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Lunch Program: Jim from Aces and Arrows Archery

22 Rifle Silhouette, Paper & Balloon Shoot Saturday July 16 at CCSC 8am sign up

Honcho Jeff Bryant 275-1400



Event format: **Steel, Paper and Balloons 22 Rifle Shoot**

22 long rifles, any scope, open sights or red dot can be used!

Bring lots of ammo and be ready to test all your abilities with a 22LR.

Round 1 shot from a standing position. 20 rounds. 5 steel chickens placed **at 15 yards**. You will have 2 minute's total. Knock down the steels first. Once you have knocked down the steels with the remaining shots and remaining time you have left you will shoot at a paper target placed **at 25 yards**. One point for each steel chicken and whatever you hit on paper is your score for this round. "You may lean your hip against the table"

Round 2 will be shot from the bench. Sand bags, front bi pods are expectable to use. "No lead sleds, no rear bags" In this round you'll also have 20 rounds to shoot. One balloon will be placed **at 100 yards**. You will have 2 minute's total to bust the balloon. Once you have popped the balloon with the remaining shots and remaining time you will shoot at a paper target placed **at 50 yards**. 10 points for the busted balloon and your paper target score is the round score.

Ties to be broken by steel shoot off, Honcho decides the yardage!

Thanks, Jeff Bryant



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



Presidents Message...Steve Peirce

I hope everyone is having a good start to the Summer. We had a good Board Meeting and approved a Budget, had good conversations on Youth Donations, Conservation Projects and Legislative topics. Woods & Waters is in a good place to enjoy our activities and provide support, insight, teaching, and influence for the good of people that like to hunt, fish and tell stories about it.

At the **JULY** luncheon, we will be bringing kids / youth / grand kids to the luncheon. Those are the people that we are leaving a legacy of enjoyment of the outdoors to. It should be a fun and lively event and our speaker is Jim from Aces & Arrows Archery.

Be safe and enjoy the outdoors.

Steve Peirce President 2022

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



Got a photo from Al Schoelen fishing in Lake Michigan, shown with a 32 lb King Salmon. No other details but I want to be like Al when I grow up. Going strong after celebrating his 90th birthday last month!



John Mitteness also sent in some fishing photos, tuna out of San Diego 100 lbs and 200 lbs. The senior citizens in the group are out "getting it done". The Club used to have an annual San Diego tuna trip....anyone want to honcho a trip? John also went to Manitoba and landed over 100 fish per day, several over 40"! wow. Why am I still working? I want to be just like these guys when I grow up.

Club Events

The year is half over already which also means the **Marksman of the Year** and **Angler of the Year** events are half over already. Well, reality is, of the 16 events on the club calendar 10 are completed. We have 5 shooting events and 1 fishing event remaining. There are 10-12 shooters at the top of the Marksman leader board that have a mathematical chance to win it all and 4-5 anglers at the top of the Angler leader board that still have a mathematical chance to win. We also have about 15 members in the running to take the **All Around** crown. Who will separate themselves from the pack? Who will step in with no chance to win it all, but keep the top guys from pulling away? Come out to enjoy some fun. We only had ten competitors at last months Black Powder shoot. Jeff Bryant has some fun ideas for the 22 Rifle Silhouette shoot this month.

Black Powder Shoot Recap



Well I guess we can blame the weather for the poor turn out. Forecast was for 110+ heat and that was accurate. There must be more “weather wusses” in the club than I thought, only 10 people showed up for the event. There were more than 10 hands in the air at lunch saying they would participate. The club purchased LOTS of water and 3 dozen donuts (only 1 dozen was eaten). I donated the other two to the shotgun center at CCSC.

How did the competition play out? Tony Perkins won the coveted “Daniel Boon coonskin cap”, \$40 prize money and 10 Marksman of the Year points! Everyone that came out earned at least 2 Marksman points. Ralph Willits was second, third went to Luke Weber, fourth Josh Lopez (using Taylors gun), fifth John Fenner (using my gun), sixth Mike Taylor, seventh Brian Patterson, eighth Jeff Jorgensen, ninth Bill Rocheleau and Ashur Weber was first place in the youth division earning 10 points.

7 out of the 10 shooters went home with Lewis Class prize money due to a couple ties. We split the field into two flights paying \$40, \$20 and \$10. Double your entry fee for first, got your entry fee back for second and half your entry back for placing third.

