

Las Vegas Woods and Waters

Since 1991

GAMEBAG

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



January 2026

HAPPY HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026

Our Next Member Meeting & Lunch



Thursday January 8th



Located at Desert Inn & Eastern



11:30 to 1 pm



President's Message

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe we're here in 2026. It's also hard for me to believe I'm the 2026 President of LV Woods and Waters. I wasn't planning on this, but it seemed like the right time for me to step-up to the plate and take a cut at it. I've been a member since 2012, and have served on the Board for several years, and as the 2nd Vice President last year. In my view, this should be a fun club for everyone—if it's not, why are you here? Whether you're here for the camaraderie and just go to the lunches, or you're looking for some company to hunt, fish, or shoot with, or you just want to hang out and swap lies with a bunch of other cool guys, we're glad you're here.

I grew up in Las Vegas, hunting with my dad and brother—quail near Searchlight, ducks at Key Pittman, and deer in Area 14. We brought home our share of critters. My brother has since moved out of state and my dad has passed, so this club has provided so many opportunities to hunt and fish new places with new friends. Hopefully I've shown some members a new place or two as well. Whatever it is you like to do, I hope you find opportunities through the club to do more of what you like, and hopefully teach some of us along the way.

We've got a full year ahead of us, beginning with ice fishing at the end of this month, the annual banquet at the end of February, fishing events in March, April, and May, with shooting events almost every month throughout the year. I'll try to highlight the events as they get close. This month will be ice fishing at Cave Lake in White Pine County near Ely on the weekend of January 31. **Steve Reiter** is the Honcho, and we may have the Scouts on the ice to cook for us. If you've never done any ice fishing, it's something you should at least try.

We're preparing for our annual fundraising banquet on February 28 at the Gold Coast Hotel. I'm still not sure how it happened, but I'm the Banquet Chairman and I need all the help I can get. Be it donations for raffle prizes, guns, trips, and other cool stuff for the silent and live auctions, we need it all. Please look for opportunities to get donations from any individual, business, outfitter, or vendor you may know. We also need help with the set up/take down, selling raffle tickets during the banquet, collecting money from auction winners, drawing raffle tickets and distributing the prizes, graphic designs, computer/tech--we need it all. Please, if you, your spouse, or your kids can pitch in, it will make for a much better event.

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President's Message

Ralph Willets has volunteered to run photos during the banquet (in addition to being our new Game Warden—Thanks Ralph). I'll soon have the Table Registration forms ready for everyone to register and buy a table or seats for the banquet. You can also buy early raffle tickets for \$1.50 each, while the night of the dinner, they're \$2.00 each. If you've got any questions or are willing to help, get ahold of me or **Mark Transue**, who is again collecting the donated items (which he swore last year he'd never do again—*Thanks Mark*).

A special thanks to **John Mitness** who served as last year's president and will serve as advisor as well as a vital member of the banquet committee. A big Thank You to a new member, **Doug Rausenberger**, who has also agreed to take over the Game Bag with the passing of **Robert Gaudet**, whose memorial will be in late January—we miss you Bob. Please keep long time member **Larry Cusimano** in your thoughts and prayers. He's been fighting and will continue to fight cancer. Hang in there Larry. On that note, get out in the field or on the water and have another adventure. Take a kid or someone new to the outdoors with you to share the experience. You never know when your last trip will be your last trip.

Looking forward to it...



Rich Beasley



Rich, president 2026

Annual Banquet Information

Save the Date

Woods & Waters Annual Banquet

February 28, 2026

Raffles
Guns
Gear
Hunts
Silent Auction
Live Auction

CALL TO ACTION!



- **We need donations!** Please see Rich's letter on the next page if you know a business or individual that would consider donating
- **We need volunteers** to help run the banquet! Please consider helping out
- Buy your event tickets now and load up on raffle tickets early (*see banquet sign up form on pg. 6*)
- **Save 25% on raffle tickets** if you buy in advance instead of at the banquet
(*That is \$1.50 each instead of \$2.00*)

**Reservation Deadline
February 18th**

LAS VEGAS WOODS AND WATERS

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Las Vegas Woods and Waters is a Las Vegas based hunting and fishing club, involved in all types of projects and events surrounding hunting, fishing, shooting, conservation, as well as youth and community groups.

