

Las Vegas Woods and Waters
Since 1991- 30 Years of Fun
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"all we want to do is hunt and fish and talk about it"

Celebrating 30 years of getting together



April 2021, Issue 352

Lunch Program: Mark Hutchison

Comins Lake Fishing, The Spring Feast & Sporting Clay Shoot & Otter Creek fishing were all cancelled last year. All are back on the calendar for 2021!

Spring Feast at CCSC April 17 Mike & Scott Reese, Kyle & Kali Otto are the honcho's



The honchos have a great day planned.

Sporting Clay Shoot April 17th at Clark County Shooting Complex (CCSC) meet at the shotgun center club house, food will be served on the patio out front after the shoot approximately 12 noon. This is one of the two FREE great events provided to all club members, a FREE meal for you, your family and friends. Kyle Otto and his daughter Kali have been in charge of the cooking for several years now and they do a fantastic job. The crawfish & shrimp are flown in fresh from Louisiana and cooked on site with all the special spices and tastes of a real southern cookout. You don't want to miss out. Kyle cooks the "mud bugs" sausage, carrots, shrimp, potatoes, corn on the cobb etc. All you have to do is show up. Please help with the clean up afterward.

Mike & Scott Reese are the honchos for the sporting clays shooting event that will start with sign ups at 8:30am and closes at 9:00am. Must be present for the safety briefing. Cost is \$50 for 100 targets including the cart. **Increased cost is due to CCSC cost increases.** (bring 5 boxes of shells) Please try to find a group of four to make the sign in run quicker/smoothier. To help Mike try to establish a 4 man squad just for the carts, but only your individual score will count. You can sign up your squad at the April lunch as well. Lewis Class money will be paid to current members and of course this is a Marksman of the Year event for point standings.

Otter Creek Res. Fishing April 30-May 2

Angler of the Year Contest starts 8am Saturday May 01 till 12 noon LOCAL TIME, not Vegas time.

Big Fish by weight. Weigh in @ 12:30pm SHARP at grocery store across street from boat dock.

Details: Reservations at Rock n R Ranch: contact Camille & tell her you're with Woods & Waters

Phone

number 801-382-8840 Everyone must make their own Reservations

Total Room Charge per night, (plus sales tax)

1. **Single/Double- occupancy \$75.00 request bed size**
2. **Triple/Quad-occupancy \$80.00**
3. **RV Camping 110volt Electrical Hook-Up Only, no other services \$20.00 a night**

No Food will be served at the Lodge this year. We may have a chicken BBQ at the RV park at the Lake Saturday evening.

Check with Steve Reiter for details. You are welcome to BYO bottle and drink responsibly. Poker may be available

Saturday night. If questions call Ken Johnson, Honcho 702-858-8551



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



Presidents Message...Mike Reese

The draw period for Nevada's big game is now open until May 10th!!

A lot is going on now that both the time and the weather have now changed. Ron Stoker and Brian Burris took a group of sportsmen out on April 3rd to Alamo to install 10 wood duck nesting boxes. Great job guys. They just got word that they can't start the duck banding project until July 15th and it can run until Oct 6th so stay tuned for the details to come out! Ron and Brian have invited Ken Johnson, Al Schoelen and myself onto their podcast to talk about and promote the Las Vegas Woods and Waters Club.

I had member Kensen Lee come onto my show and talk about Turkeys, Coyotes, mule deer decline and big game. Kensen has harvested the state turkey record if he would just fill out the paperwork and send it in. His turkey has 4 beards!!! I also have the state rep for the NRA coming on my show the evening before our luncheon. I'm about ready to upload all my episodes to you tube and turn them into Podcast so stay tuned and in the meantime you can check them out on the Southern Nevada Coalition for Wildlife Facebook page and some have also been put on the Woods and Waters Facebook page. I've had a lot of people contact me about a reloading seminar and Dan Zelna has agreed to help put one on, so I need to know how many are interested?