A twist to the competition this year was “Do you feel lucky, punk?” From the 50 yard bench you could choose to shoot THREE shots for a possible 3 bulls netting 30 points OR if you felt lucky, you could take ONE shot at a clay target roughly 3x the size of the paper bulls-eye for 25 points if you hit it, ZERO points if you miss. Everyone would also shoot TWO shots at the paper target at 100 yards. Three shooters elected to “Feel Lucky” Jeff Jorgensen, Ashur Weber and Bill Rocheleau.....ALL missed the clay target and started with 0 points.

Utah Fishing / Catching

Mark Forsstrom had some success fishing over the Memorial Day weekend in southern Utah, Mark hit one of his favorite fishing holes, not the usual spot you would expect like Panguitch Lake. Secret location?????



2.80 lbs rainbow



smoked fillets



3.44 lbs rainbow

SHOT GUNS 20 GA vs 12 GA



New hunters often tell me that cartridge nomenclature is the most confusing thing about firearms. Two questions usually top their list: what is a shotgun “gauge,” and what’s the difference between a “12 gauge” and a “20 gauge?”

If you’ve found yourself asking these questions—or wondering why larger gauges use smaller numbers, which gauge is best for waterfowl, or how shotguns are like pirate cannons—you’ve come to the right place.

What Are Shotgun Gauges?

When we talk about a rifle or pistol “caliber,” we’re describing the interior, or “bore,” diameter of a gun barrel and the diameter of the projectile that can be fired through that bore. A 9mm Luger bullet is 9mm wide, for example, and can be fired down a 9mm bore. There are exceptions to this general rule, but that’s the gist.

In a similar way, a shotgun “gauge” describes the width of the bore, but it uses a different measuring stick to do it. Technically speaking, a shotgun gauge is defined as “the weight of a solid ball of lead that might fit perfectly in the bore of a shotgun expressed as the inverse of said ball’s weight as a fraction of a pound.”

That sounds more confusing than it is. For example, a sphere of lead that fits perfectly in a 12-gauge shotgun bore weighs 1/12th of a pound. The sphere of lead that fits perfectly in a 20-gauge shotgun weighs 1/20th of a pound, and so on. You can also think of this another way: how many lead balls of the shotgun bore’s diameter does it take to equal one pound? The answer is the shotgun’s gauge.

This measuring system comes from the days when a cannon might shoot a lead ball weighing eight pounds and so was called an “eight-pounder.” You could call your 12-gauge shotgun a “1/12th pounder,” but you’d have to wear an eye patch and own [a parrot](#) to do it.

Since larger lead balls weigh more than smaller lead balls, they take up a larger fraction of a pound. That’s why 12-gauge shotguns have a larger bore than 20-gauge shotguns, and 20-gauge shotguns have a larger bore than 28-gauge shotguns.

The most common exception to this rule is the .410 bore. The inventor of the .410 was apparently tired of the gauge system, and so adopted the easier-to-understand caliber system. A .410 shotgun's diameter is simply 0.41 inches. For those curious, the lead ball that fits perfectly in a .410 bore weighs about 1/67th of a pound, making the .410 a 67-gauge shotgun.

Shotgun Gauge Options

You could theoretically make a shotgun in any gauge, but manufacturers have settled on six options:

- 10 gauge (.775 inches)
- 12 gauge (.729 inches)
- 16 gauge (.685 inches)
- 20 gauge (.615 inches)
- 28 gauge (.550 inches)
- .410 (.410 inches)

You can find shotguns in other gauges (24 and 32, for example), but these are far less common.

Most hunters know from experience that 12 gauge and 20 gauge are the most popular, and that experience is borne out at the gun counter. Midway USA, one of the largest online ammunition dealers, offers 487 12-gauge options and 157 20-gauge options. The next three spots are filled by .410, 28 gauge, and 16 gauge, respectively, but they each have one-third as many options available as 20 gauge.

The specific historical reasons for the popularity of these two gauges are beyond the scope of this article, but it's easy to understand why they remain popular today. Both can be used for a wide array of applications, including hunting, target shooting, and home defense. Both are widely available from a variety of manufacturers, and both can be found chambered in shotguns from every major gun company.

Either gauge can perform effectively in almost any hunting scenario, but each comes with its own costs and benefits. Here's how they break down in terms of ballistics, shootability, and versatility.

12 GA vs. 20 GA: Ballistics

A 12-gauge shotgun holds a power advantage over a 20-gauge, but unlike most cartridge comparisons, faster projectiles aren't the cause.

It's a common misperception that a 20 gauge is less powerful than a 12 gauge because it shoots pellets more slowly. Generally speaking, that's not the case. While a 12 gauge can be loaded to higher velocities at the top end, most 20-gauge shells push pellets just as fast as most 12-gauge shells. The difference is that a 12 gauge can fit more and sometimes larger pellets in its shell.

