

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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Sept 9th Lunch Program: Doug Neilson NDOW & Mike Deming

Fall Feast Sept 12th at CCSC

This is always one of the better attended events as there is FREE food for all...members, families, friends and neighbors all are welcome. Mike Reese usually handles the shooting event either trap or skeet or sporting clays, he always adds a fun twist to keep things interesting. There is a cost for the shoot to be determined but there is a chance to get your money back in the Lewis Class scoring system. Cal Heinbach has handed over the pig roasting duties after stepping up the past couple years. He has handed the job of preparing all the food over to The Road Kill Grill. This is a Marksman of the Year shooting event and a great way to brush up on the fall bird season. Dove season will be in full swing so you want to fine tune your skills before heading out into the field chasing doves.



CLUB SWAP MEET Sept 12 at CCSC



September Fall Feast is to include an outdoorsmans Swap Meet! Buy-Sell-Trade some of your gear. Everyone has some gear in their closet or garage or gun safe that is still in good working order but you simply don't use it any longer. Why not recycle it to someone else who will use it? The club will be setting up an area at the Fall Feast to bring stuff to sell or trade. Get rid of some things and replace them with something else.....quad, boat, guns, scopes, binoculars, knives, clothes, tents, fishing rods, bbq's, lanterns, stoves, propane tanks, coolers, ammo etc. clear out some room

for new stuff. Ralph Willits will be in charge; he asks that you bring a table and clearly mark each item with your name and price. Ralph will collect monies for you if you step away to shoot or eat the BBQ.

Road Kill Grill will provide the food.....but don't forget this fall Chuck Frommer owner of Road Kill Grill and John Mulls Meats can butcher you deer, elk, antelope or any big game animal. They make some awesome spice sticks and sausage too. They are located at 3730 Thom Blvd near Decatur and Gowan. 645-1200, they will open up to accept your game animal day or night, just call or knock on the door someone is there to get your animal in the cooler after a long drive back to town.

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



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Presidents Message.....Sean Cassidy

As we start the final quarter of the year I want to start bringing to everyone's attention that a new year is right around the corner. With this we will be looking to fill some Board of Directors positions...

As has been the policy this year the monthly board meetings held the first Tuesday of the month are open to all club members whether you're on the board or not and we have had a great attendance and support for the board meeting thus far. If you are at all interested in serving on the LVWW board for the upcoming year I would like to invite you to our next board meeting the first Tuesday on Oct 6pm at Charlies Lakeside. We would love to have you and it helps keep need blood and ideas flowing through the

club.

This year has been a banner year for new events and members so please if you think you can help by being a part of the board we would love to have you.

As September kicks off the thought of our next major club function the annual Fall Feast and pig roast. Mark your calendars for this Saturday and the annual pig out at the County Shooting Park. Be ready for a full day of shooting and eating.

August was the annual kids luncheon was a huge success. Thanks to all the member who donated to the added cause the school took home an additional \$400 plus for this years trip and archery supplies.

Randy Weaver great job with the Striper Derby... 20 fishermen... and one winner you.... Thanks for a great event.

Enjoy the Summer....

Sincerely, Sean Cassidy

LVWW President 2015

Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn Last Project for the 2015 Season!

What: Tank Painting & Volunteer BBQ

When: Sat., Sept. 19, 2015, at 8 a.m.

Where: 700 Waterfowl Road, Overton, NV, 89040

Take I-15 North to North Moapa Valley Road, Exit 93

Follow North Moapa Valley Road and NV-169 to Waterfowl Road

What to Wear: Clothes you don't mind getting paint all over; work boots; work gloves a hat; and sun protection

What to Bring: Paint roller and roller tray; Easy Up for shade; folding chairs; folding tables; your favorite soda or drink

The Fraternity will be supplying water for all the volunteers!

Questions or need more info? Contact the project coordinator Joe Mercer at (702) 497-5187.

The BBQ will follow immediately after the tanks are painted. Jelindo will be coordinating the BBQ. Thank you Jelindo!

RSVP: If you are planning to attend please email Brett Jefferson at bkjefferson@tristateltd.com or call him at (775) 830-5848 to RSVP so we know how many to plan for the project and how many steaks to purchase for the grill!

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you there, and as always we appreciate what all of our volunteers do for our bighorn sheep and wildlife!

