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



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August 9th Lunch Program: Doug Neilson NDOW

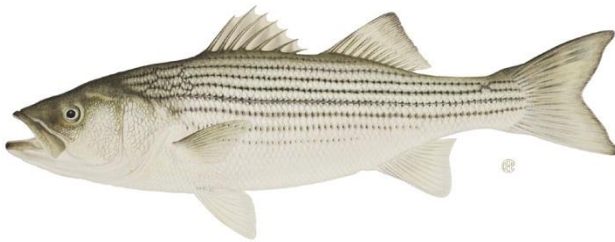
August is "Bring a Kid to Lunch Month" grab your kids, grandkids or neighborhood kids FREE lunch for all kids in attendance and they are in a special drawing, each will win a door prize! This only applies to those kids 18 and younger (I know some of you were looking for a loophole to get a free lunch).

Beat the Heat 2 Scout Troop 130 Cave Lake 11-13

The Scouts will be hosting the 2nd Annual Beat the Heat Fishing and Camping Extravaganza August 11-13 at Cave Lake.

Lake Meade Striper Fishing 12th LAST ANGLER OF THE YEAR EVENT for 2017

Last minute change in the Honcho.....Randy Weaver, the honcho for the past 10 plus years has some back pain issues and is unable to attend, but have no fear Rod Maly has stepped up to run the event this year. Thanks Rod.



Honcho: Rod Maly (O) 702-227-0220 (cell) 702-496-4017, rod@artencounter.com

Where/when: 5 AM, meet and depart 5:30am Boulder Launch, Tournament Time: Launch to 10AM.

Rules:

Points will be awarded on honor system, total number of fish

(Stripers only) caught, before 10AM. Most Stripers Caught will win the Event. To qualify, a fish must be safely landed inside the boat, witnessed by fellow fishermen. You may catch and release if you do not want to keep your catch. Fisherman must report their own results.

Individual Results can be reported to Rod at either the designated cleaning station, at Breakfast, or texted to Rod's cell and must be reported by noon to be eligible for scoring. Breakfast/lunch at the Fiesta Casino Café is planned after 11AM til ?. Winner to be announced at Noon.

All LVWW members MUST register with Rod No Later than noon on Friday August 11 to be eligible for this event.

Guide Boats: all available guide boats are full....there is a waiting list

Guided fishermen will **PREPAY** \$100, LVWW will pay Guide \$50 per fisherman. Rod **MUST** receive your \$100 payment no later than LVWW Lunch on Wednesday August 9th or you will lose your seat.

Private boats: Currently I have one private boat (Frank Maribelli) registered

Boat Rentals are available at the Lake Mead Marina: They have 5, 24' pontoon boats available to rent for \$300, each can easily handle 6 fishermen. LVWW will reimburse each registered fisherman \$50 toward the boat rental. Contact: Gail or John, Lake Mead Marina 702-293-1199 to reserve.

If you are fishing from a private boat: Each fisherman must still register with Rod prior to Noon on August 11. If you own a boat and have room for more fishermen please notify Rod at registration.



Next meeting Wednesday September 13th, noon at Charlie's Lakeside located at 8603 W. Sahara (Sahara/Durango) price \$20



Presidents Message

Tags are drawn, were you lucky this year? If not, the Texas "Hook and Bullet" with Honcho Julius Fortuna is the perfect tonic to remedy your lack of luck. See the Game Bag below for details.

For the lucky ones that drew tags, the fun begins with preparations for the upcoming hunts, always a great time of year for planning and preparing, scouting, sighting in the rifles/bows.

Aug 12th is our final Angler of the year event, Our Annual Striper Tournament at Lake Mead. Honcho Rod Maly has all the bases covered so come out early Saturday morning and slay some bass! It is a quick trip with lots of Striper action, we are done by 10am with a brunch afterward to tell fishing stories(lies). "Kingfish" Larry Cusimano is our leading Angler of the year bidding for 3 straight awards. He has so many event coins that he is going to make a belt out of them. Judging from how well Larry eats, he is going to need to win a lot of events!! :)

Our sponsored Boy Scout Troop #130, will be having a "Beat the Heat" fishing event at Cave Lake over the Aug. 11-13 weekend. Need a relaxing COOL weather fishing getaway in the mountains?

