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February 2015, Issue 278

February 11th Lunch Program: New Frontier Armory AR15 gunsmith

BANQUET TIME! CELEBRATE OUR 24TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

February 28th at South Point Hotel & Casino

The doors open at 5:00pm with a free beer bar hosted by Budweiser (mixed drinks also served), dinner will be served at 7:00 and that's when the fun and prize drawings will begin. Russ Johnson and his Banquet Committee have been preparing for several weeks. This is the most affordable wildlife group banquet in the state. We will have 60-75 general raffle items up for grabs for the cost

of a \$1 raffle ticket. We will also be giving away a custom AR-15 made by New Frontier Armory, cash prizes of \$500 and \$1000, silent auction, live auction and over 20 guns! Hunts and vacation packages are also available. How's that for an action-packed evening? Several guns have been donated for a special raffle just for the youngsters in two age groups. The biggest announcement of the night will be honoring a member for Sportsman of the Year. This is the highest honor given out by the club, only 23 men hold this esteemed title....who will be the 24th? Attend the banquet to find out.



Reserve your seats now and get in on the Early Bird raffle ticket specials before Feb 13th. If you haven't paid your dues for 2015 you can do that on the banquet form as well, we will be purging the membership roster of all unpaid members after the banquet.

Mike Talyor with the leopard boots he won at a past banquet, check his feet on banquet night.

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



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Presidents Message.....Sean Cassidy

I would like to thank all LVWW members for kicking off 2015 in grand style. January was a great month for membership and event participation. Our January luncheon saw over forty five members attend the kickoff luncheon, great job guys. A big thanks goes out to Cal Hienbauch and his son for sharing some great moments and pictures of their fall Desert Big Horn hunt.

January also kicked off our first angler of the year event with the Ely Rotary Ice Fishing tournament. Again the club had great representation at Cave Lake with over twenty members and friends participating. The weather was great and the drinks were cold according to Joe

Luby. Congratulations go out to Joe for landing the most fish and cocktails on the day and taking the early lead in the Angler of the Year standings. Enjoy it Joe as this is sure not going to last very long. Great participation in both these events is what the club is all about let's keep up the good work in February.

As we look forward into February it brings us to the annual LVWW Sportsman's Banquet coming fast on February 28th 5pm at The South Point. Russ Johnson and his crew are working diligently on putting together a great event for us and can still use any and all donations. Please take a moment now and ask a friend if you have not done so yet for their support. Please reserve your tickets now so he and his team can get a good count on attendees and plan accordingly. This will be our 24th annual event and I can share with you that this event will feature a record number of gun giveaways and fun contests for all. Everything from AR-Rifles to Tommy Guns and camo freezers will be up for grabs. Reserve your table now as we are at sixteen sold tables and counting. This year we will also be featuring a record number of youth guns and prizes so please spread the word... BRING YOUR KIDS... heck borrow one from your neighbor if you don't have one. I'm sure this year's banquet will be one for the record books.

Sincerely,

Sean Cassidy

LVWW President 2015

Membership Dues.

January 1st is renewal time for your membership.... Dues are \$48, please pay before February 28th. The membership roster will be updated after the banquet and we will purge all those not current. Make sure to get the editor (Brian Patterson) your current email address as this will be the main form of communication from the club starting in 2015.

LVWW members on another pheasant hunt: Jim Pope, Levi Pope, Kerry Miller, Tim Murphy, Jack McGuire, Lou DeGregorio, and Chic DeGregorio. Looks like a great day in the field.





Las Vegas Woods and Waters Club Sportsman of the Year Awards Banquet

February 28, 2015 – doors open at 5:00 pm

Public is Welcome

South Point Hotel and Casino - Sonoma Room

Guns, Raffles, Hunts, Silent Auction, Live Auction and Games

Sportsman's Happy Hour hosted by Budweiser 5pm-6:30pm, Dinner at 7pm

Call Russ Johnson 702 271-0430 or Sean Cassidy at 702 371-1612 for more information

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|                                                               | Qty     | Amount | Total     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Individual Dinner Ticket                                      |         | \$60   | \$        |
| Dinner Package (2 dinner tickets, includes 50 raffle tickets) |         | \$150  | \$        |
| Table Sponsor (10 dinner tickets, includes 50 raffle tickets) |         | \$600  | \$        |
| Youth Individual Dinner Ticket (age 6-18)                     |         | \$45   | \$        |
| *General Raffle tickets \$1 ea in the name of:                |         |        |           |
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| Annual Membership dues for 2015                               |         | \$48   | \$        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                  |         |        | <b>\$</b> |

\*Early Bird Special: Orders received and paid by February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will automatically receive a bonus of 25% additional General Raffle Tickets. Example: \$20=25 tickets, \$100 = 125 tickets.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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(We need email address for all members to receive e-newsletter and club announcements)

Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_

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## Larry Cusimano Catches Tagged Fish Ice Fishing at Cave Lake



Several LVWW members braved the wonderful balmy 56 degree sunny weather at Cave Lake last month. We combined our Angler of the Year event with the Ely Rotary Clubs Ice Fishing Tournament, the club has been doing this for several years. But 2015 was the first time a LVWW member caught a tagged fish. Larry claims to have never been ice fishing before yet within an hour of the start time Larry had his second fish on the ice and it carried a bright red tag that won him \$100. Larry along with the other tagged fish catchers of the day were then entered into a drawing for \$5000 cash, unfortunately Larry did not have his name drawn as the grand prize winner (just as well, he would have had to buy us all dinner).

Larry Cusimano with his tagged fish.

The fishing was slow most of the day with limited success by our group when it came to catching fish, but sitting on the ice enjoying the great weather and sharing stories and of course an adult beverage or two was a fun time. Some of the guys in the group did really well catching fish at times and some did really well with the adult beverages, then there was Joe Luby, he claimed to do well catching the most fish but most of us would argue that he did the "best" in the adult beverage department. No one slipped and fell on the ice and no one fell through the ice....unless you count Brian Patterson who fell through at Sunnyside the day before. No worries the water was only waist deep and not very cold, he survived. See the back page for Angler of the Year Standings.



Ice Angler with a fish



below: Joe Luby current leader in Angler of the Year



## Texas Hold'em Poker Event March 13 at CCSC honcho Mike Taylor

The annual LVWW Poker event is set for Friday March 13th at 6:00pm at the CCSC training center. BYOB and lots of cash, this is a fun social time for bragging rights and hopefully you make some money at the same time. I'm not sure of the details yet usually a \$20 or \$40 dollar buy in with a buy back if everyone agrees. Depending on the number of players the payout will vary to places or winner take all, again those at the event will all agree to some basic rules prior to the call of "shuffle up".

## National Archery in the Schools Program - NASP

LVWW decided last year to spread the wealth and give back to the community. Ken Johnson was the chair of the newly formed "Give Back Committee". The main focus was clear after just a few meetings that everyone thought youth and the young outdoorsmen/women should be given something to light their fire and spark an interest in the same things we all enjoy...hunting, fishing and talking about it. The committee presented to the board several ideas and worthy causes they felt could use some of our financial assistance. For this first year the club voted to allocate \$1,000 to be given to two different groups in the form of \$500 each. The two groups selected were the Silver State Shooters a youth trap shooting group and NASP.



NASP is the National Archery in the Schools Program, Holley Stukey has been our lunch speaker telling us about the program. It was started 12 years ago in the southeast getting kids introduced to shooting a bow and arrow and having a standardized competition. All the kids are grouped by grade or age class and all shoot the same equipment, bows, arrows, targets etc are all the same. There is no customization to the equipment. This program has grown immensely in its first 12 years to now almost all 50 states participate.

NV has not been in the game very long but already there are almost 100 schools involved across the state. February 5th was the Nevada State shoot at the South Point Hotel & Casino. All the schools and teams were there to compete for individual as well as team honors. Top finishers then qualify to shoot at the National Meet held in Louisville Kentucky. This is where LVWW comes in, the high cost of travel to these national meets. Many families cannot afford the travel to have their son or daughter compete at the highest level in the country. Our prize was to give \$250 each to the top male and female shooter. When all the targets had been scored the girls overall winner was Tania Gomez Esquivel and the boys overall winner was Jordan Shultz. Unfortunately for our special presentation neither of the kids were there to receive the oversized check with their name on it. Tania had to leave early with her team to catch the bus back to campus and Jordan was in a district wrestling tournament in northern Nevada. This was the first time any organization had provided funds for athletes' travel expenses and everyone was really excited by our club's commitment to the program. This is a great event and watching the kids compete was really something special.

Speaking of special, there were three men present, all on the US ParaOlympic team. They did a short shooting demonstration of their skills shooting a bow. Two men had only one arm and one leg (they shot with their mouth) the third member had a release attached to his prosthetic arm. These guys all showed how no matter how back they may think they have it they can still be the best in the world at doing something they love. I was most proud when the men were introduced as war veterans without prompting these young kids clapped and cheered them for their service and sacrifice. This is a great program and some of the LVWW members viewed it first hand, I hope the committee chooses to support NASP in the future.



LVWW members Ken Johnson, Ryan Gagnon, Ralph Willits and Brian Patterson



## BUY—SELL— TRADE

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

New members: Welcome to the club make sure president Sean Cassidy 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.

