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April 2026



Our Next Member Meeting & Lunch



Thursday April 16th



Located at Desert Inn & Eastern



11:30 to 1 pm



March 2026

President's Letter

Even though it's Spring, with the high temperatures the last couple of weeks it seems like we've jumped right into Summer. Not much we can do about it except wait it out—this too will pass.

Our annual Ice Off fishing event at Haymeadow Reservoir took place on March 21st. The weather was beautiful and the fishing was good. The winner caught 19 trout, with Pooh and Brian Patterson tied for 2nd place, each with 12. The trout were generally holdovers from last year, and were chunky, weighing in at about a pound to a pound and a half each. There were 16 fisherman, and Pooh, Jorge Arteaga and others prepared really tasty food. It was a good trip, and I would encourage everyone to get to at least one of the upcoming events in the next month or two. It's a great way to re-connect with old friends and meet and make new friends.

Big Game Tag applications are out and due by May 13. Just my opinion, but hunters weren't getting tags in the last several years, so they started putting in for every hunt they could (I did). That increased the application numbers, which decreased the chances for drawing a tag. Just like Chicago Cubs fans—"This year will be different". I hope so. Good luck to everyone.

The Clark County Fair will be held in Logandale from April 8-12. LWWW will be there and Mark Transue is looking for volunteers to help man the table. Contact Mark if you're able to put in some time at the fair on behalf of the club.

Our Spring Feast will be held on April 11th at the Clark County Shooting Complex. The menu will be Sporting Clays (get your name in to Mike Reese to secure your spot), and shrimp, crawfish, sausage, and other fixins' as cooked up by Kyle Otto and his hand-picked assistants. It's always a good time.

Our annual fishing/camping trip at Eagle Valley Reservoir (Spring Valley State Park) is scheduled for the weekend of April 18. Get your campsite or cabin reservations made through the Nevada State Parks website. Bruce Hudson is our Honcho, and he's declared there will be a Big Fish Award, as well as the Heaviest Limit Award (5 trout), so there should be plenty of glory to go around.

Mark Transue has put together a pig hunt at the Dunton Ranch on the weekend of April 25. The ranch is located off I-40, less than 2 ½ hours from Las Vegas. There are a few spots left. This is an easy hunt for not-completely-wild pigs. Relatively short shots, and the meat is quite good. The guides will skin and clean the animal, and Mulls Meat (the Road Kill Grill) does a great job in preparing the meat. I highly recommend the hot Italian sausage. I will note that both the Dunton Ranch and Mulls are donors to our annual banquet, and we as a club should do as much as we can to support our donors' businesses.

President's Message

Our Panguitch Lake fishing event is scheduled for the weekend of May 9th, and there is a shooting event on May 16th at the CCSC. The Annual Ken Johnson Memorial Fishing Tournament is scheduled for May 30 at Otter Creek Reservoir in Utah. Last year the big fish weighed in at just under 4.5 pounds, and several others approached 3 lbs., so there are big fish to be had.

We are fortunate to have a lot of things to do and lots of opportunities to get out on your next trip. Be well, be safe, have fun, and take someone with you to share the adventure.
Rich Beasley

Rich Beasley

Rich



March Wobble Trap

Wind (categorized as intense by NOAA)
Wobbling targets ejected
at random angles
(and yes, even below the house!)
FUN. FUN. FUN.
(are you sorry you missed it?)



March Angler Event – Sunnyside

For those that stayed home watching basketball you really missed a great time at Sunnyside. BTW, I was able to watch basketball AND catch fish at the same time so you really did miss out by staying home. The weather was **BEAUTIFUL!**

Several of us went up Friday to fish a bit and get camp set up (there were allot of other folks in the campground). We fished in the afternoon, had some drinks at happy hour, dinner around the campfire, then a quick game of poker where the "girls" cleaned me out pretty good. I've watched long enough to know I was just making my donation for the evening. Usually it is Magi Ghali that is the male victim, but he didn't come up till Saturday morning.

A special thanks to Poo, Jimmy, Jorge and Bee for all the food preparation and hospitality during the two days in camp. Meals are always a special treat as those four really step up to make sure no one is hungry. Thank you.

After a quick breakfast and coffee we all headed to the water. Did I mention the weather was **BEAUTIFUL?** Temps were mild, even first thing in the morning and there was not even a ripple of wind on the water for most of the day. The wind only picked up a bit around noon but we were stopping at 1pm so all was well. At one point I counted 14-15 watercraft (boats, kayaks, canoes, and float tubes) on the lake. A few of the group fished from the dam and some very nice fish were caught from the dam.

