

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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November 12th Lunch Program: Ralph Willits on fishing rod building. The difference in a fishing pole and a fishing rod is roughly \$200.

SILHOUETTE TURKEY SHOOT



LW&W is inviting members to participate in the November 15, 2014 Turkey Shoot. The shoot will be conducted at the Clark County Shooting Complex Education Center's 100 yard range. We will start registration at 0830 hours with shooting commencing at 0900 hrs. The shoot will last until all shooting is complete, but we must be off the range by noon.

The shoot will consist of 10 Silhouette Turkeys at 75 yards and three Chickens at 20 yards. The Chickens must be knocked down first before going after the Turkeys. There is no restrictions on the amount of ammo utilized as we are a firm believer of "where there is lead in the air, there is hope in the heart." Shooters will have a total of one minute to shoot at all 13 animals.

Firearms will be shooting .22 LR ammo (no .22 mags.). Shooters may use rifles or pistols or rifles AND pistols, but 75 yards is a tad long for a pistol. No drawing from holster. If you chose to use both rifle and pistol, the firearms will be loaded on the bench and you can grab and go at the start whistle.

Cost is \$20.00 and you may shoot again in hopes of a higher score (or just for fun) for an additional cost of \$5.00. Lewis Class scoring. We will have water and snacks available. As we only have 20 turkeys, there will only be two shooters on each rely. Remember to bring ear and eye protection, keep your firearms unloaded until directed to load, handle your guns safely with muzzles always being pointed up." This is a Marksman of the Year Event Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466



Next meeting Wednesday Dec. 10th, 12 noon at Charlie's Lakeside located at 8603 W. Sahara (Sahara and Durango) Price \$20



Presidents Message.....Mike Taylor

The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is made up of seven members who consider comments from the public and make recommendations to the Nevada Wildlife Commission on matters concerning wildlife management in Nevada. The Commission then creates the rules and regulations that either enhance or curtail our hunting, fishing, trapping and boating activities in Nevada. Three LVWWC members serve on that board: Mike Reese, Brian Patterson and Joe Luby.

Those of us who have attended one or more of the ten annual meetings of the board know that the anti-hunting advocates utilize these meetings as their official platform to introduce restrictions designed to limit our abilities to hunt, fish, etc. They have been steadily increasing their presence at these meeting and elevating their demands that the board adopt more of their limitations. They have been relentless in their attacks on outdoor sportsmen and in their efforts to impose their agenda on the board.

Because these meetings are open to the public, numbers matter. When the anti-hunting contingent far outnumbers the sportsmen in attendance, the board is pressured to concede to the "majority". Mike, Brian and Joe fight bravely in our defense but they need our help. The Game Bag regularly posts the details of the next CCABMW board meeting. If you can make it, please do. If you can take a friend, even better. If not then, at least, please take a look at the meeting agenda and email your personal comments to the Board Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Much better to arm our guys with hands full of emails than to leave them empty handed.

As a club, LVWWC is not able to advocate for any type of political person or position. But as sportsmen, we are individually obliged to protect and preserve the liberties and freedoms that were purchased by those who left them to us. Shame on us all if we leave our children and grandchildren with fewer liberties than we had.

Enjoy the hunting season,
Mike Taylor

Show up to lunch

Remember every time you attend a LVWW lunch meeting not only do you get to see and visit with the guys and get a great lunch your name is also put in the hat for a \$400 gift card drawing. That's right each time you come to lunch your name goes in the hat for a chance at \$400. Attend all 12 lunches in 2014 and you have 12 chances, but it only takes one, so show up at lunch this month.

LVWW Officers and Board of Directors Elections

December is the official voting in of new officers and board of directors. It seems like the same group is always the ones volunteering for these positions. New blood is needed and welcome....if you want to have a say in the direction of the club or want to add something or spark a change to something. Get involved. Make a difference. Get to know some of the old dogs in the club.

Upcoming events

Besides the holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years) there are other events to make sure get put on your calendar. The turkey shoot this Saturday November 15th with all the details on the front page is event number one. The next is the final Marksman of the Year event Dec 13th; The 3 gun shoot, this is the event that will decide the Marksman of the Year, honcho Bob LePome does a great job. Bob will have everyone shooting a pistol, a rifle and a machine gun. It's not everyday you get to pick up a fully automatic machine gun and rip through a magazine. Everyone has a smile on their face, even if they just lost Marksman of the Year honors. The next event is an unwritten tradition started by Dan Perry and ongoing since the clubs beginning. Its an informal meeting Dec 24 around noon at Ricardo's Mexican Restaurant (Decatur and Flamingo) for a cocktail to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and tell stories of the past year and raise a toast to those members no longer with us. Soon after the holidays (Jan 24th) is the first Angler of the Year event Ice Fishing at Cave Lake. Make sure to get your rooms booked early as they go fast.

