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## **Lunch Program: Board Elections, hunt stories, gift card drawing**

### **December 11<sup>th</sup> at CCSC 8am Sorry, no Machine Gun Shoot this year**

Once a year for the past 10+ years we get to shoot a MACHINE GUN, **not this year**. Ivan has left New Frontier Armory, Jessica Famiglietti is committed to LVWW but the automatic machine gun license requirements are the issue. There will be a final Marksman of the Year event on December 11, we are just not sure if it will include automatic guns or if it will be some other format.

Honcho Mike Reese also has a conflict (he's going to Disneyland) Steve Peirce is the new honcho, stay tuned. Known details for the shoot include:

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> CCSC 100 yd range at the Training Center sign ups start at 8am shooting to start soon after. Cost will be \$20, including Lewis Class payout money

If you have some creative ideas on a replacement shoot contact Steve 265-4600. Or if you would like to honcho an event in 2022 be it shooting or fishing there are ample opportunities. Many of the same guys have been putting on the same event for years.....maybe they would like a break? Fresh ideas and events are always welcome.

**Board/Officer elections** at December lunch **PLUS attendance gift card drawings**. Lunch attendance this past year has averaged 40-50 members, each lunch you have attended you get a ticket in the bucket to win 1 of 5 \$100 gift cards to Sportsman's Warehouse. Show up 12 times, get 12 tickets, show up once, get 1 ticket. Another perk of membership, a chance to win something at every lunch, be it a door prize or year end gift card!

**Membership dues for 2022** now is the time to renew. Pay at the door with lunch, mail in, or visit the website to renew. \$25 for the first two options, \$30 for paying online.

**ICE FISHING:** The Ely Rotary Club Cave Lake Ice Fishing event is set for **February 5<sup>th</sup> this year**, they have had to cancel the event the past 2-3 years so LVWW held our event at Comins Lake. There are also discussions about holding an ice fishing event at **Panguitch Lake January 15**. Mark Transue and Steve Reiter are in the planning stages with Aspen Cove Resort to hold an event. Years ago our first ice fishing events all took place at Panguitch Lake. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information, one or both events may be part of the Angler of the Year competition for 2022.

The newly elected board of directors and officers will be setting the Marksman of the Year and Angler of the Year events at their first meeting in January



**Next meeting Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 at LV National Golf Club located at 1911 E Desert Inn Road (near Eastern) price \$20**



## Presidents Message...Mike Reese

It's been said that all good things eventually come to an end and so does my Presidency! It's been an honor to serve this club for the past two years. I'm leaving knowing I did what I could for the club and hope that the next group of leaders continue to raise the bar! We were the only club that I'm aware of in the south that only missed 4 lunches due to the pandemic. We forged ahead and kept the ball rolling and I only have best wishes for 2022. While I have become a County Commissioner in Lincoln I plan on attending next year's lunches and plan to keep on serving as your treasurer. As a retired man I now sit on 13 committees in our neighboring county. I hope to bring the knowledge I gain while serving up there to this group. As you know Lincoln County has some prime hunting and trapping grounds that I'll keep an eye on. I also plan on remaining the President of the Southern Nevada Coalition for Wildlife and I plan on representing that group in Carson city.

Our last marksman of the year event is Sat Dec 10th and Steve Peirce has stepped up and will be putting that event on so check out the details on the front page of the Gamebag. The angler of the year is already established and the Marksman of the year will be a close race as always. While I'm in the lead, I will not be able to attend as I'm going with the family and grandkids to Disneyland weekend so Ralph Willits has a chance to be marksman if he can win 1st place on Sat. If he gets 2nd then we will have a tie for marksman and if he gets 3rd or less then I will be the Marksman so be rooting for Ralph as he has a good chance of winning!!

As of this writing Clark County Commissioners still haven't chosen my replacement and I'm hoping that Brian Patterson is my replacement so those of you who have contacted the commissioners, I and Brian want to thank you. If you haven't there is still time to contact them.

We have no speaker this month as we will hold elections and then have Jelindo Tiberti talk about the ram he got this past week.

Once again I want to say thank you for letting me be your President!!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!!

