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Lunch Program: AJ Gagliardo Local Kayak Fishing

LVWW 30th BANQUET APRIL 30th at Gold Coast Hotel



LVWW Banquet: The date is set for **April 30th** at the **Gold Coast Hotel & Casino**. This will be a celebration of **30 years for the club**. We had to cancel last year so we want to throw a **BIG PARTY** this year. 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 20 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 pre-sale and \$100 at the door and \$45 for kids. See the ticket sales flyer, to submit your request early.

April 16 Spring Feast & Sporting Clays Shoot at CCSC 8am-2pm



Sporting Clay Shoot April 16th 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 11:30am. This is one of the two **FREE** food 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. Please RSVP to Mike at Mikereese224@gmail.com

Mike & Scott Reese are the honchos for the sporting clays shooting event that will start with sign ups at 9:00am and closes at 9:30am. You must be present for the rules/safety briefing. **Cost is \$45 for 76 targets** including the cart. **Increased cost is due to CCSC cost increases.** (bring 4 boxes of shells) Please try to find a group of four to make the sign in run quicker/smoothen. 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.



Next meeting Thursday May 12th, 11:45 at LV National Golf Club located at 1911 E Desert Inn Road (near Eastern) price \$20



Presidents Message...Steve Peirce

El Presidente is in Portugal.....he said he sent in his message but the editor did not receive it before print deadline. Hear what he has to say at the lunch.

Steve Peirce President 2022

"All we want to do is hunt and fish and talk about it.

Weekend Fishing April 9-10

Ten anglers showed up this past weekend to Comins Lake. Four anglers headed to Otter Creek Res.....all caught fish, I think the Comins Lake boys landed more fish but the Otter Creek boys may have averaged bigger fish? Hard to tell with how fishermen tend to stretch the tape and stretch the fish count.

The Comins Lake was an Angler of the Year event, the points are not yet reflected in the standings a full recap will be in the next GameBag.... Stay tuned.



Otter Creek Crew has actual proof of fish caught



Steve Scott, Al Schoelen, Ken & Russ Johnson

Banquet Season is upon us.....help support other clubs & organizations

April 23 RMEF Banquet at Sam's Town Hotel & Casino

April 30 LVWW Banquet at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino

May 21 Fraternity of Desert Big Horn Banquet at South Pointe Hotel & Casino

Membership Purge after the Banquet

Our current PAID membership list stands at 142, there are roughly 200 on our list receiving the GameBag each month. Unsure if your membership is current? Check the membership file attached with the GameBag email notice review the list (the yellow highlighted column) if there is a #1 in that column next to your name you are current for 2022. We will purge the list after the banquet in early May.

SPORTSMAN of the Year Award. Chairman Ken Johnson and the selection committee have been reviewing the nominations and a secret ballot of those nominations has determined the winner of our 30th Anniversary Sportsman of the Year. This is our clubs highest honor and can be won only once. A short list of members have earned the SOTY award. Attend the Banquet April 30 to find out who will be the 30th winner!

Sunnyside recap



The weather forecast was for STRONG 20-30mph winds with gusts even higher expected and temps in the mid to high 50's. This kept some regular anglers away not wanting to fight the wind, I wasn't too excited to go myself but as the honcho for the event I had to show up, and I'm glad I did. There was not a breath of wind when we pulled in at 7am. I got my gear and headed out on the mirror flat lake. First cast a fish! Cool Second cast felt like a fish so I hesitated a bit then bang felt like a fish again? Well it wasn't long and I saw the result two fish on the line at once, one caught on each fly! So there I was two casts and 3 fish landed! This is gonna be an epic day.

The catching for me calmed down and I went the next 2-3 hours without a bite, but the weather stayed calm and flat, what a beautiful day. The catching really picked up around noon along with a light breeze. The wind wasn't bad at all, 5-10 mph. Roger and Wyatt Palmer posted up right near the boat ramp along with Rich Beasley and myself and we all seemed to land 5-10 more fish each right before the 1pm buzzer.

