

# Las Vegas Woods and Waters

Since 1991

# GAMEBAG

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



February 2026



## Our Next Member Meeting & Lunch



Thursday February 12th



Located at Desert Inn & Eastern



11:30 to 1 pm



**February 2026**

## **President's Letter**

**Happy February.** This is probably the worst month of the year for hunters and fishermen. Most hunting seasons are closed, it's too cold to fish, and as we're seeing, it's too warm to ice fish. Probably a good month to catch up on chores around the house and maybe start looking for some new gear for the upcoming fishing and hunting seasons.

Speaking of which, we've got our annual **Sportsman of the Year Banquet** on February 28, 2026. We should have close to 30 guns up for raffle, special raffle, silent auction, and maybe even live auction. We'll have gifts specifically for the women, and no kids will walk out without a prize. Please get your Table Registration form filled out and turned in as soon as you can. Also, raffle tickets are only \$1.50 if you buy them early through the registration form. They're \$2 the night of the banquet. Because we need to give the Gold Coast a firm number of attendees, we can't sell dinner tickets the night of the banquet, so **please purchase your tickets before the deadline of February 18.** This is our big fundraising event for the year. From the Spring and Fall Feasts, the youth programs and activities, the conservation programs, the monthly door prizes at our lunches, and all the shooting, fishing, and hunting events we contribute to, this is how we fund it. We're also collecting donated items for prizes, so if you've got anything you can donate or have contacts who can donate, please see what you can get for the banquet. **Mark Transue** is collecting all the prizes, so if you've got anything please bring it to February's lunch on the 12th and get it to Mark.

The second largest source of funding for the club is our annual dues \$25/year. Please get your dues paid for 2026 at our next lunch, 2/12/26 or you can pay with your banquet table registration.

On February 21, 2026, **Jeff Bryant** will Honcho the shooting event at the Clark County Shooting Center. He is planning a 100-yard shoot from the standing, kneeling, and bench using centerfire rifles legal for big game in Nevada.

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# President's Message

*Coming up on March 14 is the Wobble Trap Shoot at the CCSC, and on March 21 is the next fishing event at Sunnyside—Haymeadow Reservoir. There is a dam to fish from, but most of the fishing is done via kayak, boat, canoe, or float tube.*

*Also, the WHIN (Wildlife Habitat Improvement in Nevada) Annual Banquet is March 28. They give us a lot of support, and we should give them as much support as possible.*

*We've finalized the events calendar for the year, so pick the events you want to go to, and if there's something you want to honcho that's not on the calendar, plan it and schedule it on an open date. We always need new ideas for events and new leadership to implement the ideas.*

*I hope to see everyone at our next lunch and also at the banquet. Be safe and have a great time on your next adventure, whatever it may be.*

**Rich Beasley**

*Rich*



# Annual Banquet Information

**Don't Delay!**

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>**



## **LAS VEGAS WOODS AND WATERS**

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



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

## 34<sup>th</sup> 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:

LWWWC, PO Box 29081, Las Vegas, NV 89126

Email: [RLBEB4@COX.NET](mailto: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:			\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Visa: \_\_\_\_\_ MC: \_\_\_\_\_ Check#: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CAB update for January

In January 2026, the **Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW)** held its primary meeting on **January 20, 2026**, to review and provide recommendations on several major state wildlife regulations.

### Meeting Highlights & News

**Hunting Seasons & Quotas:** The board reviewed and discussed recommendations for the **2026 dream tag** species, seasons, and quotas. They also deliberated on the **2026-2027 hunting seasons** and quotas for restricted non-resident guided mule deer.

**Predator Management:** Discussions included a presentation on the **Predator Management Plan** for fiscal year 2026, which was subsequently considered by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners later in the month.

**Coyote Hunting Contests:** The board reviewed proposed amendments to **NAC 503** concerning season and licensing requirements for participants in coyote hunting contests.

