

**Las Vegas Woods and Waters**  
*Since 1991- 30 Years of Fun*

# **GAMEBAG**

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

Celebrating 30 years of getting together

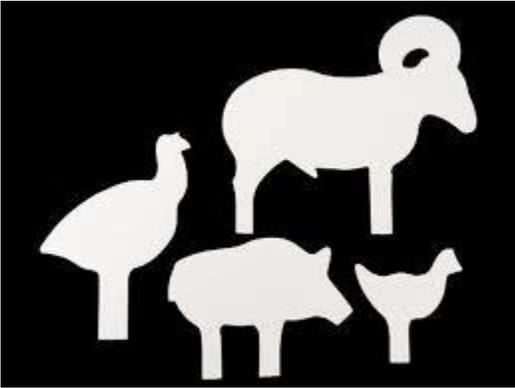


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**Lunch Program: Frank "the Tank" CCW class information**

**July 10th 22 Rifle Silhouette Shoot at CCSC honcho Jeff Bryant**

Sign up 11 am Match starts at 11:30 am (no late sign ups) cost is \$20



Event format:

1. 22 Long rifle from the standing position. Any 22lr gun, any scope or sight.

First round will be unlimited shots at 5 chickens at ?? yards (yardage to be determined by honcho 😊) in 30 seconds. Must knock down all five chickens to move on to next round.

"If you don't knock down all five chickens in the 30 seconds you will be allowed one \$ 5.00 buy in to reshoot the five chickens." After buy back is shot and you haven't knocked down all five chickens, you're done!

2. Round two will consist of 15 targets, five at 25 yards – five at 50 yards- and five at 100 yards. You will have 15 shots and have 3 minutes to knock down the 15 targets. Score will be on knocked down targets.



Ties will be broken in a shoot off format.  
 Shoot off: one shot at 50 yard target and one shot at 100 yard target.



**Next meeting Thursday August 12<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

July is here and it didn't fail to bring its triple digit temperatures. Normally this is the start of the monsoon season along with lightening fires! Area 23 has already seen its share of fires this season and it finally got some rain as well. For those who were fortunate enough to draw deer or elk tags in Lincoln County, I strongly suggest you do a lot of pre scouting. I'd check out the water holes as some have little to no water! Some guzzlers did get some rain but with the hot temperatures that water may not last. I have seen some doves and seen some quail with the little ones in tow but as history has shown us that the week before dove season opens, they move out. I'm planning to join the group for the Yuma dove hunt this year in hopes of getting some good shooting in. This will be my first time joining the club as the season doesn't open until Wednesday Sept 1st and it will give me time to get home and back up to Lincoln County for the Labor Day festivities. Our family has been to those festivities for the last 30 plus years and it's kind of hard to break that tradition! It's during this time that we also go scouting and search for those big bulls that are bugling. It's also during these scouting trips that I have noticed a sharp and gradual decline in or states mule deer population!! I used to be able to find hundreds of nice bucks and now its only dozens if even that. It boggles my mind that we have more coyotes in the state than mule deer, twice as many horses as antelope, almost 4 times more horses than elk and they are 60% the population of deer! I hope that puts into perspective of how over populated the horses are!! It also boggles my mind that the agency in charge of managing our wildlife is contemplating outlawing coyote calling contest when they already outnumber deer and to make this more lopsided a deer generally produces 2 fawns while a coyote generally produces 6-8 pups which mean the young coyotes outnumber the fawns by a 4 to 1 margin. I'm glad some members stepped to the plate and emailed the wildlife commission about this atrocity! At the last meeting in Winnemucca a bus load of anti-hunters showed up and voiced their objections to the calling contests. The commission didn't take a vote as they wanted to discuss it further.

With July being a tradition month and most of us celebrating the 4th of July, there is groups wanting to change the color and the look of our flag. Hell they even want to abolish the word independence day!! Incase you haven't noticed our core values are under attack. Who thinks we should give up hunting and fishing as core values?

Brian Patterson and I want to humbly thank the club for sending us on a fly- fishing trip to Beaver Utah! We drove for 6 hours that day and we fished for 6 hours. We not only had a great time fishing but we also tried to help solve the worlds problems. The conclusion we came to during our long discussion is what are we willing to give up as sportsmen and as Americans. The answer was a resounding.....not a damn thing! We are in hopes that Woods and Waters members feel the same way!

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

### August Angler of the Year Event

The Las Vegas Woods & Waters August 18, 2021 Angler event will be totally new: Casting - dry land style! This is a first time event that will add a little time to our desert drought plagued fishing season. No boats, no guides, not even water. No disappointments for weather, stocking density, lake level, etc. We will start early 7-8ish at a local city park (TBD).. Casting accuracy will be the order of the day. Distance, speed, and accuracy will be judged. Following the Brian Patterson model, the course will have some pretty creative ways to win, lose, or be embarrassed. Spinning or casting rods and reels up to 12 lbs. will be provided, or bring your own (up to 12 lbs. rating, no line restrictions). There will also be fly casting. Time to learn, get some pointers, and PRACTICE UP! Honcho Ralph Willits. Thanks Ralph for thinking outside the box and coming up with a new event to try.