A 12-gauge shell can be loaded with between 5/8 ounces and 2 ½ ounces of lead shot, and most loads fly between 1,200 and 1,500 feet-per-second. Federal, for example, offers [a 2 ½ ounce TSS turkey load](#), a [deer hunting shell](#) loaded with ten #000 buckshot pellets (the largest buckshot available), and a variety of [Black Cloud waterfowl](#) options with up to 1 ½ ounces of payload. It's safe to say that if you opt for a 12 gauge, you'll have more than enough power to get the job done in virtually any hunting scenario.

Twenty-gauge shells have a smaller diameter, so they can't hold as many pellets as their 12-gauge cousin. The heaviest shot payload Federal offers is [1 5/8 ounces](#), #2 buck is the [largest buckshot available](#), and the Black Cloud payloads top out at 1 ounce. The pellets are traveling at similar velocities, but since there are fewer of them, the shot pattern is smaller, and animals are more difficult to hit.

Of course, "difficult" is not "impossible." A 20 gauge can do everything a 12 gauge can do. You can hunt deer, waterfowl, upland birds, and turkeys with a 20 gauge—you just have to be more practiced to do it.

Overall, however, the 12's larger capacity gives it the clear edge in this category.

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Winner: 12 Gauge

12 GA vs. 20 GA: Shootability

The popularity of the 12 gauge can be explained by its ability to walk the line between powerful and painful-to-shoot. Larger-gauge shotguns can throw more lead down range, but for most folks, those guns are too heavy, and the recoil is too painful. Twelve-gauge shells have bruised many a shoulder, but with practice and a shotgun that fits, it can be shot all day without much discomfort.

But it's tough to compete with the 20 gauge when it comes to shootability. [Recoil is lighter](#) in hunting shells thanks to the smaller payloads, and 20-gauge shotguns can be designed to be lighter and more packable. Weatherby's 12-gauge [Element Waterfowler](#), for example, weighs 6.75 pounds while the 20-gauge version of the same gun weighs 6.25 pounds. You'll save 0.8 pounds going with the [20-gauge Orion-I](#), and a full pound in the [18i Deluxe](#).

The cost of shells is comparable, but a 20-gauge shotgun is usually going to be more "shootable" than a 12 gauge.

Winner: 20 Gauge

12 GA vs. 20 GA: Versatility

Versatility is any shotgun's true strength. The ability to go after large game, small game, and birds with a single gun is why hunters keep coming back to their faithful smoothbores. No matter how many new high-speed-low-drag rifle cartridges hit the market, there will always be a place for a shotgun in every gun safe.

But which of our two most popular shotgun gauges is *more* versatile?

I'll spoil the ending and tell you it's the 12 gauge. The 12's larger diameter means you can shoot whitetail with larger slugs and buckshot for more reliable kills. It offers a wider shot spread for upland birds, better patterns for waterfowl, and heavier pellets for turkeys. The 20 gauge can target all these species, but the 12 gauge can do it better.

Why, then, does anyone choose to shoot a 20-gauge shotgun? In any scenario in which weight and recoil matter more than power, the 20-gauge will be more "versatile" because the person behind the trigger will be more effective.

For upland hunters who carry their shotguns over long distances, a 20 gauge might be the way to go. Plus, the close-range nature of most upland bird shots mitigates the 12's power advantage, and the lighter recoil on the 20 never hurt anyone's accuracy. Federal's TSS loads have also closed the gap in the turkey woods, which makes the 20 a great option for the young or recoil-sensitive hunter.

Still, the 12's ballistic advantage allows it to target these species and more with greater efficacy. It gets the nod in this category as well.

Winner: 12 Gauge

Last Shot You may have noticed the frequent use of sissy words like "usually," "might," and "generally speaking" in this article. I don't recommend these qualifying words for powerful prose, but this topic requires them. The wonderful world of scattergun shooting is as varied and complicated as the animals we hunt, and the sheer variety of shell options means that almost any statement can be discounted with a counterexample.

That's inconvenient for me, but it's great for you. It means you can find lightweight 12-gauge guns for long treks through upland territory. It means you can buy hard-hitting 20-gauge loads for waterfowling, and recoil-eliminating 12-gauge loads for long days at the sporting clay course. Whatever you want to do, you'll be able to find an effective load in either 12 or 20 gauge, which is the real beauty of shotguns.

But, generally speaking, the larger 12 gauge offers more power and versatility while the smaller 20 gauge offers better shootability. As the winner of two of the three categories, the overall winner has to be the most popular sporting shell of all time.