This months Lunch will feature our Annual "Bring a kid to Lunch" event. We will have a bunch of special door prizes and gifts for the kids, some of our Give Back Committee recipients, and Doug Nielsen from NDOW, the RJ Columnist.

Steve Linder President 2016 & 2017

Texas 'Hook n Bullet' Adventure

Honcho Julius Fortuna is putting together a trip to Texas for December 8-12, 2017.



Tired of not drawing a good quality hunt... how bout heading down to Del Rio, Texas with one of the best outfitters in the US during the peak of the whitetail rut for a hunting and fishing adventure that will bring more BANG for your buck then you will find anywhere! We will need at least 20 hunters on this (already have 9 tentative) to get this special price... very special adventure. We will be the only hunters on the place. This is a huge ranch with access to 2 other large free ranging ranches. Normally you pay \$6-7k for the chance to kill 160-170 bucks and although the average is 135-140 you have the chance at much bigger. This is an amazing place run by my old Trophy Hunter owner Rusty

and Lisa Hall whom I've known for 20 years. You all know me when I honcho an event...everything will be lined up, and organized and will more than meet your expectations. Since I once again did not draw, I'm very much looking forward to heading south for this grand adventure. Let me know what you think, if you are interested start sending me emails/deposits, because this will not be available for long! cheers! Julius Fortuna Mobile-(702) 250-4267 Julius.fortuna@philips.com

Details: hunt package cost is \$3,699 per person. Includes 1 trophy buck (ave buck 135-145 up to 170 class). Also 1 management buck, UNLIMITED wild boars and coyotes. 5 days first class accommodation with 3 home cooked meals per day. Deposit of \$1,250 required to book the hunt, full balance due by Nov 8, 2017. Package DOES NOT INCLUDE: Texas hunting license \$350, any exotics trophy animals you harvest, meat processing fees, or guided bass fishing at nearby Lake Amistad (10 lbars are caught regularly). Outfitter is Rusty Hall 801 389-5444 email rusty@offgridoutdoors.com check out the web site too. Honcho Julius Fortuna for more details. monstrmuly@aol.com 702 250-4267

Dueling Tree SHOOT RESULTS.....sort of.

by Ralph Willits

The GB editor was unable to get the results of these events included into the GameBag before the print deadline, Dueling Tree shoot and San Diego tuna fishing. Honcho Ralph Willits was kind enough to mail in the shoot results **PRIOR** to the event.

Ralph Willits returned to his winning ways after a significant drought. Each competitor paired against Mr. Willits was sent away, requiring him only one shot or two (at the most) to send them packing. As a result, in true Mike Reese fashion, he awarded himself the coin. As there was no significant competition (none at all to speak of) Ralph took home all of the Lewis Class money as well 10-1 points for Marksman of the Year.

Not to be out done, after the competition, Mr. Willits personally treated all paid members to steak and lobster and hosted bar at the Aria steak house (parking included).

It was disappointing that very few members attended. It was **June** 29th wasn't it?

Sportsman's News Pro Membership



I have promoted this Pro Membership to the club in the past. There is a drawing for a hunt every 10 days, that's 36 drawings a year to win a hunt or fishing trip or other hunting gear. Cost is only \$297 for 36 chances to win something awesome, that's just a little over \$8 bucks a drawing. Mike Deming runs the program and has been working hard to have great trips available, most valued at over \$10K. They have donated a membership to our banquet the past two years. Last month the membership was just over 550. These are better odds to win than drawing a deer tag here in Nevada. In fact several LVWW members have won big trips and other prizes. Gordon Warren won Alaska fishing trip for 2, Barclay Swan won WY elk hunt, Paul Harris won WY antelope hunt and a 6.5 Creedmoor rifle, Barclay Swan also won WY white tailed deer hunt, Cal Heinbach won a knife set, Brian Patterson won a knife set and rifle scope, and just last month Steve Linder won a Mexico deer hunt for this fall.

