

Las Vegas Woods and Waters
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GAMEBAG

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



May 2014

Issue 269

May 14th Lunch Program: Holley Stuckey NDOW Archery Education Coordinator will speak about archery programs.

May 17—Silhouette Rifle Shoot at CCSC

This will be a rifle silhouette shoot. .22 long rifle only, no .22 mags. Forty shots total, (lets save that precious .22 ammo). One shot per animal, 10 rams at 100 yards, 10 turkeys at 75 yards, 10 Javelina at 50 yards and 10 chickens at 25 yards. All shooting is to be standing unsupported (no leaning on tables, no backpacks, no slings, just two arms and your two feet), any sights (iron or scope). Two minutes maximum for each stage. Targets must fall over to count as a hit. Arrive at 0830 for set up and registration, shooting begins at 0900 hrs. This is our second Marksman of the Year event for 2014, the club will provide light breakfast. Cost will be \$20 per shooter with kids under 16 shooting for ????



Spring Feast 2014 Re-Cap

For the record....we started this shoot on time!!! Shooters showed up at 8am to signup and a safety talk was given at 8:45am and then it was off to the course by 9am where 14 stations were waiting to throw 50 speeding, darting, curving, rising, falling targets. Some of the shooters came back asking if the shoot was just for fun or was it for real?, others were just asking if the mud bugs were ready or as the people from the south call them " U-Peel-ums " were ready to eat.

After the dust settled and the last shot was fired 28 of the 50 shooters broke more than half the targets so if you only broke 25X50 don't feel alone....I've seen some of our members be happy with 2 quail out of 10 shots!!! Well this day 10 shooters left with some extra cash in their pockets. The most famous shooter of the day was John Gorman who played his cards (or shots) just right. You see 4 guys ahead of him had to split their 1st place winnings of \$65 and he got to keep all of his 2nd place \$35 winnings to himself with a score of 20X50! Thank god for Lewis Class huh? The top score went to Mike Reese with a 43X50 and 2nd place went to John Zambetti with a score of 42X50.

Another notable that showed up was our very own John Gilbert!!! As some of you know John helped to carry on the Spring Feast tradition for many years but due to some health issues he had to turn the reins over to Kyle Otto who has done a fabulous job of keeping the tradition alive! A big thanks to all who helped Kyle and to those that showed up and shot in the event.. Mike Reese

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



Presidents Message.....Mike Taylor

Hope to see you all at the Silhouette Rifle shoot this Saturday, the 17th, at 8:00am at the Education Center at Clark County Shooting Complex. It's a hoot to knock down these little metal critters and go for the bragging rights with your peers. We will be shooting .22 cal rifles this time so bring yours, borrow one, or come on out and we'll loan you one. Bring your own .22 Ir ammo also (high velocity is recommended). Any sight or scope is allowed but only .22 long rifle ammo.

Coffee and breakfast rolls will be included and all club members will be eligible for Lewis Class prize money when it's over. Cost of the event is \$20 per shooter and this is a Marksman of the Year event. And, a special treat for those who come a little early... you can help set up the targets!
See yall there, Mike Taylor

Board Member News-

At the last LVWW Board meeting some house keeping was done to clean up the club By-Laws. The By Laws have been edited to remove Article III Section 7. Any President of the Club who completes his/her term of office will NO LONGER receive a life-time membership in the Club.

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Images from the Spring Feast

Ralph Willits and a hearty plate of food,
Head Cook Kyle Otto and his daughter
helper did a great job again this year!
Thank you Kyle and crew.



FRATERNITY OF THE DESERT BIGHORN

50th Anniversary - Annual Banquet

Saturday May 17th, 2014

South Point Hotel & Casino

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Auction Starts at 7:30 p.m.

*** Hosted Bar 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ***

Rooms have been
blocked at a
special rate for
Banquet attendees

** Door Prize ** Leica 10 x 42 Geovid HD-B

Binocular / Rangefinder w/ Ballistic Interface

Packages Available	Quantity	Amount	Total
Individual Dinner Ticket		\$70.00	
Dinner Package - Includes Two Dinner Tickets and \$40.00 in General Raffle Tickets - 2 Strips (10 Individual Tickets)		\$170.00	
Sponsor Package - Includes Two Dinner Tickets, and \$100.00 in General Raffle Tickets - 6 Strips (30 Individual Tickets)		\$220.00	
Table Package - 10 Seats - Includes Sponsor Gun Drawing		\$750.00	
*Please indicate number of children under 16 in your party			
General Raffle Tickets - \$20.00 Each	Strip of 5 Tickets	\$20.00	
	Strip of 30 Tickets	\$100.00	
<i>MUST BE PURCHASED by April 18th - \$80.00 Strip of 30 Tickets</i>		\$80.00	
Banquet Gun Sponsor		\$400.00	
Annual Membership (Includes Family)		\$25.00	
Life Membership		\$500.00	
Annual Corporate Membership		\$1,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL			

*** ALL RESERVATION FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO **April 18th** WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL EARLY BIRD RAFFLE ***

Name _____
Address _____
City, State & Zip: _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____
Credit Card Number: _____ Code: _____

Circle Type of Credit Card: **VISA** **MASTERCARD** Exp. Date _____

Fax Number for Credit Card payment is (702) 910-3699.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation to help make our banquet a success, please remit this form and your much appreciated donation.