**Mike Reese President 2021, 2020, 2011, 2008** All we want to do is hunt and fish and talk about it.

### **Banquet Season is upon us.....help support**

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> SCI Las Vegas Chapter banquet at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino

Jan 19-22 SCI National Convention at Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino

Feb 19 LVWW Banquet at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino

March 12 WHIN Banquet at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino

March 19 Meadow Valley Mule Deer Banquet at Caliente Fire Department

May 14 Fraternity of Desert Big Horn Banquet at South Pointe Hotel & Casino

**Christmas Eve gathering 2021.** Historically (25+ years) the Club has met at noon on Christmas Eve at Ricardo's Mexican Grill on Flamingo and Decatur. This is an informal gathering to wish each other Merry Christmas, tell some stories of the past years events, and honor one of our founding members, Dan Perry with a toast of Jack Daniels. We also have been known to select the FUBAR of the year for the member with the most embarrassing display at an event. Ricardo's closed last year but a new bar, **PKWY Tavern** recently opened in the same location. Stay tuned, we will be scouting out the new bar and confirm it meets our standards to continue the tradition.

## How Hunters Have Become Our Own Worst Enemies by Travis Smola Wide Open Spaces



It is no secret that [hunting](#) is slowly dying as an [American tradition](#). Hunter numbers have dropped almost every year except 2020 when we saw a brief resurgence in interest due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Other than that anomaly, hunting has been bleeding hunters for a long time and shows no signs of stopping anytime soon.

As far as [excuses](#) as to who is to blame for this, I have heard them all. Politicians, anti-hunters, video games and technology just to name a few.

However, I believe this is flawed thinking. In my opinion, the biggest reason [hunting](#) is dying is because we have done it to ourselves.

Before you get angry and tell me I'm wrong, at least hear me out. Because we have all likely been guilty of something that has contributed to scaring away prospective new hunters, even if we did not realize it at the time.

### Blaming technology.

I constantly see people posting about how things like smart phones, video games, and Netflix are responsible for killing interest in hunting and [fishing](#). I don't buy it. If you start diving into the numbers, it does not make sense either. For example, in 2020 the Bureau of Economic Analysis [reported](#) outdoor recreation created a staggering \$788 billion in economic impact here in the United States.

In their stats, hunting, trapping, [shooting](#), and fishing were ranked among the top five areas of recreational interest. Looking into the numbers and studies of the impacts of outdoor recreation, you will see the same thing dating back years. The USDA had a [similar report](#) showing the economy for outdoor recreation grew five percent every year between 2005 and 2011. Arguably, this is the same time social media and smart phones were really starting to take off.

So, why do hunter numbers continue to fall? I suspect it is because things like [camping](#), [hiking](#), kayaking, mountain biking, etc., are all taking a larger piece of that \$788 billion pie. If you look at things like traffic to National Parks, you will see them breaking all sorts of records for attendance that are not related to hunting.

Simply put, I don't think technology is hurting anything to do with the [outdoors](#), we are simply [experiencing](#) a massive shift in interests that does not include hunting. I sincerely believe that this outright hatred of technology by so many older hunters is upsetting and off-putting to some of the younger prospective hunters. Maybe a little less "When I was your age..." and a little more, "Hey, here's something cool about hunting I bet you didn't know."

Just as an example, I'm an avid video game player who also hunts, fishes, and writes full-time for Wide Open Spaces. I spent plenty of time in the outdoors each year. I'm in the middle of planning a pheasant hunting trip and my strategies for Michigan's [deer](#) season right now. It *IS* possible to enjoy two things at once and we need to acknowledge that. Technology is going to be part of everyone's lives moving forward and you cannot change that. By being close-minded, and telling young people they should only be interested in what interests them, they probably end up alienating these key demographics completely. I truly believe you cannot force an interest in hunting. Instead, we must find creative ways to first kindle an interest and then build it into a burning passion.

### The constant infighting.

Just hop on any Facebook feed or YouTube hunting channel to see what I mean. You simply cannot visit any hunting or fishing site without seeing someone making disparaging comments about another hunter that may be featured in a photo, video, or news story. I see it most often with anything having to do [with crossbows](#), which are now legal in the regular archery season in most states.



