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



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**Lunch Program: All Veterans Eat FREE thank you for your service**

**THURSDAY** November 12th, Las Vegas National Golf Club located at 1911 E Desert Inn Road (near Eastern and Desert Inn). The room will be set with round banquet tables allowing only 5-6 per table for proper social distancing. Remember your masks to get into the facility and practice social distancing. Menu items: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls pumpkin pie!

**Turkey Silhouette Shoot at CCSC Sat. Nov. 21st**

Honcho Don Turner will host our November Turkey shoot at the Clark County Shooting Complex Education Center 100 yard range on Saturday Nov 21st. afternoon 1-5pm **Set up at 1pm, shoot starts at 1:30 pm. \$20 entry fee.**



Each shooter will shoot 5 steel turkeys at 50 yards. Once all turkeys are knocked down (unlimited shots), shooter will shoot 10 rounds into their paper turkey target. Hits on the turkey target will be used to determine scores. Shooters will have 2 minutes to shoot. Shooters may reshoot for \$5.00 but last score will be the one counted. .22 LR rifles, standing position, no slings, no backpacks, no leaning on tables, no sight restrictions. Ties will be decided by a shoot off at Turkeys at 100 yards.

Safety rules will be strictly enforced (case and uncase rifles on firing line during cease fire period only, muzzles up unless on the firing line, no handling guns behind the firing line and during cease fire/safe periods). Lewis class prizes. **Safety is an attitude--attitude is everything.**

**December 12<sup>th</sup> Three Gun Shoot LAST MARKSMAN OF THE YEAR EVENT!**

Once a year we get to shoot a MACHINE GUN and this event is it. The format is shooting a semi-auto pistol, a semi-auto rifle and a **fully-auto machine gun, no bump stock, the real deal**. Those of you new to the club are in for a treat, regardless of the Marksman of the Year standings it is always fun to shoot something you don't get to do everyday. Often the machine gun has been the deciding factor in the final standings.....can you hold it on target to empty a full magazine? Honcho Mike Reese with help from Ivan from New Frontier Armory will be supplying the guns and ammo. Shoot details to follow.



**Next meeting Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>, noon at LV National Golf Club located at 1911 E Desert Inn Road (Desert Inn/Eastern) price \$20**



## Presidents Message...Mike Reese

November is here and that means the time has changed and so have the leaves. Fall has arrived and it was quickly followed by snow in the higher elevations. With the colder temps it means the Chuckar and Quail will be holding tighter under the bushes and the ducks have started their move to warmer grounds. The deer are starting to rut and the Elk are finishing up their rut. If you are a sportsmen then this is your time of year, this is when things are happening.

I've just spent 2 weeks in a tent with my son and some club members in hopes of harvesting an elk that took 11 points just to get the tag. We set up the 14x20 wall tent in the shade so that it would be cool during the lunch time, only to wake up to 10 degree temps. Thank god we had a nice wood stove to keep us warm and comfortable. We had tons of opportunities to harvest a nice bull but we had Murphy and his law in camp with us. The first shot was at 35 yards with 2 bulls still fighting and all my son got was a click. Yes the primer dented but it never ignited the powder. The next opportunity came at 60 yards with the herd bull pushing about 25 cows up a draw and this time it was a delayed primer. The primer went off but it took a second for the powder to ignite. Needless to say the face was already off the stock and who knows where the shot went? We do know the bull left the party and went into the trees on his own. We had a great time and some great experiences and we will be back!!

Larry Cusimano set up a CCW class for the group to go to and when the date and time came we had 5 members attend and pass the class. Larry Cusimano, Mike Reese, Michael Reese, my daughter Jessica and son in law Chris attended the class. The first thing we did was headed to the shooting range at Battlefield Vegas and get our safety lesson and our shooting instructions. Frank the tank was the instructor and he commented that it had been awhile since they had seen a perfect score of 300 points from anyone. Michael Reese, Larry Cusimano and Jessica Griebeling took to the line first. Michael had a perfect score and so did Larry Cusimano and the buzz started. Jessica had a 296x300 and things were getting interesting. Since we were sharing guns I and my son in law shot last and we had the pressure on us to perform. I landed 19 of the 30 shots on the paper in the 10 ring and then after looking at the paper it was obvious the other 11 had gone straight through the bullseye and the opening was now the size of a quarter:))). Chris shot very well and scored a 298X300. Because we shot so well we really only had about a 4 ½ class!! Woods and Waters now has a reputation to uphold at Battlefield Vegas:))) They will still put another class together for us if we have more members in need of a class or a renewal.