Overall Winner: 12 Gauge

Back Road Survival- Follow Up By Ralph Willits



I am happy to say that my luncheon presentation on June 08, 2022 was rather well received. I was told “thank you” and “Good Job.” For the other 98% member/witnesses that has less than complimentary comments that they kept to themselves, I thank you. My sensitive ego remains untattered.

One take that I did receive involved the presentation being too rushed (that was from me). I just had too much for the imposed time restraints.

So, below is a little packing list I've prepared, based partially on a little homework, and years of experiences that included preparation, occasional failure, and lots of luck. It may not always apply to every trip, but the more good

habits are implemented, the less likely you'll be missing something when it's really needed.

COME HOME EMBARRASED, BUT STILL COME HOME.” Mitigate – it will happen.

- Vehicle service – inspection. Service – if needed - at least several days before you head out, so you don't put it off to the last minute. (Good way to not be invited next time). Check fluid, and ALL TIRES a day or two before. Service centers will do this for free.
- Leave a flight plan with someone. Where, when, what. Update/check-in when possible.
- **TWO** spare tires – no matter what. Include a good wrench.
- A good jack. Not a High-Lift unless you have a Jeep or truck with steel bumpers.
 - A board to support under your jack so you don't jack down it into the mud.
 - Traction devices.
- Chains – when traveling in fall or winter; even if you have 4x4.
- Spare gas can with enough actual gasoline to cover stupid.
- Water – more than you can ever need. Pack it securely to prevent leaks and spills.
- Repairs – tools, duct tape (orange if you can find it), JB Weld type glue, first aid kit, fire extinguisher.
- Sturdy axe and shovel – **ALWAYS!**
- Plenty of food. Canned or packaged. Munchies for a day trip won't cut it if you make one bad turn or blown engine.
- Sleeping bagS – One more than for your total party. Might get colder than expected, or be needed to work on hot road, first aid, etc. Small survival sleeping bags are available.
- Ventilate your sleeping compartment – you'll never see carbon monoxide coming – the coroner will.
- Clothing/footwear – Not just for where you're coming from or going, but for along the way too.
- Anticipate the topography. Just because it looks dry, doesn't mean it is. Snow melt doesn't punch a clock. If you have to and can, drive out after the mud is totally frozen.
- Know the weather before you go, and for where you're headed (and everywhere in between). Keep informed for the whole trip.
- Come-Along. Include a tow strap, and an anchor to hook up to.
- Careful to not winch the good anchor truck into the hole or mud.
- Sharpie, large baggie, and paper. If you have to hike out, leave a message to the rescuers where you're headed, how many in your party, etc.
- Quality signal mirror, and know how to use it the right way.



- **DON'T RELY ON GPS!** At least in your vehicle system. NOT 100% reliable. Some features will say shortest route, but that can mean unmaintained dirt roads – or closed for the season.
- **ALWAYS** start with new batteries, and **ALWAYS** have one set of spares for every device.
- Rechargeable systems/batteries are only as good as long as the power source lasts.
- Don't rely on your Cell Phone. Even the best carriers don't have service in most of Nevada.
- Have maps of wherever you'll be going (topographical or Gazetteer), and a quality compass.
- Consider GPS messenger/locator. (Like SPOT). Via satellite, you can make emergency calls, keep your contacts aware of where you are, or some even have two way text. Most need subscriptions so plan ahead. Do your research before you buy. Some have significant limitations; some are marine use only, etc.
- Signal lights, audible warning, flares, etc.
- Safety reflective vest. Even good for roadside repairs.
- Dry matches and fire starter. Last resort: tires burn real good, but they're very toxic.
- Backpack – If you have to hike out, you can bring food, shelter, water, etc. This is even good for checking over the hill when hunting. (Injury, stuck, lost, etc.).
- Water purification and cup. You might find water, but it might be unsafe or icky.

Summer is time for fishing and fall scouting trips.

Fall is the time we all anticipate being out chasing animals make sure you go out prepared for anything.

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.



Bill Halverson has a gun safe for sale \$500, he's moving to AZ and doesn't want to transport it. Safe is located in Boulder City. Contact Bill 702 376-9322

New Members: No new members this monthmake sure to get your free hat and club logo decal at lunch for joining.

HELP WANTED ADD:

GET INVOLVED

Want to get involved with the Club? Meet more of the members, be "in the know" about what's going on each month. How? Become a Director on the Board of Directors. Be an officer. Be a honcho for an event, approach a current honcho about helping out-possibly taking over for them in the future. Better yet become the GameBag editor.

