

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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December 14th Lunch Program: Club Elections & Member Hunting Stories

December 10th 3 Gun Shoot **LAST MARKSMAN OF THE YEAR EVENT!**

Once a year we get to shoot a MACHINE GUN and this event is it. The format is shooting a semi-auto pistol, a semi-auto rifle and a fully-auto machine gun. Those of you new to the club are in for a treat, regardless of the Marksman of the Year standings it is always fun to shoot something you don't get to do everyday. Often the machine gun has been the deciding factor in the final standings.....can you hold it on target to empty a full magazine? Honcho Dave Famiglietti from New Frontier Armory will be supplying the guns. Details for the shoot will include...10rds with Glock pistol, 10rds with the M4 rifle and 20rds with the MP5 machine gun. Dave will allow shooting of the guns after the event for fun.....provide your own ammo for that, bring 9mm or 5.56/.223.



Dec 10th CCSC 100 yd range at the Training Center sign ups start at 8:30 am shooting to start 0900. Cost will be \$30 The Club will provide coffee, donuts, water, hot chocolate etc.

ICE FISHING AT CAVE LAKE Jan 28th **2017 FIRST ANGLER OF THE YEAR EVENT**



For the past several years the LVWW club has piggybacked our event to the Ely Rotary Club Sponsored Ice Fishing Derby. Our club event is free but if you want in on the chance to catch a tagged fish worth \$5,000 you must sign up for the official Rotary Club event. Sign up early and book your hotel rooms in Ely early as they sell out, if you think you may want to go book a room, just so you have a place to stay. Several of us leave on Friday and fish at Sunnyside then roll into Ely at 5-6pm attend the pre-fishing early sign up party at the Ely Convention Center 4:30-7:30pm then hit the ice early Saturday morning. Last year was the first time we had weather to deal with, it snowed most of the day last year but we all had a great time (note ice cycle bottom of vest). Our sponsored Boy Scout Troop #130 was on hand to cook breakfast out on the ice complete with hot coffee and hot chocolate. This really is a fun event. The Rotary Club has warming fires on the ice and they sell alcohol and food as well.

January 28th 8am-3pm entry fee is \$45 per person, after Jan 15th \$55 see entry form

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



Presidents Message

As 2016 comes to a close, I reflect on the incredible year it has been for LVWWC. The events, the competition, the friendships, the stories! I would like to thank the membership for their contributions in making LVWWC the successful organization that it is. So many people donate their time and efforts and often go unheralded, THANK YOU!!

I look forward to the New Year packed with new adventures, new friends, old friends, and memories that last a lifetime. It has been an Honor and a Pleasure to have been your president. May God bless you and your families and bring you all success and happiness in 2017.

Steve Linder

President 2016

December 24th Dan Perry Memorial Christmas FUBAR gathering

Don't forget the informal club gathering at Richardo's Mexican Grill corner of Flamingo/Decatur at noon on December 24th. Annual event to select the FUBAR of the Year along with sharing some holiday cheer with fellow club members. Merry Christmas to all.

Membership dues

January is the start of a new year and that means it's time to renew your membership. Annual dues are only \$25 so make sure you get current with our treasurer Mike Reese. Many members pay their dues when getting tickets for the Banquet in February. See the early bird ticket sales flyer, there is a line to include your membership dues on the form.

Banquet Committee Meetings

Dave Famiglietti has started to get a small group together to begin planning and discussions for the clubs biggest event of the year, our Banquet held in February, save the date Saturday February 25, 2017. If you have some ideas and want to become involved contact Banquet Chairman Dave at 702 539-2902.

Fall Hunt Adventures

Mark Transue: We hunted Echo Valley above the alfalfa fields. Caught him and his brood of about 20 does and fawns around 7:30 am on Oct. 19th just coming out of the fields. Was lucky enough to drive right up to him, and was I glad. His weight was 290lbs live. Was a great hunt with 2 good friends. Right: Club members on the Mexico pheasant hunt last month....looks like they were successful, no details of the hunt provided.





OPENING DAY DUCK

Rich Beasley

My brother, Doug, and I, had tried to get reservations for the opening day of ducks this year at Key Pittman, but as so often happens in Nevada, we didn't get drawn. Our backup plan, was Pahranaget. We had done some scouting of Pahranaget on the opening weekend of dove season, and we were considering hunting the middle marsh area. There was some water, but we didn't see many ducks on the warm September afternoon. The lower lake, which was full of water, was an option as well. We've hunted Pahranaget occasionally since the 80s, and it was usually a good hunt, especially on opening day when the lake was full.