The membership has additional perks like getting a digital copy of Eastman's Hunting Journal, DVD's of all the hunts sent to you, discounts on guided hunts and a mailed copy of Sportsman's News plus other perks.

See below for the information and application process to become a Pro Member with Sportsman's News. Join up now at www.promembershipsweepstakes.com or www.sportsmansnews.com to find out all the details. LVWW members use Referral Code **MPB0001** when you sign up.

AUGUST LUNCH IS BRING A KID TO LUNCH MONTH

We have been doing this for several years now, the last chance before school starts up again in the fall. So bring your kids, grandkids, or the neighbor kid to lunch. No cost for the kids to eat. Remember our focus is to promote our interests to the youth of the community and what better way than to bring them to lunch so they can see first hand the camaraderie and fun of the group. Our guest speaker will be Doug Neilson with NDOW, always a good speaker with a topic of interest for the kids. Separate door prizes will be available to all the kids that show up and a guaranteed prize will be set up for each kid in attendance.



Our Give Back Committee has donated to several youth groups for the year; Silver State Clay Breakers, Johnson Middle School Archery program, NASP National Archery in Schools Program, 4-H Shooting Sports Program, and Scout Troop #130 to name a few. A couple of those groups may be represented again this year to discuss how our donations helped them and their organization. Last year a couple young men from the Silver State Clay Breakers spoke to our group. Seth and Mason pictured here have both excelled in the shot gun shooting sports. Seth far left, has substituted for the LVWW Club trap team several times this past year and he almost always out shoots us old guys.

SEPTEMBER IS FULL OF EVENTS

Dove Hunt in Yuma AZ Sept 1-3rd honcho Russ Johnson 702 271-0430

As dove season approaches I want to tie down a solid trip. That in mind here are the details:

Drive down to Yuma Arizona on Thursday 31st of Aug.

Hunt Friday (Sept 1st) and Saturday (Sept 2nd) Morning & Evening and Morning of the 3rd.

Reserve your rooms now!! All hotels are filling up quick since this is Labor Day weekend and opening week of Dove Season.

Hotel:

Holiday Inn Express

2044 South Avenue 3E

Yuma, AZ. 85365 Phone # 928/317-1400



I am going to rent a house this year close to the hotel. If you have a group of 3 to 6 this might be an option for you as well. There are a lot of short term rentals available so Google it if you are interested. I will be at the hotel in the mornings and afternoons to meet and caravan out to the fields.

Get your license online: <https://az.gov/azgfd/license/home.xhtml>

You pay by the day now - and don't forget the Dove stamp.

Last year we had a great hunt with most hunters getting their daily limit. We have scouted the territory and know the places to slay the birds so join us for the fun.

E-Mail Russ at russi@minntek.com or call 702-271-0430 with any questions/concerns.

Bring your passport if you want to go to Mexico. (20 minutes from the hotel).

Coyote Hunt at Cherry Creek Ranch 8-10th honcho Duane LaDuke 702 281-0687



This year's coyote hunt will be held at the Cherry Creek Ranch on Saturday Sept 9th. The ranch is located about 60 miles north of Ely, a map is attached at the end of the GameBag. The ranch is primitive to say the least, it consists of 640 acres of mostly grazing land. There is no land power, we use generators to power our trailers, and no running water for those of you that will be bringing up your trailers. You can bring a tent (snakes are out) or stay in Ely and drive out (about an hour drive). The best way to enjoy this event is to bring a trailer or hook up with someone

who is. I will be at the ranch starting Thursday so you can come up as early as Thursday. You should be at the ranch Friday so you can start your coyote hunt early Saturday morning, that's when we hear them raising hell just at the south end of the property.

You can hunt all day Saturday or after a morning hunt you can come back to the ranch where we will have a clay bird thrower set up for some trap shooting and Annie Oakley competition, and a fun long, long range target range with 200, 300, and 500 yard targets.