I'd like to take this time to congratulate the annual winners of the Marksman, Angler and all-around winners!! They were Jeff Bryant as the Marksman and Brian Patterson won the Angler and the all around and we have yet to have some one win all 3 the same year. Dave Famiglietti has come the closest by winning the Angler and all around and tying for the Marksmen with me. Hindsight says we should have had a shoot off but I'm quite honored to share the tie with Dave!!! Our Sportsmen of the year went to our oldest member, Mr Al Schoelen. I believe he is about to turn 89. Congratulations to all the winners.

Lastly on behalf of Brian and myself I'd like to thank the club for the out pouring of thanks for our years of service!! It is a labor of love and we thank you!!

We are now over 150 paid members and we continue to grow and yet we have been able to keep it an intimate group and that's what makes it fun!

Our speaker this month is former Lieutenant Governor and gun enthusiast Mark Hutchison. He will be talking about how sportsmen can hold onto the heritage that we have created and not get regulated away. You won't want to miss this presentation!! See you at the lunch. **Mike Reese President 2021, 2020, 2011, 2008** All we want to do is hunt and fish and talk about it.

Comins Lake "Big Fish" Event April 10th Ely NV



This is another one of our Angler of the Year events. We try to time the ice off and spawn conditions at Comins Lake (usually the first week or two of April). The fish tend to cruise the shoreline so a boat is not required but many guys will use a boat or float tube. The group generally stays at La Quinta or The Prospector Hotel & RV, make your own reservations or find a spot that suits you best. Camping is NOT allowed at Comins Lake but there are spots nearby to camp Cave Lake, Ward Charcoal Oven State Park or the KOA RV park between town and Comins Lake.

Fishing will begin on Saturday April 10th at 7:30am at the lake (located just 5-6 miles south of Ely right off Hwy 93) This is a BIG FISH by weight competition. Bring in ONE (1) fish to weigh as your best, do your own culling. Remember to follow all state and local fishing laws, check the NV regs on number of fish allowed in your possession. We will only weigh in ONE (1) fish from each competitor. If you catch and release, keep ONE (1) fish for the weigh in. Weigh in will be at 2pm near the north restroom. Look for the LVWW flag to be flying. **No fish will be weighed after 2:22pm!** **Possible CA\$H prize for largest fish (caught that day) and presented at the weigh in. Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020** This event is similar to the ice fishing event held in January, arrive in Ely on Friday, Fish Saturday, possible poker game Saturday night at La Quinto downstairs open area, fish Sunday on your own then head home around noon to be back in Vegas well before dark.

Sunnyside Fishing Results

After postponing the event one week due to foul weather, we had 20 anglers show up the next weekend March 27 to face a bit more wind than was forecast. The temps were fine, just a little windy in the morning which stopped blowing just as we all hit shore for a recap of the day. The Club provided water and donuts to get the day started. The big treat was after the fishing was done, Dennis Rusk provided brats and beans and Jimmy & wife Poo Kosgomol cooked up some fresh fish and fried rice for a big time shore lunch.



Ralph Willits really scooted around the lake in his rig. Dennis Rusk cooked up a great shore lunch

The results of the fishing went to the members only in the group, (a couple non-members Sam Dunnam and Jared Bushman, would have placed in the top 3 had they been paid members). The fishing was OK, fighting the wind was as much a focus as trying to fight a fish, EVERYONE caught fish except Chris Griebing 😊. Top honors went to John Mitteness who landed 17 netting him 10 Angler of the Year points. Next was Ron Stoker 9 pts, Brian Patterson 8 pts, Brian Burris 7 pts, Robert Gaudet-Ken Johnson-Frank Mirabelli all got 5 pts, Steve Carpenter 3 pts, Dennis Rusk -Ralph Willits each got 1.5 pts and all other fishermen got 1 pt.

More photos from the members at **Castle Valley** Bird Hunt a few weeks ago



Al Schoelen with his black pheasant, Mike Reese on point, the days harvest, in the field and dinner.