**Board Member Update:** In late January 2026, Clark County Commissioners [deferred a decision](#) regarding the reappointment of longtime board member and trapper **Tracy Truman**, despite recommendations for his continued service.

**Special Permits:** Revisions to the **disability permit program** were also on the radar for review during the advisory cycle.

### Upcoming Schedule

The board is scheduled to meet again on **March 10, 2026**, at the [Clark County Government Center](#) to support the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting held in Boulder City later that week.

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule - 2026



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

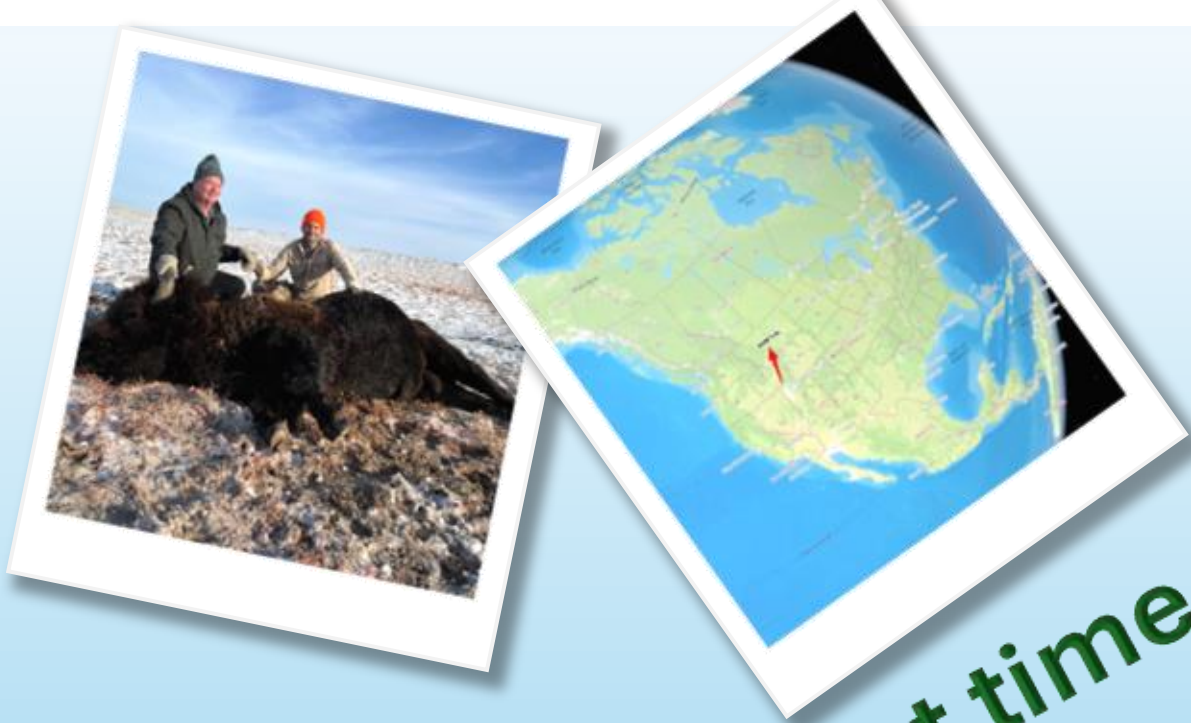
January 20, 2026	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	Big Game Seasons and Regulations
March 10, 2026	Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (Pueblo Room)	Set/Revise Waterfowl Season and Limits; Legislative Items
May 5, 2026 (Amended 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



Read the  
story on the  
next page!

You remember that time...



**Tony Perkins** leads two  
bison hunters in Montana.

*In the dead of winter...*

His email address starts [psycho@...com](mailto:psycho@...com)  
(I'm just sayin...)