Rules were simple, most fish caught (no proof necessary, as fishermen we all are extremely honorable and tell no lies).



March Angler Event – Sunnyside

I had landed 14 fish on Friday afternoon so I just assumed 12 fish on Saturday would land somewhere in the middle of the pack but when the results were totaled, twelve (12) tied me with Poo for 2nd and 3rd place. The overall big catch (or least honest) went to last years winner and this years Club President Rich Beasley! Congratulations Rich as the winner two years running you earned the opportunity to be next years honcho.

The full results are listed below for Angler of the Year points.

Wyatt Palmer 10 pts youth category
Rich Beasley 10 pts
Brian Patterson and (Poo) Staret Rungrut 8.5 pts each
Roger Palmer 7 pts
Jorge Artega 6 pts
Jimmy Kesgomol and Magi Ghali 4.5 pts each
Bruce Hudson 3 pts
Barry Bradshaw 2 pts NEW MEMBER

All others received 1 point

Mark Transue
Steve Carpenter
Bob Bobbett

Non-members present were

Bee Artega
Jackie Hudson
Patti (Poo's sister)



~Honcho Brian

April Marksman Event

Don't Miss the Spring Feast April 11, 2026



Keep you eyes out for more information coming soon.

Sign up with Mike:

mikereese224@gmail.com



“Crawfish Kyle” would greatly appreciate any extra hands to held during load in and load out!

April Marksman Event

2026 Spring Feast and 100 bird Sporting Clay event

Saturday April 11th at the Clark County Shooting Park
Limited to 60 shooters MUST RSVP!!

- \$60 per shooter and price includes golf cart.
- RSVP at mikereese224@gmail.com (1 reservation per team)
- 4 man squads per golf cart
- Eye protection and hearing protection must be used while on the course.
- Cost is \$60 per shooter includes golf cart (Ammo is NOT included)
- Sign up and pay starts at 8:30 am. Team capt signs up for the squad.
- Must attend safety meeting or score is disqualified.
- Shoot is schedule to start at 9am. Late shooters will be scratched.
- Score cards, target card and golf cart key will be given to team capt.
- X=hit. 0=miss
- NO VIEW TARGETS!!! You will only have a few extra targets loaded on the card for BREAKAGE!
- Lewis class will be based on the number of shooters the day of the shoot.
- If you don't have a team, then email me and I'll assign you a team.
- Non members can shoot in this event but they will not be included in the Lewis money.
- Make sure your membership is paid up ahead of time.
- WE will need some help cleaning up afterwards and any help is appreciated!

I would appreciate a few people staying after to help clean up the patio and wipe down tables.

Thanks
Mike Reese

RSVP at mikereese224@gmail.com

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April 18th – Eagle Valley Fishing



Let's all attend the April 18th club fishing event at Eagle Valley Reservoir

Club fishing points to be awarded for this event.
\$10.00 signup at Lower loop event area
@ Horsethief Gulch campgrounds at 7-8 a.m.

Biscuits & Gravy for breakfast are offered.
Fishing from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner & Awards to be at 5 p.m.

All fish from this lake can be weighed ...

1st place "BIG FISH"
2-3rd place 5 fish limit

Need Head Count
Contact Honcho **Bruce Hudson**
(702) 743-8389



*Which one will
You bring in?*



DUELING TREE SHOOT OFF SATURDAY MAY 16TH

Clark County Shooting Park.

Signups at 8:00 AM

Shooting at 8:30 AM.



This will be a centerfire pistol competition.

- Calibers up to .40. **NO** .41, **NO** .44,
- **NO** 45 etc. will be permitted. Revolver or semi-auto.
- Open sites only. No laser, red dot, etc. OPEN SITES ONLY.

The competition will consist of a dueling tree where two shooters will be drawn randomly to face off against one another (No, that is not *face* each other!). There will be three paddles on each side, total of six. Shooters will load with six rounds only. When the start is called, each will shoot the paddle on his side forcing it to the opponent's side. If any swing to your side, shoot it back to your opponent. When each has fired all six rounds, whoever has the least paddles on his side wins. If a shooter gets all six paddles to his opponent's side, that too will be judged as a victory even if either shooter still has rounds left. No reloading - 6 shots only.

