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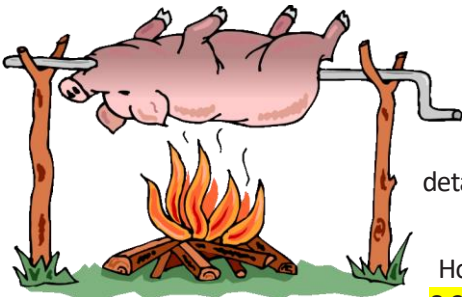
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Celebrating 30 years of getting together



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**Lunch Program: Billy Ray Fann Ducks Unlimited State Director**

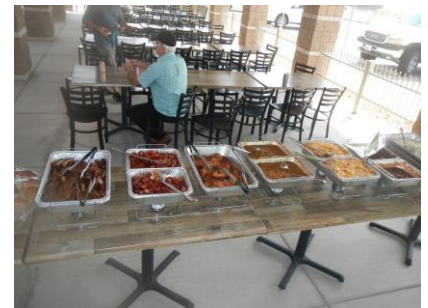


**FALL FEAST BBQ & Sporting Clays Sept 11 @ CCSC**

Road Kill Grill will be providing all the BBQ and side dishes. The fall feast is one of the great membership perks, you and your family get a FREE meal. Come out just to eat if you don't want to shoot the sporting clays course. Mike has done the leg work putting together the details on the Feast. Due to cart availability we are limited to 60 shooters, sign up early.

Honcho Mike & Scott Reese will start the sign ups at **8:30am** on the patio, with a safety briefing before loading the carts to hit the course at **9:0am**. Try to pair up with a group of four (4) per cart to make it easier on Mike, but don't worry if you come out solo Mike can pair you up with a team. All shooting will be individual based scoring. Cost is **\$50 per person** and be prepared to shoot 100+ targets, bring an extra box of shells. **7.5, 8 or 9 shot size only**. Shooting should be over by 11:30 and food will be served soon after with the scores posted and winners announced during lunch. Lewis Class money will be paid out. Lewis Class is a great way to even the field so that anyone no matter your skill level is able to win prize money.

RSVP is requested so that everyone gets to shoot. Please RSVP for you and your squad at [mikereese224@gmail.com](mailto:mikereese224@gmail.com) or call Mike at 702 400-6501



**NOTICE: OCTOBER GAMEBAG** will be very limited (or not published at all) as editor will be out of pocket Oct 2-17 hunting elk in WY. Get information to Brian BEFORE Sept 27 and I will try to get something published before leaving town. You all know the meeting date and time, recap of the Fall Feast, prep for Nov Turkey Shoot.



**Next meeting Thursday October 14<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** Hunting season has been going on for about a month and Dove season is now open! Who has been in the field besides Steve Reiter and his daughter? McKenna Reiter got her first Antelope and I'll let Steve tell the story! Congratulations to McKenna!

It's not very often that a Woods and Waters member reaches an Olympic size dream but it happened this month! Member Rick Plote has made the USA Helice shooting team and is now ranked 3rd in the United States. Most of you are trying to look up what Helice is and so let me tell you. It's also known as ZZ birds and it replicates live pigeon shootin in trapshootngg. In this sport you not only have to hit the target but it must also fall inside of a preset ring or else its called a loss.

Rick is also the coach that Clayton Philipps used when he became the state singles champion last year! Rick and I have been shooting together for almost two decades and he has introduced be to the game of Helice and I look forward to many more days of shooting with Rick. If anyone in the club is wanting to try shoot ZZ birds just let me know. The official ring is located in Mesquite at the old gun club and Rick would love to give some free pointers! I'll bring one of the targets at the next luncheon to pass around the room.

Member Dave Talaga and I got a guided trip around the wetlands park as member Brian Patterson submitted a question to the wildlife board and asked why fishing isn't allowed at this park and it is legal at others. There were about 50 letters sent in from anti fishing people to make sure that fishing is never legalized at another park. If you think we are saved from non-hunting, trapping or fishing people or organization you are asleep at the wheel. It wasn't long ago that groups brought motor homes to the Overton Wildlife area to stand on their roofs of the vehicles in hopes of scaring the ducks and geese away.

I don't need to tell you as the smoke in the valley says it all.... we have fires all around us and hopefully its not burning in some of your favorite honey holes. If you have a big game tag then I strongly suggest you do a lot of pre scouting.

