

Las Vegas Woods and Waters
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GAMEBAG

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



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December 10th Lunch Program: Joe Luby III on the difference between his desert sheep (ewe) hunt and that of member James Bradshaw.

3 gun shoot at The Range 702



Honcho Bob LePome has got the final Marksman of the Year event all set. This is always one of the shooting highlights of the year, shooting rifle, handgun and machine gun. All guns and ammo will be provided, you just need to show up. We will be in the VIP room at The Range 702 located at 4699 Dean Martin Drive.

Must be a club member to win Lewis Class money.

Date: Thursday Dec 11th

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Cost: \$45 per person, kids under 16 free, must be at least 12 yrs old to shoot the machine gun

The event starts at 5:00 and we only have the VIP room till 7pm so we will have to shoot fast (you should be able to shoot fast with a fully automatic weapon). The Club will provide pizza and water and soft drinks. We will be shooting 3 guns: MP5 Full automatic 9mm—20 rounds. Glock 19 Semi-auto pistol—10 rounds and the AR15 .223 Rifle 1x sights—10 rounds. No more than 4 burst from the machine gun but the real men let it rip in one sustained burst for maximum enjoyment.

Don't forget December is the last lunch meeting of the year and your last chance to win 1 of 4 \$100 Gift Cards just for attending lunch. Each lunch attendance gave you a chance. (Must be present to win).

Next meeting Wednesday Jan 14th, 12 noon at Charlie's Lakeside located at 8603 W. Sahara (Sahara and Durango) Price \$20



Presidents Message.....Mike Taylor

Happy Holidays
(a man of very few words)

LVWW Membership Dues: 2015 is almost here and its time again to renew your membership. Annual fee is \$48 payable to Las Vegas Woods and Waters. You will be getting several reminders in the coming weeks via email and hopefully the secretary and treasurer will also send out a reminder/invoice. Anyone not paid by the banquet on February 28th will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Banquet 2015

Russ Johnson is the banquet chairman and is off to a good start with the planning for this years event. Mark your calendars for FEBRUARY 28th. The banquet will once again be held at the South Point Hotel & Casino. This is our only fund raiser of the year so make sure you attend, its always a great time. Ours is the most affordable banquet of any sportsman's group in the valley. Donations are key to the success, if you have something to contribute: show tickets, dinners, guns, hunts, outdoor gear, kids items or ladies gifts, gift cards, art work, etc. Contact Russ at 702 271-0430 or if you would like to help out working on the committee will get you a sporty new shirt with the club logo.

Christmas Eve (Dec 24) at Richardo's on Flamingo and Decatur

This is a long standing LVWW tradition of meeting around noon to celebrate the holidays, come show up for a drink and warm wishes with old friends.

GameBag This issue is the last time you will receive the Las Vegas Woods and Waters GameBag in the mail, enjoy it, all others will be sent via email or posted to the LVWW web site. Look for some slight changes to the format, hopefully more useful information and a cleaner look. Send in stories of your hunts and outdoor outings. February 28 is the final deadline for paying dues and making sure you keep getting club information.

First Elk Hunt.....I Hate Elk Hunting

Tracy Truman



So my second oldest boy had an elk tag for a good unit in Nevada this year. He had high hopes of harvesting his first elk. We hunted two days without much success and then at daylight on the third day, we spotted a 350 class bull. We got into position for what I thought was a decent shot with a dead rest at about 350 yards. Bang! Nothing. Bang! Nothing. The elk herd starts to wander off so we follow and get several more shots in the 150-175 yard range, but in some thick trees of an old burn. I thought the bull was hit but in the thick trees, couldn't really tell. We followed him a bit through some real thick mahogany trees and got several shots at 80-100 yards and I saw the bull flinch and hump up a bit with several shots (.270 Weatherby with 140 grain Trophy Bear Claw bullets). The elk goes into a little cove of trees and I tell my son to just let him stay put -- don't chase him. We wait a while and I was sure I heard him fall and break branches when he fell. We sneaked in through the real thick trees and he busts out at about 30 yards. We can't get a shot its so thick but the blood trail is just

a steady stream. The bull goes through a small saddle and then -- he starts going down into a steep, narrow, thick canyon. We follow the blood trail. He keeps going, we follow, careful not to spook him. Finally, we see him at what appears to be the edge of a clearing . . . at least I can see blue sky on the other side of him. Brysson shoots twice more, right behind the front leg at about 25 feet. The elk stops and refuses to go anywhere. Its then that I realize he's standing on the edge of a 250-300 foot cliff. We back off so he wont feel panicked and go over the edge. Then the bull lies down and starts to breath his last. We walk over and take a few photos.

The bull begins to expire and starts to do the funky chicken, kicking his back legs and before you know it, he launches himself off the cliff. We hear nothing but the sound of rushing air for what seems like 30 seconds, and then we hear him explode on impact.