## Black Powder Shoot Results



Another day to smell the powder and try something a bit different. This year we elected to shoot a round ball down range rather than our typical conical sabot bullets. As the honcho, I had never shot a round ball before. I covered the target stands with fresh paper so we would be able to see a fresh mark on the 4'x4' target board, even if we missed the actual target. (spoiler alert, I missed my target with every shot). Not knowing where the round balls would go and extending the distance to 100 yards I allowed the use of a steady rest from the bench to hopefully get us on paper. I also included 1 sabot for each shooter along with 4 roundballs. 5 shots per person.

We had 18 shooters. Even with the benefit of the sabot 1/3 of the shooters posted a score of ZERO, me included. How can you miss a 4'x4' target stand from 100 yards? Some of us did. The actual target was roughly 14"x14" stapled to the larger target stand. My target after the shoot was as fresh as when the day started. My first shot with the sabot was some 2 feet low and 1.5 feet to the right? It was all user error as I loaned my gun to Carl Jamison for the shoot and he won \$80 in the Lewis Class.

First place went to Michael Reese by getting two shots on target! This is the same Michael that had a muzzleloader elk hunt last fall and shot 5-6-7-8 times at elk and came home with tag soup? I guess a year of experience and thinking back at those misses helped. Or maybe he should have been using round balls for his elk hunt. 2<sup>nd</sup> place tie went to Joey Kauffman and new member Eric Nielson, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jeff Bryant, 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Zelna, tie for 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Reese and Jeff Jorgensen, 6<sup>th</sup> Carl Jamison, 7<sup>th</sup> Ralph Willits, 8<sup>th</sup> Tony Perkins all others received 1 Marksman of the Year point.

Lewis Class winners were Michael Reese \$80, Kauffman & Nielson \$20 each and \$20 to Jeff Bryant in the first flight. The second flight was Carl Jamison \$80, Willits \$40 and a 3 way tie each splitting the \$20 pool and getting \$5 were Mike Lussier, Tony Perkins and Hubert Von derBeeck.

I would like to say the shoot was fun, and it was, sort of, but we will not be shooting roundballs again...at least not for a while or not at 100 yards. I've been the honcho for the black powder event over 15 years now and I try to mix up the shoot to keep it interesting and fun....it's more fun to hit your target than simply guess where to aim after missing one shot after another. We have enough supplies on hand for next year (minus the 209 primers) I'm hoping by next summer they will be more on the shelves. Once again a borrowed gun was able to get Marksman of the Year points and cash in on the Lewis Class money....proof that the guy behind the gun matters more than the gun itself. I hope to see you next year on the range with a slightly different format.



Photos: top Mike Taylor. Left: Jeff Bryant with Tony Perkins spotting. Right: Carl Jamison earning some cash.

## THANK YOU...Mike Reese & Brian Patterson

Mike and I would really like to thank the entire membership for the generous gift/opportunity to fish the Beaver River with Steve Dawson at Circle Valley Anglers. The date was selected (June 24) and we drove up to meet with Steve in Cedar City before heading to the private ranch and private stretch of the Beaver River. The owner of the ranch has a very special place, he is the first property on the outlet side of Minersville Reservoir. As a hunter and helicopter pilot we got to see some of his mounts and the chopper in his garage.

I always like to learn something new and was excited to pick the brain of our guide Steve. I recently started to learn the art of euro style nymph fishing and Steve was able to get me set up and trying the totally different type of fly fishing. I had 4 fish to the net in pretty short order even with my terrible awkward form at getting the fly in the water. Mike was trying spinners in the next bend in the river. Steve soon had him fishing with flies from his spinning tackle, I think that's when Mike started to catch a few fish.



We didn't catch some of the bigger 18-20" lunkers that we saw but we got some healthy fighters and had a great time. The photo above may look like Mike's fish is bigger than the one I got but ask him about how many I caught vs him 😊. We both learned a new type of fishing and had a great time!!!! Thank you so much.

## Have some slightly used gear not getting used? Hunting, fishing, camping, biking



Peaks and Pedals is a new consignment shop for gently used recreation gear for camping, hiking, biking, paddling and climbing. Our goal is to bring you an adventure on a budget while also helping the environment by reusing and passing on gear. Need to clean out your garage and have good condition gear you don't need anymore? Let us sell it for you. Get even more value for your items by signing up as a consigned before we open our doors on September 18th and receive an additional 10% on consigned items. If interested, just check us out at [peaksandpedalsgear.com](http://peaksandpedalsgear.com), send us an email at [info@peaksandpedalsgear.com](mailto:info@peaksandpedalsgear.com) or give us a call at 702-472-8059. Not sure you want to sell items and

would rather just donate your gear? That is great! We will make sure a portion of sales for donated items goes back to outdoor organizations like Woods and Waters.

