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## **July 10th Lunch Program: Mike Reese sportsmen as conservation**

**JULY is Bring a Kid to lunch month!** Due to school starting early next month (before our August 14<sup>th</sup> lunch) we have moved Bring Your Kid to lunch from August to July this year. Bring your kid, your grandkid or even the neighborhood kid (up to age 18), to lunch this month. We want to encourage the youth to see how much fun we have and get excited about the outdoors. They eat **FREE** and have special door prizes to win. The youth are our future that is why we donate to many youth organizations to get kids and keep kids involved in the outdoors. We support our own Boy Scout Troop #130, the Silver State Clay Breakers trap team, Johnson Middle School Archery program, NASP Archery, 4-H and others.

## **Center Fire Dueling Pistol Shoot at CCSC Saturday NIGHT 6:00-9:00pm July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Ralph Willits is the honcho and has put a lot of thought into the shoot format scoring and safety for the event. This is center fire only **NO MAGNUMS, no hollow points** up to .45 caliber, revolvers or semi-autos, no laser or optic sights (fiber optic front sight ok) **IRON** sights for this competition. Cost is \$20 per shooter, be prepared to shoot 100 rounds, bring your own gun and ammo. Some may only shoot 12 shots if eliminated early. Random pairing of shooters will go head to head in a double elimination competition.



**The targets:** There will be 6 round disc knock down targets on a beam – with one additional “Stop” target for each competitor. A reload will be required- 2 magazines or re-loaders of 6 each. (No not 5 & 7 or 10 & 2 etc.) Target distance will be determined at the set up. Re-load of 6 shots is mandatory.

For Lewis Class that aren't in the top tier, ranking will be how many targets were hit when they were eliminated. If there is still a tie, there will be a shoot off.

**Possible PIZZA gathering afterward NOT SPONSORED BY THE CLUB**– Those that wish to go grab dinner and a beer for social hour afterward will be no host. Location will be announced at the conclusion of the event after all brass has been picked up. Unless you have a doctors excuse, was eligible to vote in the Nixon/Kennedy election, and don't do your share, you will not be told where. (Clue: it's air conditioned!).



**Next meeting Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, noon at Charlie's Lakeside located at 8603 W. Sahara (Sahara/Durango) price \$20**

## Presidents Message...Brian Patterson



We have the Fourth of July to celebrate this month, perhaps it's a good time to reflect back to our forefathers. What were the reasons for breaking away from England some 243 years ago? What about the wars we have taken part in over the course of our history, and why did so many before us (and some of you veterans) fight for the rights and freedoms we enjoy. Let's keep up the good fight in the ballot box to hold onto those freedoms and liberties. Look to the youth invited to lunch this month and think of their future, does it look bright and prosperous? Celebrate the birth of this great county responsibly this month, and Thank You to all the veterans that have served.

If you have any suggestions, ideas, gripes or complaints don't hesitate to contact me at 702 715-2020

**Brian Patterson President 2019, 2010, 2002**

### KEEP YOUR HANDS OUT OF THE COOKIE JAR

**by Scott Reekers**

I have two toddlers and as such I find myself often telling them to keep their hands out of the cookie jar! At their age the jar is just way too much temptation. However, discipline has taught them that they have to say please, thank you and when they don't follow the rules they will not get a cookie. Here is to hoping that the \$15,000.00 fine and loss of hunting privileges for five years is enough to deter others from jumping the gun on shed hunting in closed areas the same way that discipline has worked for my children.

**A Wyoming man named Joshua Anders Rae received his punishment** for jumping the gun and entering land closed to shed hunting where he then stashed 104 lbs of antlers for collection later. Rae plead guilty to the charges laid against him. For 104 lbs of antlers he has lost his hunting opportunities for five years and will have to figure out how to pay \$15,000.00 to the state of Wyoming!

The question in just about every big game related case is, was the penalty enough? At first glance this punishment sounds pretty significant but is it enough to deter other people from putting their hands in the cookie jar?

