

Las Vegas Woods and Waters

Since 1991

# GAMEBAG

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



August 2026



## Our Next Member Meeting & Lunch



Thursday August 13th



Located at Desert Inn & Eastern



11:30 to 1 pm

# President's Message

July 2026

## President's Letter

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer! Possibly the toughest time of the year for Las Vegas sportsmen and women. Just hang on everyone, fall and hunting season is just around the corner. This is a good time to do some physical conditioning in preparation for any upcoming hunts. Even if you're only going to hunt ducks or quail, consider getting in a little better shape than you are right now. You'll be glad you did.

A few weeks ago, Trapper's Weekend was held at Illipah Reservoir. Woods and Waters contributed, both funds and our presence, to this weekend, which boasted about 140 kids and 160 adults. Thanks to **Mark Transue** and several other members who went up to help during the weekend.

On July 18, **Brian Patterson** honchoed the black powder shoot. The winner was **Dylan Sweeney**, a new member. As the champion, he got to wear the coonskin cap!

We've got a shoot scheduled for August 15 at the Clark County Shooting Center. Honchos are **Jeff Bryant** and **Doug Rausenberger**. The format and weapons will be a surprise. No need to bring anything other than your quick wit and good looks, as the club will supply everything—weapons and ammo.

On August 31 several of us will be heading to Yuma, Arizona for the opener of Dove season on September 1. If anyone is interested in going, please let me know, as everyone is welcome. You'll need to find a place to stay—a motel or an AIRBNB, so don't wait too long to make your plans. We've been going down there for many years, so we'll find the birds and let everyone know where we're hunting if they want to hunt with the group. This is an easy hunt, and there are always lots of birds. Let me know if anyone has any questions.

**September 19 will be our Fall Feast shoot at CCSC. Everyone is welcome, and the club will provide lunch after the shoot.**

Hope to see everyone at our next lunch on August 13 at the Las Vegas National Golf Course. **If anyone has any hunting or fishing stories, we'd love to hear them.**

Have a great August!  
Be safe,  
Rich Beasley



# Stories From the Wild

Sadly, no stores were shared this month from our members. Send in those stories, we know you have them! Share your memories of hunting, fishing and all things outdoors with this group that you know will appreciate them!

Just send your write up and/or pictures to [admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org](mailto:admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org) (even those got-aways!)

**-Doug – GameBag editor**



# Black Powder Shoot



## Black Powder Shoot July 18<sup>th</sup> at CCSC

What is the MOST IMPORTANT shot in a hunting situation? The LAST SHOT that finally brings the animal to rest? Or the FIRST SHOT that is well placed and results in a clean kill before the animal is aware of your presence and alarmed? Sometimes the window of opportunity is short, just a few seconds to make a clean accurate shot on your trophy of a lifetime. Those BIG bucks don't generally give you lots of time standing broadside within your effective shooting range. Honcho Brian Patterson tried to add some real-life pressure and reward quick action and accurate shot placement.

### **The format:**

Three shooters on the line. 12 inch target, only 50 yards down range. Black powder muzzle loaders with open sights. Weapons loaded at the hip. 10 seconds to complete your first shot. Let's add a little pressure...this first shot is worth DOUBLE points! Hit the 7 ring, post 14 points. Let's add a little more pressure...first person to get his shot off gets 3 BONUS points for quickness. Let's add a little more pressure...the shooters will be grouped together based on their current standing in the Markman of the Year competition. Let's add a tad more pressure...you cannot shoot until hearing the honcho call out BIG BUCK BIG BUCK! This first shot will be quick and off hand, no rest as there is no time, the buck of a lifetime is slipping away.



Honcho  
**Brian Patterson,**  
**Jerry Gnade,**  
**David Baldwin,**  
**Jeff Bryant**  
on the line

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# Black Powder Shoot

If the honcho yells DOE or little BUCK or anything else and the shooter gets excited and shoots...ZERO points! Your shot will not count, just like the real world if you shoot a doe that steps out and not a buck you are in trouble with the warden. On the command of BIG BUCK BIG BUCK the clock ticks down from 10 to 0. Do you hurry the shot to collect 3 bonus points or do you take an extra second or two to place a more accurate shot? Miss the paper...ZERO points! Gun on safety and you can't get a shot off in 10 seconds...ZERO points! You missed a step in loading the gun and it didn't go bang...ZERO points! No matter the reason in the real world the buck would get away and you end up with ZERO....same rules apply here. Make a good shot get rewarded with double the points, maybe 3 more points for shooting quicker than your two buddies.