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more photos from the black powder shoot



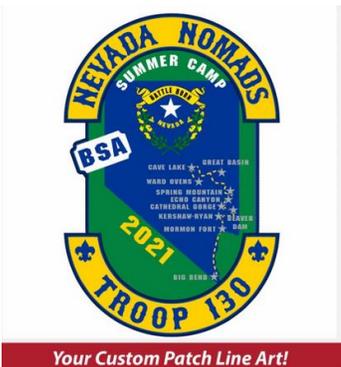
## BUY – SELL - TRADE

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.

**New Members:** We welcome new members: Eric Nielson, make sure to get your free hat at lunch for joining.

### Boy Scout troop 130 Summer Camp Update - patches and shirts

Our summer camp was from June 13-19. We started out traveling to Great Basin National Park. Our travels then took us to Cave Lake and the Ward Charcoal Ovens. We did some star gazing, fishing, and kayaking. We then journeyed to Spring Valley State Park where we continued fishing and added bird and mammal study to our tasks and filled in our time with crafts like basket weaving and wood carving. Despite losing the bearings on our trailer, our scouts were able to visit Echo Canyon, Kershaw-Ryan, Cathedral Gorge, and Beaver Dam State Parks with a stop over at the Trilobite site for good measure. We stopped at the Knotty Pine in Caliente for lunch and some homemade pie - a Troop 130 tradition. We packed up and headed back for Las Vegas, but we were far from done. We stopped off and visited the Old Mormon Fort State Park on our way down to Big Bend State Park where we wrapped up our adventure with a morning of canoeing. All told, we traveled 1500 miles, visited one National Park and nine State Parks, and awarded more than 75 merit badges to seven scouts. More importantly we had some very happy scouts at the end of our nomadic summer camp.



### Bragging Rights On the Line

There are lots of new names on the leader board for Marksman, Angler and All Around. There are some very tight races with only a few events left this year. Angler of the Year has one more event, new this year will be a "Dry Land Casting" competition in August. Currently there are 3 guys with a mathematical chance to win it all Ron Stoker, Brian Burris and Ken Johnson are all in the top running for Angler of the Year. For Marksman of the Year the field is WIDE open with 4 events remaining. There are 7 guys within 8 points of the lead so just one event will shake up the standings. Likewise with the All Around, we have never had such a tight race, there are 10 guys within 10 points of the lead. A lot can happen between now and December when the 3 Gun Shoot takes place. Most years it comes down to this final event to crown the winner of the Marksman race but it will most certainly have more riding on that event this year as the All Around looks to be up for grabs as well.

It's great to see the excitement of new members getting their names at the tops of the leader boards, have the old guns lost a step? Are the new guys that much better? Who will win bragging rights for a year and a shiny new belt buckle for top honors? See the current standings on page 7. Winners will be crowned at the banquet in February.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVWW Marksman Angler Events

- July **10<sup>th</sup>** 22 Rifle Silhouette Shoot at CCSC 11-4pm  
Honcho Jeff Bryant 275-1400
- August **14<sup>th</sup>** Dry Land Casting Competition  
Honcho Ralph Willits 423-7444  
**We are planning a range night to sight in guns date TBD**
- Sept **11<sup>th</sup>** Fall Feast Sporting Clays Shoot at CCSC  
Honcho Mike & Scott Reese 400-6501
- Oct No events **HUNTING SEASON** – Good Luck



Stories or photos, contact GameBag  
Editor Brian Patterson 715-2020

## In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB)

Next Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 10th 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.



## 2021 Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

**Marksman of the Year**  
2021 standings after 6/10 events

Ralph Willits	26 pts
Mike Reese	25 pts
Tony Perkins	22 pts
Larry Cusimano	20.5 pts
John Mitteness	20 pts

**Angler of the Year**  
2021 standings after 5/6 events

Ron Stoker	30 pts
Brian Burris	23 pts
Ken Johnson	21 pts
Brian Patterson	17 pts
Robert Gaudet	15.5 pts

**All Around**  
2021 Standings after 11/16 events

Tony Perkins	33.5 pts
John Mitteness	31 pts
Ron Stoker	30 pts
A Schoelen/R Willits	28.5 pts
Larry Cusimano	28 pts

**“When your values are clear to you, making decisions become easier”**  
Roy Disney

## The GameBag

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Steve Reiter

#### 1-Year Term

Rich Beasley  
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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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Jokes

### PLUMBER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**Hmmmm...**



**Should have measured twice!  
your face, but everything else is okay**



**Apparently, you don't want anyone seeing**



**And the purpose for the door is?**



**This stall is for people that have arms like an orangutan.**



**This must be the "half bath" noted in the real estate listing?**



**Very Classy! And only three steps to the throne when you're in a hurry!**



**How does this even get past the planning phase?**

**And now drum roll please...  
AND THE PLUMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
GOES TO...**



**Absolutely brilliant...**

**ALL OF THESE PLUMBERS  
ARE, THANKFULLY, NO  
LONGER IN THE BUSINESS.  
THEY'VE BEEN ELECTED TO  
PUBLIC OFFICE AND NOW  
SERVE IN VARIOUS  
GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.**