## The Great Bison Freeze

I get my first inkling that I may be in over my head when I step out of the truck to put binos on the first group of bison. The windchill of -19F reddening and burning any exposed flesh within seconds pushes us all back in the truck fairly quickly. With the sun creeping over the horizon, we take stock of our mettle, and I internally wonder about the over confidence of decisions made in more comfortable places.

It was indoors with the heat, quality sleep, and excellent wi-fi that I convinced myself hauling North America's largest critter still roaming around, off the Montana mountains with 75-year-old Randel and an 84-year-old dad in December wouldn't be too much trouble. Randel is part of the conservation group where we got the tag from so he offered to help with the hunt. I tend to research every little thing and overanalyze all possible outcomes of an adventure before lacing up my boots. I anticipated 3000 miles of steering wheel time, a half million acres to search for a lazy 1-ton critter, and a day or 2 of field dressing and pack out. But dangerous? It didn't really cross my mind. Later that night I relay the days happenings to a well-traveled hunter buddy of mine; he cautioned we were in a downright dangerous situation and to be careful. Weird, it didn't feel all that dangerous as we crept from one bison group to another in search of the perfect bull on a once-in-a-lifetime bucket list hunt for dad.

We spent the entire first day driving to the tops of each mountain and to the bottom of each canyon trying to find where all the bison were hiding. Most were low in canyons smartly keeping out of the wind, but some were on the march to new areas or just running away from us as we got closer. We were getting pretty good at guessing age class of each group or so we told ourselves. By lunch time, with the sun high in the sky, it had warmed up a bit to a balmy 18 degrees. I jumped out to get in the cooler in the back of the truck to get the lunch fixings. Since I wasn't about to have a picnic in these conditions, I brought it back up front and realized my packing wasn't as well thought out as it should have been. I didn't pack any ice; certain mother nature would not warm up the cooler contents. I didn't expect the meat to be crystalized and some drinks frozen solid in the cooler. I am well out of my comfort zone. Note to self: if you want drinkable water, in liquid form, bring bottles inside at night.

Close to the end of the day we ran across a bachelor herd of some decent bulls. When we crested the hill, I saw one big old nasty bull near the road that was just staring at us with a look that suggested we owe him money. I said that if that bull is near the road in the morning, we should give it a try. The three of us drove the hour and half back to town discussing how we could make it happen the next day or if it was even possible. Randel and Dad being ever positive were all too eager to lay the smack down on that old bull anywhere he was. I suggested we wait for him to walk on to the road then try and drop him.

The next morning the temps had dropped even lower, but the wind had slowed a bit making conditions almost bearable. The weatherman was calling for even higher temperatures the following morning but that would be the last day of the hunt. I may not have known about freezing points of deli meats, but I know enough, to not wait to the last minute. Murphy's law always has different plans and you may lose your chance forever. Sometimes you get skunked and that was the best you could do and other times you make mistakes like trying to wait to get that extra 5 degrees of warmth. I wasn't taking any chances, so we drove straight to where we left that nasty old bull the night before. As we crested the hill we saw the three younger ones, but no big nasty. Dang! I guess we missed our chance. We continued around the hill and suddenly there he was right between two roads that came together. A perfect spot so maybe he would run and die on one of the roads so that we could get in the truck at any time we were getting too cold during the gutting and meat hauling process. Big nasty had other plans for us.

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# Club Hunting Stories

We drove down the road a bit and parked over a rise. We had the wind in our favor but unfortunately, I think it favored Big Nasty too. It was just too nippy to shoot without warm gloves on. If you have ever tried to shoot with bulky gloves you know it's nearly impossible to be accurate with heavy gloves. We crest the little rise and get set up. The first shot rings out and big nasty doesn't even know he is hit but he starts running. Dad sends three more shots and I know at least two more hit but he was so far away for the final shot I didn't hear if it hit. We all look at each other not believing what just happened. It was a perfect setup and that big beast just shrugged off three solid hits and kept running. We drive up on the next rise and see him running off with a herd of six other bulls. We were warned that a wounded bison can run for miles on adrenaline if being nudged on by a group. We watch as they disappear over the horizon. We drive to where we last saw them and they are nowhere to be found. Randel offers to go tracking them while we drive the high roads glassing. I give him the go ahead to follow the frozen splashes of blood. We are driving from group to group in search of big nasty but no luck for about three hours.