Before writing this message, I was able to spend time in Alaska fishing, visiting Yellowstone and witnessing how the drought has affect them. Jackson Lake is at

about 20% capacity and in some places, you can walk/drive all the way across the lake. The rivers in Yellowstone are not the rip-roaring white waters they have been in the past! Today they better represent the lazy river at the old wet and wild water park. Yes, folks' times and things are changing! Woods and Waters is coming up on its 30-year anniversary and we have had things change in the group as well. We used to just go to Parker for the Dove hunt and now everyone goes to Yuma in hopes of finding better bird hunting as an example and so in the coming months we will be talking about the next 30 years of the club and how do we keep it fun and alive? One thing for sure is that the future will never be the same.....

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

NDOW hosting **Ducks and Donuts** Oct 23 at Overton Wildlife Management Area  
See last page for more details...the "flyer" provided is from 2019, actual date is Oct 23 this year.

#### **News from the LVWW Board meeting held August 30.**

- Jeff Bryant was appointed to the Board of Directors to replace the vacated position of Dennis Rusk.
- The LVWW Banquet is set for February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Gold Coast and chairman Mike Reese will be gathering interest in being on the committee to put on this event (the largest and ONLY fund raiser for the year). If interested contact Mike at 400-6501. (To date the club has purchased 16 guns.)
- The club is looking to get a few "free" range nights at CCSC for recreational shooting. Gun sight in.
- A small committee has been formed to review and update the Club Bylaws, last revised in 2014.
- The Give Back Committee will be donating \$500 to the Ducks and Donuts event sponsored by NDOW.
- President Mike Reese will appoint a "Nominating Committee" for selecting the ballot of 2022 officers and directors to be voted on in December.



# LAKE FESCUE FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Lake Fescue Fishing Tournament was born out of the disappointment that the Las Vegas Woods & Waters fishing season ends before spring is well underway. The angler of the year was determined before summer. A few years back we had the Lake Mead Striper event in August, but that proved financially imprudent for the club.

Some may have questioned the validity of a pretend dry land fishing event. They should then question a “hunting” club that shoots paper, steel, .22 pistols, and full auto machine guns.

The event started with set up and sign up in Centennial Park at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of August 14, 2021. 7 anglers braved the frigid morning to test their fish harvest skills. I for one am too familiar with an empty creel, so expectations were optimistically low.

There were 6 stations that simulated real life conditions. The first was a 4 pound brook trout hiding under a snow covered ledge on the other side of the creek. This timed casting event required your lure to hit a ring for maximum points, or over cast and drag it into the hole for a few less points. Miss it and minus points. No limit on casts, but the fish swam off in 2 minutes.

Event 2 was just plain accuracy. Cast to a coffee can lid. Plus points if you land on it, minus points for each inch you miss it by. I lucked out as the only angler to get plus points.

Station number 3 was a five pound bass sitting under a dock. A table was set up to simulate the dock. Minus if you don't reach it, plus if your cast lands under the dock, more if it goes under and beyond the dock. A ton of points if the lure lands in the fish's mouth (a tuna can). Demonstrating – I hit the can. (“Damn I'm good”). When my turn came up to simulate large-mouth ass kicking for score: Nothing! Seems I could only simulate snags, trees, and scratching some stranger's boat.

Number 4 was ice fishing. Yep real life ice fishing. The contestant sat in a lawn chair with an ice fishing rod (some used my grandson's Tweety Bird rod) and casted a few feet for a coffee can full of ice. (Well, it started as ice, it's August remember!). Plus for landing in the hole, minus for a miss.

Next up was fly casting for distance. Point were awarded in order for longest to shortest. First time fly casters Mike Reese and Carl Jamison whipped that wooly bugger around like a trick shooter doing his bull whip act. We never did find the first fly (hookless, no threat to toes and paws). Carl showed his love for wildlife by creating the biggest fly line bird nest I've ever seen. (Can you even do this with a fly rod?).