Rather than congratulating someone on shooting a nice buck with their [crossbow](#), I'll see fellow hunters bashing men, women, and even young children who dared to use one instead of a compound, even if the hunt was completely legal. The only way some of these crossbow haters will give a pass to the weapon is if the hunter is disabled, and even then, you'll see some people demanding personal medical information in public forums before they'll accept a harvest with one. How did we get to this point?

In a similar fashion, you had better watch out if you dare to use bait legally, or if you use dogs to run deer. Heck, even if you do an old-fashioned deer drive. Because there is someone out there waiting to judge you and tell you how you are not a real hunter if you use these techniques.

I see this behavior most often when it comes to trophy deer. No one can harvest a big buck anymore without being accused of being a poacher or having paid to kill it behind a high fence. Even if your harvest was a completely wild animal, then you'll get accused of only caring about antlers and not the meat. On the flip side of the coin, some hunters who love big antlers will bash anyone who dares to shoot a buck that does not meet their strict age and antler size requirements.

Honestly, I do not remember this much infighting about techniques and weapons in the hunting community when I was growing up. When did hunters become so mean-spirited and nasty? It's just sad to see, and I'm almost certain it scares away people who were interested in possibly trying the tradition. I know one thing, if I wanted to get into hunting today, I would go online for more information. And I would probably be turned away by how some hunters act online.

### **Making the outdoors too political.**

Before we go any further, I'm not taking sides with any political party here. I think both Republicans and Democrats have been incredibly stupid and childish the last ten to fifteen years. Frankly, I'm exhausted by both. No, I'm not libertarian, or any one of the other countless failed third parties either if that's what you think. I find myself in a weird, isolated place in America. Because there is literally no political party that I feel I can relate with these days.

As someone who feels he is on a desert island [politically](#), it's rather off-putting to see an "us vs them" mentality dragged into every single miniscule aspect of the greater hunting community. I do not believe for one second that every single hunting regulation change is politically driven. Nor do I believe that one party wants "to end hunting" or "make everyone vegetarian." Those are just a few examples of the silly things I've seen written on Facebook. People forget there are people on all sides of the political spectrum who own guns and enjoy hunting.

Frankly, I always used to see the outdoors as a uniting force. Where people of different backgrounds and political beliefs could come together to enjoy the majesty of the great outdoors. No more. Social media seems to have been the end of that. It is especially disappointing in the YouTube era, where people put up incredibly helpful videos full of hunting tips, and then completely alienate a whole segment of potential viewers with a political rant at the end. Can we all agree to just leave that stuff out of a video or article on rut hunting tips?

And I'm not saying politics never come into play with [hunting](#) matters. They do, although in my experience writing outdoor news for the last six years, it is extremely rare. If you really start breaking it down and examining recent hunting issues in the news, you will find they usually have nothing to do with politics. Just as an example, deer baiting bans often pop up due to sudden disease outbreaks like chronic wasting disease, not because one side wants you to be less successful hunting. And wolf hunts are usually started based on studies by biologists indicating some form of population control needs to be put in place, not because one side just wants to kill wolves as trophies.

This part of hunters being our own worst enemy could be an entire article itself. To keep things short, can we just start enjoying the outdoors without political strings attached again? I miss the days when hunting shows and videos didn't throw a political slant into their content. When hunters didn't discuss current events while sitting around the camp fire in the evening. I sincerely feel it would go a long way towards healing the wounds of this nation in other areas if we could all take a break from the political stuff this hunting season.

## Not acknowledging the demographics problem.



Hunting's demographics problem is the ugly truth most hunters don't want to or will not admit. There is not much diversity in hunting, and it is going to come back to bite us in the long run. We can break this down all sorts of ways, but we really are failing in almost all aspects, and I don't see many hunters trying to do anything about it.

The first problem is age. The average age of hunters in the U.S. [hovers around](#) 42-43 years of age and it continues to go up indicating we are not bringing in new people to replace the older ones who are hanging up their guns and bows for good. In 2016, a [U.S. Fish and Wildlife survey](#) estimate found that only around three percent of the population between the ages of 16 and 17 hunts. The 18 to 24 and 24-34 demographics were not much better at only four percent each. Ages 45 to 54 and 55 to 64 made up the largest percentage. Around age 65? That is

when hunters start retiring for good.