The format is double elimination, so everyone gets to shoot twice. Winners move on to compete with other winners until all but one is left. If necessary, ranking for points/ties/Lewis class will be decided by the number of hits the shooter accumulates.

Late entries cannot be accepted as all competitors will be logged into the computer that will assign who shoots against who. You cannot pick who you shoot against.

Bring at least 12 rounds, more if you think there are any club member that shoot worse than you and you pair up with them.

Ralph Willits - Honcho



CAB update for April



Recent Board Actions & Ongoing Discussions

Recent decisions from the board's March 2026 meeting are currently being finalized and moved forward for state commission review:

Shed Antler Revisions: The board unanimously voted to approve changes to Commission General Regulation 531 regarding shed antler collections.

Predation Management: Members approved the Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Predator Management Plan.

Migratory Game Birds: Recommendations for the 2026–2027 hunting seasons, including bag limits and special regulations for waterfowl and webless migratory birds, were supported.

Disability Permit Program: The board supported revisions to the disability permit program, specifically recommending that the use of a "bow" be re-added to the visual disability permit section.

Boating Revisions: Support was given for Commission General Regulation 516, which covers boating equipment and operation revisions.

Related County Updates

Kyle Canyon Recruitment: Clark County is currently seeking community leaders for the Upper and Lower Kyle Canyon Citizen's Advisory Councils to advocate for local priorities, including neighborhood-specific concerns.

Animal Shelter Expansion: Design phases are continuing for a new \$39 million supplemental animal shelter in Southwest Las Vegas, intended to alleviate overcrowding at current facilities.

Urban Wildlife Protection: Public concerns remain active regarding discarded fishing lines and hooks at urban ponds in Las Vegas, which are causing injuries to local waterfowl.

Future Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Location: Clark County Government Center, ODC 1, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV.

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 herd! (moo)

Could it happen in Nevada?

Colorado Commission Approves Fur Ban, Ignoring State Wildlife Agency



The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission is facing intense backlash over a proposed fur ban, with critics arguing the move is driven by Governor Jared Polis's political agenda rather than scientific data. During a recent hearing, an overflow crowd—dominated by hunters and ranchers by a 5-to-1 ratio—voiced strong opposition to the petition. Former CPW officials and biologists have condemned the commission for ignoring staff recommendations to deny the ban, labeling the justification as "ideology" and "smoke and mirrors." This controversy mirrors similar actions in Washington state, where wildlife commissions were accused of bypassing biological data to achieve specific policy goals. As the CPW Commission prepares for formal rulemaking in Grand Junction on May 6-7, the debate remains a focal point for those concerned about the politicization of wildlife management and the future of trapping in Colorado.

Key Takeaways

- **Public Opposition:** An overflow crowd of approximately 400 people attended the hearing, with a **5-to-1 ratio** of those opposing the ban (primarily hunters and ranchers) versus those supporting it.
- **Scientific vs. Ideological Conflict:** Critics, including former CPW biologists and commissioners, argue the ban is driven by **ideology and personal political agendas** rather than sound science. They contend that ignoring staff recommendations to deny the petition undermines the agency's mission.
- **Political Context:** The 11 voting members of the CPW Commission are appointed by **Governor Jared Polis**. The article compares the situation to a similar controversy in Washington state, where officials allegedly ignored scientific data to suspend a bear hunt.
- **Ongoing Conflict:** The rulemaking procedure for the fur ban is scheduled to continue **May 6-7 in Grand Junction**, with opponents urging citizens to attend and protest.

2026 Marksman Event Dates

2026 Marksman event dates:

Events to be determined by Honchos

- Feb 21st 8-12 noon – Big Game Shoot ✓
- March 7th 8-12 noon – Wobble trap ✓
- April 11th 9-12 noon - Spring Feast
- May 16th 8-12 noon – Dueling Tree
- June 13th 8-12 noon – Cowboy Shoot
- July 18th 8-12 noon – Black Powder
- August 15th 8-12 noon - **Honcho needed**
- Sept 19th 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
- March 21th Sunnyside Fishing ✓
- April 18th Eagle Valley Fishing
- May 9th Panguitch Fishing
- May 29-31 Otter Creek Fishing

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!



As of April 2026, several major Second Amendment developments have emerged, ranging from new federal directives for military personnel to state-level legislative actions and ongoing Supreme Court challenges.