2022 has 16 events listed both shooting and fishing with 9-10 guys doing all the heavy lifting of being the honcho or co-honcho: Ralph Willits & Steve Reiter are listed on 2 events, Brian Patterson 4 events and Jeff Bryant a whopping 5 events. Most of these honcho's have been doing the same event(s) for 10 plus years. Time for someone else to step up and help out.

The club just celebrated our 30 year anniversary. We currently have 160+ members yet, 10% are carrying the load to keep the club functioning. I have been GameBag editor for 11 years, time for me to step down and give the opportunity to someone else. I plan to retire my position in December letting some new blood take over in 2023. Anyone interested in filling that position contact Brian Patterson 715-2020, I will help transition the role and freely share my experience of what seems to work and what doesn't.

List of 2022 events to be Honcho

Archery Shoot

Pellet Gun Shoot

22 Pistol Shoot

Sporting Clays Shoot

Center Fire Dueling Tree Shoot

Black Powder Shoot

22 Rifle Silhouette Shoot

KYL Know Your Limits Shoot

Trap/Skeet Shoot

22 Rifle Turkey Shoot

3 Gun Shoot

Ice Fishing

Sunnyside Fishing

Comins Lake Ice off Fishing

Otter Creek Res Fishing

Panguitch Lake Fishing

Sunnyside Bass Fishing

Lake Mead Striper Fishing? tentative

These are just the current events, make up a NEW event or add your own twist to a current event. There are many opportunities, remember this is YOUR club, do the things you want to do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVWW Marksman- Angler Events

- July **16th 22 Rifle Silhouette Shoot** at CCSC 8am-noon **MARKSMAN EVENT**
Honcho Jeff Bryant 275-1400
- Aug **13th KYL (Know Your Limits)** at CCSC 8am -noon **MARKSMAN EVENT**
Honcho Jeff Bryant 275-1400
20th Bass Fishing at Sunnyside last **ANGLER EVENT of 2022**
Honcho Ron Stoker 449-2560
- Sept **2-4 Yuma AZ Dove Hunt**
Honcho Russ Johnson 271-0430
17th Fall Feast Trap & Skeet Shoot at CCSC 7am -3pm **MARKSMAN EVENT**
Honchos Duane LaDuke 281-0687 & Jeff Jorgensen 499-9475



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, August 16, 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 general regulations.



2022 Marksman & Angler of the Year Standings

Marksman of the Year
2022 standings after 6/11 events

Tony Perkins	47 pts
Ralph Willits	33 pts
Steve Junge	25 pts
Luke Weber	22 pts
John Mitteness	20 pts

Angler of the Year
2022 standings after 4/5 events

Brian Patterson	26 pts
Steve Junge	23.5 pts
John Mitteness	18 pts
Nick Gulli	16 pts
Roger Palmer	13 pts

All Around
2022 Standings after 10/16 events

Tony Perkins	57 pts
Steve Junge	48.5 pts
John Mitteness	38 pts
Ralph Willits	34 pts
Brian Patterson	30.5 pts

"People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke"
Will Rogers

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

Jokes

1. A girl is said to be grown up when she starts wearing a bra. A boy is grown up when he starts removing it.
2. We all love to spend money buying new clothes but we never realize that the best moments in life are enjoyed without clothes
3. Having a cold drink on a hot day with a few friends is nice, but having a hot friend on a cold night after a few drinks is priceless.
4. Condoms don't guarantee safe sex anymore. A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot dead by the woman's husband.
5. Arguing over a girl's bust size is like choosing between Molson, Heineken, Coors or Budweiser. Men may state their preferences, but will grab whatever is available.

THE ANSWERS YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR (not verified by "Snopes"!)

1. Q: WHAT IS AN AUSTRALIAN KISS?
A: It's the same as a French kiss, but 'down under'.
2. Q: WHY WERE HURRICANES ORIGINALLY NAMED AFTER WOMEN?
A: Because when they come, they're wet and wild, and when they go... they take your house and car with them.
3. Q: WHY DO GIRLS RUB THEIR EYES WHEN THEY GET UP IN THE MORNING?
A: Because they don't have any balls to scratch.
4. Q: What is a man's Ultimate embarrassment?
A: Running into a wall with an erection and breaking his nose.

Nominated as the world's best short joke

A 3-year-old boy examined his testicles while taking a bath.
"Mom", he asked, "Are these my brains?"
"Not yet," she replied...

SENIOR WISDOM

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. Amazing, he thought as he flew down I-15, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, What am I doing? I'm too old for this, and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back." "Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.