Thirteen anglers ignored the forecast and showed up, ALL caught fish. High man with 26 was Roger Palmer beating Rich Beasley by one fish. Jorge Arteaga got 15, I landed 12, John Mitteness caught 10 from the dam and Steve Junge also landed 10 from a boat with his fishing partner Nick Gulli getting 5. Wyatt Palmer won the youth class with a total of 11 fish. John seemed to catch the bigger fish off the dam, I easily had 50-60 "bites" in the last 2 hours but was unable to set the hook.

Sunnyside is a great spot before the weed growth gets bad in early to mid summer. I suggest you make a day of it in the next month or two. We will be back in August to focus on bass.



Here's most of the crew:

Jimmy Kosomel, Nick Gulli, John Mitteness, Howard Hughes, Steve Junge, Roger Palmer, Wyatt Palmer, Jorge Arteaga and Jose. Not shown are Brian Patterson and Rich Beasley.

Who hung up the flag?
Why is it upside down?

Why did no one notice?

Time to find a new honcho.

The flag will be flying at Comins Lake

22 Pistol Shoot Results



Steve Peirce and Franki



Al "Dirty Harry" Schoelen



Jeff Jorgensen

What a great day it was for shooting. 31 shooters came out to try their best at winning or just having fun.

The format went as follows: 15 shots at 15 steel targets. Michael Reese was the hot shot on this discipline, knocking down 14 of the 15.

Next there was a paper head target at 15 yards with a total 110 points for a perfect score. This went to John Mitteness with a score of 91.

On to what most thought would be the hardest shot, 2 balloons at 25 yards. Each balloon was worth 5 points each and also gave you 5 extra shoots for each balloon hit for the next round. Most all hit both balloons earning them 10 points and 10 shots at the next target.

Last target was a paper target at 25 yards with a max score of 100 possible. Steve Peirce was the top shot at this with a score of 96.

When all scores were added up, John Mitteness was Top Shot with a score of 202. Ralph Willits 2nd and Tony Perkins 3rd.

With 31 shooters, Lewis class money was paid out to four classes. \$75, \$50 and \$25 thirteen of the 31 shooters got paid money, what a good deal, one third of the shooters made money and shot for FREE.

Special thanks to Carl Jamision for helping out and all the other helpers.

Honcho Jeff Bryant

FYI Next time we have a pistol shoot John Mitteness needs to be required to use left handed ammo in his right handed gun.

Game Warden Authority: What They Can Legally Do to Enforce Game Laws

by Travis Smola



Game wardens have more authority than you probably realized.

Wildlife conservation officers are often said to have one of the [toughest jobs](#) on the planet. These men and women are tasked with the protection of our precious natural resources through the enforcement of game laws.

Wildlife officers are often considerably understaffed and under-funded compared to other forms of law enforcement, and there's a vast amount of wildlife resources out there to protect. This is especially true in

those vast western states where there's sometimes a single officer for areas the size of Rhode Island.

Many hunters and fishermen often have questions about conservation officers and the types of authority they have in enforcing wildlife codes.

The truth is, in most areas, state game wardens have many of the same police powers as other law enforcement, and in some cases, even more than your regular small-town police officer or sheriff's deputy. Here are the details about the authority of game wardens and what everyone should know about their power as a conservation officer.

How much authority do game wardens have?

Most people think [game wardens](#) exclusively deal with wildlife laws and spend most of their days simply checking fishing licenses or inspecting deer harvests.

While these are some of their main duties, the fact is that in most states, game wardens are considered full [law enforcement officers](#) with the ability to enforce all state laws. For example, it's not uncommon for wardens to bust someone for driving a motor vehicle or boat under the influence of alcohol. They also regularly make arrests of people who are in possession of narcotics. They can and will pull you over if they catch you speeding, and yes, they can write citations for it.

Sometimes they even work on cases you might not expect, like a recent situation in the state of Texas where wardens [smashed a huge boat theft crime ring](#). They recovered \$275,000 worth of stolen jet skis in the process!

At their core, most wildlife officers have the same powers as police officers, and they receive the same types of law enforcement training. Just because they witness a violation that does not involve fish or game does not mean they can't arrest the person responsible.

The big difference between game wardens and almost every other law enforcement agency is that wardens usually have a much larger jurisdiction than police or sheriffs. While most have designated areas they regularly patrol, in states like Pennsylvania and Texas, a game warden's jurisdiction is statewide. That means they can cross county lines and work with wardens in other areas to pursue criminal justice if needed.