ICE FISHING AT CAVE LAKE January 24, 2015

A handful of LVWW faithful make the trip to Ely in January to fish the hard water of Cave Lake. We hold our Angler of the Year ice fishing event at the same time The Ely Rotary Club holds their big event. The Rotary Club really does a great job of organizing the event. They set up warming fires on the ice, concession stands with food and raffle prizes to go along with money for catching a "tagged" fish. Our group gathers together to see who catches the most fish while hoping to cash in on a tagged fish by the Rotary Club. Friday night is check in at the Convention Center then the fishing is 0800 to 1500 at Cave Lake. We like to fish Sunnyside on Friday then get to Ely mid afternoon and check in then head home on Sunday. So plan on two nights stay in Ely. More details to follow as the event gets closer, you may want to book a room soon though.

QUAIL HUNT HOW WAS THE OPENER?

How has the bird hunting been so far? I have my secret quail spot that has been great for years. Last year I even limited out on the last day of the season and saw probably 150 birds. The drought and the two big storm flood events had me wondering if there would be any birds around. A couple quick scouting trips in September and early October produced no birds, not even any sign. I went out on opening day to hunt my favorite spots.....I could only kick up 15-20 birds. This is the same area were last year on opening day I probably saw 250-300 birds. I decided it best not to shoot the few birds I saw and let things recover. Hopefully others had a better opening day than I did. Give your report, submit an article for the GameBag.



AL SCHOELEN, SUCCESS IN CANADA

I went duck and goose hunting in Alberta, Canada from the 8th to the 13th With my Nephews from Northern California. In Canada the daily limit is 8 ducks and 8 geese. One day we had to stop shooting ducks as we had reached our limit so on other days we only looked for the drakes and let the hens fly by. On two other hunts we got 20 Canadian Honkers weighting between 9 and 12 pounds each day. We got a total of 181 birds. It was an outstanding hunt.

Above: Al is literally covered in geese. Right: I didn't know Al had such big hands....look at how many birds he is holding. The look on his face says it all. Having a great time in the field with family and friends.



Taking a good quality trophy photo.

Photographs are one of the best ways to memorialize your trophy. You waited several years to get the tag, spent lots of money on gear and travel to your hunting spot, covered miles of rugged challenging terrain, and finally filled your tag on what might be a once-in-a-lifetime animal. Here are some tips to getting quality, professional-looking pictures that will make you proud:

CLEAN UP YOUR KILL Make your photos look professional by ensuring your animal looks its best. For starters, remove any arrows still in the animal, scrub away all visible blood and position your gun or bow over the entry hole. I carry moist baby wipes in my pack. Relocate the animal away from blood splattered on the ground. If the tongue is hanging out stick it back into the mouth or remove it completely. I often use a rubber band to hold the mouth shut and then remove it once the photo session begins. I also use eye drops in the animals eyes to keep them moist so I don't get that glossy eyed photo. Don't sit on or straddle the animal this shows disrespect and lessens the quality of the shot. Check the area around the animal, don't have an orange cap laying on the ground, your eye will be drawn to that rather than the animal.

POSTION THE ANIMAL TO ITS BEST VANTAGE You want the camera as near to the ground as possible to fill the entire frame. Lay down on the ground, pull or cut grass and low brush so the animal is the focus. Antlered game look best with the nose pointed down and the rack silhouetted against the sky. Tuck the legs under the animal to make it appear to be laying naturally. Take several different angles and positions, turning the animals head from side to side. Be aware of the background.....clear sky is the best.

USE THE LIGHT Always try to position the shot so the sun is **BEHIND** the camera, this forces the person to look into the sun but it results in much better photos. Make sure the person tips his cap back so there is no shadow hiding his face. In low light conditions use whatever you can to light up the animal, the camera flash of course but headlamps or flashlights from behind the camera work well too.

DON'T SHOW THE ENTIRE ANIMAL To make the kill look bigger and better show off the antlers or horns turn the camera vertical and crop out some of the body. This will focus on the head gear of the animal.

TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES Lastly take way more photos than you think is enough. I often take 100-150 shots knowing I'll get 10-20 really good quality pictures. Also keep in mind if you intend to submit your pictures for publication in a magazine, vertical images work best for a cover.



Note: these pictures were taken solo with a self timer.

Ewe Hunting:

Only Die Hard Mountain Hunters Apply!



I will start my story with application process of putting in for the 2014 ewe hunt, since that process actually took longer than the hunt itself did. When I heard rumblings about a ewe hunt for 2014 I got pretty excited, I already have a ram that is full mounted in my loft and thought it would be really cool to have a ewe to mount with him (to really creep out my kids friends)! I told my hunting partner, my dad, and he was the first one of many people to give me a cross look and a slow "well um ohhh kay, if that is what you want to do." Applications were in and I was set.