Simply put, just the age groups alone are not sustainable for [hunting](#). If this trend continues, eventually there is going to be none of us left. Most of us alive today will probably not live to see it, but that is bad news when it comes to conservation and funding through license sales. It gets uglier when we start bringing in other factors. Males make up 90 percent of the hunters in the U.S. I think most of us already knew we are not doing enough outreach to women. I will at least give credit to many state and federal organizations and outdoor brands, they are trying. But it feels like it may be too little too late. We probably should have started the current women in the outdoors movement more than 50 years ago.

When you start breaking down the demographics of hunting by race and ethnicity, the problems are even more apparent. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates hunters are 97 percent white. I thought one of the most interesting examples from the USFW survey indicates only one percent of Hispanics hunt. Meanwhile, the Hispanic population is growing much faster than almost every other one here in the U.S. Which leads me to wonder why we are not reaching out more to the Hispanic community in our hunter recruitment efforts?

Perhaps the saddest part of that U.S. Fish and Wildlife survey was the fact they could not even estimate the percentage of African Americans and Asian Americans who hunt because they did not receive a large enough sample size. Just another area we are completely failing in our recruitment efforts.

The more you dive into the data collected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state and federal agencies, the more depressing it becomes. It seems we need to find a way to make hunting much more inclusive and welcoming across the spectrum. Perhaps our focus is much too narrow. Maybe we need to find ways for better representation for those groups who are clearly being underserved. One thing seems certain, what we are doing in our efforts now is clearly not working. The national participation rate for hunting is at only around four percent. For all hunters that should be unacceptable if you are concerned about the tradition surviving.

## You should be worried.

If it sounds like I'm being too doom and gloom with this, well, that's the point. You [should be worried](#). I am too. Not just for hunting as a tradition either. I worry about the beautiful, wild places of our country. I worry about endangered species in peril that will suffer as conservation dollars fail to come in because those license sales just are not generating funds anymore. Sure, there are other revenue streams to support conservation, but they may not be enough in the long run.

There are probably no easy solutions, and I am not claiming I have any either. However, I do believe the problems I've outlined above are very real and should be acknowledged by all hunters. Only by knowing the problems can we come up with the solutions together. And we can all contribute, even if it is in the smallest of ways. Whether that be by introducing someone brand new to the tradition or simply by thinking twice before hitting send on a nasty message in your local hunting Facebook group. We must start a shift in how we approach hunting and recruitment at some point. Why not start right now?

## Washington State, no spring bear hunt in 2022

This article is from MeatEater website, I have highlighted in yellow some key points to think about. This is the new play book being used across the US to stop hunting. We are a small portion of the population 2-3%



Bear hunting opportunities in the Pacific Northwest will be a little scarcer after Washington state's permit-only spring black bear hunt was suspended amid public outcry fueled by anti-hunting advocacy groups.

The suspension came about after the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's governor-appointed [board of commissioners](#) failed to reach a consensus in a routine rule-making vote that would have allowed the long-held season to continue.

Opposition to the spring bear season began to crop up back in December of 2020 when two Washington residents hired an animal rights attorney and filed a lawsuit against the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), alleging that the agency had failed to adequately notify the public about its approval of the spring season, which has been in place in one form or another since 1973.

Around the time of the lawsuit, Sharon Stroble, one of two individuals listed as plaintiffs—the other was her sister, Martha Hall—told [The Spokesman-Review](#) that the state's spring bear hunt was “cruel and completely unnecessary.”

“I’m confident that most Washingtonians would oppose it if they knew about it,” Stroble said. “We understand that the department has the authority to authorize a spring bear hunt, but it also has a legal obligation to give Washington citizens the opportunity to speak up and have their voices heard about this abhorrent practice.”