In Oklahoma, wardens have "super jurisdiction." According to [U.S. Law Shield](#), this means their wardens are considered federal agents as well as being police officers. That means they can enforce federal game laws too.

Can game wardens come on private property?

One of the more controversial aspects of the game wardens is their authority to enter private land and conduct searches. In most states, wardens do have the authority to enter private property to enforce game laws. The Texas Game Wardens are one notable example. The [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) says: "Section 12.103(a), Parks and Wildlife code, allows Texas Game Wardens to enter on any land or water where game or fish are known to range or stray to enforce the game and fish laws of the state."

Along those same lines, [GameWardenedu.org notes](#) that in many states wardens do not necessarily need a search warrant when investigating suspected wildlife crime. They can search your truck, your boat, or your coolers if they have probable cause and deem it necessary. This raises concerns about fourth amendment rights protections against unreasonable searches and seizures being violated by a government agency.

There have obviously been legal challenges to these types of search powers. In some cases, the courts system has upheld legal challenges under what's known as the "open field doctrine." [According to the Cornell Legal Information Institute](#), this doctrine means "fourth amendment protection does not extend to open fields. Governmental intrusion and information collection upon open fields do not constitute searches or seizures under the fourth amendment."

It also notes that this doctrine can apply even if there are fences or "no trespassing" signs in place. In some states like Wisconsin, [lawmakers have introduced legislation](#) to try and limit the powers of wardens to make these kinds of searches, or for them to enter private land without probable cause.

It's an interesting debate. On one hand you want to protect people's rights and prevent meaningless searches. At the same time, it's a valid argument that it would make it harder for game wardens and conservation officers to investigate things like reports of [poaching](#).

How can officers check hunting licenses for hunters on private land if the officers can't enter? What constitutes "reasonable suspicion" for an officer to enter private land? A lot of these issues are tough to solve and probably will not be fully answered anytime soon.

Check your local laws and regulations.

It's not a bad idea for any hunter or angler to read up on what their [wardens](#) can legally do in the field. It will help to avoid negative encounters and misunderstandings with officers who are just trying to do their jobs. Remember that game wardens play a key part in the protection of our lands, water, and wildlife. We should all be on the same side when it comes to the conservation of these natural resources.

Whether they're called a game warden, DNR officer, game and fish, peace officer, or whatever, just remember they are almost always equivalent to law enforcement officers with the same powers as your local police and sheriff's deputies. They may have an extra emphasis on fish and game laws, but they are also there for public safety and to enforce all criminal laws, not just the ones that affect hunting and fishing.

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.

Brian Patterson 715-2020 is looking for a reasonably priced **20 gauge semi-auto shotgun** to purchase.

New Members: We welcome new members Clair Ou, Aaron Schilling, Dominick Franchino, and Ray Scissons make sure to get your free hat at lunch for joining.

Member John Mitteness has ONE opening to join his fishing group of 3 in Canada chasing Northern Pike. July 2-7



We are going to NORTH STAR EXEC OUTPOST on KNEE Lake, Manitoba CANADA. Fly from LV to Winnipeg. Spend the night at the airport Sheraton Hotel, 5am meet and fly 400 miles North. Beautiful cabins and lodge. Have a big breakfast and join your guide and boat and go fishing. 2 men 1 guide 18' Lund boats. You fish 9-5 everyday. Shore lunch is all the walleye you can eat plus the chef will prepare anything you want. Cost is approx \$2900.00. + gratuities, includes everything including flight up north. Only out of pocket is; 1 night hotel 2 guys 75 ea. Flight apron \$400.00 Call JOHN MITTENESS, 702-494-9044 FOR DETAILS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVWW Marksman- Angler Events