More time and a semi-wobbly "rest" were allowed for your three follow up shots with no time limit. Ties would be broken by measuring how close to the Bulls Eye your first free hand shot was placed.

18 shooters were entered, including three new members **Dylan Sweeney, Rich Frahm** and **Catie Hooley**, welcome!



The Tree



Bruce Hudson



shooting

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# Black Powder Shoot

## When the smoke cleared...



How well did everyone do with the first pressure packed free hand shot? Five shooters missed the target completely but two of them were faster than their buddies and still collected 3 bonus points. No one took a shot until the BIG BUCK command was called. The rest ranged from the 5 ring to the 9 ring which were doubled giving them from 10-18 points (**Jim Henry** was closest to the Bulls Eye freehand). Everyone did much better with the follow up shots using more time and the “tree” rest provided.

When the smoke cleared new member **Dylan Sweeney** was wearing the coonskin cap for posting a total score of 43 points. **Jim Henry** was second, **Mike Taylor** third, **Bruce Hudson** fourth, **Brian Patterson** fifth, **Mark Forsstrom** sixth, **Rich Frahm** seventh, **Ray Scissons** eighth and **Catie Hooley** ninth. The three new members ALL placed in the top 10 AND all three won Lewis Class money. That doesn't show well for us long standing members. Perhaps in a year or two our bad habits will begin to wear off on them and they will start shooting poorly like the rest of us.



New member **Catie Hooley** taking aim



New member  
**Dylan Sweeney**  
wearing the coonskin cap  
for first place

We had some additional range time after the shoot that allowed some members to shoot their hunting rifles or pistols. Perfect for getting more trigger time and creating more bad shooting habits.

# Black Powder Shoot Results



| Name             | 1st Shot | Bonus | Score | Total | Lewis \$\$ | Pts |
|------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-----|
| Dylan Sweeney    | 16       | 3     | 24    | 43    | 60         | 10  |
| Jim Henry        | 18       | 0     | 23    | 41    | 40         | 9   |
| Mike Taylor      | 14       | 0     | 25    | 39.5  | 20         | 8   |
| Bruce Hudson     | 8        | 3     | 28    | 39    | 0          | 7   |
| Brian Patterson  | 10       | 0     | 22    | 32    | 0          | 6   |
| Mark Forsstrom   | 10       | 0     | 21    | 31    | 0          | 5   |
| Rich Frahm       | 8        | 0     | 21    | 29.5  | 60         | 4   |
| Ray Scissons     | 0        | 3     | 26    | 29    | 40         | 3   |
| Catie Hooley     | 14       | 0     | 15    | 29    | 20         | 2   |
| Ralph Willits    | 16       | 0     | 12    | 28    | 0          | 1   |
| Jerry Gnade      | 8        | 3     | 16    | 27    | 0          | 1   |
| Jeff Bryant      | 14       | 0     | 12    | 26    | 0          | 1   |
| Wyatt Palmer     | 0        | 0     | 24    | 24    | 40         | 1   |
| Hope Strickland  | 12       | 0     | 12    | 24    | 60         | 1   |
| Roger Palmer     | 10       | 3     | 10    | 23    | 20         | 1   |
| John Stelter     | 0        | 0     | 17    | 17    | 0          | 1   |
| David Baldwin    | 0        | 0     | 13    | 13    | 0          | 1   |
| Roger Palmer III | 0        | 3     | 0     | 3     | 0          | 1   |

# G.I. JOE SHOOT



## GI JOE<sup>®</sup> SHOOT



**SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**OH-EIGHT HUNDRED**

Clark County Shooting Complex 100 yard range – Ed Center  
All Guns and Ammo provided by Woods & Waters

**1911 - .45ACP**



**AR-15**



**AK-47**

**HAND GRENADES**



(are they live? show up and find out!)

\$20 buy in - \$10 goes to the payout pool!

\*Bring your own eyes and ears

(and don't forget your Kung Fu Grip!)