We have our November event on Saturday November 21st from 1-5pm at the hunter ed building and it will be a .22 rifle turkey shoot.

Our club elections are coming up and we are looking for 5 new board members so talk to me at the luncheon.

### Mike Reese President 2020, 2011, 2008

Michael target



Mike target



Jessica and Chris targets



Larry Cusimano target



## Member Hunt photos/stories

I had a "freak" elk bull permit and was blessed to take this 5x6 in southeastern NM in late August. Notice the "bruch" in the mouth of the bull and another one on his heart. The first one is the "last bite" which in the 1000+ year old German hunting tradition is given to the kill in respect to the animal. The other one is the "possession bruch" which tells other hunters, who might accidentally find the kill, that the game was taken and belongs to a hunter. A "bruch" (= break) is a little piece taken from certain - not any - tree.



The other photos are from Unit 111 (NE of Ely) last week and show how gorgeous that area looks during early autumn hunting. Just beautiful. *Hubert von der Beeck*



L: Clayton Philipp with his deer this year, now he has that desert sheep tag to fill.  
R: Michael Reese elk camp set up.....sweet accommodations, big wall tent with full electric, phone service, 6 bunks, a warm stove and even a port-a-potty.

# Don't Bomb the Bighorns Campaign Protects Desert National Wildlife Refuge from Air Force Take Over

Jennie Jones Scherbinski  
Nevada Wildlife Federation

This summer, the Air Force continued its attempt to take over the management of lands within the Desert National Wildlife Refuge (DNWR). The 1.6 million-acre refuge is bordered by 3 million acres managed by the Air Force as a training and weapons testing

campaign. The efforts of this coalition lead to widespread public awareness, news articles, and an online discussion forum.

The resulting public engagement helped raise the issue to our congressmen and congresswomen, who were already working to protect this national treasure. Last year, Senator Cortez Masto introduced a

ensuring that the Desert National Wildlife Refuge will remain under the management of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The amendment also provides for increased access to the for Tribal Communities.

"The Desert National Wildlife Refuge holds historical, cultural, and environmental significance to the people of Nevada and must be protected at all costs," said Congressman Steven Horsford. "After this latest threat to Nevada's public lands and ... Bighorn sheep, I'm proud to have secured the safety of over 840,000 acres of the wildlife refuge while ensuring our Air Force has the necessary tools and technology they need to carry out their mission."

The passing of this amendment is a testament to the power of public engagement and a major success for conservation in Nevada. As the largest refuge in the lower 48 states and home to desert bighorn sheep and threatened desert tortoises, this area deserves protecting and NvWF was happy to join the fight.



Photo: USFWS

site. In June, Utah Representative Bishop introduced language into the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that would effectively transfer control of 850,000 of Desert National Wildlife Refuge land to the Air Force. The House Armed Services Committee passed the NDAA, and a fierce battle ensued. Nevada Wildlife Federation partnered with conservation organizations across the state to engage the public through the #Don'tBombTheBighorn media

bill to increase protections for the Desert National Wildlife Refuge; however, that bill has not moved passed the Senate Armed Services Committee, leaving the refuge vulnerable to takeovers like that proposed by Representative Bishop. Thankfully, the delegation from Nevada, lead by Representative Horsford, acted swiftly to introduce an amendment (Horsford Amendment 342) to the NDAA. With strong public support across the west, the amendment passed

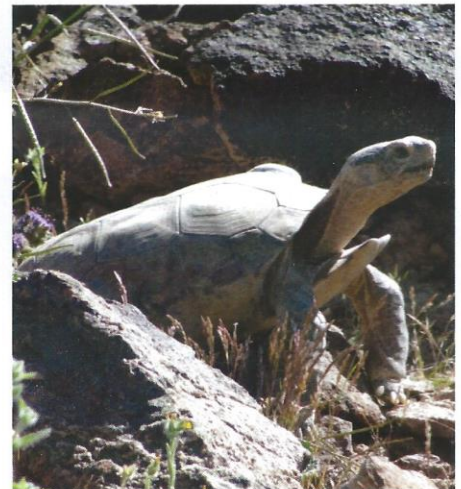


Photo: USFWS/Roy Averill-Murray

## ARIZONA GAME AND FISH NEWS QUAIL OUTLOOK BEST SEASON IN YEARS



Oct 15, 2020 PHOENIX — Arizona quail hunters will be glad to know — in fact, they should be thrilled — that the 2020-21 season is shaping up to be average.

