

*Las Vegas Woods and Waters*  
*Since 1991*

# GAMEBAG

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



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## March 11th Lunch Program: Bob Markworth archery

### **Texas Hold'em Poker Event** March 13 at CCSC honcho Mike Taylor 702 245-2012

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".

### **Coyote hunt March 13-15th at Sunnyside** honcho Joe Luby III 702 290-9590

The annual coyote fiasco is set for March 13th at Sunnyside, see below for directions. This is the 5th or 6th year of the event and so far not a single coyote has been killed, and only a couple have even been shot at. This is a fun time to socialize and if you are EXTREMELY lucky you may see a coyote. With the Sunnyside location you have the opportunity to spend some productive time fishing in one of the 5 lakes when the boredom of calling in coyotes becomes too much. The campground should be open bring all the necessary gear to socialize and have a good time, don't forget the fishing tackle as it will see more use than the coyote gun.

### **Sunnyside spring fishing March 21st** honcho Brian Patterson 702 715-2020



The ice has been off since late January and the fishing reports have been good so its time for another one of our Angler of the Year events. The old timers call these small chain of lakes Sunnyside but the official name is Wayne Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Sunnyside is 175 miles north of Las Vegas take I-15 north 20 miles to highway 93 exit toward Ely follow 93 just past Ash Springs to highway 318 north go roughly 70 miles and look for the signs for to the Management Area, Haymeadow lake is roughly 8 miles down a good dirt road. We will be fishing one of the lower lakes called Haymeadow, again follow the signs. Some may wish to go up Friday night and camp at the small camp ground or go up early on Saturday morning. The fishing is set to start at 9am until 2pm for the Angler of the Year

honors. Bring a lunch and a chair. Small boats, canoes or float tubes are the best bet as 90% of the banks are choked with cattails and unfishable from shore, only the dam is accessible to shore fishing. Check NDOW fishing regulations for approved tackle, many of us will be fly fishing but worm dunking is allowed (is that really fishing?). I will be fishing the lake March 6th to confirm the fishing conditions.

Next meeting Wednesday April 8th, 12 noon at Charlie's Lakeside located at 8603 W. Sahara (Sahara and Durango) price 20\$



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## Presidents Message.....Sean Cassidy

To All LVWW Friends and Members,  
Hello from Texas all and I want to say great job to all the members of the banquet committee and Russ Johnson. Great way to set the year up with a record breaking banquet with both attendance and revenue. I have not gotten all the final details but this is a great step forward for Las Vegas Woods & Waters. I do apologize the work kept me from attending but nothing but great things were reported back on all levels. I know there are many highlights that need to be recognized and we will cover those at the March luncheon.

The March luncheon will feature a great speaker in Bob Markworth on archery in the field. I look forward to catching up with everyone. Also as we look ahead this month we have several events coming up including a Poker game hosted by Mike Taylor on March 13th, a coyote hunt also the weekend of the 13th hosted by Joe Luby and the annual Sunny Side Ice out all though the ice is long gone but the fishing will be great on March 21st.

Lastly I would like to note the Meadow Valley Chapter of what was the Mule Deer Foundation is having their annual banquet in Caliente on March 28th. A great event and opportunity to hit Eagle Valley for a bit of fishing if your looking for a great weekend away. Bring the kids and family. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely, Sean Cassidy  
LVWW President 2015

Dave Famiglietti and Russ Johnson with AR-15 & Tommy Gun and the special ticket sales crew



**Nevada hunting/fishing license** Your Nevada license expired on February 28th so before you head out fishing this spring make sure to renew your license. The big game draw will start next month so you'll need a license to apply.

**Membership Dues.** If you are reading this message most likely your dues are paid, thank you. If you know anyone who is not receiving the email notices and the GameBag make sure to get the editor (Brian Patterson) your current email address to [admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org](mailto:admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org) as this will be the main/only form of communication from the club in 2015.