**HONCOS: JEFF BRYANT & DOUG RAUSENBERGER**

# September Marksman Event

Info  
Coming  
Soon

## Don't Miss the Fall Feast

September 19th, 2026



Sporting Clays & Lunch

# 2026 Marksman Event Dates

## 2026 Marksman event dates:

*Events to be determined by Honchos*

- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 8-12 noon – **Big Game Shoot** ✓
- March 7<sup>th</sup> 8-12 noon – **Wobble trap** ✓
- April 11<sup>th</sup> 9-12 noon - **Spring Feast** ✓
- May 16<sup>th</sup> 8-12 noon – **Dueling Tree** ✓
- June 13<sup>th</sup> 8-12 noon – **Cowboy Shoot** ✓
- July 18<sup>th</sup> 8-12 noon – **Black Powder** ✓
- August 15<sup>th</sup> 8-12 noon – **GI Joe Shoot**
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 9-12 noon - **Fall Feast**
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 8-12 noon - **Turkey shoot**



Ask a board member or send  
an email to:  
[admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org](mailto:admin@lvwoodsandwaters.org)

# 2026 Angler Event Dates



## 2026 Angler event dates:

*Specifics to be determined by Honchos*

- January 31<sup>th</sup> Ice Fishing ✓ Cave Lake
- March 21<sup>th</sup> Sunnyside Fishing ✓
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Eagle Valley Fishing ✓
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Panguitch Fishing ✓
- May 29-31 Otter Creek Fishing ✓

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

# Marksman and Angler of the YEAR

## 2026 WOODS AND WATERS POINTS STANDING (AS OF July 2026)

### FISHING

Jorge Arteaga – 28 points  
Roger Palmer – 21  
Rich Beasley – 20  
Magdi Gahli – 18.5  
Wyatt Palmer – 18  
Poo Rungrut Staret - 16.5



### SHOOTING

Jim Henry – 35  
Mark Forsstrom - 29  
Bruce Hudson – 29  
Mike Taylor – 23  
Brian Patterson – 21  
Roger Palmer – 15



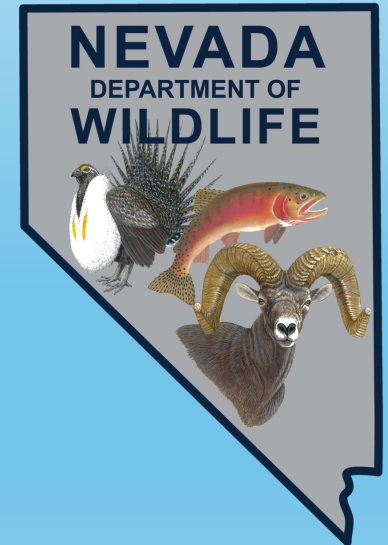
### ALL AROUND

Roger Palmer – 36  
Brian Patterson – 34.5  
Mark Forsstrom - 31  
Jorge Arteaga – 30  
Rich Beasley – 29  
Bruce Hudson – 29

### YOUTH SHOOTING

Cooper Rausenberger – 10 points

# Mule Deer Enhancement Summit



## Conservation Update: 2026 Nevada Mule Deer Summit

The triennial Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement Summit convened from July 23–25, 2026, in Ely, Nevada. The event brought together biologists, land managers, state officials, and sportspeople. Organized by the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and regional conservation groups, the summit focused on reversing long-term herd declines. Attendees reviewed the latest wildlife science, evaluated habitat conditions, and coordinated regional preservation strategies.

### Critical Takeaways

**Data-Driven Population Tracking:** Wildlife biologists presented updated survival models following recent severe winters. GPS collar data highlighted precise migration corridors and critical bottleneck areas needing immediate protection.

**Targeted Habitat Restoration:** Frameworks were established to accelerate wildfire rehabilitation and combat invasive cheatgrass. Discussions prioritized restoring native sagebrush ecosystems to improve winter forage.

**Predation and Disease Management:** Research panels debated the localized impacts of predation and disease on fawn survival rates. Attendees reviewed adaptive management protocols to mitigate these compounding stressors.

**Cross-Agency Collaboration:** Land managers from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service aligned with state biologists. This partnership aims to streamline future habitat projects across overlapping jurisdictions.

## Meeting Schedule - 2026



### Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife 2026 Meeting Schedule

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

# Second Amendment News



## Top Pro-Second Amendment News Updates: July 2026

In July 2026, pro-Second Amendment developments included the Third Circuit striking down New Jersey's semi-automatic rifle and magazine ban, South Dakota implementing state-level suppressor deregulation, and the Trump administration advancing dozens of proposed ATF rule rollbacks to ease federal firearm purchasing and ownership restrictions.

## Court Rulings and Legal Actions

**Third Circuit Ruling:** On July 17, 2026, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals struck down New Jersey's ban on commonly owned semi-automatic rifles and large-capacity magazines, creating a direct circuit split with other appeals courts regarding similar state bans.