Federal Policy Shifts

- **Military Base Carry Directive:** On April 2, 2026, Secretary of War [Pete Hegseth](#) signed a memorandum authorizing uniformed service members to request to carry [privately owned firearms for personal protection](#) on military installations. Commanders are directed to operate with a "**presumption of approval**," and any denials must be detailed in writing.
- **National Firearms Act (NFA) Tax Elimination:** Since the start of 2026, the federal tax on items such as silencers, short-barrel rifles, and short-barrel shotguns has been [reduced from \\$200 to \\$0](#), leading to a sharp increase in sales for these items.
- **DOJ Rights Restoration:** The Trump administration's Department of Justice (DOJ) has revived a program to [restore gun rights](#) to individuals with certain felony convictions who are no longer deemed a threat to public safety.

State Legislative Updates

- **Colorado Weapons Restrictions:** On April 6, 2026, Governor [Jared Polis](#) signed Senate Bill 004, which [expands the list of entities](#) that can petition a court to temporarily restrict a person's access to firearms to include healthcare facilities, mental health centers, and educational institutions.
- **Kentucky Vetoes:** Governor Andy Beshear recently [vetoed bills](#) that would have lowered the concealed carry age to 18 and protected gun sellers from certain liabilities. State lawmakers are expected to consider overrides in mid-April.
- **Virginia Bans:** The Virginia legislature has advanced bills aimed at prohibiting the future manufacture and sale of many semi-automatic firearms and magazines holding more than 10 or 15 rounds.

Judicial & Legal Challenges

- **Supreme Court "Sensitive Places":** The Court is currently weighing *Wolford v. Lopez*, a case challenging a Hawaii law that designates [bars, parks, and banks](#) as "sensitive places" where carrying firearms is prohibited.
- **Marijuana & Gun Rights:** In early 2026, the Supreme Court heard arguments regarding the [constitutionality of federal laws](#) that prohibit marijuana users from possessing firearms.
- **Felon-in-Possession Statutes:** The Supreme Court continues to review numerous petitions challenging the [federal ban on firearm possession](#) for individuals with nonviolent felony convictions under the *Bruen* framework.

**Please see below for one of our own, working
to further the goals of hunters in real time.
THANK YOU Mike**

From: Mike Reese <mreese@lincolncountynv.gov>

Date: March 11, 2026 at 4:47:54 PM PDT

To: Linda Barr <lbarr@ndow.org>

Cc: Mike Reese <mikereese224@gmail.com>

Subject: Opposed to Thermal ban during big game season for predator hunters.

Dear wildlife commissioners,

I'm writing this as a Lincoln County Commissioner. I've attended a few of the emerging technology sub committee meetings and I appreciate the committees agreement not to create any regulations that aren't really enforceable. Unless our law enforcement changes their work hours to include night time enforcement this possible regulation is going to be impossible to enforce or even police!! I take a huge exception that my county is being singled out for this possible regulation! We have approx a dozen predator hunters in our county that own and use thermals and I thank them for making the investment to help control predators. I refer to them as our "A" team!!! It's unconscionable to me that we would tell them to sit at home or change back to their old way of hunting predators during the big game season in our county! Coyotes in Nevada already out number our deer population! Plus the coyotes have the deer out numbered with birth rates by approx 400% and it baffles me why you feel a need to protect the coyotes!!! They are an unprotected specie for a reason and yet you feel a need to keep putting a protection on them like you did with the coyote contests. If a possible regulation was put in place how will that regulation help bring our mule deer back??? It doesn't!! While our other commissioners are against this regulation I can only speak on my behalf until I can get it on our agenda and we can vote against this as a commission. The predator hunting community along with the trapping community is our only defense to protect our fawns, calves, upland game and waterfowl. The trappers actually pay for the opportunity to provide this valuable service to our state. It's time we thank them for their invaluable service they provide!

It's unfortunate that our plan A is to have to pay Wildlife Services using big game application monies when the predator and trapping community give the sportsmen and women a better and bigger bang for the buck! No pun intended :)

I would appreciate if our state wildlife commission would have more agenda items that help bring our deer population back up to a more sustainable population.

Thank you for your efforts!

Mike Reese
Lincoln County Commissioner
702-400-6501

For Sale by Members

Sea Eagle Frameless Pontoon Boat – model 285FPB

ONLY
\$700



***Ralph NOT INCLUDED!**

About the 285fpb Frameless Pontoon Boat

Catch really big fish in this small boat! Because it is so light and portable you can easily get to where the big fish are!

The unique inflatable U-hull configuration of this one man fishing boat provides incredible stability and maximum fishing space with the least amount of hull weight. Three separate air chambers to ensure maximum safety in any situation.