22 Pistol Fast & Accurate Shoot Results

Marksman of the Year Points went as follows: Tony Perkins 10 pts, John Mitteness 9 pts, Ralph Willits 8 pts, Larry Cusimano 7 pts, Neil Dille 6 pts, Jeff Bryant 5 pts, Jeff Jorgensen 4 pts, Mike Reese 3 pts, Carl Jamison 2 pts, all others 1 point each.

25 shooters, 2 new members Luke Weber and Carl Jamison



Al Schoelen (long gun)

Dan Zelná (revolver)

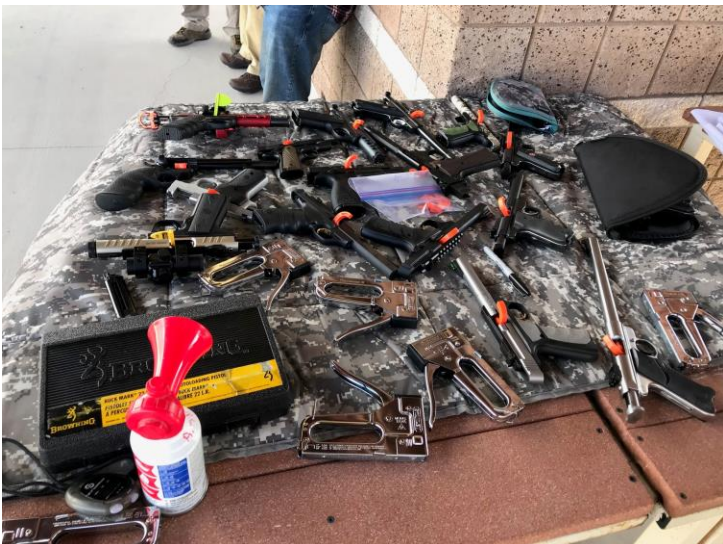
Mike Reese

Ralph Willits

Honcho Jeff Bryant set up a fun event. 10 rounds at a paper target just 15 yards away in 90 seconds (the accurate portion) then 10 rounds at the same target in only 20 seconds (the fast portion) Then without knowing what your score was you had the option to shoot at a 6" steel plate also at 15 yards. One shot, hit it add 10 points to your total score, miss it and subtract 5 points from your total score (the gambling portion). Very few opted to shoot at the steel and even fewer of those that did actually hit it...most missed and lost 5 pts.

Then after all the scores were computed Jeff allowed you to pay an additional \$5 to shoot at the steel plate again, this time you would get the added points for a hit but not lose points for a miss, but you would be adding to the Lewis Class money pool. Ties were broken in a shoot out at the steel plate.

We had a really good turnout of 25 shooters so the Lewis Class was separated into three (3) flights of shooters then to spread the prize pool even more Jeff ended up paying out prize money to five (5) places in each flight. So at the end of the day 15 of the 25 shooters got some prize money (for the record I was not one of them). This turned out to be good for a lot of shooters, each making a little money or almost breaking even for the event. Money winners were: \$55 Tony Perkins, Carl Jamison & Amber Black, \$45 John Mitteness, Frank Mirabelli & Hubert Von Der Beeck, \$35 Ralph Willits, Michael Reese & Mark Gallear, \$25 Larry Cusimano, Mike Lussier & Greg Klevgard and \$15 to Neil Dille, Robert Gaudet & John Adamske.



Take a look at the standings on page 7, this is great, there are lots of new names on the leader board for both Marksman and Angler of the Year. Sure there are a few of the consistent names on the list but the vast majority are new names, either newer members or names that have been putting in some practice. Who will be wearing a new belt buckle next year?

We seem to be seeing some increased participation at the events and an increased interest in the competition for bragging rights.

Look at the variety of different guns used in the competition (for the record a few of those are staple guns for hanging targets)

Mike Covey: Critics of hunting and trapping don't have the whole picture

A recent [opinion piece about wildlife issues](#) was questionable at best. Some of the accusations put forth are truly concerning, in that people might be led astray by them.

I will preface this letter with a question, one you may all ask yourselves. Our Fish and Wildlife Board members know going into it that they are going to be putting a target on themselves by simply accepting the position. Do you believe people would sign up for a term as a public servant that comes with a great deal of responsibility, criticism and commitment, but virtually no compensation, without harboring a love for the wildlife of our state?