Finally, your hat blew off. Better snag it before it sinks or blows off. A hat was set up to cast to. Points for dragging the lure (the only actual hook of the day) onto the hat to drag it back to shore. More points for a direct hit and drag; minus for the hat continuing to drift away. Brian Burris made a perfect cast to reel back and snag the hat, except.... a monster weed just happened to blow by, snag his line and drag his hook totally off course. Minus points. It wasn't even breezy. The weed clump was pulled aside and banished from the course. Brian's next cast was equally as impressive. So was the tenacity of his weed. The second 3 MPH gust of wind landed a trophy weed fish; but no hat again. John Mitteness saved his hat with the most points for the final challenge.

When the last simulated fish was weighed, measured, and cleaned, and points tallied, John Mitteness came out as the 1st Annual Lake Fescue champion angler. Angler of the Year points awarded as follows: John Mitteness 10, Ron Stoker 9, Steve Pierce 8, Carl Jamison 7, Ralph Willits 6, Mike Reese 5, Brian Burris 4



## Which is better for wildlife? Conservation or Preservation

"CAUTION - the following story may be considered offensive to some readers. Reader discretion is advised."

Safari Club International (SCI) advocates for the rights of hunters and their leading role in conservation across the globe, although many wrongly view hunting as antithetical to conservation. This idea is mistaking conservation and sustainable use for preservation. Conservation is a method of species and ecosystem protection made possible by sustainable use, active management, and revenue generation. On the other hand, preservation means total protection and minimized use of nature and resources, and while idyllic, is unrealistic and impossible to implement. Unfortunately, many confuse the two terms including activists who fight for preservation and total exclusion of humans from participation in nature, starting with hunters.

The United States depends on the [North American Model of Wildlife Conservation](#), in addition to multiple use, for the conservation of species and habitat across the country. This originates from the conservation ideology of Theodore Roosevelt to both protect and enjoy the outdoors. Dollars generated from participation in the outdoors, such as park fees, hunting licenses, and ammunition taxes fund conservation of habitat and species. Most of these funds come from hunters and directly provide for conservation. Should this method be abandoned for a preservationist approach, the incentive structure of conservation and hunting would be discarded. Without public participation, revenues for habitat would shrink and land can easily be converted to other uses such as agriculture, natural resource extraction, or development.

Preservationist ideology can be applied to an ecosystem altogether or to individual species. "Animal rights" groups frequently capitalize on emotions surrounding charismatic species and landscapes; it is easy to frame hunters as destroyers of nature. They don't just fundraise on the charismatic species, however; their preservation efforts are often singularly focused on one and neglect all the others. In addition to providing the revenues for conservation, hunters participate in active management of species, helping to ensure that their populations remain stable and healthy in the ecosystem and in local communities. This has an umbrella effect, protecting the game species as well as their habitat and all species in it and is one of the most effective strategies for biodiversity.

The most well-known example of hunting as a conservation and management tool in the U.S. is the Whitetail Deer, which has grown from a population of 500,000 in the early 1900s to over 32,000,000 today. Hunters play an active role every year in maintaining a healthy population for the ecosystem and deer, and without hunting they would grow to unsustainable levels.

This same debate is being had around the world, especially in Africa. Preservation without hunting is detrimental to both rural Africans and African wildlife as it exacerbates human-wildlife conflict, includes no management, and provides less funding for wildlife and habitat. For example, elephants require management strategies, much like species in America, but because of their charisma they are prime propaganda pieces for preservationists. While there are many ways to generate funds for conservation through non-consumptive use, such as photographic safaris, hunting remains the main driver of conservation in Africa and around the world.

Without management by hunters, wildlife is managed without bringing in revenues or benefits to communities. The reality is that humans and wildlife must coexist, but beautiful wildlife can be dangerous and adjacent communities must have incentives to tolerate potential hazards. The loudest voices against hunting and management are often the ones most removed from the realities of wildlife. They ignore local communities and stakeholders for the idea that total preservation is the only way when conservation is vital for both species and people.

# Montana Wolf Management Update



The **Montana Wildlife Commission** has adopted several new rules and regulations pertaining to the management of the most controversial apex predator in the state, the grey wolf. After a long debate and much opposition to the new regulations by pro-wolf advocacy groups, it was passed in a **vote of 3-2 by the Commission**.

As a result, Montana will structure its trapping season much like Idaho's. **Each hunter and trapper can now purchase up to 10 wolf licenses per year** and many new methods of harvest can be used such as snaring on public and private lands, except in specific grizzly bear recovery areas. Snaring and hunting at night including and the use of bait will also be legal now on private lands only.