The answer is complicated. With the value of antlers on the rise and the popularity of shed hunting at an all time high due to social media it may actually not deter would be law breakers. I have had friends tell me how much money they have gotten for their sheds and it never ceases to amaze me.

The simple reality is that we always have to **do what is best for the animals** if we want our children to be able to enjoy them the same way that we have. The rules for these seasons are in place because of the delicate state of the bucks and bulls at the end of the winter when they are dropping or have just dropped their antlers. Will crimes like this lead to an increase in rules and discipline? That is usually the case.

The best solution is for all of us to report the weird or illegal things we see in the field. Enforcement of these shed hunting rules is for the betterment of the animals. If you don't agree with the rules then make sure that you attend the public input meetings and let Game and Fish know your concerns. We don't have a right to complain if we aren't involved and that includes suggestions for penalties and punishments.

What do you think? Is the punishment enough to keep others from putting their hand in the shed antler cookie jar?

## BANG-BANG Black Powder Shoot Results



We had a great day for shooting the “smoke poles” last month. Only 15 shooters showed up this year a little down from the attendance the past couple years...which just meant more donuts for those that came out. Actually we ended up donating the remaining donuts to the CCSC staff at the shotgun center. Honcho Brian Patterson tried to mix it up this year and added a “time” element to the competition. In this event you needed to be fast AND accurate to win. Everyone was given an hour to warm up and practice with their guns then the excitement started. The targets were marked with the bulls-eye as 0 points with each ring getting higher and higher in value out to 100 points for the last ring. 250 points were assessed if you missed the “target” but hit paper and 500 points were given if you missed the paper completely (3 shooters missed the paper on both shots). The time recorded to reload between shots was added to the score. Low score wins.

The timer started on the first BANG and stopped on the second BANG. The fastest reload time was 35.0 seconds by Mike Reese, the longest time to reload was Dan Zelna at 172.0 seconds. The most accurate shooting was Neil Dillie with 20 points. Neil had to take his gun apart between shots to remove a cotton swap otherwise I'm sure he would have won, he had the second slowest reload time. I mentioned three shooters missed the paper with both shots for 1000 points, I won't mention their names. “Fast is fine, but accuracy is everything” Wyatt Earp.



Jeff Bryant is the Coonskin Cap winner for 2019, he had a reload time of 38 seconds and accurate shooting of 35 pts just beating 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Don Turner based on the reload time. See photo below of last years Coonskin cap winner Mike Reese photo bombing the new champion Jeff Bryant and second place finisher Don Turner. Jeff won \$80 and Don won \$50 in Lewis Class money along with 10 pts and 9 points respectively in Marksman of the Year points. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Neil Dillie, 4<sup>th</sup> Tony Perkins, 5<sup>th</sup> Ralph Willits, 6<sup>th</sup> new member Greg Klevgard, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Zelna, 8<sup>th</sup> Mike Lussier & Mike Taylor was 9<sup>th</sup>.



Other money winners were Mike Lussier \$80 and Mike Taylor \$50.

We anticipated 20-25 shooters based on the past couple years attendance, the Club provided lots of donuts and iced down water for those that showed up, so many donuts in fact that we ended up giving a couple dozen to the staff at the shotgun center at CCSC. Due to the fast shooting we had some additional range time for some to shoot more black powder and some guys brought other guns to sight in on the range. A good day to burn some powder. Who will win the coonskin cap next year?



## Grizzly Bear expansion east by Guy Eastman

This is an article from Guy Eastman of Eastman's Hunting Journal located in Powell Wyoming. I grew up in Powell and graduated high school there before heading south to the desert. My brother still lives in the area and has told me about the grizzly sow and two cubs that have been spotted just 15-20 miles south of his small ranch operation. Not to mention the stories of his neighbor who runs cattle closer to "The Park" (for those not local to the area) Yellowstone. His neighbor lost 24 calves to grizzly bears this spring. To which the state of WY declined to compensate him for his losses.