Recent attacks upon members of the sporting community, the board, and the department have reached a point where it is clear that an agenda, rather than legitimate concern, is driving the narrative.

We see folks write about a nebulous concern that the board has the capacity to pass a rule against the suggestion of the department, but they fail to mention if this ever happens or not. Wondering about it, I reached out to Vermont's director of wildlife, Mark Scott. Mark has been with the department since 1982 and could only recall one time, way back in the early 1980s, where the board passed a rule the department didn't feel was scientifically sound. This wasn't an all-encompassing rule, but simply started the wood duck season at an earlier date than the department suggested.

When we look at the facts, the statement that our Fish and Wildlife Board ignores the scientists on such topics as moose permits and bear hunting is nothing short of a bold-faced lie.

We also often hear terms thrown around with no context. This manipulation of language to mislead the public is referred to by the anti-hunting crowd as "persuasive language." A prime example is the term "species of greatest conservation need" (SGCN). While threatened and endangered species are certainly among the ranks of SGCN, not all SGCN are threatened or endangered. In fact some are quite common, and are designated as SGCN to ensure that they remain common, with the snowshoe hare I had for dinner yesterday being a great example.

When you see the term used as a cry to arms, dig deeper. There is a strong likelihood you are being led to a certain reaction that may or may not have merit.

Some folks like to downplay the sporting community's contribution to Fish and Wildlife Department funding, stating that federal funds are derived from taxes on "products that are unrelated to hunting and fishing."

That couldn't be further from the truth.

The Pitman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson acts are largely funded by excise taxes on hunting, fishing and shooting equipment, from firearms to traps to fishing lures. These are taxes the sporting community supported levying on themselves to support the resource, much the same as Vermont sportsmen and women supported a license fee increase in 2019 to support our public fisheries.

The fact of the matter is that somewhere between 70% and 80% of the department's budget is funded by the sporting community, and we can hold that as a point of pride. That's 70-80% of their entire budget — endangered species work, habitat protection, law-enforcement, administration, even office supplies. If, as these folks would like, hunting became a thing of the past, who would supply the enormous funding gap that would occur?

These same folks will tell you that trapping and hounding are terrible, but will fail to mention that bearhounds are our best nonlethal deterrent for bears that cause problems or that over \$41 million has been spent in the last three decades to revolutionize trap design for the sake of ensuring the welfare of trapped animals. Each of those topics is an entire dissertation in and of itself. For the sake of space, I'll note that [The Wildlife Society supports](#) regulated hunting and trapping for the value they bring to our wildlife.

I would further note that hounding of bears is our [best nonlethal deterrent to problem bears](#) and without our dedicated community of houndsmen and women, our bears will lose every time.

The concept that use of our wildlife is a zero sum game, with winners and losers, is an outright lie. The general public doesn't suffer because hunters, trappers and anglers use a portion of the resource, nor does our wildlife. Nowhere in modern history has regulated recreational hunting, trapping, or fishing been harmful to healthy wildlife populations, and quite often those connected to the resource through their pursuit of game are the ones to sound the alarm.

Wildlife benefits from the financial contribution provided by the sporting community, and the portion of animals that are harvested doesn't harm populations. Every year nature produces a surplus and that surplus will die, whether it's from predation, starvation, or disease. When humans take a portion of that surplus for our own use, we remove the load on the landscape and allow the rest of our wildlife to thrive.

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. Sorel - Snowbear, size 9. Never used. \$50.00. Perfect for the ice fisherman, late season hunt, winter coyote scaring, Mt. Charleston, etc. Ralph Willits 702 423-7444 he also has one Polaris ATV Sportsman 500 wheel/tire for sale.



New Members: We welcome new members: Joseph Terry, Luke Weber, Robert Plummer, Carl Jamison all joined at the 22 pistol shoot to the club, make sure to get your free hat at lunch for joining.