As we drive down into a valley, I see Randel on a ridge pointing down to the far north. I can just see brown tufts sticking up over a ridge. We park and start walking out there. We sneak up on the group of seven and watch them for what seemed like enough time for my hands to freeze and break off (so like maybe 10 mins?). I notice the biggest one limping and then see a spot of blood on his front left shoulder. I give dad the nod and he sends two shots real quick. Big nasty doesn't run more than 200 yards before tipping over. Now he has 6 other bulls kicking at him and all head butting each other. They solve their pecking order adjustments and start to circle wider and wider. I see Randel walking toward us in the open and the bison start getting closer to us. Dad asks if I brought a knife in case things get real bad. I respond, if they cross that close ridge hand me the gun and il start dropping them one by one with or without a tag. Lucky for us I didn't have to test my frozen hand shooting ability.

We walk out to the bison and take a few pics. Normally I would have a whole photo session. Those of you that have been hunting with me know this can take time to do it right. Here, we had no time as it was just a few hours before dark. No way to move a 2000-pound animal, and maybe no way to get it or us back to the truck before we freeze to death. We start cutting into it as if it's going to be our last meal. It's so heavy and we are so cold we can't even lift a leg to cut skin on the underside. Poor Randel was working so hard and sweating. The sweat would hit his glasses and before it could drip off the bottom it would freeze. There are so many pictures I wish I could have taken of the immense amount of work dad and Randel did but my hands were freezing every time I took them off the animal so I just kept to the work. I think Randel grew up like we did. No complaints during work as it's not going to help any, just get it done. We were certainly grateful for that as we hauled loads to the truck throughout the night. Each of us got way too cold at one time or another so we had to prompt the other to get to the truck and warm up then hike back after warming up to get another load. The last load was the head and hide that we estimated to be 250 pounds. Dad and Randel towed it on a piece of plastic all the way back, stopping to rest many times. Once at the truck it took all three of us to get it in the truck as we were all nearly spent. Covered in ice and blood we jumped in the truck and headed to town. I'm not sure such an epic hunt should end with a restaurant meal and warm motel bed, but this one does.

***Can't wait till the next one.***

*Tony*

# February Shoot Information

## BIG Game Shoot



**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

8am-12noon

CCSC Ed center 100y range



*Pretty sure it's club legal?*

*You all have asked for a shoot that's not 22lr so here's your chance to bring that hunting gun you have told us that you shot your big game at 1000 yards????*

### **Rules:**

1. \$ 20 buy in
2. Any center fire long rifle that's legal to hunt within NV
3. 10 rounds of ammo
4. Eye and ear protection

### **Event:**

All shots on a target at 100 yards

1. 3 shots from the standing position
2. 3 shots from the bench
3. 3 shots from a sitting position
4. 1 shot as a bonus "Bonus shot will be explained at the event"

All shooters must use provided supports by Honcho

"No personal equipment except gun and ammo"

Standing shot can use shooting stick provided at event

Bench shot is off the CCSC bench with bags provided

Sitting shot is with bum on bag on carpet with bags provided for use "no gun on bag"

Ties will be broken with shoot off so bring a few extra rounds.

Honcho can modify event as needed!