A recent *Powell Tribune* article attempts to examine the reason that grizzlies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem are ranging further afield from their "core area" or DMA (demographic monitoring area). Last year a sow and cubs was discovered just east of Powell, Wyoming in a farmer's field, that's a long way (100+ miles as the crow flies) from Old Faithful but why? Are these bears seeking asylum from an overpopulated GYE or, and this is where the article examines a little different topic, are these refugee grizzlies out of food and expanding their range to fill bellies?

The answer to this question may lie in the counting method employed by the *Wyoming Game and Fish*. The Chao 2 method is a notoriously conservative scientific method for establishing game populations and due to its conservative nature, the method garners scrutiny from folks who claim there are a lot more than 700 grizzlies in the GYE, especially within the DMA. Therefore, this conservative population *estimate of 700 bruins* seems to be knocked askew when compared with the rising number of both grizzly bear fatalities and grizzly bear/human/livestock/automobile incidents.

Ask anyone who spends a lot of time tramping around in the GYE and they can attest that the 700 bear population estimate seems a tad off. Therefore a push for the implementation of "*best science*" methods to gain a more accurate picture of the *grizzly bear population* in and around the DMA is gaining steam and will ultimately be decided upon by the *Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee*.

However, the question remains... why are the bears leaving seemingly suitable habitat and venturing into zones heavily occupied by humans? Are there simply too many bears in the GYE and therefore too much competition for suffering food stuffs? Are sows with cubs seeking safe spaces away from aggressive boars? Are the bears simply doing what bears do and in a take on the old children's song, "going over the mountain to see what they can see!"?

I'm not a biologist but I don't think this question takes a PhD to cipher either. Bears are no different than any other animal in that when a habitat reaches its maximum carrying capacity competition for food becomes fierce and displacement is bound to happen. I do think we need a better (read more accurate) understanding of just how many grizzlies are roaming the GYE so we can scientifically prove that the population is recovered, delisting can happen and sound plans for state level management via hunting, such as the one Wyoming already has in place, can be implemented. *We need to manage these bears via the North American model of wildlife conservation* not the California/British Columbia model of feelings based, ballot driven gerrymandering in which the real losers are the bears. If a more accurate counting method can make that happen then I say do it!

Change my mind.... Guy Eastman

# **AZ Game and Fish Commission approves final rulemaking prohibiting organized predator killing contests**

*Rulemaking package next goes to Governor's Regulatory Review Council for review*

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PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Commission today voted 4-0 to approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking that, if approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC), would designate a predator or fur-bearing hunt contest, as defined by the rule, an unlawful manner and method of take for these species.

The Commission's intent in adopting this rule is to address social concerns over formally organized and publicized contests that award prizes to competitors that kill the largest number or variety of predators or fur-bearing animals, as these are the types of events that have caused the strongest public objection.

"To the extent these contests reflect on the overall hunting community, public outrage with these events has the potential to threaten hunting as a legitimate wildlife management function," said Kurt Davis, a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. "Regulated hunting fundamentally supports wildlife conservation efforts in North America. The loss of hunting would equate to a measurable loss in conservation efforts, and would represent a failure of the Commission to fulfill its duty to conserve wildlife for the beneficial use of current and future generations."

For the purposes of the rule, "contest" means a competition in which participants must register or record entry and pay a fee, and prizes or cash are awarded to winning or successful participants.

The rule would not apply to lawful, regulated hunting of predators and fur-bearing animals, which plays an important role in wildlife management, nor would it apply to events such as fishing tournaments.

The Commission proposed the rule at its March 15 meeting, and a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was posted in the Arizona Administrative Register on April 12, opening a 30-day comment period. Game and Fish received more than 4,800 comments during the comment period.

Predatory animals as defined in A.R.S. § 17-101 are coyotes, bobcats, foxes and skunks. Fur-bearing animals are weasels, raccoons, beavers, badgers, ringtail cats, muskrats, otters and bobcats.