The LVWW 25th Annual Banquet

The date has been set for February 27th 2016, this will be a BIG deal as it is our Silver Anniversary! How many of you were around or members 5 years ago, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years plus? How many of you are ORIGINAL members from the very beginning? Ken Johnson can surely make that claim. I have found in the archives the meeting minutes from one of the very first meetings held on January 15th, 1991. Only Ken Johnson and Steve Carmichael are names I recognize and I've been around since 1993 myself. But interestingly I also found the membership roster dated December 18, 1991. Current members from this list of guys that have been here for 25 years include: Gary Bunker, Steve Carpenter, Mark Forsstrom, John Gorman, Ken Johnson (founder), George Marnell, Kyle Otto, Richard Pasquarello, Jim Pope, and Gordon Warren. Wow that's 10 guys that have been pretty active for the past 25 years! There were a few other recognizable names that have passed away over that time frame too.

Get yourselves ready as this year's Silver Anniversary should be a BIG party, Steve Linder is the chair this year and he is starting the planning early. With silver and 25 as the theme I expect great things like \$2500 cash drawings, \$25 dollar tickets, 25-06 gun for grabs, maybe even a Silver Pigeon shotgun, how about some silver coins?. The Club is in the best financial state it has ever been. Contact Steve if you want to help out with the biggest celebration for the club to date.

Tracy Truman the trapper is inquiring if there is interest from the club in learning more about trapping? I spent a morning with him last year setting traps and learned a lot. Tracy has talked to the group at lunch before but nothing beats hands on field experience. If there is interest he could do a 1/2 day field camp to learn the tricks of the trade. Maybe this could be an auction item for the banquet, a day in the field with a trapper... keep what you catch.

Michael Reese was re-appointed to the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB). however his re-appointment was not a sure thing even with his great track record and passion for the position. In fact had not a few LVWW members shown up in support of the vote at the Clark County Commission meeting Commissioner Chris G would have gotten her way and appointed two hand picked candidates. She made a very quick motion to appoint her candidates but luckily a little discussion was required and her motion did not pass. A couple votes later Mike was voted back on the board 6-1. Vikki Werner was the other candidate promoted by LVWW but she was not appointed at this time. We keep saying it over and over YOU HAVE TO GET INVOLVED AND SHOW UP TO THESE SORT OF MEETINGS OR YOU WILL HAVE NO HUNTING AND FISHING TO DO ANY MORE. You will only be able to talk about it. Please get involved!

Micheal Prince, club member, long time trap shooter and volunteer at Nellis Gun Club passed away last week from complications of pneumonia. Mike will be missed by all who knew him. I will update everyone when I know more.

Dave Famiglietti is the Nevada State Skeet Double Champion. I don't have any other details but Dave is currently leading the standings for Marksman of the Year. Don't shoot skeet against this guy for money. If I were a dove this month I'd stay clear of him as well. Congratulations Dave!

LVWW events there are no club events scheduled for October as it is the official hunting season month. If you would like to honcho an event contact warden Rod Maly. We are always looking for something fun each month, be it shooting or fishing. How about someone with a large warehouse hosting a BB gun shoot? could be done indoors either when it's HOT or Cold outside. Something simple, just an idea. Those of you that have a tag this year write a short recap of your hunt, see next page Ralph Willits provided a story about his recent antelope hunt. Snap a few pictures as well. They don't all have to be successful trophy shots, camp and the guys you went with are always good. We all like to hear how you did and if you're not much of a writer remember a picture is worth a 1000 words. I have a few tags this fall but get tired of reading my own stories, how about some from the rest of the club? Dove season is now.....got a story or a picture?

Is A Big Game Hunt A Success Without A Gut Pile? by Ralph Willits

There are numerous reasons we hunt. It's been debated extensively for most of the last century. Careers have been made just talking about the topic. Few can deny however that it has been part of our being since the dawn of time. If you didn't hunt or live off of the successes of those who did, you died. Today, to query the reasons we hunt can spur a variety of responses, just from the hunters.

I don't have a bunch of heads on the wall or meat in the freezer. I hunt because I cherish the outdoors and the challenges that come with it. No, not a camp spot on Mt. Charleston, but the real Nevada backroads. No pavement, no neon, no cell phones, no Ferguson.

When I have a tag, it forces me to get out and do what it takes to bring home some healthy God made nutrition for me and my family. Too often, countless excuses keep us in the city when only a tag in hand allows us a guilt free trek into the wilderness. But if I never drop the hammer or knock an arrow, I still find it a success.

Earlier this year, as has been customary since my first application applying on my own, I began to research what, when, how, and especially where. I grew up in Reno and know some pretty favorable Northern locals to bring home some freezer filler from dove and turkey, to deer and antelope. Southern Nevada: If it doesn't have curled horns – I'm out of the loop.