## JOHN GILBERT PASSING

It brings me great regret and sadness to announce the passing of longtime club member and my good friend John Gilbert. John was an avid outdoorsman, hunter, and fisherman. He was the poster boy of what our organization is all about. He was always there to help do whatever needed to make the Las Vegas Woods and Waters Club what it is today. John and I honchoed the Spring Feast together for years. His friendship and wisdom touched me as well as my daughter who was part of the team. I can see him now up in heaven sitting around swapping stories with the likes of Teddy Roosevelt, Ernest Hemingway, and Daniel Boone. I am a better person because I knew

John. I will miss my friend dearly. God speed John Gilbert. Kyle Otto

As we prepare for the Spring Feast again next month John's presence will really be missed, John was a past Sportsman of the Year, seervices are set for 10 am March 14th at the Springs Preserve please arrive at 9:45, park in the rear and follow the signs to the Garden Terrace, food and memories to follow the service. Please let Kyle Otto 702 219-4803 or kyleotto@gmail.com know if you plan to attend as the family would like a head count for refreshments.



## LVWW volunteers help the Las Vegas Hunting Retriever Club Field Trials

Mark your calendars for next year, the weekend after Valentines Day, thats when the Las Vegas Retriever Club holds their annual dog training field trials. This year about a dozen LVWW members helped out on the two day event and each one learned quite abit as well has had a great time. The voluneer work was pretty light duty and actually fun, some guys got to shoot ducks, others got to launch dead ducks, quack on duck calls or shoot the "poppers" or blanks and everyone got to watch some great dog work. I think there were roughly 100 dos competeing in three different classes and they really put on a show. I know several of the volunteers this year will be signed up again next February.....what a great time. They provided lunch and drinks each day and even had a banquet Saturday night that the volunteers were invited just for helping out and having fun. An observation of the volunteers, it seemed the golden retrievers made the fewest mistakes followed by the black labs and then the yellow labs, no scientific data to support our observations but something to think about when selecting your next duck dog.





## 2015 Banquet Festivities!

Congratulations to all the winners at the banquet! There was a big turn out this year (258 dinners sold) and lots of fun had by all. The big award of the night went to Ralph Willits as he was named the Sportsman of the Year. Job well done Ralph. New Frontier Armory stepped up and provided all the guns this year, Dave Famiglietti gave the club great pricing which allowed us to purchase more guns with the same budget as last year. He also donated a custom AR-15 (which I won) thanks again Dave! MC Russ Swain was the winner of the Tommy Gun and Joe Luby won the freezer and 9mm.



Banquet corrections: In the excitement of the evening a couple things got missed, first Kyle Otto did not get recognized for all his hard work and effort as an event honcho, Kyle has done a fantastic job cooking the food for the Spring Feast for several years. The club will get him a honcho gift. Also Duane LaDuke was not recognized as one of the donors of a youth gun. Duane has stepped up to run the turkey pluck each year and contributed to one of the 6 youth guns given away that night, thanks Duane.



We had a fantastic showing of youth this year 12 kids in the 6-11 age group and 22 in the 12-18 age group. We gave 3 guns to each age group along with a 4th prize of a gift certificate....its great to see almost three dozen kids at the event and winning something they can use to promote what we all enjoy.



## The Alamo    By Rick Ainsworth

On March 6, 1836 in a small mission in Southwestern Texas called the Alamo, a small band of 200 freedom fighters, led by Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and William B. Travis were overwhelmed by a Mexican army force of over 1500 men, led by General Antonio Lopez Santa Anna. All the Alamo defenders were either killed in the battle or executed after capture. What compelled this small band of soldiers, adventurers, explorers, trappers and idealists to stand and fight against an overwhelming force with no chance of survival?

They were there to fight for the right of Texans to break away from Mexico and form their own republic. The freedom fighters were an eclectic assortment of people. 13 were native Texan, with 11 of those being of Mexican descent. 41 men were born in Europe, 2 were Jews, two were blacks and the rest were Americans from various states and backgrounds, come to Texas to fight for freedom. Mexico had fought and successfully separated itself from Spain, and the Texans (as they were known) wanted to pursue the same course for independence.

From Tennessee came legendary frontiersman Davy Crockett, who had proclaimed to his constituents in his last Congressional election, "...if you choose to re-elect me I will serve as before. If not, you may all go to hell and I will go to Texas." He lost the election, and true to his word, he went to Texas and to the Alamo and died for an ideal on March 6, 1836.