### Fishing Anyone?

Ken Johnson is wanting to set up a trip or two in 2015 if anyone is interested contact Ken for info. & prices. His interest are as follows: Jan-April Bass Fishing in Mexico, March- Salt Water in Panama, early December- Amazon Peacock Bass

Cheers, contact Ken at [kenjohnson4@cox.net](mailto:kenjohnson4@cox.net) 702 221 0592 or 702 858 8551

**Who wants to Honcho a club event?** We need guys to step up and put together events for all of us to enjoy. Depending on the event it takes a couple phone calls to secure the location then run the event as you see fit. A fishing event or a shooting event we need some new things to do. How about a Lee's Ferry or Willow Beach fishing trip? A long distance rifle shoot, how many guys have actually taken a shot over 500 yards or 1000? Contact Sean Cassidy or Rod Maly. We can keep the old events or rotate in some news in their place.



## Spring Feast Crawfish Boil

Kyle Otto at right has been the head cook at the feast for the past several years now. He always does a fantastic job, with very little help. For the newer members of the club the Spring Feast and the Fall Feast are two outstanding perks for being a member of the club. Usually held in May and September the club provides a FREE feast for the member, their family and friends. These traditions go back a long time (over 20 years if memory serves me correctly). Its another great way to get together with friends and do what we enjoy, hunt , fish and talk about it. There is also some shooting event included with the feast to promote a little competition and with that comes bragging rights. These shoots have a small cost associated to cover the shooting venue and supplies. Mark you calendars because right after the Banquet next month we will be gearing up for the Spring Feast in April. If you see Kyle give him a big slap on the back thank you and volunteer to lend a hand in April.

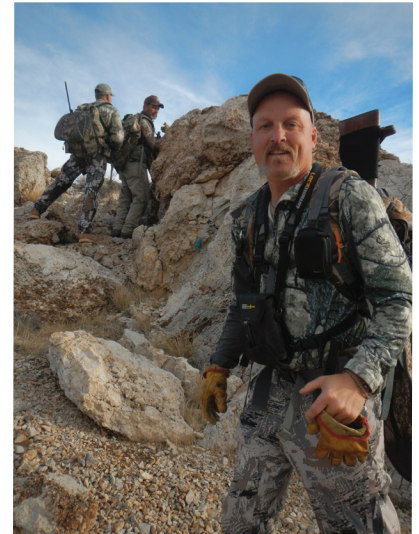
## Guys on the mend

I've heard of a couple guys that have had some recent health issues. Please keep these guys in your thoughts as they lay up for a bit to get back in shape. Walt Skochenko and Paul Schoppe have both undergone recent gall bladder surgery. Chris Klineburger and Mark Gallear have had recent stints in the hospital as well. Mike Taylor had another heart scare around the holidays but is back in good form shooting on the LVWW trap team. Its also good to see John Gorman recovered and back on his feet. I have not gotten a recent report on John Gilbert or Stan Parnas both have had recent health issues as well. As we all age I guess its part of the deal that a doctor visit or two will be in the cards. Its good to keep active and doing what we enjoy and enjoy each other as much as possible. Just another reminder that this is a social club and we all should spend as much time with good friends.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVWW Club Events

- February - Annual Banquet South Point 28th 5 pm  
Banquet Chairman Russ Johnson 271-0430
- March - Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament 13th at CCSC training center  
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012  
Sunnyside Spring Fishing 21st  
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020
- April - Spring Feast and Sporting Clays 18th at CCSC Honcho  
Mike Reese 400-6501 Kyle Otto 219-4803  
Otter Creek Ice Off Fly Fishing 18th



Please contact me with comments or articles you want in the GB.  
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## In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife  
Next Meeting Tuesday March 17th 5:30pm-9:00 pm at the Clark County Government Center.

Feb 21-22nd Las Vegas Retriever Club field trials at Overton Wildlife Management Unit.

Feb 28th LVWW BANQUET at South Point Hotel & Casino

March 14 WHIN Banquet at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino Heritage Mule Deer tag and 2 Heritage Turkey tags up for live auction.

March 28 Lincoln Co Mule Deer Banquet at the Caliente Fire Station

April 10 Nevada Bighorns Unlimited Reno Peppermill

### Marksman of the Year Standings

2015 standings after 0 events

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Mike Reese  | 0 pts |
| Al Schoelen | 0 pts |
| Ken Johnson | 0 pts |
| Tim Wyson   | 0 pts |
| Alan Stone  | 0 pts |

### Angler of the Year Standinags

2015 standings after 1 event

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Joe Luby        | 10 pts |
| Sean Cassidy    | 9 pts  |
| Larry Cusimano  | 8 pts  |
| Steve Carpenter | 7 pts  |
| Danny Riddle    | 6 pts  |

*"If you're going to be thinking, you may as well think big"*  
*Donald Trump*

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Annual Membership Due       | \$48 |
| New Member Initiation Fee   | \$15 |
| Amount Due with application | \$63 |

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