Enter Las Vegas Woods and Waters. I joined 3 years ago after the archery shoot at Sportsman's Warehouse. My family and I were welcomed with open arms. Thank you Woods and Waters for finding me. I realized in this concrete infused metropolis that LVWW is one place that I don't have to justify or defend what I do. It is also a place where a great bunch of my now friends are more than willing to help one another find that next spot to fill a creel or game bag.

Last spring I conferred with Duane La Duke who I knew to have a ranch north of Ely. Duane ensured me that a significant pronghorn population was in the area of his Cherry Creek Ranch. After years of rehab from a significant life changing injury, I thought it was time to try archery antelope again. The Nevada Department of Wildlife agreed and were nice enough to mail me a tag.

Prior to opening day, Duane had done his homework and assured me some nice bucks were calling Cherry Creek Home. On opening day I met Duane, his son Aaron, grandson Jake, and LVWW member Jim Baxter in Ely, after which we headed out to the ranch. A nice buck was seen before we left pavement, but a lack of cover and plenty of food and proximal water kept him unconcerned.

When we made it to the ranch, we found a heard of does and yearlings in the pasture on one side, and a nice solitary buck on the other. Just like our first sighting, this buck was surrounded by good food, water, and 100 yards that needed eliminating before being in range of even the most competent archer.

I watched the buck for two days, patterning his behavior from sun up to sundown. On day two, after the boy settled down for his afternoon nap in the center of a lush irrigated pasture, I set out to explore other promising

areas, including green spots seen on Google Earth and recommendations from the Department of Wildlife biologist in Ely.

I drove north to Lage's Station where it looked like the end zone at the Super Bowl. Instead of cameras, it was spotting scopes watching elk around the alfalfa fields at Goshute Lake. It was also the first weekend of the depredation archery elk hunt.



left: sage hens in the field top: old cabin at the ranch

The spotters told me of antelope that were skirting around the elk fence and sneaking in the gate. I was lead to believe it looked like the main exit after a concert. Problem was, to set up my blind I'd either have to do it on private property, or on Highway 93. I was also told they'd counted 17 trucks scouting the pastures just that morning. When I finally checked the perimeters myself, I found several antelope egresses; all old. Glassing the interior of the professionally manicured fields, I saw bucks that dreams are made of – all on private property; all 100 yards out of reach.

I moved on to check out some promising units north of Currie. Still no signs. I met another party who'd set up blinds and trail cameras on two guzzlers on the south side of the Dolly Varden Mountains. After running off one buck with a missed shot, all they saw was an elk and a coyote. It was time to return to the ranch and set up on a trail where I knew my old friend liked to have a special snack before bed. I assembled my blind and decoy at the perfect spot, then settled in to watch my quarry prepare for his last meal.



After an hour or so of waiting, I heard yelling from the old ranch house about 200 yards away. As Duane, Jim and the family had already departed, I feared it may have been one of the local Cherry Creek residents who were known for their aversion to the criminal justice system. Then two gun shots. Holly Crap! A poacher? A hit? From the safety of my concealment (nylon, not Kevlar) I glassed over to see what had happened, perhaps to be an informed witness. I then saw the shooter pick up a dead snake. I later spoke with a Cherry Creek Ranch neighbor (Ralph from Reno – go figure) who admitted his dog had stepped on a buzz tail and had to be told promptly to get off (the yelling) before the rattler was euthanized (the shooting). Oh, and you guessed it... no more antelope; gone; adios; bye-bye.

A few minutes later I was chasing my pop-up blind through the sage brush after a pre-thunder storm guest of wind. Gone; adios, bye-bye? I finally caught it. Thank god no witness.

Now here's my evaluation of whether it was a successful hunt or not:

Success? Oh hell ya! I was there. Coyotes – not sirens. Sage grouse – not pigeons. F-250s – not helicopters. Armed hunters – not armed felons. And some time to get to know Duane, Jim, Aaron and Jake, and even the history of the ranch.

Touching a piece of Nevada for a few days– real Nevada that God created and man may have barely altered; not obliterated. That to me is a successful hunt.

Is a big game hunt a success without a gut pile? Oh hell ya!

I know you can't see the nice buck in the photo above.....that's why you should hunt with a rifle, not a bow.

More pictures of the Rubv mtn pack trip, pristine lakes at high elevation, Neil Dille with a fish?



BUY—SELL— TRADE

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

Steve Linder has some great quality items for sale, great for the fall hunts. Badlands 4500 pack NEW with tags. \$250, Swarovski SLC 15x56 binoculars NEW, \$1700 and Leupold VX-III 8.5x25x50 Gold Ring Long Range rifle scope \$850. Contact Steve at 702 525-8911 or SKIA36@aol.com

Savage 30-06 Model 110 with 3x9 Simmons scope \$415 contact Neil Dille 702 234-7215

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.