- April **9th Comins Lake BIGGEST Fish** **ANGLER EVENT**
 Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020
16th Spring Feast at CCSC Sporting Clays **MARKSMAN EVENT**
 Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501 & Kyle Otto 219-4803 food
30th LVWW 30th Anniversary Sportsman Banquet at Gold Coast
Otter Creek fishing CANCELLED conflict with Banquet date
- May **14th Pistol Dueling Tree Shoot** at CCSC 8am-noon **MARKSMAN EVENT**
 Honcho Ralph Willits 423-7444
21-22 Panguitch Lake UT Big Trout Fishing at Aspen Cove **ANGLER EVENT**
 Honcho Mark Transue 219-3716
- June **11th Black Powder Shoot** at CCSC 8am-noon **MARKSMAN EVENT**
 Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020



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, May 3, 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 season dates. May 10 NV big game application closes, results May 27. FDBH Fraternity of Desert Bighorn Banquet May 21, South Point Hotel & Casino



2022 Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

Marksman of the Year

2022 standings after 3/11 events

Tony Perkins	27 pts
Steve Junge	21 pts
Mitteness/Willits	17 pts
Peirce/Rodery	13 pts
Luke Weber	12 pts

Angler of the Year

2022 standings after 2/5 events

Steve Junge	15.5 pts
R Palmer/N Gulli	11 pts
Rich Beasley	9 pts
four tied with	8 pts
John Mitteness	6.5 pts

All Around

2022 Standings after 5/16 events

Steve Junge	36.5 pts
Tony Perkins	27 pts
John Mitteness	23.5 pts
Rodery/Peirce	21 pts
Ralph Willits	18 pts

"Education...has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading"
GM Trevelyan, British Historian

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President	Steve Peirce
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Warden	John Mitteness
GameBag	Brian Patterson
Social Media	Reese/Patterson

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3-Year Term

Brian Burris
Ron Stoker
Jeff Jorgensen
Carl Jamison
Nick Guilli

2-Year Term

James Werner
Mark Transue
Steve Scott
John Mitteness
Jeff Bryant

1-Year Term

Steve Peirce
Randy Peters
Ryan Werner
Duane LaDuke
Steve Reiter

Lunch door host: Steve Reiter

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

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Email: admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org Website: 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: _____

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

Jokes

See below for April 30, LVWW banquet ticket sales form

How can you tell your girlfriend is getting chubby?
She fits in your wife's clothes. 😊



Two old ladies Dolly and Ruby were talking about their grandchildren.

Dolly said, "Each year I send each of my grandchildren a card with a generous check inside. I never hear from them and never receive a thank you message!"

Ruby replies. "I too send them a very generous check. I hear from them within a week after they receive it. In fact, they each pay me a personal visit."

"Wow! How come?" remarked Dolly

"Very simple solution, **I don't sign the checks.**"

Las Vegas Woods and Waters Club
The 30th Annual Sportsman of the Year Awards Banquet
Saturday, April 30th, 2022

Gold Coast Hotel and Casino-Nevada Ballroom

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:45 pm

Raffle tickets are \$2 each and only come in strips of 10 get the early bird special

Strip of 10 raffle tickets for \$15 before March 31st

Strip of 10 raffle tickets for \$20 after March 31 and at the door

Guns, Raffles, Hunts, Silent Auction, Live Auction, and Games

Dinner \$75 per person, \$800 for table of ten (includes 50 Raffle Tickets)

Order raffle tickets by March 31st, 2022, to qualify for Early Bird Pricing

Dinner ticket at the Door is \$100, so Buy Early!!!

Call Mike Reese at 702-400-6501 for more information, if needed

Mail/Email Form with Check or Credit Card to: LVWWC, PO Box 29081, Las Vegas, NV 89126

Email: mikereese224@gmail.com

ITEM	# of tickets	Amount	Total
Table of 10 (Table Honcho gets 50 raffle tickets)		\$800	\$
Adult Dinner		\$75	\$
Child Dinner (Chicken Fingers)		\$45	\$
Pre-purchase Raffle Tickets (strip of 10 tickets for \$15)			\$
Honcho Name:			\$
Guest Name 1:			\$
Guest Name 2:			\$
Guest Name 3:			\$
Guest Name 4:			\$
Guest Name 5:			\$
Guest Name 6:			\$
Guest Name 7:			\$
Guest Name 8:			\$
Guest Name 9:			\$
TOTAL			\$

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Visa: _____ MC: _____ Credit Card #: _____ Exp: _____ CCV Code: _____