We are ledged up and can't get down so we look down below the ledge and there is a small road that comes to within about a mile of the base of the cliff. We hike all the way out of this hell hole the elk has taken us into, and back to our truck. We drive 65 miles around the mountain and talk a rancher into letting us cross his land and go up the canyon. We hike up to the base of the cliff to retrieve our prize.

It looked just like those elk or deer you see that get hit by a semi on the highway. It had literally exploded. Its stomach contents were everywhere. Its heart was lying about 35 feet away. Its antlers were all busted off and we couldn't even locate half of them. We picked through the pieces of elk and packed out a hind leg and some backstrap. Other than that, it was a total loss.

I hate elk hunting.

Top is the bull lying down, breathing his last. And here is the ledge from which he jumped. And what was left.





South Dakota Pheasants

Halloween Day had some of the Las Vegas Woods and Waters guys in South Dakota at the Sargent Ranch shooting pheasants.

The group shot three days, lots of birds, but the drought is unbelievable. From Provo UT to Pierre SD you can not believe the dust when the wind blows. For the third year in a row the group attended the Pheasants Forever Banquet in Onida SD. Jim Pope is the new owner of 4 new hats at a cost of roughly \$400-500 dollars, if you wish he just might sell you one. As usual the boys had a Big Time.



Recognize any of these guys? Jim Pope, Lou DeGregorio, Kerry Miller, Chris Hansen, Jack McGuire?



Paul Harris also got in on pheasants in his home state of CO.





Richie Ray in the Ruby's

Here is a picture of a real nice 4x4 that I was able to harvest on 10/11/14. I was getting ready to roll up and head home that Saturday morning when a buddy of ours came back to our camp and asked me if I wanted to get a buck. (Mind you that everyone in my party had already left to hunt. I didn't go because owning an RV typically has a substantial amount of roll up time, so I opted to start that). How lucky I was to be doing cleanup that morning.

Apparently my buddy tried to flag the other vehicle down with 3 guns in it ready to hunt. Soooo glad they weren't paying attention. My buddy escorted me to where he last saw the buck. After a few minutes of looking for him,

there he was just waiting for me. He was broadside exposed, with his head turned looking right at me. About 70 yards. He dropped right then. Best shot I've ever made.

He hung for 21 days before I processed it. The best deer I've ever had. Because of this I did miss hunting with my buddies, Pope, Swain, Reiter, Dille, and the rest of the gang at Palisades for our chukkar hunt. They forgave me. Thanks.

Turkey Shoot Results

Twenty two shooters showed up to test themselves against honcho Don Turner's steel silhouette target course. Don had 5 chickens set at 20 yards and 10 turkeys at 75 yards. Simple enough rules; shoot the 5 chickens first then move to the turkeys. 22 caliber rifles with unlimited number of shots allowed just shoot as many of the birds as you can in 60 seconds. After the first couple guys stepped to the line we all realized this was easier said than done. Some guys had high capacity magazines, some had two guns set on the table, when one went dry just pick up the other gun. Some guys lost time (and targets) during a reload. The excitement was there to beat the clock. Mike Reese was the first to clear the line of 15 targets, his son Michael was right there and just missed the last turkey as time expired. Joe Luby matched Mike by clearing his line only to be matched by his son Jack a few minutes later. Personally I took the "spray and pray" approach. I shot 55 rounds down range in under a minute but only knocked over 9 of the 15 targets. Don allowed anyone not happy with their score to pay up again and try to do better many took the option but only about half shot better the second time through the course. Not wanting anyone to match his perfect score, Joe Luby was the main heckler trying to thoroughly intimidate you during the second effort.....it worked, only Mike, Joe and Jack were able to hit all 15 targets. Due to several ties fifteen shooters got paid in the Lewis Class. Thanks Don for trying something different and making a fun shoot even more fun, everyone had a great time.

Right: Mike Taylor shows off his winning form (note the open sights).

Opposite page: Mike Reese takes aim as Ken Johnson looks on. Ralph Willits goes old school with a lever action.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUY—SELL— TRADE