PLEASE MAIL TO:

Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn
4755 W. Dewey Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89118

TELEPHONE ORDERS:

James Bradshaw
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Come Celebrate Our 50th Anniversary with Us!!!

South Dakota Goose Hunt by Al Schoelen

Last summer I started planning this hunt by checking out several Guides and decided on John Neu because he begins his hunts in Missouri and then follows the birds north. Our hunt was to be just south of Aberdeen, SD but with the cold winter everyone experienced in that part of the country we had to drive 230 miles south to Yankton, SD for the hunt. He hunts with six to eight hunters to a field, with 12 hunters from Las Vegas, we went to two different fields and changed fields each day. The six hunters in my group were Don Turner, Ralph Willits, Gordon Warren, John Fenner and Julius Fortuna (a new club member). Julius has offered to be the honcho for this hunt next year.

The other group of hunters were Neil Dillie and three of his friends (Ray Hoffman and his son Nick, Jim Kesgomol) plus Duane Dudley and his son Mike.

We hunted in lay down blinds which is a little more difficult to always mount the gun in the proper position to shoot, therefore, we didn't always get the bird. There were thousands of birds but they didn't always come into the decoys because of the strong winds. Snow geese are more difficult to get into shooting range except this one. (see picture to the right)

There is not a limit on the number of geese **you can shoot and there is not a limit on the number of shells in your shotgun.**

Our group of six got 89 birds in three days. The other group got 56 birds. This was considered a low normal count, considering the weather conditions. It was a great hunt.

Below: Gordon Warren, Al Schoelen, Don Turner, John Fenner, Ralph Willits and new member Julius Fortuna. Bottom right: same crew more birds.



CONSERVATION or PRESERVATION

There is a lack of communication between the hunting fraternity and the non-hunting community. I feel that most non-hunters understand the need for the sustainability of wildlife and do not object to hunting. But hunters must understand that there is a small but vociferous faction of "preservationists" (including many environmentalists) that actually tries to undermine the role of hunters as the sustaining force of conservation, without looking at the facts.

#1 Fact number one is that man has always been a hunter. Our more recent pioneering ancestors were hunters by necessity. Sport hunting is modern man's heritage and tradition, while sport hunters have been the salvation for wildlife and its increase by donating time, knowledge, energy and funds so that all can enjoy our wilderness and wildlife.

#2 Fact number two is that man is an essential part of the Balance of Nature. Let's start with Genesis 1:26 of the Bible. "Let us make man in our image and likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creatures that move upon the earth". That makes man stewards of all wildlife. Early on, man was a predator of sorts, keeping wildlife from over populating. As humans expanded in numbers and developed modern equipment, as well as becoming more civilized, regulations became imperative. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was formed to regulate migratory species, while the individuals States began their own Fish & Game Departments to control their own indigenous species. Their jobs are to balance the wildlife populations and their impact on other species and on vegetation, even in the most protected national parks. Hunting and fishing are a necessary part of the Balance of Nature and, if discontinued there is no balance, resulting in out-of-control overpopulation and the disastrous results.

#3 Fact number three is the crucial sustainability of wildlife. The renewable resource of wildlife can be utilized forever provided the use is sustainable. Hunters have accepted the responsibility for the wildlife resources they are using and spearheading most all conservation efforts. The public needs to be made aware that the sustainable use and long-term protection of wildlife complement each other. They are two sides of the same coin. Together they are called conservation. Most of the State's Fish and Game Agencies budgets come from hunters and fishermen, including special taxes on sporting equipment and hunting and fishing licenses. On March 26 a small article appeared in the Las Vegas Review Journal and I quote: "Nevada will receive more than 18 million dollars from the federal government for fish and wildlife projects. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced Tuesday that Nevada would be getting part of the 1.1 billion dollars in excise taxes collected on purchases of sporting and boating equipment. The tax applies to sporting firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fishing equipment and electric boat motors.

Jewell said the money helps fund conservation projects, creates access for recreational boaters and supports outdoor education programs for children."

So every year over a billion dollars paid by sportsmen on this tax alone goes for everyone's use. In fact, the conservation programs championed by hunters benefit all wildlife, whether hunted or not. There is much, much more, but effectively 74% of all conservation efforts in America are from sportsmen, directly or indirectly.

#4 Fact number four is that our State of Nevada alone has a number of hunter-based clubs that are carrying the burden of most conservation efforts throughout the state. These include Nevada Bighorn Unlimited, the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, Coalition for Nevada Wildlife, Wildlife Habitat Improvement in Nevada, and the Woods and Waters Club. There are Chapters of many National clubs active here in the state, including Ducks Unlimited, the Elk Foundation, and the Mule Deer Foundation. There are International clubs like Safari Club International and the Wild Sheep Foundation. All of the above-mentioned clubs hold fundraisers in Nevada, mostly in Reno and Las Vegas (giving a boost to our economy besides awareness of what hunters are doing for wildlife conservation).