Though Stroble and Hall's case was struck down in Thurston County Superior Court, public opposition to spring bear hunting in Washington state continued to gain momentum. [Anti-hunting groups like the Humane Society of the United States seized the opportunity, delivering the localized issue to a national audience while advancing a narrative of spring bear hunting as cruel and inhumane.](#)

These groups claim that spring bear seasons are “exceptionally cruel” because they allow for easy killing of lethargic bears that are slow and vulnerable due to their recent emergence from hibernation. They also espouse the flawed notion that big numbers of cubs will be “orphaned” as so many lactating sows are inevitably felled by indiscriminate hunters.

While emotionally compelling, these claims are not borne out in the harvest data that is routinely collected and analyzed by WDFW.

According to Stephanie Simek, the agency's large carnivore section manager, studies show that bear hunting accounts for less than 2% of cub mortality in Washington state. Of the 45 sows killed during the 2020 spring harvest, only one was lactating.

Bear hunting guru and MeatEater crew member Clay Newcomb says that concerns about cubs being orphaned and left to die during spring bear hunts are overblown.

"Spring seasons are set up to protect females," Newcomb said. "Early in the year when these seasons are taking place, boars are out of the dens much earlier, and the sows with cubs are the last ones to emerge."

He said that even if a small percentage of cub mortality *can* be attributed to hunter harvest, it is quickly outweighed by the higher number of boars taken out of the population by hunters. Since boars are prone to infanticide, they often cause high rates of cub mortality within dense black bear populations. Thinning boar numbers tends to keep more cubs alive.

Logical fallacies aside, the opposition to Washington's spring hunt remained an issue throughout 2021, spurred on by the easy access that hunting opponents now have to WDFW commissioners via COVID-era virtual hearings.

This opposition came to a crescendo on Friday, Nov. 19 when the commissioners voted in a 4-4 split to not approve new rules for what would have been the 2022 spring black bear season.

According to WDFW Commissioner Kim Thornburn of Spokane, who is in favor of continuing the hunt, Washington's spring bear season is now closed until further notice because of a technicality.

"The vote for the season was four to four," Thornburn told MeatEater. "Because you have to have a majority to pass new regulations, we were left with the existing rules, which only apply to 2021. So that basically closes the season. We don't have a rule for 2022."

**A House Divided** The four commissioners who opposed the spring hunt—Barbara Baker, Lorna Smith, Larry Carpenter, and Fred Koontz—offered up justifications for their respective opposition during the [virtual Zoom hearing](#) held on Nov. 19.

High on the list for some of the commissioners who spoke up was what they perceived as the Washington public's waning support for spring bear hunting.

"I believe that we can agree that spring bear hunting is and has been a controversial issue," said committee chair and Olympia resident Barbara Baker in a prepared statement that she read during the hearing. "I think that we can agree that most bear hunters would like to see the hunt continue, and I'm aware that some of them are concerned that this vote will signal whether this commission is becoming anti-hunting or not."

She went on to say that she does not believe that the state's long-standing spring hunt is rooted in sound science.

"Eliminating the spring bear hunt has become somewhat of a cause for many of the citizens in this state," she said. "Opponents of the spring hunt are essentially asking 'the why' of the hunt. I don't believe science is really a factor, and here's why: the main reasons that Washington gives as support for spring bear hunting are recreation, timber management and ungulate recruitment. That all makes sense to me, and it's intuitive. I believe that for many years that was good enough for many Washingtonians, but they have told us loudly and clearly that that is no longer the case. We haven't heard one word from the public to substantiate these objectives. We work for the people of this state, only 2.3% of which are hunters."

During the same meeting, Commissioner Fred Koontz, a retired zoologist who occupies the commission's "at-large" position and resides in King County echoed the sentiments of Chairwoman Baker, saying that the WDFD commission has an obligation to monitor the public's perception of hunting and to take that into account when setting policy.

“It’s the role of the **commission to keep an eye on what the values in the public are,**” he said. “I think that’s what we’ve been doing for 100 years with hunting. I think that this is our job to weigh the values. This is really an issue about recreational hunting in the spring and how the general public feels about that, especially when you consider what the other non-recreational benefits are. If we’re not here to help with that, then I don’t know how we set policy in a fair way.”

