

*Las Vegas Woods and Waters*  
*2016 Celebrating 25 Years Since 1991*  
**GAMEBAG**  
*"all we want to do is hunt and fish and talk about it"*



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**June 8th Lunch Program: Pro Bass Fisherman Aaron Heath**

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## Black Powder Shoot June 11<sup>th</sup> CCSC

Two Marksman of the Year events are scheduled for this month. Smoke poles are the first weapon, Honcho Brian Patterson is once again putting together a competition to test your skills. Last year we had 27 shooters and scores ranged from a low of 9 to a high of 89 out of a possible 100.

Location: CCSC training center 100 yd range. Sign ups 7:30am shooting to start at 8:00am The Club will provide coffee and donuts. Cost will be \$20 with Lewis Class prizes awarded to club members only. The Club provides shooting supplies for .50 cal only if you have another caliber you must bring your own supplies. Not everyone has a black powder gun so sharing of guns is expected. Don't own a smoke gun don't worry, come out and learn a little about black powder by shooting a friends gun. High scores have often come from those shooting someone else's gun. The number of shooters and guns available will dictate the format, how many shots and amount of practice rounds allowed, I anticipate shooting at least 10 rounds in the event. We will shoot 50 and 100 yards. Remember OPEN SIGHTS only, no scoped rifles (just like the NV muzzleloader hunting regulations).

## 22 Rifle Silhouette Shoot June 18<sup>th</sup> CCSC



It is that time of year again to blast some silhouettes. We'll have a rifle silhouette shoot at the Clark County Shooting Complex on June 18, 2016. Set up will begin at 0700 hrs, registration at 0800 hrs and first shooting at 0830 hrs. Fee will be \$20.00 per shooter with Lewis Class prizes awarded to members. I try to change the course of fire frequently so the shoot is always a challenge. This time we are limiting the number of rounds shot. The course of fire this shoot will be 5 rams at 100 yards, 5 turkeys at 75 yards, 5 javelina at 50 yards and 5 chickens at 25 yards. Shooters will have 20 rounds of .22 LR ammo (hint, one round per animal). To allow those who have small capacity magazines (size is everything), we'll shoot 10 rounds at 10 targets in 60 seconds, reload

magazines and shoot the remaining 10 targets in 60 seconds. Targets may be shot in any order at any distance. The objective is to knock down all 20 animals. Only knocked down animals count. To save damage to the targets .22 LR ammo only. Any type of sights are permitted. A \$5.00 challenge fee will allow you to reshoot your targets with your last score as the score of record. Hot drinks, water and snacks will be provided. Please bring ear and eye protection, and practice safe gun handling! This is a Marksmanship of the Year event.

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



## Presidents Message:

I would like to thank Rod Maly, Mark Gallear and Larry Cusimano for a spectacular outing at Panguitch Lake. Almost 40 members competing, great fishing (Bad Weather), tall tales, exciting Poker and fantastic stories (Lies). Congratulations to John Zambetti the "Size Matters" winner.

If you have the opportunity, please support the banquets put on by the Conservation groups here in Nevada, you make a difference. Our Second Amendment rights are constantly politically challenged, please take a little time to learn the issues and support our members

who fight for them.

Our Give Back committee has elected to donate to the Las Vegas Claybreakers, an organization that reflects the spirit of LVWWC. They offer Firearm safety training and support youth shooting

June events are a Black Powder Rifle Shoot and The Rifle Silhouette Shoot. Both are at Clark County Shooting Park. Come on out and enjoy the fun.

Steve Linder  
President 2016



Gordon Warren with a prize from a recent trip to Africa.....a picture is worth 1000 words but I'd like to hear some stories. Either an article for the GameBag or speaker at an upcoming lunch.

## NV Big game Tag results have been posted

Who got lucky? Who will have some stories this fall, successful and un-successful. I believe in karma, help out building guzzlers, volunteering time at CWD testing, boating safety checks, showing up to a CAB meeting, teaching youngsters to shoot, honchoing an event for the club. All good deeds that will be rewarded with a tag in the draw. Those that step up and help get rewarded...unless your name is Mike Reese. I think he has done everything on the previous list this year yet he was not lucky in the draw. Were you lucky and drew a tag, perhaps Mike can be your camp cook! Another opportunity to get some good karma on his side for next year.

Several club members drew tags this year, here are a few: Neil Dille deer/cow elk in 231, Paul Dixon deer 231 antelope 221 elk 221, Julius Fortuna antelope 141, Mark Forsstrom deer 101, Dave Famiglietti cow elk 161, Mark Gallear deer elk antelope, Joe Luby antelope 078 cow elk 061, Brian Patterson antelope 041, Steve Reiter deer 101 elk 072 both muzzle loader, Wes Snider deer 114, Nelson Stone elk 221, and Joe Wyson deer and cow elk 221. These are just a few of the guys I've talked to or saw their names on line. And have some fun in the process. It's always more fun if you have someone to share the hunt. If you didn't draw but want to get out this fall try contacting someone who has a tag and offer to help out around camp. Some guys have multiple tags, some just one....all will have an opportunity to get out this fall and make some memories of your own. See the short article Making Pearls, it says it all. You only have so many hunting season in your life time I encourage you to not let "life" get in the way of enjoying as many as you can!