The new plans did draw criticism from the board because of the perceived lack of hunting ethics, which is a big reason why it received two votes against the measure.

**Montana's wolf season will start the Monday after Thanksgiving and end March 15.** The special quotas around Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks that were geared to take fewer wolves in high tourism areas were also done away with.

Marc Cooke with the Wolves of the Rockies group is threatening lawsuits and commented that these new mandates will decimate wolves in Montana and that **"You people disgust me..."** when he walked away from the public comment podium. He also pleaded with federal officials to re-list wolves under the ESA.

Hunters and trappers killed 330 wolves in Montana last season, which is a record and the **new quota will be 450 wolves**. The commission believes that the **addition of snares** would help meet this objective because wolves are so difficult to catch in leg hold traps. Snaring is not a new trapping technique and is very effective if they are set wisely. The commission will meet immediately and consider adjusting the snaring regulations if any non-target species are caught and killed like a grizzly bear or Lynx. The new legislation will also institute **mandatory trapper education and a reimbursement payment** system for wolf hunters and trappers who harvest wolves.



## 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.

**Larry Cusimano has four boxes of Winchester Super X 284 cal. bullets two boxes of 150 gr. and two boxes of 125 grain. Full boxes 20 rounds per box for sale \$20.00 ea. a box. also a Savage model 110 bolt action 270 cal with scope \$200.00. thanks (Larry Cusimano 702-286-3295 ) I will be gone all next week Yuma dove hunt come back then go north for my antelope hunt.**

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



McKenna Reiter with buck antelope, is she an archer or gun hunter?? Whats the story??

### Oklahoma Quail hunt info contact Neil Dille 702 234-7215

Would you send out a notice of the upcoming Quail hunt in October?

Tulsa OK., Doc McCoy's ranch. Leaving Las Vegas October 22, hunting the 23<sup>rd</sup>, returning 24<sup>th</sup>. The hunt cost is \$650.00 and around \$400.00 for the plane. I have room for one more person at McCoy's ranch. There are motels and hotels available close by if you are interested.

Going as of 7-05-2021

Neil Dille, Joe Kesgomol, Jimmy Kesgomol, we are staying at the ranch, room for one more. Wayne Bliss and his son, they live close to McCoy's ranch. And I think Neal Van Acker, he is driving.

Doc McCoy is a past LVWW member who moved back to his home state of OK.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVWW Marksman Angler Events

- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Fall Feast & Sporting Clays Shoot at CCSC Road Kill Grill BBQ  
Honcho Mike & Scott Reese 400-6501
- Oct No events **HUNTING SEASON** – Good Luck
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 22 Rifle Turkey Shoot at CCSC 12-4pm  
Honcho Jeff Bryant
- Dec Three Gun Shoot last event of the year  
Honcho Mike Reese and Ivan



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, September 21 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 Fishing Regulations 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 7/10 events

Mike Reese	32 pts
Ralph Willits	31 pts
John Mitteness	28 pts
Larry Cusimano	26.5 pts
Jeff Bryant	23 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 13/16 events

John Mitteness	49 pts
Ralph Willits	39.5 pts
Ron Stoker	39 pts
Mike Reese	37 pts
Larry Cussimano	34 pts

**“When your values are clear to you, making decisions becomes easier”**  
**Walt Disney**

## The GameBag

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## 2021 Officers

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2nd VP	Dave Talaga
Treasurer	Mike Reese
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## 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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due with application \$25

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

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

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

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

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## Jokes

### CURTAIN RODS --

On the first day, he sadly packed his belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the second day, he had the movers come and collect his things.

On the third day, he sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining-room table, by candle-light; he put on some soft background music, and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar, and a bottle of spring-water.

When he'd finished, he went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimps dipped in caviar into the hollow center of the curtain rods.

He then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

On the fourth day, the wife came back with her new boyfriend, and at first all was bliss.

Then, slowly, the house began to smell.

They tried everything; cleaning, mopping, and airing-out the place.

Vents were checked for dead rodents, and carpets were steam cleaned.

Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which time the two had to move out for a few days, and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting. Nothing worked! People stopped coming over to visit.

Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit.

Finally, they couldn't take the stench any longer, and decided they had to move, but a month later - even though they'd cut their price in half - they couldn't find a buyer for such a stinky house.

