

Las Vegas Woods and Waters

Since 1991

# GAMEBAG

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



July 2026



## Our Next Member Meeting & Lunch



Thursday July 9th



Located at Desert Inn & Eastern



11:30 to 1 pm

# An Ode to America

**Two hundred and fifty years ago, our republic ignited a beacon of liberty from a single piece of parchment. This milestone honors the grit, perseverance, and sacrifice of generations who fought to build and preserve a nation that continues to strive toward a better tomorrow.**

## **An Ode to America on its Semiquincentennial**

Two and a half centuries ago, a cry for freedom sprang,  
Across the colonies, the bells of independence and liberty rang.  
From the rugged shores of Boston to the fields where the brave have bled,  
We honor the vision of the founders and the paths where they led.

From the snows of Valley Forge where the stars and stripes unfurled,  
You have stood as a guardian of liberty across a fractured world.  
A land of towering mountains, rolling plains, and amber waves,  
You are a testament to the sacrifice of the bold and the brave.

You are a nation of patriots, builders, and voices bold,  
Where the story of mankind's greatest experiment is ever unrolled.  
Through trials, through sorrows, and wars that tried the soul,  
You have risen together to heal, to strive, and to make the broken whole.

From coast to shining coast, let the eagle take flight,  
For your spirit of 1776 still burns ever bright.  
With liberty, justice, and the promise of grace,  
You remain a beacon of hope for the entire human race.

**Happy Birthday, America!  
Land of the free and home of the brave.**

~anonymous

**July 2026**

## **President's Letter**

It's the first of July, Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday America! This experiment called America seems to be working, but it has plenty of distractors. Thanks to all our patriots who have defended, fought for, and voted for America. We need to keep all these things in mind as we move forward into this November's elections.

Last month **Mike Taylor** honchoed the "Cowboy Shoot", officially named the Wild West Shoot. Jim Henry was the big winner on a very hot morning. Congratulations to Jim, and thanks to Mike for being the Honcho.

On July 18, **Brian Patterson** will host the Black Powder shoot at the Clark County Shooting Complex. You can bring your own or borrow someone who has one there. The club pays for all the black powder and bullets.

We've got a shoot scheduled for August 15, but we don't have a honcho for it yet. If you've got an idea for a shoot, step up and honcho the event.

**Mark Transue** is the tip of the spear for this year's Trapper's Weekend, scheduled for the weekend of July 10-12 at Illipah Reservoir in White Pine County. There are 140 kids scheduled to attend, with another 160 or so adults. Woods and Waters is one of the sponsors of this event, having donated money for the food, as well as the time and effort of **Mark** and others from the club.

The summer heat is here but I've made a couple of trips to Lake Mead with my kayak. The stripers seem to be biting between 5 am and 7 am, and after that the fishing falls off. The water is obviously down, but the fish are there. In the two trips I caught 11 stripers by trolling a shad type lure. They hit hard and put up a heck of a fight. I'm usually home by about 9:30, so it's a way to catch some fish but not be in the heat all day.

# President's Message

I also took a friend who has never hunted before down to the Dunton Ranch for a pig hunt. We each killed one and had a great time. As I write this the meat is being processed at Mulls, and we look forward to getting it back. It's an easy hunt and certainly not a challenge, but it's a good way to go hunting and put some pork in the freezer before the real hunting season kicks in.

September 1<sup>st</sup> will be here before we know it, and that means the opener of Dove season. Several of us will be heading to Yuma for the opener. If anyone is interested in going, please let me know, as everyone is welcome. This is an easy hunt, and there are always lots of birds.

**Hope to see everyone at our next lunch on July 9 at the Las Vegas National Golf Course.**

Have a great July!



**Rich Beasley**



In contemplation of the 250 years of history in our great country, my wife and I visited the East Coast this fourth of July to experience more history than our western states are generally able to offer. Among the places we visited was a small island in Georgia called Tybee Island. While there, I came across the meeting minutes of a fishing club from 1938. I thought it would be fun to share and hear the voices of the past as they talk about something we all enjoy!

**-Doug – GameBag editor**

**Meeting of the Savannah Shark Club,  
Oglethorpe Club, Tybee Island, GA  
May 6th, 1938.**

*Drinks were served.* Discussion of sharks took place. *More scotch.* Arguments ensued as to what a shark was, and as opinion was so diversified, a dictionary and the ancient encyclopedia of the Oglethorpe Club were consulted for clarity on the matter.

*“Sharks are voracious, cartilaginous fish with lateral gill openings. Though not true mammals, they are viviparous, meaning they enjoy direct birth without benefit of eggs.”*

*Here, drinks were served.* It was made known that a professional shark fisherman, said to be a man of great fishing experience in the world's 7 seas, was anchored at Thunderbolt. A movement was enthusiastically launched to get him as a consultant for the evening, *but as drinks were again passed*, no one was willing to leave the meeting.

Prizes for last year's record catch were announced by the Secretary, Mr. Olin T. McIntosh Jr, and the rod and reel prize of a large and handsome armchair went to Mr. Charles E. Bell. It fitted perfectly. The Catch as Catch Can Prize, a stomach rod rest, was awarded to Mr. Robert Glendinning. Entertaining speeches of their prowess were followed by raucous applause. Supper was announced.