The rule next goes to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) for its review. If GRRC approves the rule, it could become effective Jan. 1, 2020.

**Not in Nevada..... yet.**

# 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. **For Sale:** nothing submitted this month.

**New Members:** Chuck Benedict, Gregory Klevgard 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 Bill Rochel'eau at 209 480-7835 charter representative or scout master Jason Wilcock 702 884-1393. 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. This is a great opportunity to pass on to youth the things we all enjoy get your kids, grandkids or neighbor kids involved.

## Gun safety rule reminders

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
2. Firearms should be unloaded when not in use
3. Don't rely on your gun's safety
4. Be sure of your target and what's behind it
5. Use correct ammunition
6. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, **HANDLE WITH CARE!!**
7. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting
9. Don't alter or modify your gun, and service regularly
10. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using.
11. Only approach the firing line when the honcho/RSO says to do so.
12. **DO NOT** approach the shooting tables when others are down range.
13. Pay attention and listen to the honcho/RSO for shooting instructions before handling any firearm.



The club holds several shooting events each year, so far our safety record is pretty good, no injuries reported. We all need to be diligent in policing ourselves and bringing infractions to the attention of the honcho, range safety officer (RSO) and all in attendance. Let's keep our events safe, even the smallest accident is unacceptable.

**New CAB appointment.** July 2<sup>nd</sup> the Clark County Commission appointed a new member to the CAB, Citizens Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Current LVWW members that sit on the CAB, Mike Reese, Brian Patterson, and Dave Talaga expressed concern that the commission did not follow NRS that requires all applicants have a letter of recommendation from a sportsman's group or rancher or farmer. As two of the five applicants did not meet this requirement. The response back from the Commissioner's office was that they had the DA look into it, they would accept all applicants as submitted. Final recap of the meeting, Commissioner Brown made a quick motion to appoint Dan Gilbert and before any discussion took place Dan was appointed. He is a long time Nevada resident and sportsman, I think he will be a good fit on the CAB with strong support of hunting, trapping and angling interests.



4<sup>th</sup> of July fishing results from Comins Lake near Ely.....good action lots of fish for dinner.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVWW Marksman Angler Events

Revolver Shoot **POSTPONED TO LATER DATE**

July 20<sup>th</sup> Center fire Pistol Shoot at CCSC Sat NIGHT 6-9pm  
Honcho Ralph Willits 423-7444

August 17<sup>th</sup> Long Range Shooting No Location established yet  
Honcho Cody Boor 810-4242

Sept 1-2nd Yuma AZ Dove hunt  
Honcho Russ Johnson 271-0430  
14<sup>th</sup> Fall Feast at CCSC  
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501  
21<sup>st</sup> Striper Fishing Lake Mead  
Honcho Mark Transue 219-3716  
28-29<sup>th</sup> Cherry Creek Coyote Hunt  
Honcho Duane LaDuke 281-0687



Stories or photos, contact GameBag  
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## In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB)

Next Meeting Tuesday, August 6th 5:30pm-9:00 pm at Government Center, Pueblo room, 500 S Grand Central Pkwy.

Your involvement is needed please show up to support NV wildlife issues, commission workshops.

### TUNDRA



## 2019 Marksman & Angler of the Year

### Marksman of the Year

2019 standings after 4/8 events

Mike Reese	20 pts
Scott McCracken	19 pts
Philipp/Perkins	16 pts
Ralph Willits	14 pts
Jeff Bryant	11 pts

### Angler of the Year

2019 standings after 5/6 events

Brian Patterson	36.25 pts
Ralph Willits	29.25 pts
Larry Cusimano	17.75 pts
John Threadgill	14.75 pts
Al Schoelen	14.25 pts

### All Around

2019 Standings after 9/14 events

Brian Patterson	45.25 pts
Ralph Willits	43.25 pts
Cusimano/Threadgill	24.75 pts
Mike Reese	20 pts
Scott McCracken	19 pts