Another commissioner, Lorna Smith of Jefferson County, challenged the scientific methods used by WDFW to gather population data on bear populations, calling the agency’s methodology “old-fashioned.”

“We really need to be sure about our bear population at this point in time,” Smith said in the Nov. 19 hearing. “We don’t know exactly what the population is because the model, by our own admission, is not that reliable. I’m very concerned that our harvest rate right now, spring and fall combined, could be at a point that is not sustainable.”

Smith’s concerns about the sustainability of Washington’s black bear populations run counter to the agency’s own data and the claims of wildlife biologists like Stephanie Simek.

“When we look at the current view of the Washington population as a whole, we have a robust black bear population statewide,” Simek said in another Zoom hearing held in October. “If we thought there were going to be concerns that we were dipping or losing population numbers, we wouldn’t be offering these spring permits.”

Kim Thornburn thinks that the criticism being leveled by some of her fellow commissioners at WDFW’s biologists and scientists, and the methods they use to determine the population densities of Washington’s large carnivores, is unfair and inaccurate.

“They use standard monitoring obtained through hunter harvest data,” Thornburn told MeatEater. “We know we’ve got a healthy bear population. All we’re trying to do is make sure we’re not hunting in a way that could disrupt those populations. You can do that by looking at the number of bears taken, and then the gender and the age structure. That’s how it’s done all over the country with the carnivores, and we’re doing it just like everyone else.”

**She also raised concerns about some of the recent appointments to the board.**

**“A number of commissioner’s terms ended in December of 2020,” she said. “There is still one seat that remains unoccupied, and some of the commissioners who are being appointed are pretty opposed to game management.”**

**Take Action** Hunters and conservation advocates opposed to this blatant injection of politics and public sentiment into Washington’s long-standing tradition of sound bear management can voice their opinions in several ways.

First is a Change.org petition that seeks to bring back the 2022 spring bear hunt. It has currently amassed more than 7,000 signatures. You can sign that petition [here](#).

Readers can also contact the WDFW commission directly via email, at [commission@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:commission@dfw.wa.gov), or by phone at 360-902-2267.

There is also a [formal petition form](#) on WDFW’s website for anyone seeking to repeal a state administrative rule. According to Commissioner Thornburn, all such petitions must be addressed by the committee.

“Our rules can be petitioned,” she said. “I don’t know if it could happen fast enough, but there’s a whole process and we have to respond to a rule petition. I think it’s a 60-day turnaround. That’s a process that I haven’t seen anybody consider yet.”

**Locally we have the Clark County Advisory Board (CAB) to Manage Wildlife.....the anti-hunting community is slowly infiltrating this board getting anti-hunting individuals appointed to make wildlife decisions. The CAB sets season dates and tag quotas, if the majority of the members are non-hunters do you think the seasons and quotas will still be in place in the future?**

## Don Turner Memorial Turkey Shoot Results

Well, what can be said about the First Annual Don Turner Memorial Turkey Shoot than, "Thanks Don for the great November weather". Yes, T-shirts and no wind.

We had 22 shooters come out. The format was 10 Steels, one paper turkey target and one balloon.

The steels seemed to be easy when looking at them but caused a problem for most only one person (Jeff Bryant) knocked down all 10. On to the paper target at 50 yards. This is where the scores got interesting, anywhere from the high score 72 ( Ralph Willits) to the low 0 (I won't mention name "Mark Transue" ). The last thing to shoot was a balloon which was inflated up by each shooter. The balloon could not be inflated any bigger than your head (Boy some people have big heads). You had two shots from 100 yards to break the balloon. This separated the boys from the men as only 8 people busted the balloon. With all being done Ralph Willits still ended up winning the event and didn't even bust the balloon. On a side note, Mark Transue hit the balloon. Thanks everyone for coming. Don would have been happy as no one got shot. Safety was Don's biggest law in life. Honcho Jeff Bryant