Word got out, and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls.

Finally, unable to wait any longer for a purchaser, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

Then the ex called the woman and asked how things were going. She told him the saga of the rotting house. He listened politely and said he missed his old home terribly and would be willing to reduce his divorce settlement in exchange for having the house.

Knowing he could have no idea how bad the smell really was, she agreed on a price only 1/10 nth of what the house had been worth ... but only if he would sign the papers that very day.

He agreed, and within two hours her lawyers delivered the completed paperwork.

A week later the woman and her boyfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home ..... and to spite the ex-husband, they even took the curtain rods!

I LOVE A HAPPY  
ENDING, DON'T YOU?

## LEMON PICKERS NEEDED IN FLORIDA - ONLY US CITIZENS OR LEGAL IMMIGRANTS NEED APPLY

"Lemon Pickers Needed", read the ad in the newspaper.

Ms. Sally Mulligan of Coral Springs, Florida, read it, and decided to apply for one of the jobs that most Americans are not willing to do. She submitted her application for a job in a Florida lemon grove, but seemed far too qualified for the job. She has a liberal arts degree from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree from Michigan State University. For a number of years, she had worked as a social worker, and also as a school teacher.

The foreman studied her application, frowned, and said, "I see that you are well educated, and have an impressive resume. "However, I have to ask you, have you had any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I have," she said. "I've been divorced three times, owned two Chryslers, voted twice for Obama, once for Hillary and most recently for Biden."

She started work yesterday.

Recently, while I was working in the front yard, my neighbors stopped to chat as they returned home from walking their dog. During our friendly conversation, I asked their little girl what she wanted to be when she grew up.

She said she wanted to be President someday. Both of her parents, Democratic Party members, were standing there so I asked her, "If you were President what would be the first thing you would do?"

She replied... "I'd give food and houses to all the homeless people."

Her parents beamed with pride

"Wow...what a worthy goal!" I said . . . "But you don't have to wait until you're President to do that!"

"What do you mean?" she replied.

So I told her, "You can come over to my house and mow the lawn, pull weeds, and trim my hedge, and I'll pay you \$50.

Then you can go over to the grocery store where the homeless guy hangs out, and you can give him the \$50 to use toward food and a new house."

She thought that over for a few seconds, then she looked me straight in the eye and asked, "Why doesn't the homeless guy come over and do the work, and you can just pay him the \$50?"

I said, "Welcome to the Republican Party."

Her parents aren't speaking to me anymore.

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- › Donuts & warm drinks
- › Duck calls for hunters
- › Prize drawings
- › Pancake breakfast  
9-10:30 a.m.

**FREE** while supply lasts.

## At the 2019 Youth Waterfowl Hunt

**4 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019**

**Overton Wildlife Management Area**

**1000 Waterfowl Road, Overton, NV**

- Hunters must be 17 years of age or younger and accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old.
- A hunting license is required for those 12 years of age or older. Those 16 and over need a federal duck stamp.
- Reservations are required and can be made by calling 1-855-542-6369 starting at 8 a.m. Monday, October 14.

**For more information call 702-486-5127**



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## Ducks & Donuts

We are still working on the details for the 2021 event but will follow the general pattern established during its first two years. We did not hold Ducks & Donuts in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Though the ongoing COVID issue does create some uncertainty, we are moving forward and following agency COVID protocols and state guidelines.

Ducks & Donuts is associated with the youth waterfowl hunt (10/23) at the Overton Wildlife Management Area and was conceived to increase youth participation in that hunt. We get underway about 4 a.m., which means we get up early to have things in place when hunters arrive to check in for the hunt. That give us about an hour in which to serve donuts and hold a drawing. As they arrive, we provide the hunters and their mentors with warm drinks (hot chocolate and coffee) and donuts. While they wait to check in for their blind assignment, we hold a drawing for hunting gear that is purchased with donated funds. Every youth hunter receives a duck call. In 2019, we added a pancake breakfast for the hunters to eat as they leave the field. This is a simple breakfast that starts at 9 a.m. and runs to about 10:30 a.m. It will have to be served with COVID precautions in place.

This year we may include a brief calling demonstration, but we are still working on that.

Cheers,

Doug

**C. Douglas Nielsen**

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