From Kentucky, via Louisiana, came pioneer, soldier and smuggler, Jim Bowie, who had already built a reputation as a fighter with the Texas Militia. He commanded the forces at the Alamo until he fell ill. He arrived at the Alamo to fight for an ideal. It is said he died in his sick bed, his empty pistols still in his hands, on March 6, 1836.

From the ranks of the recently formed Texan army came newly commissioned Lieutenant Colonel William B. Travis, under orders to relieve the defenders of the Alamo. As the Mexican army began probing the Alamo defenses, Colonel Travis wrote a letter addressed to, "...the people of Texas and all Americans across the world." He beseeched the army to send more men and supplies, stressing that his force of less than 200 was facing a Mexican force of over 1000. His letter survived the siege and became an icon of the Texas revolution. Travis never got the relief he sought, and died for an ideal on March 6, 1836.

During the worst of the Mexican siege, Travis drew a line in the sand and asked all who would stay and fight to step over the line. All but one did. Facing certain death and sure to be overrun, all but one stepped over the line.

The fall of the Alamo and the death of its defenders did not happen in vain. In death they succeeded in accomplishing something they could not in life: they became martyrs to the cause, and the Alamo a rallying cry for Texas independence. Because of the ultimate sacrifice of these men and so many others, Texas became a republic and would remain an independent republic until 1846 when it joined the Union.

American history is replete with such stories of idealism, faith, commitment and heroism. Indeed, they are a part of our heritage, our traditions, our very souls. Americans are idealists and always will be. We will not be pushed around by authority. It is time to draw another line in the sand. We are being manipulated by an out of control behemoth of a central government which is seizing more and more power over us daily. From what toilets we can buy to what light bulbs we can use to how big a cola we can purchase, the government wants to control every aspect of our lives.

Now they want our guns.

They cannot have them. The Second Amendment says so.

They will come after our magazines and bullets first, and then, as sure as letting the camel's nose poke under the tent, we will soon find ourselves in bed with a camel. The line is drawn, it is time to take the step. It is time to stand and fight for freedom. Who will step over that line?

**Remember the Alamo!**



## BUY—SELL— TRADE

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

Brian Patterson has a new in box never fired Henry 22 rifle for sale. Model H001 blue for \$300. call 702 715-2020. no tax and no background fee, a smokin deal.

Joe Giarraputo has a couple guns for sale: Winchester featherweight 30-06 with 3x8 scope for \$450 and a Marlin 30-30 lever action for \$250 call Joe at 702 897-7497

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.

**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.

Al Schoelen and his wife with a gift basket they won at the banquet.....is that a bottle of Jagermeister?



## John Gilbert Memorial Spring Feast Crawfish Boil April 18th

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 April and September the club provides a FREE feast for the member, their family and friends. These traditions go back a long

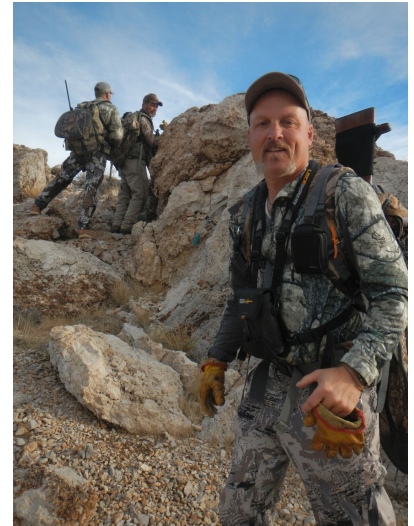


time (over 20 years if memory serves me correctly). Its another great way to get together with friends and do what we enjoy, hunt , fish and talk about it. There is also some shooting event included with the feast to promote a little competition and with that comes bragging rights. These shoots have a small cost associated to cover the shooting venue and supplies. Mark you calendars next month we will be gearing up for the Spring Feast April 18th. If you see Kyle give him a big slap on the back thank you and volunteer to lend a hand in April. This will be the first spring feast without long time member and Spring Feast cook John Gilbert, he will be missed more on this day than any other.

# 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  
Coyote hunt Sunnyside 13-14-15th  
Honcho Joe Luby 702 290-9590  
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



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.

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

April 18th John Gilbert Memorial Spring Feast at CCSC.

### 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 Standings

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

**"Worry gives small things a BIG shadow"**  
**Swedish Proverb**

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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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