L: Al Schoelen Sportsman of the Year, C: Past President Brian Patterson & Mike Reese, SOY nominees Bill Halverson, Jeff Bryant, Bill Rocheleau and Al Schoelen

Marksman of the Year, Jeff Bryant. Angler & All Around of the Year Brian Patterson...honorable mention Ralph Willits finished in second place for all three categories.

Vehicle Hunting via the Manheim Auction:

"IF ANY WOODS AND WATERS MEMBER HAS AN INTEREST IN UPGRADING OR ACQUIRING A VEHICLE AT WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE FUTURE, WORTH THOUSANDS IN SAVINGS; ONE OF OUR MEMBERS AND HIS DEALERSHIP HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES, BUSINESSES AND FRIENDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE ANY VEHICLE OF YOUR CHOOSING DIRECT FROM THE LAS VEGAS MANHEIM AUCTION." (Contact Craig Wright at 702-417-1132 to discuss your needs or just simply say hello to him at one of our functions)

30 Year Anniversary of LVWW.....who's still around 30 years later?

Founder Ken Johnson started this group back in 1991. How many names on the current membership roster were there 30 years ago? I've done a little research of our limited archives and tried to look back at some early history of the club. Ken provided me with some 3-ring binders containing several documents (all prepared on a typewriter). Old meeting minutes, calendar of planned events, and a membership list. Can you take a guess at how many of those early members are still active? 5-10-15? Well, my quick research found eight (8). Steve Carpenter, Mark Forsstrom*, **Ken Johnson*** founder, Jack McGuire, Kyle Otto, Jim Pope*, Dennis Rusk and Gordon Warren*. Very few folks stick with anything for 30 years these days, so it is pretty impressive that after 30 years we still have at least eight members who are still part of the club (four of which have been club president, marked with *).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVWW Marksman Angler Events

- April **10th** Comins Lake BIG Trout Fishing Ely NV
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020
17th Spring Feast Sporting Clays Shoot at CCSC 8am-2pm
Honcho Mike & Scott Reese 400-6501 and Kyle & Kali Otto cooks
30th-May1 Otter Creek Res fishing Rocking R Ranch Antimony UT
Honcho Ken Johnson 858-8551
- May **15th** Center fire Pistol Shoot at CCSC 12-4pm
Honcho Ralph Willits 423-7444
22-23 Panguitch Lake fishing, Panguitch UT
Honcho Mark Transue 219-3716 & Steve Reiter cook
- June **12th** Black Powder shoot at CCSC 12-4pm
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020



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, May 4th 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. Setting big game quotas for the up coming draw is the main topic. Your involvement is needed please show up to support NV wildlife issues.



2021 Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

Marksman of the Year
2021 standings after 3/10 events

Tony Perkins	20 pts
Ralph Willits	14 pts
Neil Dille	13 pts
M. Reese/B. Rocheleau	11 pts
Schoelen/Adamske	10.5 pts

Angler of the Year
2021 standings after 2/5 events

Ron Stoker	17 pts
Brian Burris	12 pts
R.Werner/J. Mitteness	10 pts
Patterson Tiberti	9 pts
Ken Johnson	8 pts

All Around
2021 Standings after 5/15 events

Tony Perkins	20 pts
John Mitteness	19 pts
Ron Stoker	17 pts
Ralph Willits	16.5 pts
Brian Patterson	15 pts

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals” Zig Ziglar

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

Jokes

May 22 - Panguitch Lake Fishing event

Aspen Cove Resort will be event HQ and has been completely remodeled by the new owner, James Shelton. The restaurant & bar included, they will be open before our fishing trip on May 22nd. We have talked with James to get the best hotel rates, \$140 per night. He has 10 rooms plus the Bunk house and if we as a club can fill all 10 rooms, we will be given additional special pricing. Also Saturday night at Dinner we are having a drawing, he is donating a 1/2 day pontoon boat rental, they will be providing all our side dishes, Steve Reiter will be grilling the steaks again this year if you trust his cooking again, (Burning Brian's per his request!)