That's right, average. And that's tremendous news heading into Friday's season opener for Gambel's, scaled and California quail.

"Taking everything into account, this will be a great season compared to what we have experienced in the last 15 or more years," said Johnathan O'Dell, small game biologist for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "But taking the long view on this one — and the older, seasoned quail hunters will agree — this season will actually be what an average year used to look like in

Arizona."

O'Dell points to consecutive winters that saw above-average precipitation, which gives the state's Gambel's quail population a much-needed boost. As a result, spring call counts were off the charts. All of the long-term survey routes in southern Arizona reported numbers up to twice the recent 10-year average. The newer routes in central and northwestern parts of the state posted their highest numbers yet, with most being twice as high as those recorded in the past five years.

The bottom line: These are numbers not seen since the 1990s.

"Our added winter moisture and active calling period led to a very long nesting and hatching season, starting in late April and extending into early summer, with chicks hatching as late as early July," O'Dell said. "From a population standpoint, we are out of a deficit for the first time since 2001-2002. Quail are starting to pop up in places they haven't been seen in a while.

"If you've never had the chance to experience what Arizona quail hunting built its name on, then this would be the year to get out and enjoy it."

Meanwhile, hunters should note that the season for Mearns' quail doesn't begin until Dec. 4. It's summer rainfall that plays a key role in nesting success and population numbers of this species. After a spotty and relatively weak monsoon across southern Arizona, these birds are likely to be abundant only in pockets that received sufficient precipitation this summer.

A valid Arizona hunting or combination hunt and fish license is required for all hunters 10 and older. Those hunters under 10 must either have a valid hunting or combination hunt and fish license, or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination hunt and fish license. Licenses can be purchased [online](#) or at [license dealers](#) statewide. A youth combination hunt and fish license (ages 10 to 17) is \$5.

The general bag limit is 15 quail per day in the aggregate, of which no more than eight may be Mearns' quail (when the Mearns' season opens Dec. 4). The general possession limit is 45 quail in the aggregate after opening day, of which no more than 15 Gambel's, scaled or California quail in the aggregate may be taken in any one day. After the opening of the Mearns' season, the 45-quail possession limit may include 24 Mearns' quail, of which no more than eight may be taken in any one day.

More quail-hunting information can be found on the department's website at <https://www.azgfd.com/Hunting/>.

## 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:

Bob LaPome is selling two matching safes. Adjustable shelves and in like new condition. 55" tall 23" wide and 20" deep. \$225 each or take the pair for \$425 or best offer.

Also have a Thompson Centerfire with Super14" Barrels in .223, 30-30, and 7MM TCU plus .410/45 Colt in 10" with 10" Barrel. Value about \$900 but will sell all for \$600. Bob LaPome phone is 702-492-9971.

**New Members:** Welcome new members to the club, make sure to get your free hat at lunch for joining.



Can you see anything wrong with this truck photo?  
First correct guess gets an extra door prize ticket at lunch.



Chukkar & quail on opening day  
Brian Patterson got lucky.



John Quinn "won" the duffle bag at lunch last month, it's bigger than he is.

### SCI Statement on 2021 Convention

"After much contemplation and exhaustive effort, Safari Club International (SCI) has made the difficult decision to cancel its 2021 Hunters' Convention. COVID-19-related restrictions imposed by the state of Nevada and city of Las Vegas to ensure a safe event environment during the ongoing pandemic has made it impossible to conduct a successful event for our members and exhibitors, or serve the greater good of wildlife conservation."

While we are certainly disappointed that the big show had to be cancelled, we are looking forward to its return in 2022. And rest assured, the local chapter will be hard at work to continue mission programs here at home. Stay tuned for more chapter events, too!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVWW Marksman Angler Events

- Nov 21st Turkey Shoot at CCSC Training Center Range 1-5pm  
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 3 Gun Shoot at CCSC Training Center Range  
Honcho Mike Reese & Ivan Aceves
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Cave Lake Ice Fishing at Cave Lake  
Honcho
- Feb 20th LVWW Banquet Gold Coast Hotel & Casino
- March



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

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB)

Next Meeting is **scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 3rd 5:30pm-9:00pm** stay tuned for updates if it will be held virtually or in person at Government Center, Pueblo room, 500 S Grand Central Pkwy. Your involvement is needed please show up to support NV wildlife issues.