## The Most Miserable “Good Time” Ever



It had all the makings of a disaster. The Panguitch Lake “Size Matters” fishing tournament featured 70 mph winds on Friday, foot tall whitecaps on Saturday (Tournament Day), I didn’t catch a fish, a twenty mile trip to grab a beer at a bar that turned out to be closed, a plethora of second highest hands at the poker game, and the water to my motor home was frozen solid on Sunday morning. Yet, I think that all 30 or so of us who made the trip had one of the best times ever!

I ended up on a boat with Neil Dille, Tracy DeFonte and Randy Tuggle but not a drop of alcohol. We spent a majority of the time laughing at ourselves and at each other as we fought the windy, cold and wet conditions. The wind was probably 30mph with gusts

considerably higher. A grown man could stand upright in it (If he were chained to a tree), but there were no trees on the lake. No trees on the boat, either.

Armed with every “secret weapon” available to lure rainbows and relying upon a combined 234 years of trout fishing experience we should have been unbeatable. But, in the end, we had to fall back on our combined 234 years of excuses for why we didn’t catch anything. Okay, Tracy did boat one that he claimed was a rainbow, but I’m not sure that there is a rainbow subspecies in the guppy family.

As the wind speed increased, more and more boats gave it up, but our dedication and determination to endure any hardship kept us out longer than just about anyone. This could also be due to finding ourselves about two miles downwind of the boat dock when we decided to go in.

Then it was on to the weigh-in where we had no fish to weigh and, after changing into dry clothes, we were off to Brianhead to the bar that was closed. Are we having a good time or what!

That afternoon we all rendezvoused at Mark Gailear’s awesome cabin just outside of Duck Creek. The wind was calm, the steaks were tender, delicious and grilled just right, the bar was open and we all had stories and lies to swap about our morning on the lake. We dined on the covered deck while watching local mule deer come in to the feeder in Mark’s backyard.

Honcho Rod Maly handed out awards to the winners and thanked all his helpers and we retired to the great room for more drinks and to play some Texas Hold’em. I soon found myself in the “looser’s lounge” back out on the deck where, happily, the bar was still open. The rest of the evening was spent relaxing with good conversation among good friends.

The great job by Rod, Mark, Larry Cusimano, Mike Reese and others more than made up for the ridiculous weather. Many thanks guys. Already looking forward to next year! Mike Taylor



Mark Gallear fighting the waves



bundled up guys at the weigh in after getting blown off the lake





Part of the gang at the steak dinner



first place winner John Zambetti with his coin



Weigh in at the boat ramp lies a plenty



George Marnell, Chris Calleri & Mike Taylor at the poker table.



Rough water, the Reese boys hanging in there. member ?



Honcho Rod Maly with biggest fish catcher, non-member ?



## BIOLOGIST'S CORNER

by Kevin Hurley, Conservation Director  
Wild Sheep Foundation

# Making Pearls

**W**e all know that life is made up of a series of events, through time. Some events are memorable, some are very forgettable; that's life! Years ago, a friend of mine in Arizona [thanks SAM!] shared her view that life was like a pearl necklace, and every experience we go through, whether irritant or not, formed the basis for a pearl. Obviously, oysters, clams and other mollusks need something to penetrate their system; in response, they overlay secretions, to isolate that stimulus.

As I write this column on March 7th, I have just returned to Bozeman from the WSAF Alberta annual convention/fundraiser in Red Deer, another very successful weekend for WSAF! Our friend Shane Mahoney gave two very profound speeches during the WSAF event. In the last 48 hours, I've thought a great deal about some of the pearls I've had the good fortune to be the recipient of thus far in life.

When I think back about my biologist colleagues and friends, memories flood my mind. From the first black bear den I ever crawled into with a grad school buddy, to the first mountain goat I ever dander (point in fact, the first-ever mountain goat radio-collared in Wyoming!) with a Wyoming game warden I've been friends with for 34+ years, those memories are as fresh as yesterday.

Biologists, wardens and career professionals put so much of their heart, soul, time and energy into the wildlife resource they study, manage and hunt, it's almost

beyond description. I vividly recall spotlighting for black-footed ferrets all night long with some colleagues after we had spent all day doing deer captures and age/sex classification surveys, with some "cold ones" thrown into the mix. We thought nothing of tracking our time or clocking in; we did it for the adventure, and were rewarded after 4:00 in the morning when our spotlight flashed on a green pair of eyes as a ferret poked its head above its burrow.

