt.

The National Wild Turkey Federation thanks its nearly 250,000 members, as well as sportsmen across the United States, for their selfless contributions to our country's wildlife.

Travel as a "Sportsman" by Ralph Willits

Most of us are at least slightly aware of the restrictions when traveling with a firearm since the 9-11 regulations were put in place. Best advice is to review the *Transportation Security Administration (TSA)* web site at: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/firearms-and-ammunition>. Next, consult the specific carrier as each airline may have its own specific limitations. The basic rule is each firearm must be unloaded in a locked hard sided case. Be prepared for inspection by a TSA agent, and probably a rather uninformed ticket agent. Never is a weapon allowed on carry-on; not even parts or ammo. Try not to call attention to yourself. Rethink camo., or 2nd Amendment attire. TSA agents aren't fun people, but they have a job to do. It is safer for them to secondary screen you than it is a *insert profile here*.

When you do meet with the ticket agent, be as discrete as possible and encourage the agent to do the same. Luggage disappears every day at airports; it's not a good idea to tell every passing ear around the baggage counter of you precious cargo. Long gun cases are pretty obvious (especially with NRA and firearms stickers) but this applies more to handguns in checked luggage. Make sure your luggage is clean and not used regularly at the range. TSA will most often do a swab that will be chemically analyzed for gun powder or explosive residue. It's always a relief when given the go ahead to board.

When you get your boarding pass, do anything you can to get first on the plane and sit in front. That way you'll be first off, then get right to the baggage carousel. Get the bag as soon as it comes off the belt. Consider slight customization if your baggage looks similar to other common brands. If you have a cased long gun or bow, it will probably get put somewhere with the golf clubs, skis and other rifles and shotguns. They won't tell you, so ask the airline representative where they'll be placed. (They usually have an office near the baggage area). Again, be sure and get there as soon as you can. It will be a race between the other passengers, the airline baggage handlers, the thieves, and you.

What about fishing rods? I once watched baggage handlers play burn out with passengers' luggage; to see who could throw it to make the other guy drop it. A hard sided case or rod tube is highly recommended. If a rod rattles in the tube, fill clothing in the tube, or pack the rod in a pool floaty noodle. Some airlines allow a rod in *carry-on* if it will fit in the overhead bin or a suit rack, (assuming the plane has one). If you can, plan ahead and obtain a 3, 4 or 5 piece rod that can fit in your luggage or as *carry-on*. 1 or two piece rods will probably end up in that secret pile of long guns and golf clubs.

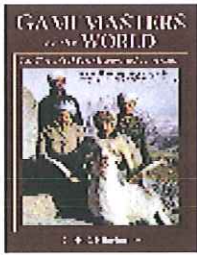
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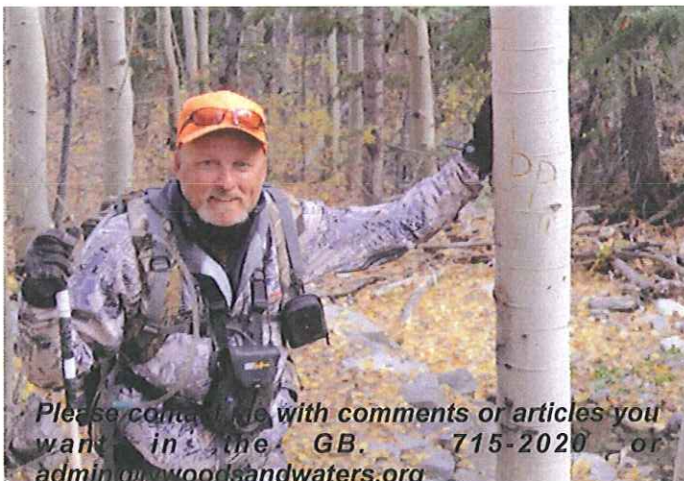
Buyers & sellers agree to obey all firearms laws and local regulations in all transactions and hold LVW&W harmless.

Joe Luby has a buddy that is looking for a 12 gauge double barrel gun for hunting. Nothing too fancy as this will be his first double gun...contact Joe at 290-9590

Weatherby Vanguard Series 2 Eurosport rifle 270 caliber. This is a limited edition 2013 Friends of NRA gun of the year. Brand new, never been fired. \$600, contact Barclay Swan 458-2551.



New members: Joe Wyson, welcome to the club. Joe just got back from a Canadian hunting trip, looks like he was very successful. If you see a new face at lunch say hi, introduce yourself and welcome the guys to the club. Invite them to one of our next shoots or outings.



Please contact me with comments or articles you want in the GB. 715-2020 or admin@woodsandwaters.org

In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Next Meeting Tuesday December 3rd 5:30pm-9:00 pm at the Clark County Government Center, Pueblo room. Main topic will be policy and regulations.

December 12 3 Gun Shoot

New location this year will be at "The Range;" located at 4689 S. Dean Martin, 89103. December 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Bob Le Pome is the honcho for our final Marksman of the Year event. Food will be included with shooting a rifle, pistol and machine gun. Always a fun event. There are a few guys in the running for Marksman of the Year, don't miss out on the last chance to increase your point total.



Mike Reese got a deer this year, was anyone else lucky?

2013 Officers

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Calendar of Events (tentative at best)

- January- Ice Fishing Cave Lake 26th
Honcho Neil Dille 234-7215
- February- Texas Hold'em Poker Event 10th
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012
- March- Annual Banquet South Point 1st 5pm
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012
Sunnyside Ice Out 23rd
Honcho
- April- Spring Feast and Sporting Clays 20th at CCSC
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501 Kyle Otto
- May- Silhouette Rifle Shoot 4th at CCSC 8am-12pm
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
Eagle Valley Trout Fishing 4th/5th
Honcho Sean Cassidy 371-1612
- June- Pioche Coyote Hunt and camping fishing 1st
Honcho Joe Luby 290-9590
Black Powder Shoot 13th at CCSC 6pm-10pm
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020
- July- Archery Shoot 13th at Sportsman's Warehouse
Honcho Sean Cassidy 371-1612
- August- Lake Mead Striper Tournament 17th
Honcho Randy Weaver 460-7829
- September- Yuma AZ Dove hunt 1-2nd
Honcho Russ Johnson 271-0430
Fall Feast and Trap 14th at CCSC
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501
- October- Rainbow Canyon Quail Hunt 19th
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012
- November- Turkey Shoot silhouette 16th rifle or
pistol
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
- December- 3 Gun Shoot 12th at "The Range"
Honcho Bob Le Pome 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 Charlie's Lakeside)

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

Marksman of the Year standings

2013 Standings after 5 events

James Vallejo	35 pts
Craig Wright	33 pts
Mike Reese	33 pts
Mike Taylor	32 pts
Ralph Willits	26 pts

Angler of the Year Standings

2013 Standings after 3 events

Sean Cassidy	23 pts
Joe Luby	10 pts
Todd Akes	10 pts
Neil Dille	9 pts
Ralph Willits	9 pts

*"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
Mother Teresa*

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Flying	Hiking
Pistol Shooting	Trap
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Fishing -Salt	Skiing - water
Own or access to private aircraft?	_____

Signature: _____

Recommended by: _____