See results of the scores below:

name	Divison	payed	#1	#2	#3	Total score
			Steels	Papar	Baloon	
Ralph Willits	1st	70	7	72	0	79
Fred Huntowski	2nd	40	8	58	10	76
Mike Reese	3rd	20	7	54	10	71
Jeff Jorgensen			8	52	10	70
Steve Kiss			4	54	10	68
Michael Reese			8	57	0	65
Al Schoelen			6	47	10	63
Mike Lussier	1	70	8	55	0	63
Dan Zelna	2nd	40	6	51	0	57
Clayton Philipp	3rd	20	4	41	10	55
Steve Pierce			7	46	0	53
John Mittness			9	41	0	50
Jeff Bryant			10	30	10	50
John Adamske			8	40	0	48
Robert Kelley	1st	70	7	33	0	40
Carl Jamison	2nd	40	5	34	0	39
Randy Peters	3rd	20	7	26	0	33
Larry Cusiamno			3	19	0	22
Mike Taylor			5	17	0	22
Mark Gallear			6	15	0	21
Mark Transue			1	0	10	11

## 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. Anyone have some gear they aren't using and would like to pass on? And perhaps make some money at the same time.

Paul Harris is looking for a **Glock 19** in 10mm or 9mm if you have one for sale contact him at 702 596-6849

**New Members:** We welcome new members: I'm not aware of any new members this month, make sure to get your free hat (when the new shipment arrives) at lunch for joining.

**LVWW Banquet:** the date is set for **February 19<sup>th</sup>** at the **Gold Coast Hotel & Casino**. This will be a celebration of **30 years for the club**. The banquet is our **ONLY** fund raiser for the year. We need volunteers to help out. Chairman Mike Reese has started early (we currently have about 16 guns purchased and in our possession) we desperately need more donation items. Mark Transue 219-3716 is in charge of collecting donations so if you have something or have a lead on a donation contact Mark. Donations can be **ANYTHING**. Dinner vouchers, show tickets, sporting event tickets, outdoor gear, hunts, small items of all sorts, think outside the box things like an oil change at the local lube shop, tires, gunsmithing, clothing, airline tickets, sports memorabilia etc. Costs have increased so currently the dinner tickets are set at \$75 for adults and \$45 for kids with an increase for those purchased at the door vs beforehand.

### Hunt photos from 2021 bpatterson

I played a small role in helping out on three different sheep hunts this past month, all successful.



Carter Forsmark Unit 263



Jelindo Tiberti Unit 268



Howard Hughes Unit 268

Has anyone been out chasing birds this fall? I went out a few weeks ago and found a few, but as is the case with my shooting, I didn't bring very many birds home with me. I went to AZ last weekend and found lots of quail and dove. The quail **WOULD NOT FLY**.....I ran and ran and ran after them hoping for a bird to take flight. I decided to take a shot at a bird on the ground hoping to get them in the air, missed the bird on the ground and still nothing took flight so I had to run and run and run some more. I did eventually get a couple birds in the air and came home with four birds after about 5-6 miles of walking and running. One of the four birds required killing him **TWICE**. I had moved down the road 4-5 miles and opened the back door to get my gun and gear and out jumped a "dead" quail and off he ran.....long story short, it took another three shots to finally kill him and officially get him in the bag. Did I mention I'm a very poor shot? I fit in well on the LVWW trap team 😊

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVWW Marksman- Angler Events

- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> TBA? Shoot at CCSC last event of the year  
Honcho Steve Pierce 265-4600
- Jan Archery Shoot at CCSC Honcho Ralph Willets  
15<sup>th</sup> **Possibly** Ice Fishing at Panguitch Lake UT honcho Mark Transue
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club Ice Fishing Comins Lake Ely NV  
Combined with Ely Rotary Club Honcho Brian Patterson



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19<sup>th</sup> LVWW 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino

## In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB)

Next Meeting is **scheduled for Tuesday, Jan 25, 5:30pm-9:00pm** stay tuned for updates if it will be held **BOTH** virtually **AND in person** at Government Center, Pueblo room, 500 S Grand Central Pkwy. Main topic of discussion is big game seasons & regulations. Your involvement is needed please show up to support NV wildlife issues. Mike Reese is no longer on the Board after serving 12 years, thank you Mike for your hard work and dedication to Nevada's wildlife. Brian Patterson has applied to fill his seat, BCC appointment will be held Dec 7.