Saturday night we will build a camp fire and have steak, beans and potatoes for dinner (provided by the club). We don't have running water but we do have a pool table and poker tables for those who wish to lose some money. So bring your favorite coyote rifle, your shotgun and long, long range rifle and your favorite beverages and have some fun living like Jeremiah Johnson. I will be leaving the ranch on Monday, so you are welcome to stay until Monday morning. It's also dove season if the opportunity presents itself, don't forget your HIP number. **Please note: we have cattle and horses in the pasture areas and ask that your shooting direction be south and west away from that area of the ranch.**

Fall Feast and Iron Man Shoot September 16th at CCSC

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#2) 11357 N. Decatur Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89131
W-Th 11-9/Fri 11-5
S&S 8-5 (closed M&T)
(702)863-1528



Food Networks Guy Fieri Visits Us

The Fall Feast is one of two FREE meals provided by the club each year. As a member you and your family and guests are welcome to enjoy a great meal provided by **Road Kill Grill**....they do an awesome job each year. Food will be served at noon, right after the shoot. This is some great BBQ with all the side dishes and drinks. Come on out even if you don't shoot the event, the food is still free, relax on the patio in the shade and socialize.



Mike Reese is honcho for the shoot.

The event is on Saturday Sept 16th. The shoot will have sign ups starting at 8:30am, with the shoot going off promptly at 9:00am. The cost is \$40 per person which includes 98 targets (so bring plenty of shells). The shoot format is as follows:

wobble trap targets (25) – 5 stand targets, 5 each station (25) –
10 pair trap doubles (20) – 14 pair skeet doubles (28)
Brings lots of shells and a gun capable of shooting 2 shots!

5 shooters to a squad and you can pre register by emailing mikereese224@gmail.com don't worry if you don't have a 5 man squad Mike will pair you up with a group at sign up.

Hunting rules apply!!! Which means you can shoot either target first, fire 2 shots at the same Target, if you hit 2 targets with one shot you have bragging rights!

YOU CAN ONLY LOAD 2SHELLS IN YOUR GUN!!!! YOU ARE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED IF YOU LOAD 3 SHELLS! NO EXCUSES!!!

Wobble trap will be shot from the 20 yard line and you can fire two shots.

First and 2nd place in each event will get 2 points and 1 point respectively added onto their total score and all ties.

Lunch will be provided by Road Kill Grill and scorekeepers will be supplied by Silver State Claybreakers which is one of the youth groups we donate to each year.

This is a Marksman of the year event.



BUY – SELL - TRADE

Buyers & Sellers agree to obey all firearms laws and local regulations in all transactions and hold LVWW harmless. Hunting, Fishing, Camping gear.

Used Gun: Beretta 686 shot gun it has a single barrel for trap also over and under for skeet and sporting clays. gold trigger and engraved. adjustable stock plus 4 choke tubes and hard case. \$2100.00 contact Larry Cusimano (702 286 3295)

New Members: Cody Boor, Josh White...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 clubs very own charter, scouting embodies all the things the club is about; hunting, fishing, outdoor skills, friendships and getting youth involved in these pursuits.

Troop 130 News and next event: **Beat the HEAT 2**



The boys are all working on their Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge and getting ready for our 2nd Annual Beat the Heat Fishing and Camping Extravaganza at Cave Lake August 11-13. The Scouts will be hosting the 2nd Annual Beat the Heat Fishing and Camping Extravaganza **August 11-13 at Cave Lake**. We have reserved the group site and will attempt to occupy a few of the individual sites adjacent to it. We will be having several of our new scout families participating. C'mon up and meet your Scouts, get some fishing in, and relax away from the heat for a weekend in cool and comfortable Ely, Nevada.

In July, our Scouts presented the colors at a 51's home game. 112 degrees and the boys stood tall.

This was right after our combined units award ceremony and tailgate party. Our boys have acquitted themselves rather well recently. 12 rank advancements. 25 Merit Badges awarded. Smallest troop at Summer Camp on Mount Potosi and we won the Spirit Award for the second straight year. Troop Scoutmaster Bill Rocheleau was awarded the Scoutmaster Honor Staff. Casey Zielinski is a project away from Eagle.

Jordyn Rowlett is one Merit Badge and a project away from Eagle.

The Troop also manned a fireworks booth at the Terribles on Eastern and Warm Springs to raise funds for their activities.