Currently we have 4 hotel rooms committed, Steve needs to know who else is getting rooms, Aspen Cove also has full RV hook ups and boat rentals for the Woods & Waters Group. Please contact Steve 592-9399 or Mark Transue 219-3716 regarding the rooms. Aspen Cove Resort 435 618-0487.

Fishing pick up lines to try at the bar:

"A shark just ate my girlfriend. Will you be my new one?"

"Hey baby, if I were a fish, I'd be hooked on you."

Any pickup line leaves you open to a comeback. This one might seem cute, but it could also result in, "I'm not fishing for your type."

"There are plenty of fish in the sea, but I see you with me."

Careful a possible reply might be; "You better get your eyes checked, because I don't see that."

"I don't know if you've ever been fishing, but I think we should hook up."

"Want to compare tan lines?"

Please Untie the Rope:

A thief entered a house mid-afternoon.

He tied up the woman and at knife-point asked the man to hand over the jewelry and money.

The man started sobbing and said, 'You can take anything you want. Even kill me, but please untie the rope and free her.'

Thief: 'You must really love your wife!'

Man: 'Not particularly, but she will be home shortly.'

Check Book:

A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman – "Which book has helped you most in your life?"

The woman replied, "My husband's check book!!"

Forget:

Someone asked an old man: "Even after 70 years, you still call your wife – darling, honey, luv. What's the secret?"

Old man: "I forgot her name years ago and I'm scared to ask her."

Wife's Picture:

Pharmacist to customer: "Sir, please understand, to buy an anti-depression pill you need a proper prescription... Simply showing marriage certificate and wife's picture is not enough !

Talking in Sleep:

A lady says to her doctor: "My husband has a habit of talking in his sleep! What should I give him to cure it?"

The doctor replies: "Give him an opportunity to speak when he's awake! "

Carburetor:

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous "

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool"

The Army:

Fifty-one years ago, Herman James, a North Carolina mountain man, was drafted by the Army. On his first day in basic training, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barber sheared off all his hair. On his second day, the Army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth. On the third day, the Army issued him a jock strap. The Army has been looking for Herman for 51 years.

An Irishman's Baptism

An Irishman is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon, he asks the drunk:

"Are you ready to find Jesus?"

The drunk shouts:

"Yes, I am."

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him back and asks:

"Brother, have you found Jesus? "

The drunk replies:

"No, I haven't found Jesus!"

The preacher, shocked at the answer dunks him again but for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks: "Have you found Jesus, brother?"

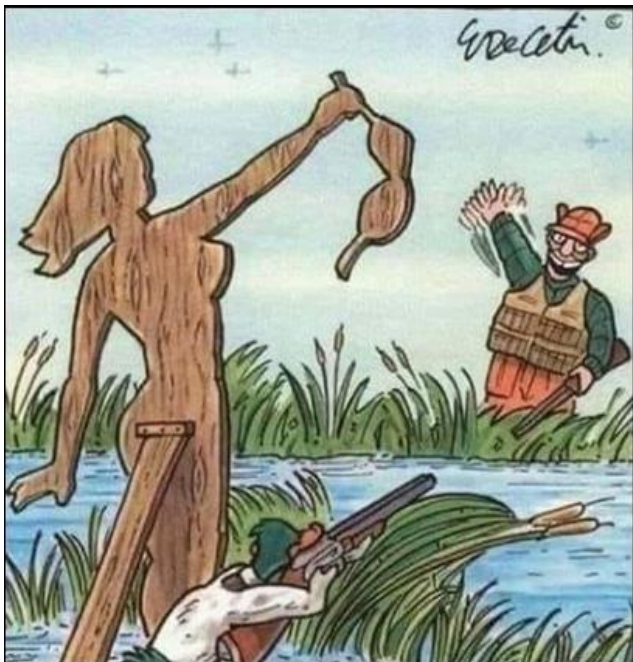
The drunk answers:

"No, I haven't found Jesus!"

By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the drunk: "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk staggers upright, wipes his eyes, coughs up a bit of water, catches his breath, and says to the preacher:

"Are you sure this is where he fell in"



Duck season will be here soon.....be careful.