The platform for the above mentioned clubs' fundraisers is conservation of wildlife, with the funds going to mostly on-the-ground efforts including partnering with the Nevada Fish and Game Department. These efforts include putting water sources in arid areas, disease control and transplanting wildlife into historic ranges. The Desert Bighorn populations have tripled in Nevada in recent years.

#5 Another fact is that there is a need for more non-hunters to get involved in the process of conservation. If hunting slows or stops, conservation of wildlife will be non-sustainable. Hunters and fishermen are those that are mainly sustaining our wildlife and championing most conservation efforts.

Conservation is the wise sustainable use of a renewable resource.

Preservation is the non-sustainable use of a renewable resource.

Here's my final word: Chris R. Klineburger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUY—SELL— TRADE

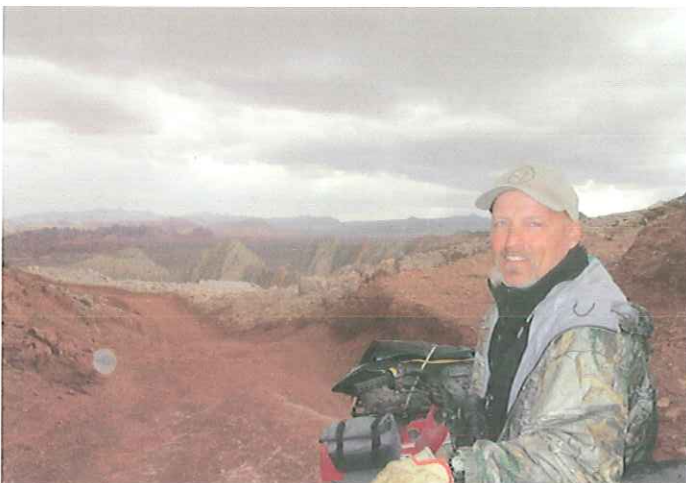
Buyers & sellers agree to obey all firearms laws and local regulations in all transactions and hold LVW&W harmless.

New never fired Ruger M77 Hawkeye African .416 cal with muzzlebrake system. \$850 contact Gordon Warren 498-6426 or email ghw2@cox.net

Ray Crump has a 12 foot flat bottom John Boat for sale last registered in NV 2014 will deliver within the Las Vegas valley. \$600 obo contact Ray at 461-7797

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New members: Peter Martin, and Tim Wyson welcome to the club make sure president Mike Taylor gets you a new hat at lunch, invite a friend to join the club.



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 May 6th 5:30pm-9:00 pm at the Clark County Government Center, main topic will be setting big game quotas for this falls hunts.

May 17th Fraternity of Desert Bighorn 50th Annual Banquet at the South Point Hotel & Casino. Contact James 219-9109

May 31st Rocky Mountain Elk Banquet at South Point Hotel & Casino. Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 6pm cost is \$85 includes dinner, membership, knife and magazine for a year. Contact Steve Novamaker 375-3275.

Family fun at the Spring Feast.



2014 Officers

President	Mike Taylor
1 ST Vice President	Sean Cassidy
2 nd Vice President	Russ Johnson
Treasurer	Mike Reese
Secretary	Ralph Willits
Warden	Steve Linder
GameBag Editor	Brian Patterson
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Club Board of Directors 2014

1 YR TERM	2 YR TERM	3 YR TERM
Gordon Warren	Dallas Snider	Ryan Gagnon
Brian Patterson	Cal Heinbauch	Joe Wyson
Sean Cassidy	Steve Schultz	Blake Swain
Neil Dille	Al Schoelen	Danny Nelson
Steve Rieter	Ralph Willits	Steffen Schneider

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- Pioche Coyote Hunt and camping fishing 1st
Honcho Joe Luby 290-9590
Black Powder Shoot 14th at CCSC 6pm-10pm
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020

July- Archery Shoot 19th at Sportsman's Warehouse
Honcho Sean Cassidy 371-1612

August- Lake Mead Striper Tournament 16th
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 13th 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. 7 Marksman events and 4 Angler events in 2014.

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 1 event

Mike Reese	10 pts
John Zambetti	9 pts
Bill Daniels	8 pts
Dee Zambetti	7 pts
Jim Pope	7 pts

Angler of the Year Standings

2014 Standings after 3 events

Neil Dille	19 pts
Ken Johnson	18 pts
Steve Linder	17 pts
Richard Pabst	16 pts
Brian Patterson	15 pts

"I never learn anything talking. I only learn things when I ask questions"
Lou Holtz

The GameBag

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MEMBER APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Residence Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Business Name: _____

Spouse's Name _____

Email Address _____

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

Signature: _____

Recommended by: _____