Doug and I met at Bass Pro Shop at 3:15 am, thinking we would beat most of the Pahranaget hunters. When we got to the lower lake around 4:30, we saw a number of trucks parked along the lake's east side dirt road. We also saw several head lamps already at various locations on the lake, including on the far west side. We pulled onto the dirt road, and immediately saw two trucks with hunters getting

ready to head to the water. We went further down and parked. The full moon helped to light the lake, and we could make out the tules and the water just beyond. We decided to stay there and hunt the lower lake. After we were ready, we headed toward the water. It was a short walk through low brush and some grass, and we were at the tules. We quickly found a path to the water, and we were on the east side of an area we'd hunted numerous times in the past. I had about 10 teal and four mallard decoys, and Doug had about eight mallards and a single pintail decoy, which we set out, leaving a landing area between groups. The water wasn't very deep, and the mud on the bottom was relatively firm, making wading fairly easy. The full moon set in the west, and we still had about a half an hour to wait for shooting time.

All of the hunters on the lake behaved themselves, and the first shots were fired right about shooting time. Ducks were everywhere. Mostly teal, but a number of larger ducks were beginning to look for a safe place to land. We tried to lay off the marginal shots, but still missed fairly often. I told myself just to remember to lead them, and after that, the ducks began to fall. I had my limit within about 35 minutes, including three Greenwing Teal, two Cinnamon Teal, and two Shovelers. Doug was a little slower, but finished his limit in just a little over an hour, with six Teal and a beautiful Greenhead. We just stood and watched the ducks fly for the next 20 minutes, knowing we could have probably shot another limit each. A short walk later, and we were back at the truck. We were met by a U.S. Wildlife officer, who checked our licenses, shells, guns, and birds. Nice guy, and we talked with him for 20 minutes or so, until he went to check some other hunters.

Looking back, I was glad we didn't get reservations at Key Pittman. It was about a half hour closer, a much shorter hike to the water, and the shooting was as fast and furious as I've ever seen for a duck hunt. We can't wait for some cold weather up north, a good stiff wind, and we'll be back in that same spot waiting for the birds to come into our dekes.



Editor: Sounds and looks like a great time in the field.....now someone has to clean all those birds. Thanks for the story Rich.

Remember if you are planning a hunt for ducks or quail or rabbits or coyote calling or fishing, invite a new guy or old guy from the club. Trips to the field as usually more fun when shared and it's a good way to connect and meet a new hunting partner.

Marksman & Angler of the Year....

new scoring system for 2017

The desire to be the Club top Marksman or top Angler is getting more competitive. After all these years it's time to update the scoring for our events. We have always had a pretty fair ranking system for the top guys getting points but we were too generous in giving 5 points to each member that "showed" up to an event. This placed too much emphasis on attending the events and did not reward or separate those that scored well at the event. So a minor change to the scoring is to be implemented this year and is to be used by all Honchos of the events. The honcho of the event still has the discretion to decide the format and how his event will be set up and scores tallied. However these changes will affect how the results of the events are scored for yearlong standings.

The **NEW 2017** scoring system is as follows:

1 st place	10pts
2 nd place	9 pts
3 rd place	8 pts
4 th place	7 pts
5 th place	6 pts
6 th place	5 pts
7 th place	4 pts
8 th place	3 pts
9 th place	2 pts
10 th place on	1 pt each

Old scoring system:

10 pts
9 pts
8 pts
7 pts
6 pts
all others 5 pts each



Tie scores at events will be decided by "high gun" rules. For example: if 3 people tie for 5th place they DO NOT all receive 6 pts. No 6th or 7th place will be awarded. Rather the point total for those 3 places is 15. (6+5+4=15) the total (15) is then divided by the number of ties (3) so each would receive 5 pts. AGAIN no 6th or 7th place points would be awarded, 8th place would still receive 3 pts.

All-Around standings will be a combination of the Marksman of the Year points + the Angler of the Year points for each individuals TOTAL ALL AROUND score for events for that calendar year. The honcho of each event is responsible for getting the scores of his event to the Warden, Secretary and/or GameBag editor to ensure accurate accounting of the scores for the year.

This new scoring system will eliminate the possibility of the "best shower-upper" guy getting 5 pts each time he attends an event and potentially besting someone whom placed high at each event yet may have missed an event or two during the course of the year.

Also more attention will be paid to range safety at the shooting events and safety in general at all events. Range safety is paramount at all shooting events. An additional range safety officer (RSO) will be assigned to help the honcho monitor and keep the range safe at events. We have been fortunate in 26 years we have not had any accidents at our events and we want to keep it that way. The board has discussed hiring an appointed RSO from Clark County for our events, estimated cost is \$45-\$60 per event. Everyone at events is responsible to keep the event safe and ANYONE can call a cease fire or stop the action if they see something that appears unsafe. At no time should anyone be at the tables handling guns or ammunition during a cease fire when others are down range. One warning will be given and after that you will be asked to leave the event, surrender your event fees and possibly not allowed to attend any more events. Period.