## 2020 Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

**Marksman of the Year**  
2020 standings after 7/9 events

Ralph Willits	31 pts
Patterson/Reese/Bryant	29 pts
Tony Perkins	27 pts
Jeff Jorgensen	24 pts
D. Zelna/B. Young	23 pts

**Angler of the Year**  
2020 standings after 3/3 events

Brian Patterson	30.0 pts
Ralph Willits	14.0 pts
AJ Gagliardo	9.5 pts
Josh White	9.0 pts
3 tied at	8.5 pts

**All Around**  
2020 Standings after 10/12 events

Brian Patterson	59 pts
Ralph Willits	45 pts
J Bryant/ Michael Reese	29 pts
Tony Perkins	27 pts
Jeff Jorgensen	25 pts

**“BOOBS, proof men can focus on more than one thing at a time”**  
unknown

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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## Jokes



*In a crowded city at a busy bus stop, a woman who was waiting for a bus was wearing a tight leather skirt. As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus.*

*Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg.*

*Again, she tried to make the step only to discover she still couldn't. So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more.*

*For the second time she attempted the step, and once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg. With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to make the step.*

*About this time, a large Texan who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus.*

*She went ballistic and turned to the would-be Samaritan and screeched, "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!"*



*The Texan smiled and drawled, "Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured we was friends.*

## The Italian Way

Why Italian Fathers and Grandfathers pass their handguns down through the family.

An old Italian man is dying. He calls his grandson to his bedside, Guido, I wan' you lissina me. I wan' you to take-a my chrome plated .38 revolver so you will always remember me."

"But grandpa, I really don't like guns. How about you leave me your Rolex watch instead?"

"You lissina me, boy. Somma day you gonna be runna da business, you gonna have a beautiful wife, lotsa money, a big-a home and maybe a couple of bambinos."

"Somma day you gonna come-a home and maybe finda you wife inna bed with another man.

"Whatta you gonna do then? Pointa to you watch and say, 'times up' "?

## SAD STORY

This is a sad story of a young vibrant blonde gal and her fight to overcome her depression.

She was sick and tired of hearing about the world's problems; Covid-19, Brexit, Russian interference, global warming, racial tension, fake news and all the rest of the daily disturbing stories that occupy media headlines.

So, she drove her car into her garage one evening and proceeded to seal every doorway and window the best she could.

Then she got back into her car, put down all the windows, selected her favorite radio station and started the car.

Four days later, a worried neighbor peered into her garage window and saw her sitting in the car, behind the wheel, motionless!

The emergency services were immediately summoned and they proceeded to break into the garage and pulled her body from the car.

After a few minutes of fresh air and a sip of water, she awakened completely and to everyone's surprise, she seemed just fine; but her Tesla's car battery was dead, dead, dead.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE STOKES!!!!!!



I have mentioned several times the Sportsman's News Pro Membership Sweepstakes. This is an offshoot from Sportsman's Warehouse monthly newspaper run by Mike Deming from Cedar City UT. They have donated several memberships to our banquet along with other prizes. The deal is simple you pay \$297 per year to join. Then EVERY 10 days (on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>) of each month they have a live drawing for a big game hunt or fishing trip. That's 36 drawings a year for under \$300. They give away over \$400,000 worth of prizes each year. Currently there are right at 2000 members signed up so you have a 1/2000 chance to win every 10 days. They also have 4-5-6 added "bonus" drawings each time for some gear like backpacks, stoves, knives, coolers etc.

LVWW club members have won several bonus prizes as well as big time hunts. Mike Stokes just won an antelope hunt in TX, Paul Harris won WY antelope and new rifle, Gordon Warren won an AK fishing trip for two, Steve Linder won a Mexico deer hunt, Barclay Swan has won twice a WY elk hunt and WY deer hunt, Dave Famiglietti won WY deer hunt, Brian Patterson won WY elk hunt, and Tony Perkins girlfriend won Mexico deer hunt.

<https://promembershipsweepstakes.com/> see link to join November drawings are for an elk deer hunt combo, New Zealand Red Stag and Tarr, and AK brown bear. When you sign up use promo code **MPB0001** I've been a member since day one when there were only 100 members. It has grown to 2000 members now but will be capped at 2500 members. Still very good odds to win a prize. Most of us would not have the chance to go on a first class trip like these. There are sheep hunts, bear hunts, AK fishing trips, SD pheasant hunts etc.

## More successful club members with trophy's from this year's hunts



Above: Clark Balding and below Dan Zelna with a couple huge whitetail deer.



Below is Josh White with a huge NV bull elk



More photos from Michael Reese elk camp



Cave Lake water draw down to repair the dam, lets hope the water levels come up in time to fill for the Jan 30 Ice Fishing Event