The Hunter Green 285fpb is a stealthy inflatable boat that's perfect for fishing or hunting. It goes anywhere, sets up in just 5 minutes and can fit in the trunk of a car.

Very good condition.

Used only four times. Includes battery and box, 2 anchors, wheel set, wheeled acc. box

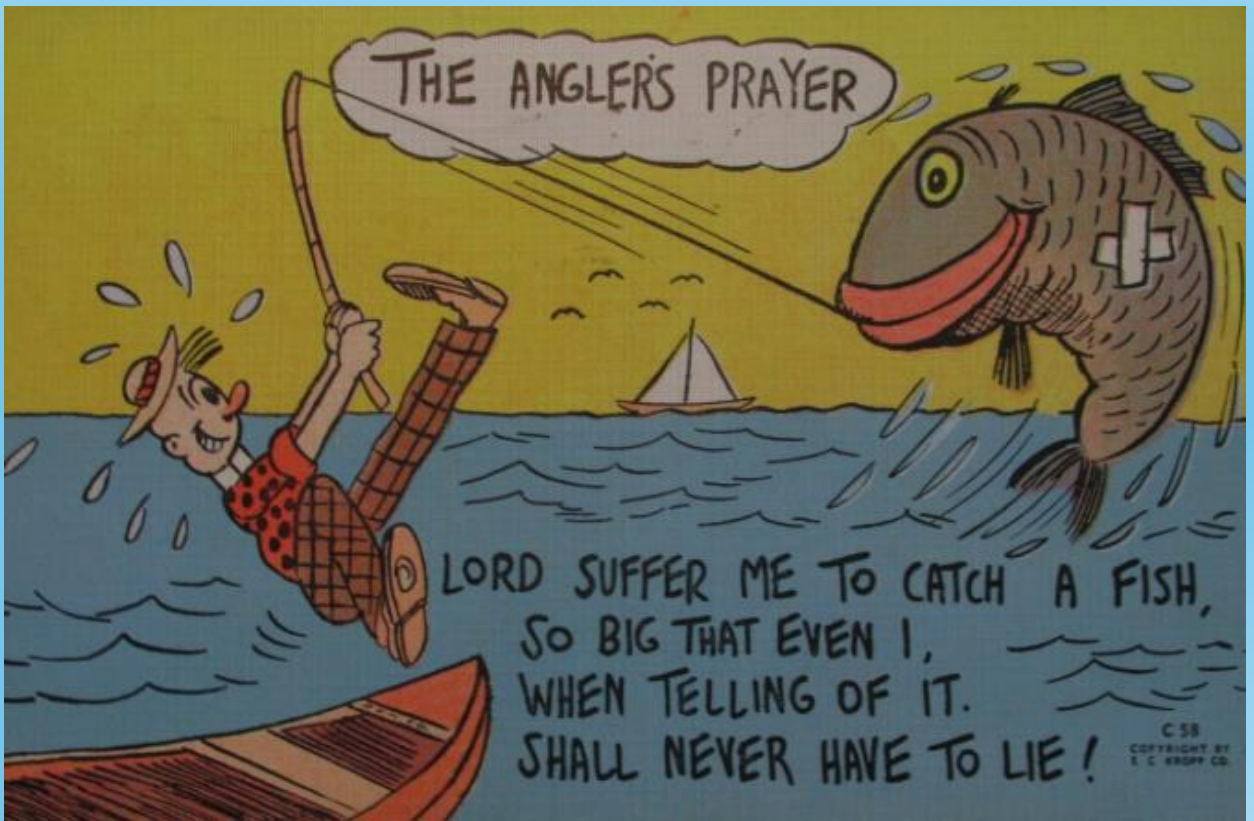
Call Ralph Willits
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Specifications