Our annual fundraising banquet is scheduled for February 28, 2026, at the Gold Coast Hotel and Resort. The goal of the annual banquet is to fund multiple projects and events for the upcoming year. In the past years we have funded youth groups to include shooting teams, Scouting, 4-H, and other youth weekends involving camping, fishing, and hunting. We also have provided funding for conservation projects which include guzzler watering builds, maintenance and monitoring, mule deer collaring, duck and goose nesting, and habitat maintenance and restoration projects throughout the year. With money raised from our 2026 banquet, we plan to fund groups and projects we have given money to in the past, and any new projects for which we receive requests that we can afford. In addition to the funding of these groups and projects, our members regularly provide non-financial support in the form of labor, transportation, logistics, and expertise to ensure the success of each project and program.

Las Vegas Woods and Waters humbly requests from you or your business any type of donation which we can use in our upcoming banquet. Any donation you might provide is very much appreciated. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Beasley".

Richard L. Beasley

2026 Banquet Committee Chairman

LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB
34th Annual Sportsmen of the Year Awards Banquet
Saturday, February 28, 2026

Gold Coast Hotel and Casino—Nevada Ballroom

Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:45

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 February 18, 2026****

The more you buy, the more you save and increase your chances!!

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

\$95 per person, \$950 for a table of 10 (Tables include 50 Honcho Raffle Tickets)

The DEADLINE for reservations is February 18, 2026!!

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ONLY!!

NO DINNER TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Call Rich Beasley at (702)465-6332 for more information if needed.

Mail/Email Form with Check or Credit Card to:

LVWWC, PO Box 29081, Las Vegas, NV 89126

Email: RLBEB4@COX.NET

ITEM	# of Tickets	Amount	Total
Table Name/Sponsor		\$950	\$
Adult Dinner		\$95	\$
Child Dinner (Chicken Fingers)		\$60	\$
Pre-Purchase Raffle Tickets (Strip of 10 Tickets for \$15)		\$15	\$
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:			\$
Guest Name 10:			\$
TOTAL			\$

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Visa: _____ MC: _____ Check#: _____

CC#: _____ Exp.: _____ CVV Code: _____

A Brief Reminder

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW)

The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife serves as a critical bridge between local hunters and the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. The board gathers community input and provides recommendations on hunting seasons, limits, and wildlife management issues. Its mission is rooted in state law (NRS 501.297–501.303).

What the Board Does:

Advises on Seasons & Limits: The CCABMW evaluates wildlife data, public input, and statewide proposals, then recommends changes to hunts and regulations for Clark County.

Represents Local Sportsmen: Members are appointed by the County Commission and must be hunters, anglers, trappers, or individuals engaged in ranching or farming, plus one representative from the general public. Terms last three years.

Ensures Broad Representation: Seats are structured to avoid dominance by any single interest group and promote balanced perspectives within the community.

Provides Public Forums: Meetings allow hunters and residents to voice concerns and contribute to wildlife-related decisions. Agendas often include reports on statewide policy updates, new proposals, and local wildlife conditions. [\[ndow.org\]](http://ndow.org)

Why Hunters Should Engage:

Influence Regulations: Local voices shape state decisions on quotas, season dates, tag allocations, and land management priorities.

Stay Informed: Regular attendance helps hunters track upcoming rule changes, habitat initiatives, and emerging wildlife management issues.

Strengthen the Hunting Community: Active participation helps safeguard sustainable hunting traditions in Clark County.

