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## September 13th Lunch Program: no one identified at press time?

### Fall Feast and Iron Man Shoot Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at CCSC



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 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 event/shoot.

The event is on Saturday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. 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, 125-150 recommended). 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](mailto: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 (why you should bring additional shells).

First and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Clay Breakers which is one of the youth groups we donate to each year.

This is a Marksman of the year event.



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



## Presidents Message

**No message submitted by press time, I think Steve is out of town....hopefully family or hunting or fishing related and not work related.**

**Steve Linder President 2016 & 2017**

## August Bring a Kid to Lunch Speakers



The August lunch meeting was very well attended. Several kids and grandkids were in attendance and each one went home with a gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse to buy some new hunting or fishing gear. Seth Coller spoke of his success as part of the Silver State Clay Breakers team. Seth is a well spoken young man. He wanted to first thank the Club for our donation to his group, the money's help pay for most of the ammo the team shoots throughout the year. In addition Seth listed

some of his success stories in competition not just the first place trophy's he has collected but the instruction from various coaches and the meaning of discipline the shooting sports has given him. Seth will be attending high school this fall, keeping his grades up and shooting to hopefully compete on the national level soon. Seth routinely shoots 95+ in trap and shoots skeet and sporting clays as well. When he has stepped in to substitute for the LVWW Trap Team he consistently beats those of us with 40-50 years more experience.

Doug Neilson from NDOW was also a guest speaker. As many know Doug writes a column in the RJ Thursdays edition. A few months ago he was told his services were no longer required at the RJ, well enough of us LVWW members and members of other outdoor groups spoke up and complained to the RJ. Doug is back on the staff and contributing with his column every Thursday. Proof that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Thanks all of you that wrote or called to make sure our voice is still represented in the RJ.

**WHAT IS HUNTING?** At its core, hunting is the search for wild nature, our attempt to reconnect with it in our roles as predators on a personal, physical, spiritual, primitive level. It is the search for the world as it was before humans began to tame it.

## Dueling Tree SHOOT RESULTS.....real results this time.

by Ralph Willits

On Saturday July 29, 2017 21 Las Vegas Woods and Water members ventured out to the Clark County Shooting Complex to try out a new event – Dueling Tree Pistol Shoot. It was for center fire pistols up to .45 caliber. Some guys hadn't touched their prized revolvers in decades. That Blue Card thing seems to have kept some pistols tucked way back in the safe until recently.

After signing up, each shooter was given an official Las Vegas Woods and Waters poker chip with their name on it that was subsequently placed into a drawing bucket labelled, “**Still Dream’n.**” Competitors were then drawn in pairs to shoot against one another at the steel dueling tree set up 45 feet away.

The tree consisted of six four inch round plates that were to swing to the opponents side when hit. Each started with three on his side. The shooter left with more on his side after only six shots and the allotted time was the “**Loser.**” His poker chip was then marked with an **X** and placed in the **Loser** bucket with all the other losers. The victor's chip was placed into the **Winner's** bucket with - his own kind.

After each round, the Winners and the Losers chips were all placed back into the **Still Dream’n** bucket, mixed up, and then drawn again. Same sequence, except if it was a shooter's second loss, he got a second **X** with the chip being placed into the, “**GO HOME**” bucket. He was also called out in front of all of the competitors to “**Go Home;**” he was done for the day.

This continued throughout the match until everybody was proclaimed a “**Loser**” and eventually told, “**GO HOME.**” Well, except for one guy. Some shooters would win a round or two, and even win often, but not every single time to the line. Except John Mitteness. Who? JOHN MITTENESS! Rather new to the club, but an ass kicking stud with a pistol! Remember that name. After seeing him shoot, it's safe to say it won't be the last coin you'll watch him add to his collection.

Pretty damn good shooting, but still eventually told, “**Go Home**” were: “Never Count Him Out Al Schoelen” with 9 points, “Hope You Never Have To Go Against Don Turner” with 8 points, “Out of the Blue Bill Dempsey” with 7 points, “Mr. Lucky Mark Transue” with 6, and “Walking Tall Dan Zelna” with 5 points.

Oh, ya Pizza afterwards at Rozati's Pizza. It was air conditioned with frosty mugs. Just a word of advice: Safety is still applicable for handling a pizza, not just a firearm!

Thank you Don Turner for showing up as judge and timer (not for the kicking my ass part); Fred Huntowski for stepping in when needed; not waiting to be asked – you're that kind of guy; Jeff Boatright for bringing and setting up all of the targets and taking each one back; and Lori Willits coordinated administrator.