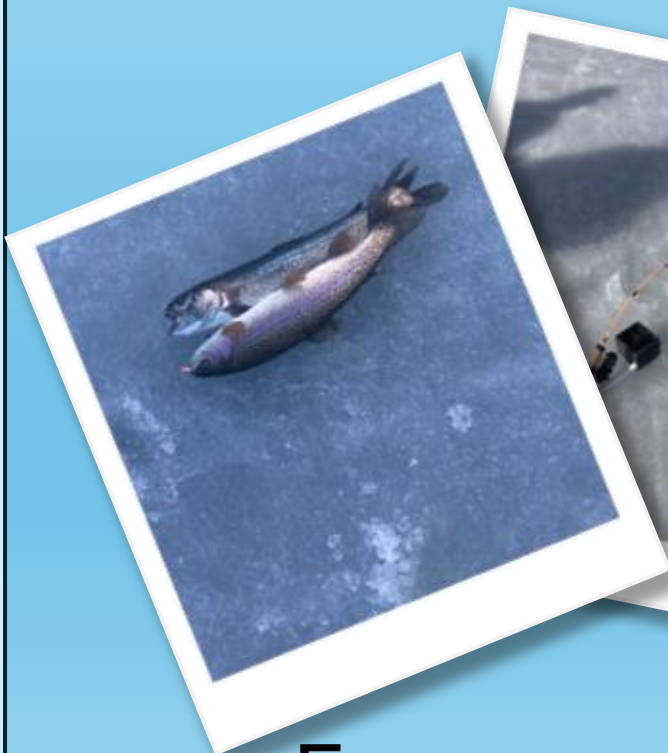
Jeff Bryant



# Club Fishing Stories



## Cave Lake Ely, NV January 2026



Everyone caught a fish!

Here is a blast from the past  
courtesy of **Neil Dille!**

## Ice Fishing at the end of January Cave Lake 2016!

It may have been a little colder than this year?





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

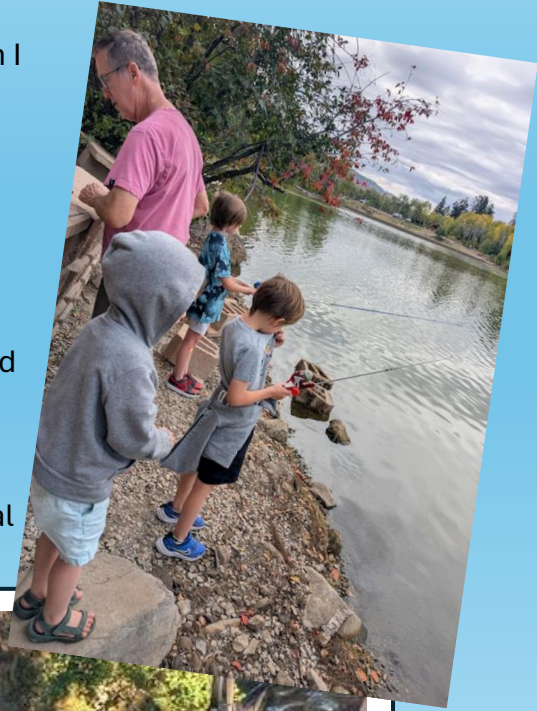
### Grand kids are the best!

Last summer we were visiting our grand kids in Utah when I asked them if they wanted to go camping? The 7-year-old ran to his mom and asked her.

To my surprise he came back and said "My mom said that were a **Hotel family not a camping family**"

Actually I was not surprised, so I told Cooper that Nana and Grandpa would be back in Utah in a couple weeks and we would go camping and fishing.

**Best time** I've had with the Grand kids, and they asked to go again. Maybe I can put a little right wing into their liberal home life?



**You have some tales to tell!**

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

# 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 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 – **Honcho needed**
- June 20<sup>th</sup> 8-12 noon - *Black Powder*
- July 18<sup>th</sup> 8-12 noon - **Honcho needed**
- August 15<sup>th</sup> 8-12 noon - **Honcho needed**
- 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 Anger 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

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!