Upcoming Meetings & Participation

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meetings are generally held at the Government Center in Las Vegas, with options for in-person or Microsoft Teams attendance. Written public comment is accepted prior to meetings.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule - 2026



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife 2026 Meeting Schedule

January 20, 2026	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	Big Game Seasons and Regulations
March 10, 2026	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	Set/Revise Waterfowl Season and Limits; Legislative Items
May 5, 2026 (Amended NBWC 11.08.25)	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	Big Game Status Report and Quota Setting
June 23, 2026	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	Set/Revise Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Limits
August 11, 2026	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	
September 22, 2026	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	Set/ Revise Biennial Fishing Regulations
November 3, 2026	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	Policy, Regulations, and Program Reports

Do you want a stranger to even an anti-hunting group to have
a say in your hunting rights and access?

Show up and be heard!

Club Hunting Stories



Brian Patterson & Neil Dille
second season dove and quail
hunt in Yuma

You remember that time...



Brian Patterson helped two
successful sheep hunters in
the Muddys this season, one
175 inch ram (the largest
killed in 3 years from unit 268)

Member Photos & Stories

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

We would love to share pictures and stories of the great times we have all had in the past of being anglers and marksmen. The past could be last Thursday or back when Regan was in the White House.

The stories don't age; they just get better with the telling!

You can share a single old snapshot or a full-page narrative of that time when... **[insert greatly exaggerated story here]**

Just send them to me in an email with the title **"STORIES"** to admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org and I will do my best to include them in an upcoming GameBag.

I will start us off
with the joy of
teaching my
son to fish



2. Then you
help them
do



3. Next year
they are off
on their own



1. First you
show them
how



Lower Provo River, near Midway, UT
2022 & 2023

...and there is always one that "got away"

Marksman and Angler of the YEAR



2026 will be a great year of shooting and fishing events. Check back here every month to see your name climb up the rankings!



2026 Marksman Event Dates

2026 Marksman event dates:

Events to be determined by Honchos

- Feb 21st 8-12 noon
- March 14th *Wobble trap*
- April 18th 9-12 noon *Spring Feast*
- May 16th 8-12 noon
- June 20th 8-12 noon *Black Powder*
- July 18th 8-12 noon
- August 15th 8-12 noon
- Sept 12th 9-12 noon *Fall Feast*
- Nov 21st 8-12 noon *Turkey shoot*



Ask a board member or send
an email to:
admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org

2026 Angler Event Dates



2026 Anger event dates:

Specifics to be determined by Honchos

- January 31th Ice Fishing – Cave Lake
(look for a separate email with the details SOON)
- March 21th Sunnyside Fishing
- May 9th Panguitch Fishing
- May 29-31 Otter Creek Fishing

(see flyer on next page)

*More information to come on
fishing dates and events.*

Do you have an idea for an Angler Event?
Step up and be a Honcho or co-host the
event with someone else!

THE KEN JOHNSON ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Otter Creek Club Event

Dates: May 29th – 31st May fishing tournament from 7:00am to 12:00pm (Utah time) on the 30th.

Weigh in time: 12:15pm at the Dock

\$5.00 entry/prize money fee to be collected prior to the tournament

Split will be paid to the 2 biggest fish by weight caught during the tournament hours:

First Place gets 60%

Second Place gets 40%

****only 1 fish per angler can be entered for prize payout****

Places to Stay:

Everyone must make their own reservations

There are 6 prepaid hook-ups at the pavilion. Let me know if you are going to want a spot at the pavilion. Plus, there is plenty of room for other RV's and tents.

Rockin' R Ranch – 459 N. Main Street, Antimony, Utah 84732
www.rockinrranch.com No Meals available.

Reservation Contact: Camille at 801-733-9538

Room charges per night plus tax:

\$ 90	Room w/one bed
\$ 100	Room w/two beds
\$ 110	Room w/three beds

RV camping at the Otter Creek State Park. Located next to pavilion.

<https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/otter-creek> [435-624-3268](tel:435-624-3268)

Boat Rentals available first come first serve:

Otter Creek RV Park and Marina www.ottercreekutah.com 435-624-3292

Dinner on Saturday night will be put on by the club. Other meals may be available by the members in the pavilion.