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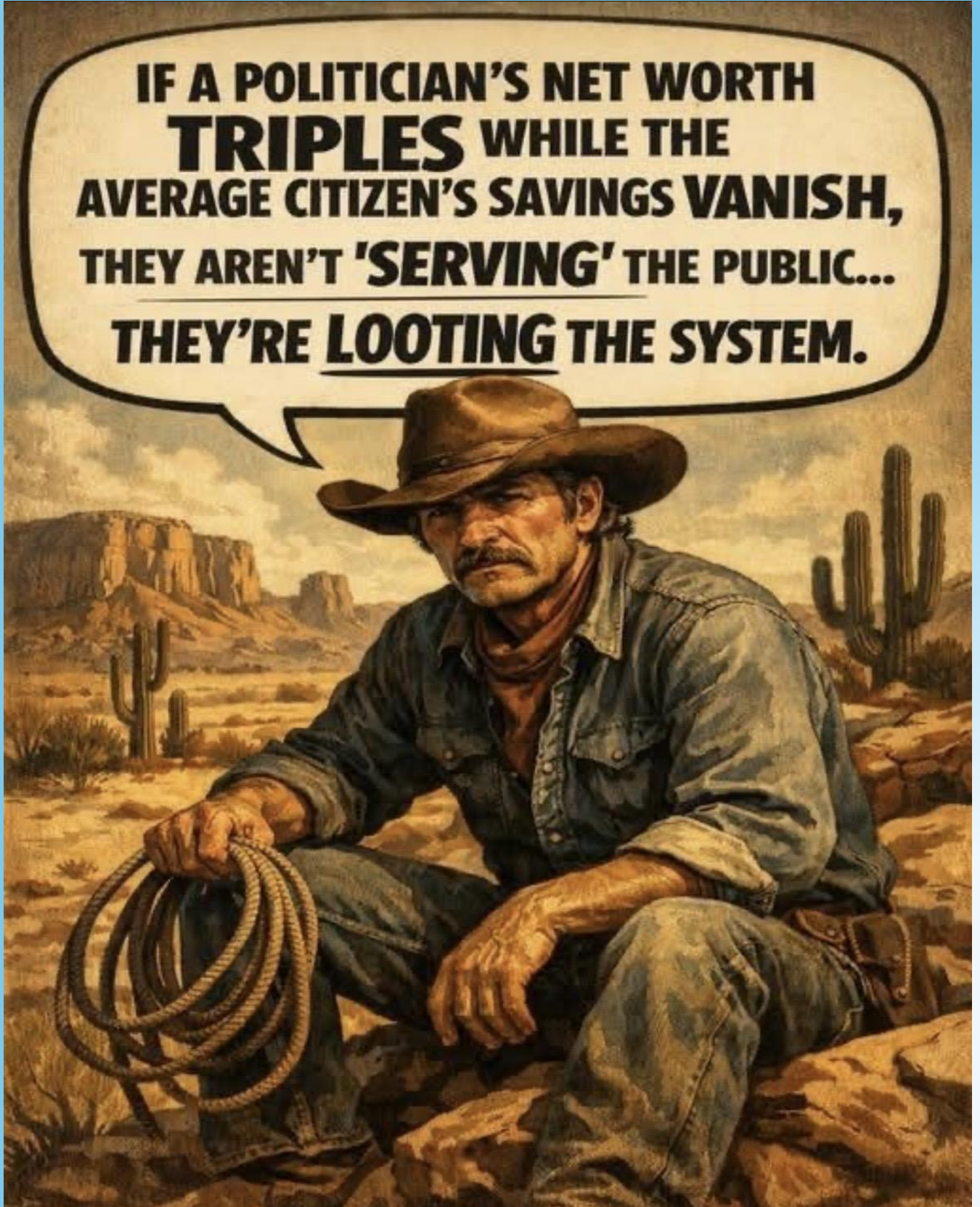
Length	8 ft 11 in
Beam	4 ft
Weight	31 lb
Person Capacity	1
Deflated Dimensions	24 in x 14 in x 11 in
Tube Diameter	16"
Chambers	3 (port, starboard, rear)
Material	36 mil 1000 Denier Denier Reinforced PVC
Interior	6'2" x 1'4"
Seam	Quadruple Overlapped Superior Glued Finish
Air Valves	3 Recessed One Way
Stern (rear) Motor Capacity	3hp (20" shaft minimum, 45 lbs. max weight) or 70 lb. max thrust (min 30" shaft, 45 lbs. max weight)
Speed Estimates	2-4 mph
Load Capacity	1 Person or 450 lbs.
Inflation time	5 min.
Whitewater Rating	N/A
Inflation Pressure	3.2 psi
Floorboard	42" x 15 3/4" x 1/2"

Just for Fun



TRUTH

IF A POLITICIAN'S NET WORTH
TRIPLES WHILE THE
AVERAGE CITIZEN'S SAVINGS **VANISH**,
THEY AREN'T 'SERVING' THE PUBLIC...
THEY'RE LOOTING THE SYSTEM.



Just for Fun

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 Board of Directors

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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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