**"Fast is fine, but accuracy is everything"**  
Wyatt Earp

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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



# Jokes

## WOMAN SHOT IN BACK OF HEAD

Linda Burnett, 23, a resident of San Diego, was visiting her in-laws and while there went to a nearby supermarket to pick up some groceries. Later, her husband noticed her sitting in her car in the driveway with the car running and the windows rolled up. Her were eyes closed with both hands behind the back of her head. He became concerned and walked over to the car. He noticed that Linda's eyes were now open and she looked very strange. He asked her if she was okay; Linda replied that she had been shot in the back of the head and had been holding her brains in for over an hour (at least it seemed that way to her, it actually had been 15 minutes, she blamed the inability to tell time on her head injury).

The husband called the paramedics, who broke into the car because the doors were locked and Linda refused to remove her hands from her head.

When they finally got in, they found that Linda had a wad of bread dough on the back of her head. From the back seat a Pillsbury biscuit canister had exploded from the heat, making a loud noise that sounded like a gunshot, and the wad of dough hit her in the back of her head. When she reached back to find out what it was, she felt the dough and thought it was her brains. She initially passed out, but quickly recovered.

Linda is blonde, a Democrat, and a Biden supporter; but that could all be a coincidence.

The defective biscuit canister was analyzed and it was determined to be Trump's fault.

## MOMENTS OF CLARITY....

As I sat, strapped in my seat waiting during the countdown, one thought kept crossing my mind ..... every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

-John Glenn

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land.  
They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes.

When we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land.

- Desmond Tutu

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

- David Letterman

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. I'm a billionaire.

- Howard Hughes

After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box.

- Italian proverb

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

- Jean Kerr

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage.

- Zsa Zsa Gabor

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

- Prince Philip

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.

- Emo Philips.

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

- Harrison Ford

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.

- Spike Milligan

Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke.

- Robin Hall

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror.

- Jean Rostand.

Having more money doesn't make you happier.

I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.

- Arnold Schwarzenegger.

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.

- W. H. Auden

If life were fair Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.

- Johnny Carson

I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical.

- Arthur C Clarke

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.

- Steve Martin

Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is.

- Jimmy Durante

America is so advanced that even the chairs are electric.

- Doug Hamwell

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.

- George Roberts

If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

- Jonathan Winters

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.

- Robert Benchley

The weather person is the only person that I know, that can be wrong 99.9 % of the time and still have a job the next day.

-Johnny Carson

## PAST COIN WINNERS FOR EXCELLENCE at Club Events




**Al Schoelen** Commins Lake   **John Threadgill** Panguitch Lake   **Clayton Philipp** Spring Feast Sporting Clays

After five or six years we have discontinued the LVWW coin awarded for winning a Marksman or Angler of the Year Event, it was discussed at the last Board meeting to retire the practice of giving out coins. This successful program and idea was spearheaded by Ralph Willits. We originally purchased 100 coins which have all been awarded. Time for something new...what could that be? Have any ideas, bring them to the board for discussion. There is discussion to change the Marksman Angler of the Year final award from a plaque to a belt buckle, possibly with a coin inset. But we still need ideas for each individual event recognition.

## Do you own a Smith-Wesson MP15-22 rifle?

Several of us have one of these guns there has been a safety alert on all guns made PRIOR to Feb 2019 (which are most of them) Please refrain from using your gun until the bolt has been inspected and if needed replaced. The breech face counter-bore depth may not meet specification. Those guns that lack depth could allow the bolt, upon closing, to crush the rim of the case, causing the round to fire, cycling the bolt and potentially resulting in multiple discharges without pressing the trigger. Ralph Willits has an inspection tool and will gladly check your bolt for you if needed. He **will not** be loaning out the inspection gauge but will check your bolt if you bring it to him. Another safety concern for all shooters. If out of spec dropping the release to allow the bolt to drop freely on a loaded magazine could ignite a round as the bolt closes, without engaging the trigger-regardless of the safety position-generating multiple discharges.



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