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

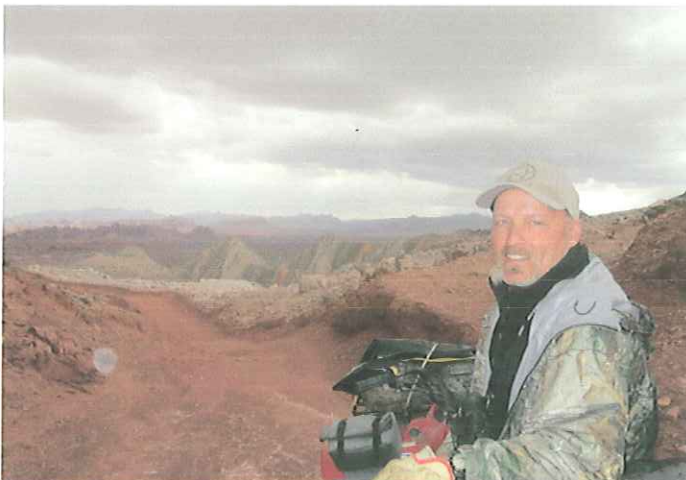
Neil Dille is trying to put a Colorado River white water raft trip together for next May or Sept. Just 4 or 6 days on the water, he's looking for interest the trip and needs 16-18 people. This will be with Western River Tours 4 day trip cost approx. \$1700 Call Neil 234-7215

Ken Johnson is looking to put a fishing trip together next year in Panama. More details to follow via email. Contact Ken at 702 221-9116

Don't forget the Ely Cave Lake Ice Fishing event January 24th, this will also be the first Angler of the Year event for 2015. Start to book your rooms now. More details in next months GB.

New members: Bill Sanderson and George Marnell

Welcome to the club make sure president Mike Taylor gets you a new hat at lunch, invite a friend to join the club. 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. Brian Patterson 715-2020 or admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org

In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Next Meeting Tuesday February 3rd 5:30pm-9:00 pm
at the County Government Center Pueblo Room.

Don't forget the informal gathering at Richardo's at Flamingo and Decatur on December 24th at noon. Have a drink and share some stories of this past year with good friends.

SHOT SHOW Jan 20-23 at the Sands Convention Center
NV Sportsman Unlimited Banquet Jan 24 at Gold Coast
SCI Convention Feb 4-7 at Mandalay Bay

Jack Luby, Joe Luby, Mike Reese tied for best score at the Turkey shoot, 15 targets in under 60 seconds.



2014 Officers

President	Mike Taylor
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Club Board of Directors 2014

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Calendar of Events (tentative at best)



- January-** Ice Fishing Cave Lake 25th
Honcho Neil Dille 234-7215
- February-** Texas Hold'em Poker Event 15th 6-10pm
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012
- March-** Annual Banquet South Point 1st 5pm
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012
Sunnyside Ice Out 16th
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020
- April-** Spring Feast and Sporting Clays 19th at CCSC
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501 Kyle Otto 219-4803
Otter Creek Ice Out Fly Fishing 12th
Honcho Gordon Warren 498-6426
- May-** Silhouette Rifle Shoot 17th at CCSC 8am-12pm
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
Eagle Valley Trout Fishing 3rd/4th
Honcho Sean Cassidy 371-1612
- June-** Sunnyside Coyote Hunt and camping fishing 28th
Honcho Joe Luby 290-9590
Black Powder Shoot 14th at CCSC 8am-12pm
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020
- July-** Archery Shoot 19th at Impact Archery
Honcho Sean Cassidy 371-1612
- August-** Lake Mead Striper Tournament 23rd
Honcho Randy Weaver 460-7829
- September-** Yuma AZ Dove hunt 1-2nd
Honcho Russ Johnson 271-0430
Fall Feast and Trap 13th at CCSC
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501
- October-** ? Bowling Pin Shoot ? 19th
Honcho Steve Linder?
- November-** Turkey Shoot silhouette 15th rifle or pistol
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
- December-** 3 Gun Shoot 11th at "The Range"
Honcho Bob Le Pome 378-3373

Luncheon Dates

(2nd Wed of each month at Charlie's Lakeside)

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

Marksman of the Year standings

2014 Standings after 6 events

Mike Reese	49 pts
Al Schoelen	37 pts
Alan Stone	36 pts
James Vallejo	33 pts
Mike Taylor	30 pts

Angler of the Year Standings

2014 Standings after 4 events

Steve Linder	27 pts
Rod Maly	22 pts
Russ Johnson	21 pts
Neil Dille	19 pts
Ken Johnson	18 pts

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. 7 Marksman events and 4 Angler events in 2014.

"Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people"
Eleanor Roosevelt

The GameBag

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Annual Membership Dues \$48.00 Date _____
New Member Initiation Fee \$15.00
Amount Due with Application \$63.00

INTERESTS (Please circle)

- Bird Hunting
- Big Game Hunting
- Varmint Hunting
- Boating
- Photography
- Skiing -snow
- Flying
- Pistol Shooting
- Single Action Shooting
- Sporting Clays
- Target Shooting
- Dog Handling
- Golf
- Fishing - Ice
- Fishing -Salt
- Own or access to private aircraft? _____
- RVing
- Archery
- Camping
- Diving
- Black Powder
- Backpacking
- Hiking
- Trap
- Skeet
- Kayak/Canoe
- 4 Wheeling
- Rafting
- Fishing - Fresh
- Fishing - Fly
- Skiing - water

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