Like Don Turner says, "Safety is an attitude, ---attitude is everything."



**2017 ELY ROTARY CLUB
ICE FISHING DERBY
JANUARY 28, 2017
8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. PST
CAVE LAKE STATE PARK**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EMAIL elyrotary@gmail.com OR CALL DALE DERBIDGE (775) 289-5686**

Application Number: _____

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
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Date of Birth: _____
If under Age 12: Age: _____ Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone Number: _____

Early Entry Fee: \$ 45.00

VIP Fee: \$20.00

After January 15th: \$55.00

Entry Fee Paid: Cash _____

Check No. _____

Make checks payable to:

Ely Rotary Club

Mail to:

Ely Rotary Club P.O. Box 151827 Ely, Nevada 89315

By entering this contest, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to follow and comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and official contest rules.

RELEASE OF CLAIMS

For and in consideration of being allowed to participate in the ELY ROTARY CLUB ICE FISHING DERBY being undertaken at Cave Lake State Park, White Pine County, State of Nevada, and further realizing that I am participating in an activity for which I may be injured, I on behalf of myself, my heirs, and assigns, do hereby release and forever discharge the ELY ROTARY CLUB and it's principals, agents, representatives, and insurance carriers, if any, from any and all rights, claims demands, damages, or causes of action, of any kind, known or unknown, existing or arising in the future, resulting from any participation in the above described activities which injuries and/or death may arise in the future from an accident which may occur in connection with the above activities.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Participant _____



Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant
Is under 18 years of age.

VIP Option: Every Paid entrant in the derby is eligible for the \$5000.00 Grand Prize, simply by catching a tagged fish. For \$20.00 more, an entrant can purchase a VIP bracelet. If that entrant catches a tagged fish, he/she is then eligible for the Grand Prize and a separate VIP Prize. The winner of the VIP drawing has a choice of a \$2,500.00 gift certificate at Sportsworld, Ely Nevada, a Browning Gun Safe, or an optic package (usually a really nice scope and binoculars).

Keep a copy of the rules. Copy this Entry Form Submit a separate form for each Applicant

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/8458/Stories/2017-rotary-club-of-ely-ice-fishing>

BUY – SELL - TRADE

Buyers & Sellers agree to obey all firearms laws and local regulations in all transactions and hold LVWW harmless.

Items for sale:

17' Aluminum Grumman Canoe with paddles, seats. \$500.00. Chest waders with boot feet, size 10, Cow skulls, assorted conditions (horned or no horns). One dozen Flambeau mallard decoys. One dozen field Canadian geese decoys (fold up kind). Flambeau I think. Most of a dozen cable trap snares. 2 New live catch traps. One rabbit/cat size, one rat/squirrel size. Ralph Willits (702) 423-7444 deerguyrw@embarmail.com

New Members: this past month, Tony Nuccio, Tim Harper and Jason Harper...welcome to the club, make sure to get your free hat at lunch for joining.

Scouting Troop 130 and the LVWW Club

Want to be a scout? LVWW Boy Scout and Venturing Crew – Boys and Girls ages 11-21 welcome. Meet Thursdays from 6:30-8pm call Joe Luby at 702 290-9590 or scout master Bill Rochel'eau at 209 480-7835. Troop 130 is the club's very own charter, scouting embodies all the things the club is about; hunting, fishing, outdoor skills, friendships and getting youth involved in these pursuits.

3 Gun Shoot Results



Dave Famiglietti was honcho again for a very well run and organized event. 17 shooters took the line shooting pistol, rifle and machine gun. The weather was picture perfect. Alan Stone and Ralph Willits were there to establish who would be the 2016 Marksman of the Year...in the end neither one of them placed in the top 5 shooters so the standings did not change. Mark Gallear was the top shooter earning him 10 pts and the LVWW coin for the shoot. Dan Zelna was 2nd, Larry Cusimano 3rd, Randal Snyder 4th and Steve Linder got the 5th slot. Lewis Class money was paid out to six shooters; Gallear, Zelna, Cusimano, Turner, Willits and Threadgill. This was the last Marksman of the Year event for 2016. If you want to be in the running for the best shooter in the

club come out to the events and shoot your best. Some guys are good with a shotgun, some with a rifle, some a pistol but to win you need to shoot well with all of those along with a bow and arrow and black powder rifle as well. Not much opportunity to practice with a machine gun but get out and shoot to win.

Lou DeGregorio Africa: -- a couple photo's from my July hunt. We hunted at the Thuru Lodge in Kalahari desert which is part of the Nama Karoo Biom & Karoo mountains. This is in Northern Cape of South Africa. 9 hunters with 48 down. My photo is a big stallion Zebra and Rowland Award Steenbok.