LVWW Club should be very proud of Troop 130 and scout master Bill Rocheleau, these young men embody all that our club is about. They are a small tightknit group of young men that are learning outdoor skills and about life choices and values that will stick with them for life. Please support and encourage these youngsters and if possible meet them all at Cave Lake for a weekend of fun and relaxation. If you have a young kid or grandkid or even see a neighborhood kid tell them about scouting and get in touch with Bill. They would like to grow the troop and being a part of scouting will help your youngster grow as well.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVWW Marksman Angler Events

August- Lake Mead **Striper Fishing** 12th Boulder Launch ramp 5am
Honcho Rod Maly 702 496-4017

September- Yuma, AZ **Dove Hunt** 1st-3rd
Honcho Russ Johnson 702 271-0430
Cherry Creek **Coyote Hunt** 8-9-10th
Honcho Duane LaDuke 702 281-0687
Fall Feast & Sporting Clays Shoot at CCSC 16th
Honcho Mike Reese 702 400-6501

October- **.38 revolver shoot** at CCSC 14th
Honcho ???????? Alan Stone or no event?????



Stories or photos, contact GameBag
Editor Brian Patterson 702 715-2020

In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB)

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 19th 5:30pm-9:00 pm at Government Center, Pueblo room, 500 S Grand Central Pkwy. This meeting will discuss fishing regulations, please show up.



Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

Marksman of the Year
2017 standings after 4/9 events

Jeff Boatwright	22.5 pts
Mike Reese	18 pts
Larry Cussimano	17 pts
Philipps/Scholen	15.5 pts
Taylor/Willits	15 pts

Angler of the Year
2017 standings after 4/6 events

Larry Cusimano	32 pts
Steve Linder	29.5 pts
Magdi Ghali	18 pts
John Threadgill	16 pts
Patterson/Johnson	15 pts

All Around
2017 Standings after 8/15 events

Larry Cusimano	49 pts
Steve Linder	38 pts
Al Scholen	25.5 pts
Brian Patterson	23 pts
Jeff Boatwright	22.5 pts

"Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours"
Yogi Berra

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

Jokes

An Atheist Was Walking through the woods.

'What majestic trees! 'What powerful rivers! 'What beautiful animals! He said to himself.

Suddenly, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look And saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could along the path. He looked over his shoulder & saw that the bear was closing on himHe looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer And then He tripped and fell.

Rolling over to pick himself up, he found the bear was right on top of him Reaching towards him with its left paw And raising the right paw to strike ...

At that instant the Atheist cried out, 'Oh my God!' Time Stopped ... The bear frozeThe forest was silent. A bright light shone upon the man, And a voice came out of the sky ...

"You deny my existence for all these years, You teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?" "Am I to count you as a believer?" The atheist looked directly into the light

"It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now ... But perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?"

... A pause ... "Very well," said the voice ...

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed The bear dropped his right arm ... Brought both paws together ... Bowed his head & spoke...

"Lord, bless this food, for which I am about to receive. Amen."

A Wise Move:

A farmer named Clyde had a tractor accident. In court, the trucking company's fancy hot shot lawyer, was questioning Clyde. "Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'?" asked the lawyer.

Clyde responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite cow, Bessie, into the..."

"I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question, please. Did you, or did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?"

Clyde said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer behind the tractor and I was driving down the road..."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Your Honor, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Clyde's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite cow, Bessie".

Clyde thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite cow, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my John Deer Tractor right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurt real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans.