### LVWW Trap Team looking for a new member

This rag tag group of 5 has been shooting together for over 20+ years. Neil Dille, John Fenner, Mike Taylor, Paul Schoppe and newest member (only 10+ years) Brian Patterson. Paul is moving out of state, so starting just after Thanksgiving a new team member is needed. **Requirements:** must be OLD, (ave age is 80), must have thick skin (as there is lots of ribbing on everything from your looks to how you shoot), must like wine (some of us drink a glass between rounds), must have money (we bet \$2 each night and we expect you to pay up when you lose), must have your own gun & ammo (we all have extra guns but we don't share), must be a good loser (as we lose regularly), must have new stories (we've heard each others stories many times) must NOT shoot better than the existing members (we aren't that good but don't like to be shown up and don't like to lose \$2 each week) must try-out for the team (but cash bribes are good way to make the list), must pay roughly \$185 every 10-12 weeks for league fees, must consistently show up every Wednesday night, must be able to shoot year round -no fair weather shooters allowed. Contact one of the 4 remaining members if still interested.

## 2021 Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

**Marksman of the Year**  
2021 standings after 9/10 events

Mike Reese	50 pts
Ralph Willits	41 pts
John Mitteness	29 pts
Jeff Jorgensen	28.5 pts
Larry Cusimano	27.5 pts

**Angler of the Year**  
2021 standings after 6/6 events

Ron Stoker	39 pts
Brian Burris	27 pts
K Johnson J Mitteness	21 pts
Brian Patterson	17 pts
Robert Gaudet	15.5 pts

**All Around**  
2021 Standings after 15/16 events

Mike Reese	55 pts
John Mitteness	50 pts
Ralph Willits	49.5 pts
Ron Stoker	39 pts
Larry Cusimano	35 pts

**"Sometimes adventure is often just a fancy word for trouble"**  
**Zane Grey**

## The GameBag

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## 2021 Officers

President	Mike Reese
1st VP	Steve Peirce
2nd VP	Dave Talaga
Treasurer	Mike Reese
Secretary	Ralph Willits
Warden	John Mitteness
GameBag	Brian Patterson
Social Media	Reese/Patterson

## 2021 Directors

### 3-Year Term

James Werner  
John Quinn  
Steve Scott  
John Mitteness  
Jeff Bryant

### 2-Year Term

Steve Peirce  
Randy Peters  
Ryan Werner  
Duane LaDuke  
Steve Reiter

### 1-Year Term

Rich Beasley  
Ken Johnson  
Gordon Warren  
Bill Rocheleau  
Dave Talaga

Lunch door hosts: Steve Reiter and Ralph Willits

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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Email: [admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org](mailto:admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org) Website: [www.LVWoodsandWaters.org](http://www.LVWoodsandWaters.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due with application \$25

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_

Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ CIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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“all we want to do is hunt, and fish and talk about it”

# Jokes

## The Italian Way

For several years, a man was having an affair with an Italian woman. One night, she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he paid her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born.

To keep it discreet, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write 'spaghetti' on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin.

One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife. "Honey", she said "you received a very strange post card."

"Oh, really? Let me see....," he said. The wife gave it to him and watched as her husband read the card, turned white, and fainted. On the card was written:

'SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI.'

"Two with meatballs, one without, Send extra sauce."

## Daddy is a Gay Dancer

A fourth-grade teacher asked the children what their fathers did for a living. All the typical answers came up - fireman, mechanic, businessman, car salesman... and so forth.

However, little Justin was being uncharacteristically quiet, so when the teacher prodded him about his father, he replied, "My father's an exotic dancer in a gay cabaret and takes off all his clothes to music in front of other men and they put money in his underwear. Sometimes, if the offer is really good, he will go home with some guy and stay with him all night for money."

The teacher, obviously shaken by this statement, hurriedly set the other children to work on some exercises and took little Justin aside. "Is that really true about your father?"

"No," the boy said, "He works for the Democratic National Committee and helped to get Biden elected, but it's too embarrassing to say that in front of the class."

**She said she  
missed me.  
Normally that  
would be good, but  
she's reloading.**