Well the results rolled around and lucky me I had drawn a cow elk tag and the coveted ewe tag. I was going to be a true "Lady Killer" this year. The only problem was that it was in area 213 The Monte Cristos, north of Tonopah, an area I had never been.

Hunting season was getting close and I knew I needed to get down and do a scouting trip to at least see the area and hopefully turn up a couple of ewes. My dad, my son, and I all loaded up and made the trip down to see what we could turn up. We were two hours into our scout and had already turned up a few sheep, an antelope and a bunch of mustangs, and then the rain came. It rained fairly solid for the next 20 hours, needless to say our scouting trip was a bust, and next weekend was the opener.

I made a call to Tonopah Wildlife Biologist Tom Dunham and told him where we had been and what we saw. He pointed me to a different area (top secret to me and the 10 other trucks I saw opening morning) and his information was spot on. Tom was great to deal with and very open to helping. My dad and I made the trip down on Friday night to scout on Saturday and hunt on Sunday. Upon driving into the range we saw sheep right off the bat and as luck would have it there was an established camping area there as well. We decided to set up camp there and continue scouting for the day. We were seeing sheep all day and having a great time. At the end of the day we were heading back to camp and saw sheep again on the back side of the range right over the top from our camp. We watched them until night fall and made the aggressive plan to hunt them in the morning. We were going to drive down the road in the morning, step out of the Ranger, and shoot one... what a plan!

The next morning we got up and drove down the road to find the sheep, only to find that they were feeding over the top to the side that camp was on. We hustled back around and watched them feed to about half way down the mountain. I set up for a monstrous 170 yard shot, calmed my nerves of course, and connected with the prettiest ewe on the mountain.

We took some pictures and caped her out and had her off the mountain by 10:00 a.m., done and in the cooler! As we were picking up I shot one last range from camp to where I shot her and it was 403 yards! I am pretty sure I could have shot her from my sleeping bag. Too quote my dad, "this was camping, with a little killing involved!"

The story and all the circumstances around it have a big notion of humor involved, but seriously, the ewe hunts are a needed measure of managing the amazing Bighorn herds that have been established here in Nevada. Much like the deer, elk, and antelope, management of these animals is a huge part of conservation. If the sheep numbers are too great and they are constantly battling over feed, and much more importantly water, stress will set in over the entire herd, opening up greater possibilities of sickness, lower lamb rates, and die off.

It was a great hunt and if you are on the ram waiting list I would highly recommend you apply next year, if available. You could take the kids, your wife, or your closest friend in a wheelchair and have a successful, fun hunt.

By James Bradshaw



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUY—SELL— TRADE

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

1990 Markell Custom Crusier-20' well maintained, runs great. Volvo 4 cyl inboard/outboard Seats 4+2. galvanized trailer w/brakes. CB radio, heater, new tires. 40 gal gas tank, fishing and safety gear, canvas cover, reclining seats, bait storage and ice chest. \$5,900 OBO
Call 702 303-0489 SteveKiss1946@hotmail.com

Ziess Conquest 15x45 binoculars for sale, only \$900 contact Brian Patterson 715-2020.

Husgvarna 270 bolt action w/4x power scope \$425 contact Mark Gallear 702 873-1930.

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

New members:

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 Wednesday November 5th 5:30pm-9:00 pm at the County Government Center OCD room 3. The day was moved to Wednesday night due to Tuesday being election day. I know many of you shoot trap on Wednesdays but all who can attend please show up.

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

Member Alan Stone's (he's in contention for Marksman of the Year honors) daughter Hannah just completed NRA Distinguished Expert for small bore rifle! Congratulations!



October lunch speaker Julius Fortuna gave a great presentation on glassing for success and the advantages of high end quality glass.

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
Past President	Randy Weaver

Club Board of Directors 2014

1 YR TERM	2 YR TERM	3 YR TERM
Gordon Warren	Open	Ryan Gagnon
Brian Patterson	Open	Joe Wyson
Sean Cassidy	Steve Schultz	Open
Neil Dille	Al Schoelen	Open
Steve Rieter	Ralph Willits	Steffen Schneider

Calendar of Events (tentative at best)



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

- 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 13th at "The Range"
Honcho Bob Le Pome 378-3373

Marksman of the Year standings

2014 Standings after 5 events

Mike Reese	39 pts
Al Schoelen	32 pts
Alan Stone	31 pts
James Vallejo	28 pts
Joe Wyson	22 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.

"Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the government take care of him, better take a closer look at the American Indian." Henry Ford

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

Signature: _____

Recommended by: _____