Banding waterfowl, trapping and working grizzly bears, being on the

crest of a ridge you wondered if you could reach, glassing with buddies till the light fades, waking up on that same ridge at first light the next morning, glassing again till your eyes hurt. Finding that forgotten, mangled granola bar in the bottom of your pack, thanking the Almighty for that ziplock bag of TP (or, as my friend Ron always said, "mountain money"!)

Laughing till you hurt, sleeping in the oddest places and positions, giggling when you're pinned down by a laser-focused pair of eyes on you, knowing how badly you need to pee,

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wrong end of a catch-pole with one very ticked-off mountain lion coming out of an immobilization, drive-net captures for pronghorn, crawling into a Clover trap to release a pair of mule deer does, jumping to safety while releasing a newly-collared cow elk, the list goes on and on in my mind. Every one of those experiences was a pearl, and I've cultured those, over the years and through the decades.

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bar you don't want to move—even an eyelash. Trying to hold back as you're at full draw with a bow and a bull elk in front of you, or fearing the rambling in your stomach from last night's freeze-dried whatever will spook your quarry.

It's probably not too surprising (and some may think a bit unhealthy), but many of the people I consider close and lifelong friends are biologists. I've gotten to work with over the last almost 40 years. We've worked hard, laughed together on wild turkey and feral hog hunts in Texas, cried together on steep mountain slopes in Wyoming and Alaska, high-



lived and hugged over each other's accomplishments from Mexico to the Yukon turning the last sheep loose from the drop-net.

Like many of you, I've lost close friends and colleagues, hunting buddies and wildlife professionals, some of them, way too soon. I will remember them, their accomplishments, our accomplishments together, the fun times we've shared, the heartaches and headaches we've endured, the crests we've reached.

We are all making pearls, making memories, many of them germinated with some facet of the wild sheep world we live in and work so hard for.

Like a grain of sand, keep polishing those memories, culturing those pearls. Help a young boy or girl get started making their own memories. Like the bumper sticker says, "...hunt with your kids, rather than for them..."



Keep polishing those pearls, keep adding them to your lifelong pearl necklace, and when you cherish them, enjoy how those memories spring back to life. WS



## BUY – SELL - TRADE

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

Cabela's Seclusion Outfitter camo backpack for day hunts w/ hydration bladder pocket, removable clam shell outer pack, utility belt accessory connections. Great pack almost new used only a few times. \$60 Redhead Super Fanny pack with shoulder straps for added support to carry bigger loads. \$20 ATV saddle bags (2). faded but still work well Velcro straps plus zipper closure. \$10 also have 2 propane tank lantern trees to run multiple items from one propane tank \$10each. Contact Brian Patterson 702 715-2020.

**New Members:** John Courtney Sr and John Courtney Jr, Mark Transue, & John Yoxen.

Welcome to the club make sure president Steve Linder 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.

### Scouting and 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.



Gordon Warren had that exciting story of killing a huge brown bear last May.....the mount is done and ready to scare the neighborhood kids and probably a few of the adults as well. Awesome mount!

We are always looking for photos and stories for the GameBag.....remember if you like to read about other members adventures they would like to read and see about yours. Send photos and stories to [admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org](mailto:admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org) so we can all enjoy your success. The long days of summer are here so no excuses send in some stories or photos of your camping and fishing adventures.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVWW Marksman Angler Events

- June- Black Powder Shoot at CCSC 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Honcho Brian Patterson 705-2020  
 Silhouette Rifle Shoot at CCSC 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
- July- Ruby Mtn horse pack in fishing trip 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Honcho Danny Riddle  
 LVWW Texas Hold'em Poker event at CCSC  
 Honcho Mike Taylor



Contact Brian Patterson 702 715-2020

## In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Next Meeting Tuesday June 21st 5:30pm-9:00 pm at Government Center, Pueblo rm 500 S Grand Central Pkwy.

This meeting will discuss Trapping and Fur Bearing seasons along with the use of 50 cal rifles.



## Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

### Marksman of the Year

2016 standings after 2 events

Mike Reese	17 pts
Richard Pabst	15 pts
Ralph Willits	14 pts
Alan Stone	14 pts
Joe Luby	13 pts

### Angler of the Year

2016 standings after 4 events

Larry Cusimano	34 pts
Steve Linder	29 pts
Ralph Willits	26 pts
Brian Patterson	25 pts
Tie Ghali/Maly	20 pts

**"Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They're just braver five minutes longer." Ronald Reagan**



### 2016 Officers

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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## Jokes

### A Deer Hunter's Question

**Come next deer hunting season.....a good question!**

**Looking forward to hunting season but I do have a question. If I shoot a buck, but I only have a doe tag, can I claim that the buck wasn't really a buck?**

**I mean ... maybe he'd always wanted to be a doe, but with no choice of his own he was born with the physical attributes of a male. And yet ... on the inside he'd always known he was truly a female.**

**I'm just wondering if the game warden will buy it, because society and the Supreme Court do.**