# Second Amendment News



In January 2026, Second Amendment news is dominated by tension between gun rights advocates and the Trump administration following the fatal shooting of Alex Pretti by federal agents in Minneapolis, despite Pretti legally carrying a concealed weapon

***The NRA and other groups are demanding a full investigation, opposing administration comments that protesters should not carry guns.***

## **Key January 2026 Pro-Second Amendment Developments:**

**Internal GOP/Gun Group Conflict:** Second Amendment advocates and the NRA are expressing fury over comments from President Trump and federal officials, labeling them "dangerous and wrong" after agents shot a legally armed citizen. Advocates are warning of electoral consequences, with some threatening to sit out the midterms.

**SCOTUS Action:** The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on January 20, 2026, in [\*Wolford v. Lopez\*](#), a case challenging a Hawaii law restricting carry on private property open to the public, with indications the conservative majority may strike down the restriction.

**DOJ Policy Shift:** A new "Second Amendment Rights Section" is being established within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice to investigate state/local limitations on gun rights.

**Restoration of Rights:** The DOJ is moving to revive a process for restoring gun rights to certain individuals with felony convictions under 18 U.S.C. § 925(c).

**Veteran Gun Rights:** [\*S.478 - Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act of 2025\*](#), introduced earlier, continues to be a focus, aiming to prevent the VA from sending veteran information to the NICS background check system.

# Second Amendment News

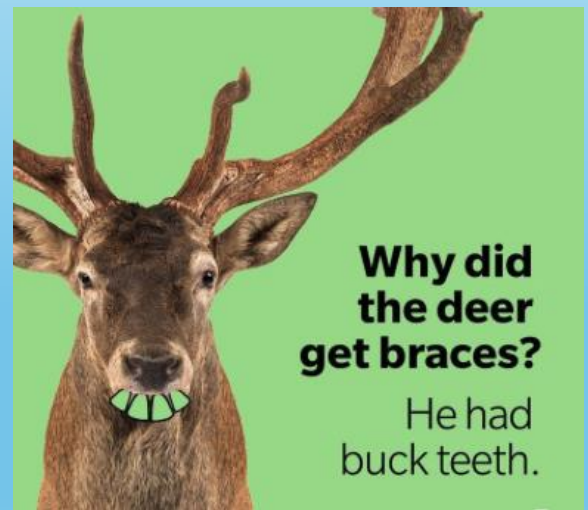
This is a very smart and well reasoned point of view detailing your duties and responsibilities when carrying a concealed weapon.



Here is the YouTube link:

[https://youtu.be/QePoawDA\\_48?si=6XLspBJwABM9mjEH](https://youtu.be/QePoawDA_48?si=6XLspBJwABM9mjEH)





Two brothers took their annual float plane trip into the Canadian wilds for a moose hunt. They were dropped off and week later showed up at the rendezvous for transport out. They had two huge moose and were loaded down with gear. The pilot said "I can't take off with that much weight."

"Last year's pilot said he was able too. He had the same plane and we had two moose the same size."

"Okay" the pilot said, worried about getting a "can't do" reputation. The plane was loaded up and the pilot took off down the lake into the wind, as the plane rose, a pontoon clipped a tree and crashed.

"Where are we?" said a dazed brother to the other. The other brother stood up in the smoking wreckage and said: "I'm not sure, but it looks like where we crashed last year."





## Did you know?

**Woods & Waters** fields a team in the Nevada State Trapshooting Association **Wednesday Night League.**

Shooters on the winter league team are:

- ❖ Brian P
- ❖ Jeff B
- ❖ Tony P
- ❖ Neil D
- ❖ Chuck B
- ❖ Doug R (alt)



Spring league starts in April – if anyone wants to be on a second team, let us know!



One of our brand new members, **David Allison**, wants to set up a pheasant/chukar hunt at Cottonwood Ranch, located about 2 hours from Las Vegas in Southwest Utah. He's looking for at least 3 more hunters. If interested, contact David at [davlnv78@gmail.com](mailto:davlnv78@gmail.com), (702)275-7502



# 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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**2<sup>nd</sup> VP**

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## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—LAS VEGAS WOODS & WATERS CLUB**

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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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