**Post-SCOTUS Fallout:** Legal analysis continued regarding late-June 2026 Supreme Court outcomes (*U.S. v. Hemani* and *Wolford v. Lopez*), which broadly favored gun rights by ruling that casual cannabis use does not automatically prohibit gun ownership and striking down restrictive concealed-carry property consent laws.

## Federal Legislation and Administration

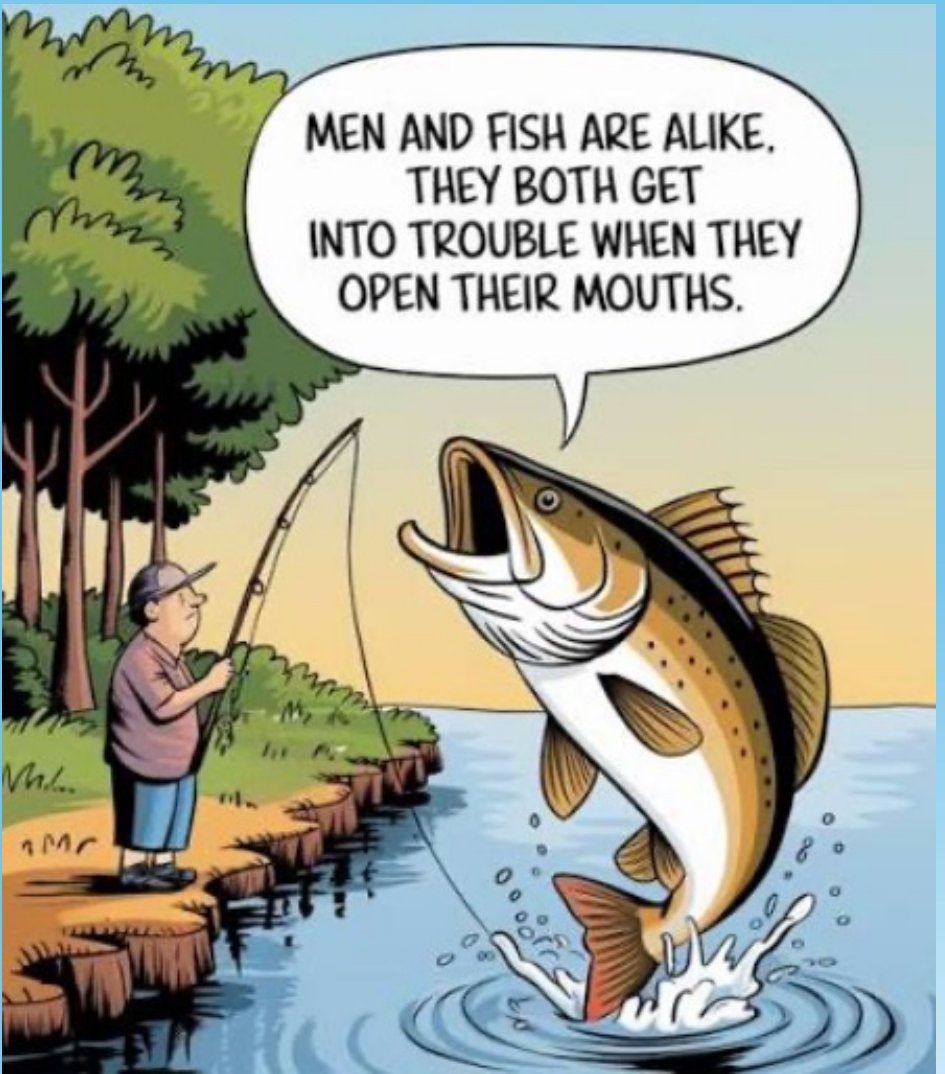
**MAGA Act in NDAA:** On July 22, 2026, the House passed the Fiscal Year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which included Congressman Dave Taylor's Make American Guns Again (MAGA) Act (216-212 vote) to shield the domestic weapons manufacturing supply chain from foreign dependence.

**ATF Regulatory Rollbacks:** The Trump administration and Justice Department pushed forward with roughly three dozen proposed ATF rule changes. These target a reduction in regulations on short-barreled rifles, bump stocks, and certain firearm purchase checks.

## State Actions

**South Dakota Deregulation:** Effective July 1, 2026, South Dakota implemented SB 2, removing firearm suppressors from the state's legal definition of a "controlled weapon" to further reduce ownership hurdles.

# Just for Fun



# Club Information

Do you know someone who  
would like to join us?

You can help your buddies  
sign up with the  
membership application  
below!

**Thank you!**

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

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Payment: Check: ☐ Cash ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐

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