Contact honcho: Russ Johnson: I need a headcount

Cell# 702-271-0430 prometheruss@gmail.com

Second Amendment News



In December 2025, several major pro-Second Amendment developments occurred at the federal and state levels, primarily driven by a shift in Department of Justice (DOJ) policy and significant legislative actions.

Federal DOJ Shift & Legal Actions:

The most significant news for December was the official operational launch of the **Second Amendment Rights Section** within the DOJ's Civil Rights Division on December 4, 2025.

Lawsuit Against Washington D.C.: On December 22, the DOJ sued the District of Columbia, alleging its ban on AR-15s and other semi-automatic firearms is an unconstitutional infringement on the Second Amendment.

Action in U.S. Virgin Islands: The DOJ filed a lawsuit against the Virgin Islands Police Department on December 16, challenging "abusive" permitting schemes that included unconstitutional home inspections and delays.

Hawaii "Vampire Law" Challenge: The DOJ sued Hawaii over its restrictive laws that prohibit licensed concealed carry on private property without explicit owner permission, a policy the DOJ argues makes lawful carry nearly impossible.

Los Angeles Investigation: The new section launched an investigation into the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department regarding allegations of "slow-walking" or delaying concealed-carry permit approvals.

Legislative & Executive Wins:

Federal Tax Relief: At the end of December, President Trump signed the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," which included a provision eliminating the **\$200 excise tax** previously imposed on items regulated by the National Firearms Act (NFA).

ATF Policy Rollback: The ATF confirmed in December that it has officially scrapped the Biden-era "Zero Tolerance" policy for firearm retailers. Under new standards, minor clerical errors will no longer result in default license revocations.

NDAA 2026: Provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2026 were highlighted as a win for surplus firearms collectors and Second Amendment advocates.

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Second Amendment News

State-Level Developments:

Michigan Education Law: On December 23, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed House Bill 4285, allowing middle and high schools to offer elective courses on **hunter safety and responsible firearm ownership**.

Oklahoma Banking Law: Governor Stitt signed legislation prohibiting banks that discriminate against the firearm industry from securing state contracts.

North Carolina Permitless Carry: An update on December 16 indicated ongoing progress for permitless carry legislation in the state.

Judicial Outlook (Early 2026)

While technically occurring on January 2, 2026, a major ruling capping off December's momentum saw a federal appeals court strike down **California's ban on open carry**, ruling it unconstitutional under current Second Amendment standards.



Just for Fun



So, two old men, Bill and Jimbo, were out on the lake fishing one day. These two had fished together and been best friends since they were kids. They grew up, joined their local bass club, did tournaments, grew old, retired and now they just lived the life they had always dreamed....on the water every day.

That day Bill looked at Jimbo and asked, "Do you think there is bass fishin' in Heaven?"

Jimbo replied, "Ya know I never thought about it really, but which ever one of us dies first....needs to come back and let the other one know if God let's us go fishin' up there."

Bill agreed and they laughed the conversation off.

A few weeks later Jimbo passed away of old age.

Some time went by and Bill thought about his fishin' buddy all the time. When one night while asleep Jimbo appears as an angel. Bill was startled but excited to see his buddy and couldn't help but ask....
IS THERE FISHIN' IN HEAVEN?!

Jimbo said, "Well, do you want the good news or bad news first?"

Bill quickly said "THE GOOD NEWS"

Jimbo said, "Lucky for us... there is fish in Heaven!"

Bill was excited and said "Thats great... What's the bad news?"

Jimbo replied **"Well.....God said he needs a co-angler this weekend, You're comin' with me!"**

Club Information

It's that time again!

Membership fees are due

Our use of Venmo for payments is on pause while the technical details are ironed out.

Please submit your application and payment as you have in the past.

Thank you!

Woods and Waters
is
STRONGER TOGETHER

- Get involved
- Host an event as a Honcho
- Share your pictures and stories
- Come to the monthly lunch
- Attend a marksman or angler event
- Don't miss the Awards Banquet and Dinner!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB

PO Box 29081 Las Vegas, Nevada 89126-9081

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: _____

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