## STRIPER FISHING at Lake Mead August 12



Who cares about the fishing? This is a perfect example of why we all enjoy the outdoors and things like fishing and hunting.....the scenery and times spent with good friends. If you catch a few fish or shoot a few birds or bag a trophy it's the memories of the time spent that stay with you. Just look at the sunrise all of us missed that did not attend the event.....wow. This may not have been the solar eclipse but I think it is much better! More photos and fishing results on page 7, awesome photos provided by Dave Famiglietti and fishing partners Cody Boor.

### **Dove Hunt in Yuma AZ Sept 1-3<sup>rd</sup> honcho Russ Johnson**

I got a limited account/report of the event from some of those that attended. Report was shooting was GREAT on opening day, slow on the second day and should have stayed in bed for the third day, of course that is only one hunters view. The looks of some of the harvest from the pictures looks like a lot of shooting was taking place and that is always fun. (well over 100 dove breasts on the tailgate).



### **Coyote Hunt at Cherry Creek Ranch Sept 8-10<sup>th</sup> honcho Duane LaDuke 702 281-0687**



This year's coyote hunt will be held at the Cherry Creek Ranch on Saturday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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.**

**WHITE PINE COUNTY, Nev. (KOLO)** - With the discovery of illegally planted Northern pike in Comins Lake, the [Nevada Department of Wildlife](#) is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the prosecution of the person(s) responsible. Conviction for this crime would be a misdemeanor, but the crime also carries civil penalties that can reach into the tens of thousands of dollars.

The reward money has been donated by several sportsmen's groups, including Nevada Bighorns Unlimited and the Operation Game Thief Citizens Board.

"We've invested tremendous time, money and resources in eliminating pike from this fishery. The person illegally planting fish is costing sportsmen money that could be better spent, and they are destroying one of Nevada's most productive and heavily utilized fisheries," said Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed. "This is an ugly and damaging act, and we intend to find who did it."

In 2015, NDOW spent more than \$250,000 to remove illegally stocked northern pike that had decimated the trout fishery at Comins Lake. Since then, NDOW worked to rebuild the fishery with the introduction of trout and largemouth bass, all designed to benefit the sportsmen of White Pine County and visitors from all over the country. "This malicious and illegal act seriously endangers our effort to restore this important fishery for local anglers and those who travel to White Pine County to enjoy amazing fishing," said NDOW Fisheries Chief Jon Sjoberg.

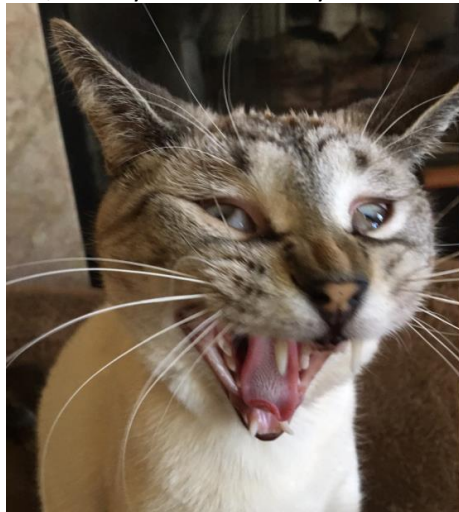
NDOW says at its peak in 2004, Comins Lake reached 35,000 angler use days, an estimate of how many people fish a body of water per year based off angler questionnaires, making it the fourth most visited fishery in the state behind only Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Truckee River. With the introduction of pike, that number fell to around 2,000 angler use days by 2013. The money spent by anglers using Comins also dropped from over \$2 million to around \$73,000 during that same time frame.

Northern pike are not native to Nevada, and when introduced into certain waterways, it consumes all the natural resources in a given waterway, destroying native fish first and eventually causing a collapse of the invasive pike as well. "There's a reason why pike are considered an invasive species in Nevada," said Sjoberg. "The people illegally introducing pike are destroying a fishery, not creating a new one."

Anyone with information on this illegal introduction of pike can call the OGT hotline at (800) 992-3030. Follow [Turnipseed on Twitter](#) for information on boating, wildlife.

## **Best Hunter in the Johnson Family and maybe the best hunter in the Club**

Yes, the Jay Johnson family cat is the best hunter in the entire Johnson clan...which is not saying much! Here's her 2017 stats.