Striper Fishing Recap at Lake Mead August 29th



We had a big group of some 16-17 Anglers show up for the last fishing event of the year. The instruction from honcho Randy Weaver was be at the dock by 0500. EVERYONE was on the dock at 0500 waiting for honcho Randy to show up, he made it minus any donuts or coffee for the group or the 3-4 fishing guides he had hired to help us out. 5 or 6 boats headed out for a HOT day of fishing. Mike Taylor and I loaded up with guides Johnny and Jack. According to the guides the action should start right as the sun hits the water. Well 30-40 minutes passed and no action. Then it happened a boil not far away. We struck fast and landed several fish all roughly the same size, when the action finally died down we had roughly 20 fish on the deck. All the boats pretty much stayed together and fished the same areas, with a notable exception, honcho Weaver was no where in sight. Once the

top water action ended we headed to deeper waters and started the jigging techniques, we picked up another 20-30 fish from two different locations but again Weaver was absent from the floatilla of boats. Per the rules we were to be back at the dock by 0900 for the weigh-in and cleaning of the fish. Ahhh now we find Weaver at the cleaning station with the heaviest bag at weigh in? I never saw into his bag to confirm that it was fish he was weighing or an anvil. When it was all done Randy Weaver was 1st with the biggest fish and again in the 2 biggest fish category. Larry Cusimano was second, Scott Akes 3rd, Mark Gallea and Brian Patterson tied for 4th. No one saw Weaver fish all morning yet he brings in the heaviest bag of fish? Something smells fishy about winning the event in which you are the honcho. All told my guess was 150-200 fish caught in 3 hours by 17 anglers, everyone got some nice fillets to take home. It was yet another great club event.

Above: Randy Weaver tipping the scales in his favor with Scott Akes

Our boat with hired guides produced 60-70 fish, Reiters boat of 5 anglers "un-guided" landed 3 fish. We fished near each other all morning. Moral: Knowledge is key to success.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVWW Marksman Angler Events

- September- Yuma Dove Hunt 3-4-5th (not a Marksman of the Year event)
Honcho Russ Johnson 271-0430
Fall Feast trap or sporting clays at CCSC 12th
Honcho Mike Reese and Cal Heinbach
- October- HUNTING SEASON no events scheduled, help a buddy on his hunt if you don't have one of your own.
- November: Silhouette Turkey Shoot at CCSC 14th
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
- December- 3 Gun Shoot location to be determined
Honcho Bob LePome 378-3373



In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Next Meeting Saturday Sept 22nd 5:30pm-9:00 pm at Government Center, Pueblo rm 500 S Grand Central Pkwy.

Please contact me with comments or articles you want in the GB.
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Last months luncheon the kids from Johnson Middle School stopped by to thank us for our support as we helped fund their trip to Nationals where they shot against 17,000 archers. It's feels good to help out our community and especially the youth.

Name this member with his first deer and get an extra raffle ticket at lunch.



Marksman of the Year Standings

2015 standings after 3 events

Dave Famiglietti	25 pts
Clayton Philipp	23 pts
Mike Reese	21 pts
Craig Wright	18 pts
Ralph Willits/Al Scholen	17 pts

Angler of the Year Standinags

2015 standings after 4 events

Larry Cusimano	32 pts
Mark Gallear	27 pts
Brian Patterson	25 pts
Ralph Willits	20 pts
Rod Maly	16 pts

"Be willing to make decisions. That's the most important quality in a good leader."
T. Boone Pickens

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“all we want to do is hunt, and fish and talk about it”

JOKES

A guy walked into a crowded bar, waving his unholstered pistol and yelled, "I have a .45 Colt with an eight shot clip and I want to know who's been sleeping with my wife." A voice from the back of the room called out, "You don't have enough ammo!"

Kind of sums up the two ideologies:

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton were walking down the street when they came to a homeless person. Trump gave the homeless... person his business card and told him to come to his office for a job. He then took \$20 out of his pocket and gave it to the homeless person.

Hillary was very impressed, so when they came to another homeless person, she decided to help. She walked over to the homeless person and gave him directions to the welfare office. She then reached into Trump 's pocket and got out \$20. She kept \$15 for her administrative fees and gave the homeless person \$5.00

Now, do you understand the difference between a Conservative and a Liberal Progressive.

After being married for 50 years,
I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 23-year-old girl.

Now ... I have a \$750,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 73-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman.

She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great ?

They really know how to solve an old guy's problems