Animals taken: Buffalo-Eland-Zebra-Kudu-Lechwe-Sable-Roan-Warthog-Gemsbok & Blue wildebeest.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVWW Marksman Angler Events

- December- 3 Gun Shoot (rifle, pistol, machine gun) at CCSC 10th
 Honcho Dave Famiglietti 702 539-2902
 FUBAR Holiday gathering **DECEMBER 24th noon**
 Richardo's Mexican Grill Flamingo/Decatur
- January- Ice Fishing Cave Lake 28th
 Honcho Neil Dille 702 234-7215
 Book Ely hotel rooms early as they fill up fast
- February- **LVWW BANQUET!!!! Feb 25th**
 South Point Hotel & Casino
- March- Sunnyside Spring Fishing 11th
 Honcho Brian Patterson 702 715-2020



Stories or photos Contact GameBag
 Editor Brian Patterson 702 715-2020

In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Next Meeting Tuesday, Feb 7th 5:30pm-9:00 pm at Government Center, ODC1 room, 500 S Grand Central Pkwy.

This meeting will discuss big game seasons and regulations, please show up.



Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

Marksman of the Year
 2016 standings after 8/8 events

Ralph Willits	58 pts
Alan Stone	57 pts
Larry Cusimano	46 pts
Mike Lussier	40 pts
Mike Reese	36 pts

Angler of the Year
 2016 standings after 4/4 events

Larry Cusimano	34 pts
Steve Linder	29 pts
Ralph Willits	26 pts
Brian Patterson	25 pts
(Tie) Ghali & Maly	21 pts

All Around
 2016 Standings after 12 events

Ralph Willits	84 pts
Larry Cusimano	80 pts
Alan Stone	62 pts
Steve Linder	55 pts
Mark Gallear	48 pts

"It's how you deal with failure that determines how you achieve success"
 Charlotte Whitton

The GameBag

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Thanks for your service

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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Name: _____ Amount Due with application \$25

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Payment: Check: _____ Cash _____ Visa _____ MC _____

Acct. No. _____ Expires: _____ CIP: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

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

Jokes

December 10th Lunch meeting attendance raffle.

The past few years the club has included a special raffle drawing at the December lunch. For each lunch you attend throughout the year you get a ticket in the barrel to win one of (5) \$100 Sportsman's Warehouse gift cards. For example if you made it to 8 lunches throughout the year in 2016 you have 8 chances in the barrel. Mike Reese has been keeping accurate attendance records at the door all year long. So even if you haven't been to lunch all year show up this month (December 10th) and you will have at least 1 ticket/chance in the barrel. Must be present to win....so if you have been at lunch 10 times this year but miss this month your name will NOT be in the barrel.....good luck.

Dan Perry Memorial Christmas Eve gathering and FUBAR selection

Early member Dan Perry was honcho for several events each year and each of Dan's events was a "Big Time". It seems each event had a story, something a member may have been too embarrassed to repeat about themselves, but Dan would always make sure the story was remembered. What better way than to honor that person and his story than with the annual FUBAR Award. Another time honored tradition of the club is to meet on Christmas Eve each year at Richardo's Mexican Grill at Flamingo/Decatur. The group meets every Christmas Eve to wish each other a Merry Christmas, have a drink or two, maybe some lunch and to hear the years past stories and select the FUBAR winner for the year. The past few years when no FUBAR has been selected we still have met and raised a toast of Jack Daniels in Dan Perry's honor. Everyone is welcome to join us this year on **Saturday December 24th at noon at Richardo's** to bring back the FUBAR award, have a toast to Dan and wish each other a Merry Christmas.

Listed below are the past winners of the award. The award has not been presented since 2008 even though there have been some good candidates. Shooting the ground 20 feet in front of you or losing your gun on a sheep hunt (Neil Dille) or shooting the ram rod down range at the black powder shoot (Ralph Willits and John Gorman).

FUBAR

2016

2009-2015 no award given

2008 Gordon Warren

2007 Dennis Rusk

2006 Jeff Anderson

2005 Kerry Miller

2004 Neil Dille

2003 Steve Reiter

2002 ?unknown?

2001 Dan Perry

2000 Mike Taylor (the only TWO TIME WINNER, so far)

1999 Jim Pope

1998 Mike Taylor

1997 Russ Swain

1996 John Longhurst

1995 Mike Britt

1994 Joe Hanley

1993 Randy Tuggle

1992 Kirk Meyer

1991 Doug Young



This is your club to make it as you wish, after the Board had elected to move the FUBAR celebration to Friday 23rd many voiced their concern going away from tradition and the date was corrected to Dec 24th!!!!!!