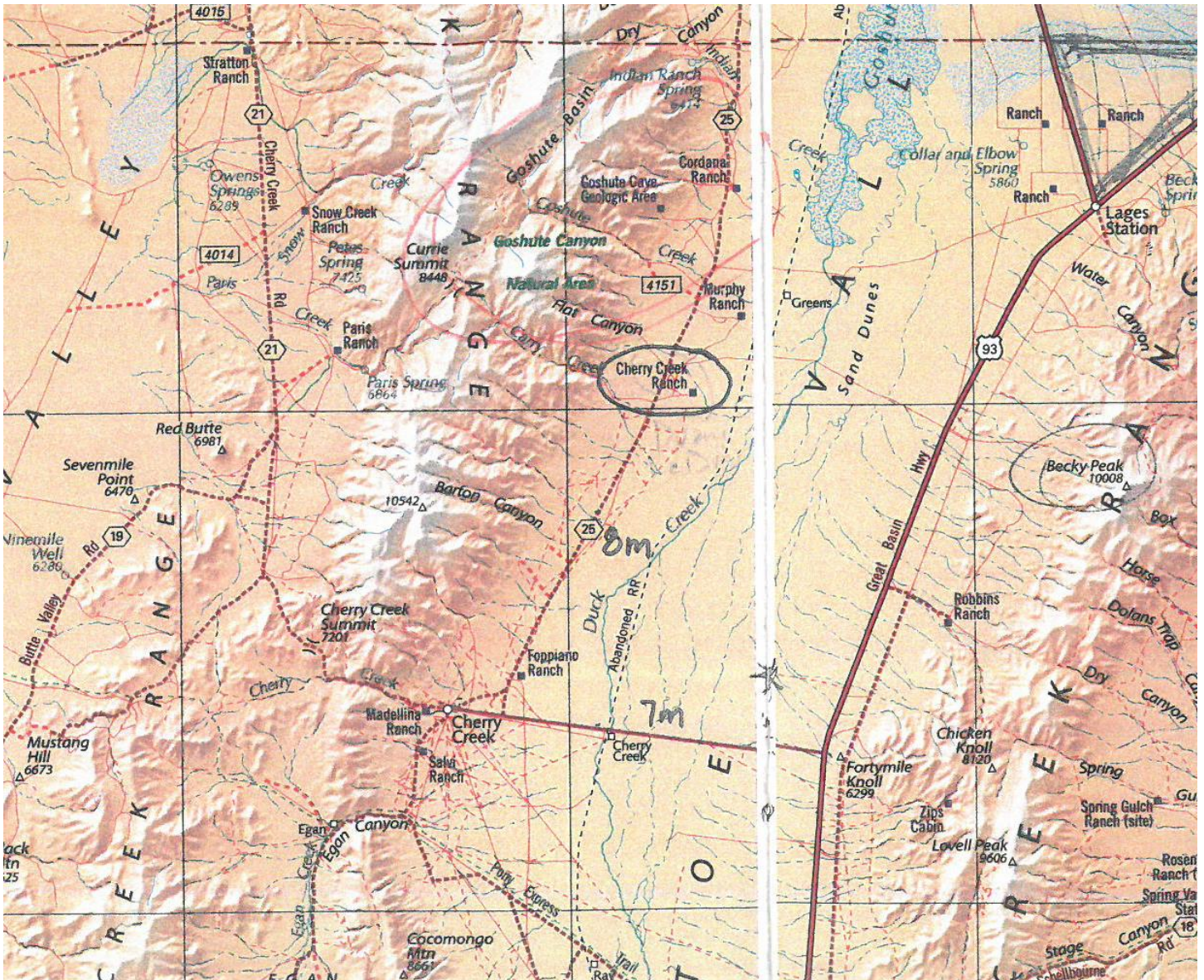
Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her fatal condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the Patrolman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, "How are you feeling?"

"Now tell me, what the HECK would you say?"

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Coyote hunt Cherry Creek Ranch Map Directions

Take Hwy 93 north out of Ely through McGill approximately 46 miles to the turn left (west) toward Cherry Creek, (White Pine Co road #21). Travel 7 miles then turn right (north) on the dirt road (White Pine Co road #25) for 8 miles to the ranch.



Cherry Creek Ranch is roughly 275 miles from Las Vegas. Ely is the closest location for supplies so make sure to stock up prior to heading to the ranch. No power or water and limited cell service at the ranch.

See next few pages for Trapper Education Day Aug 5....