60 Bunnies - Hit #60 this morning at 3:00 am. Awakened by an all too familiar squealy death-cry.

2 Mice

5 Mourning Doves

2 Full Grown Quail

1 Quail Chick

1 Mocking Bird

1 Mocking Bird Chick

2 Hawk Moths

Countless Cicadas (Our blind dog Bucky tracks the crippled insects by sound, and when found... promptly eats them. )

Cat smiles for the camera...



# 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.

**New Members:** 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 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.

## Striper fishing results and more photos

August 12, 2017 Lake Mead LVWW Striper Event

by Rod Maly (Honcho and **Event winner**)



We arrived at Boulder Launch at 5AM, launched at 5:30 and were fishing before 6AM, calm waters and a spectacular sunrise greeted us. The armada of fishermen included 7 boats (4 guided) and included Frank Maribelli's luxury pontoon boat. My boat, Guide Mark, put us on an active boil of stripers almost immediately, with a result of me personally landing 5 fish in the first five minutes. Other boats joined the same boil and soon fisherman were catching all around us. As quickly as the boil began it ended and the search went on for more action. Surprisingly, the fish were scattered and more difficult to find than had been my past experiences, almost all the fish caught were before 7:30AM. As fast as a small boil of feeding stripers would appear, it would disappear as fast. Two boats, both guided, finished with over 30 fish each. Overall average fish size was a smallish 1-1 ¼ lbs. While there are still a lot of fish in Mead, the monster size seems to be no more. With my 19 fish total I was able to take First Place, followed, tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place new member Josh White and club President, and 2017 Angler of the Year Steve Linder. On the same boat with Josh were 4<sup>th</sup> place Cody Boor and 5<sup>th</sup> place Dave Famiglietti.

After the fish cleaning everyone met at the Fiesta Hotel and Casino coffee shop for a hardy breakfast and stories from the morning's fishing. All in all, we had a lot of fun, good fellowship, and a beautiful lake Mead morning. Thanks to LVWW for the support with the guides and thus helping to make it a very nice, close to home event.

What an awesome sunrise.....

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVWW Marksman Angler Events

- September- Yuma, AZ **Dove Hunt** 1st-3rd  
 Honcho Russ Johnson 702 271-0430  
 Cherry Creek **Coyote Hunt** 8-9-10<sup>th</sup>  
 Honcho Duane LaDuke 702 281-0687  
**Fall Feast & Sporting Clays Shoot** at CCSC 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Honcho Mike Reese 702 400-6501
- October- **.38 revolver shoot** at CCSC 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Honcho ???????? Alan Stone or no event?????
- November- 22 Pistol Turkey Silhouette Shoot at CCSC 4th  
 Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466



Stories or photos, contact  
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## 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.

### TUNDRA



## Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

### Marksman of the Year

2017 standings after 5/9 events

Al Scholen	24.5 pts
Jeff Boatwright	23.5 pts
Reese/Turner/Cusimano	18 pts
Taylor/Willits	16 pts
Clayton Phillips	15 pts

### Angler of the Year

2017 standings after 5/5 events

Steve Linder	38 pts
Larry Cussimano	37 pts
Rod Maly	23.5 pts
Madgi Ghali	18 pts
John Threadgill	16 pts

### All Around

2017 Standings after 10/14 events

Larry Cusimano	55 pts
Steve Linder	46.5 pts
Al Scholen	34.5 pts
Rod Maly	29.5 pts
Jeff Boatwright	23.5 pts

**"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things"**  
 Peter Drucker

## The GameBag

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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Amount Due with application \$25

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

# Jokes

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a history teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Do you think this is worth passing along so others won't forget either, that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by our U.S. Veterans?

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights that they have won for us.

## **CARS VS GUNS.....some common sense thoughts by Ralph Willits**

So, I was watching the lie box (television) the other day and a Dodge car commercial came on. It (they all do for Dodge except family vans) showed cars being driven recklessly through the street with no regard for anyone else's well being. Just the driver/buyer having fun driving dangerously. That's what they're marketing: buy our car, have fun with total disregard for the well being of any one else; even out run the police.

Then there's the gun marketing: Only safety is the message beyond the product. Carelessness would NEVER be part of the commercial.

Except for perhaps Chicago, cars maim and kill a lot more humans than firearms and that's O.K. No one ever sues the car manufacturer for the actions of the operator, even though the car was sold to be used in a careless and reckless manner. Hum? Sure makes you wonder.