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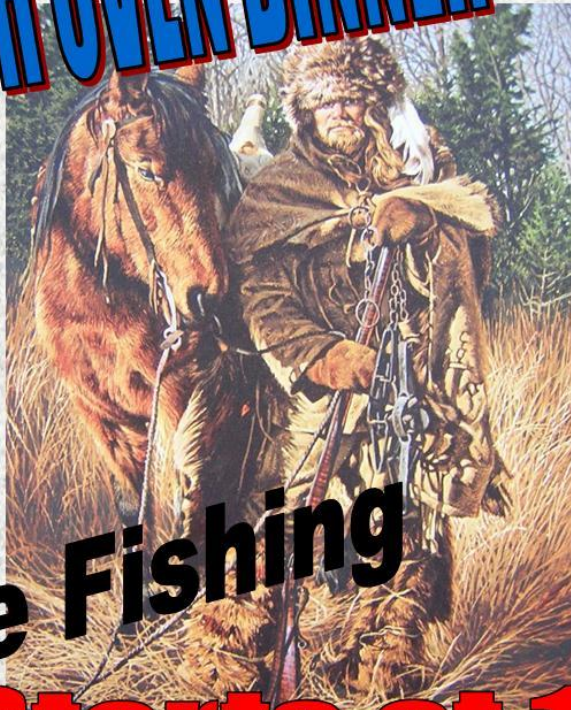


August 5, 2017

DUTCH OVEN DINNER

WHERE:

**PROSPECT SPRINGS RANCH
ON HARRIS SPRINGS ROAD IN
KYLE CANYON**



Free Fishing

This year we will have a raffle for a Ruger .204 with a Vortex Crossfire II 4 X 12 X 44 scope. This a great coyote gun! Also, a Yeti 65 cooler, custom engraved AR-15 lower receivers, a knife set, traps, equipment, gift certificates, ladies' gifts and much more. Please contact Tracy Truman @ tjamestruman@gmail.com to order your raffle tickets. Need not be present to win.

Admission is \$10.00 per person but free to NVTA and SCI members/family/friends

Starts at 1:00 p.m.

DEMO/PRESENTATION LIST



Scott Little is a state government trapper with many years of experience. His specialty is coyotes. When your job depends on stopping coyote predation, and removing specific coyotes, you acquire a knowledge of the animal that most others just can't match. Scott is also a first rate lure maker and has rubbed shoulders with many of the most famous lure makers in America. You won't find a more knowledgeable — or humble — coyote expert than Scott Little and we are grateful he has agreed to come and share a lifetime of coyote knowledge with us.



Joe Bennett is the East District Supervisor for USDA/APHIS and has been trapping coyotes for over 40 years, both for control work and as a private trapper. Joe is recognized among his peers as a preeminent trapper, employee and supervisor. He has done control work on bears, lions, and coyotes. Recently he was recognized with the 2016 Spalsbury Award, which is the highest award possible for USDA/APHIS employees and trappers. Joe was born in Arizona, trapped many years in California and has lived the past decade in Ely, Nevada.



Every year Don Noorda brings outstanding coyotes to the Fallon Fur Sale. He's passionate about trapping and catches his fair share of cats and coyotes in northern Nevada. Don is an ag teacher and enjoys taking his family on the trapline . . . And fishing.



Lance Stitzel, like Don Noorda, is a first class coyote trapper who likes to make trapping a family affair. He knows how to take coyotes in difficult conditions and in numbers. Trapping part time has forced Lance to develop the techniques and talents to take his share of coyotes.



Jed Rybak is a young gun who always makes an impressive catch of a high dollar, northern Nevada bobcats. This year was no different as Jed came close to catching that magical "100" spotted felines. Jed has a lot of energy and has worked hard to develop his trapping skills. We are excited to hear him share some of his secrets.

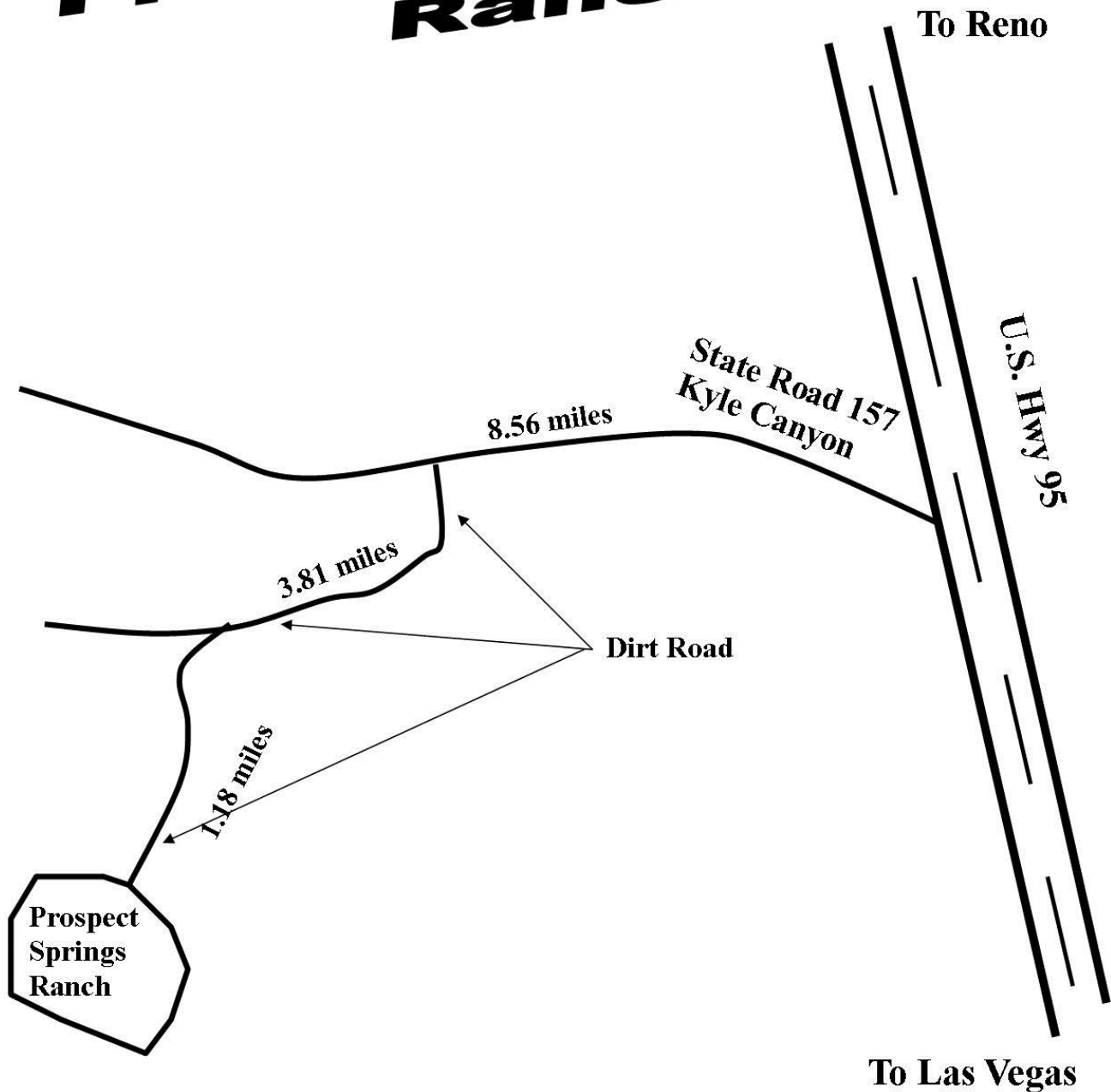


Bill Ilchik needs no introduction. A former government trapper, and now full time bobcat Specialist, Bill has done it all, in all kinds of terrain and all kinds of weather. The author of the popular book "Wild West Bobcat Trapping," Bill is a highly sought-after speaker at national, state and regional trapping events. He is a certified wolf trapper, and a mechanical genius. Our association is fortunate to have him in our group.



Joel Blakeslee is the glue that holds our association together. As its president, he is on the forefront of legislative and administrative changes to trapping. No one else has the background, experience or political savvy that Joel does and we are all indebted to him for his efforts to preserve trapping. Besides all of that, Joel is a first rate trapper and has trapped full-time, and has even travelled to Alaska to trap.

Map To Prospect Springs Ranch



BRING A CHAIR!!!