Considerable objection to such interference with the orderly drinking was voiced. More sober councils prevailed, and in the courtyard of the club, under a gentle May moon, proved a pleasant enough place to dine. *Drinks were again served*, and Mr. Merrick Dixon became quite eloquent on the subject of water moccasins and eels, and also stated he had caught both shark and barracuda from a Beaufort to Bermuda.

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He described such sharks on the ocean floor off the Savannah lightship, as had never been before seen by the eyes of man. Stories of his manifold sea ventures grew with the telling.

It commenced to be apparent that Mr. Nixon was seeking office. And when he asked all members to be guests on his yacht on for Sunday morning on the first low tide for a fishing trip to the lake, his election to the presidency for the following year was unanimous.

It's true at this time, Mr. Charles Ellis Jr. and Mr. Robert Glendinning had commenced to tell some very wonderful stories, but Mr. Nixon ruled that the nominations had been closed.

Mr. Remmer, Lane Esquire, the famous skeet shooter, announced that a shark derby would take place on the weekend of July 4th in St. Kathryn Sound. He also pointed out that an important business matter had not yet been considered, vis-a-vis whether or not to increase the membership.

*At this point, drinks were served.* After a little mellow contemplation, it developed the thought that it would be absolutely impossible to find additional members as desirable as those represented by the present full limit of 15, and the matter was completely dropped.

*With appropriate toasts,* good nights were said after a happy evening by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Cheshire Nash, Secretary of the Shark Club.

# Wild West Shootout

Twenty-Two shooters came to relive the glory days of with wild west and try their hand at a derringer, a six shooter, an octagon barrel lever action and a side by side 12-gauge coach gun. Most were equally surprised by how well they did with some of the guns and how poorly they did with others. One thing is for sure, fun was had by all.

Special thanks to **Big Mike Taylor** for being the Honcho for this one!



# Wild West Shootout



## **Top 10 Shooters**

1. Jim Henry - 119
2. Cooper Rausenberger (youth) - 117
3. Mark Forsstrom - 104
4. Mike Lussier - 103
5. Eric Forsstrom - 101
6. Jeff Bryant - 101
7. Bruce Hudson - 96
8. Doug Rausenberger - 87
9. Ralph Willits - 79
10. Roger Palmer III - 79

# Black Powder Shoot



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

Signups start at 8am, shooting to follow at roughly 8:30. Cost is \$20, all monies to be used for Lewis Class prize payout.

The Club pays for the range and all shooting supplies for this event; powder-bullets-primers-swabs-targets-cleaning fluid etc. (50 caliber only) if you have another caliber gun you will need to bring your own supplies.

Don't have a black powder gun? Not to worry, you can barrow a gun. My personal gun has won this event and placed high in this event many times (not with me shooting it, but when someone else used it).

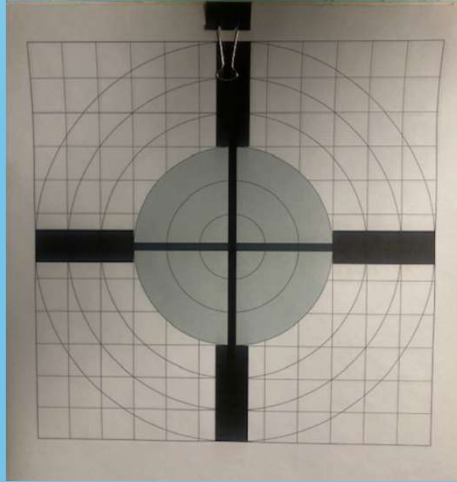
What is the MOST IMPORTANT shot in a hunting situation? The LAST SHOT that finally brings the animal to rest? Or the FIRST SHOT that is well placed and results in a clean kill before the animal is aware of your presence and alarmed? This event will REWARD an accurate, quickly fired, first shot, in a tense off hand, timed sequence just like a real world shooting situation. The first shot point total will be DOUBLED, meaning if you shoot in the 7 ring it will count as 14 points! Plus we will allow for some additional follow up shots.

Shooting format:

Four (4) total shots fired at target. First shot FREE HAND from 50 yards, next 3 follow up shots you may utilize the standard Nevada tree/shrub (club provided) as a stabilized rest from 50 yards. Guns must follow current NV muzzleloader hunting regulations. **NO SCOPES ALLOWED! OPEN SIGHTS or PEEP SIGHTS ONLY.** Honcho has a couple event day TWISTS to add to the format and scoring intending to ensure speed and accuracy are both rewarded. Speed counts.....so does accuracy.

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# Black Powder Shoot



**Timer will start at the report of the honchos command, you will only have 10 seconds to make that first shot count. If you shoot before the “proper” command, or you miss the paper or you fail to get a shot off in 10 seconds you will receive a score of ZERO for the first shot of the competition.**

**Targets will be a standard round 12” target with 1 inch rings, the first shot closest distance to the bull will decide any numerical score ties. Marksman of the Year current standings will also come into play, come EARN your points to hold your position.**

**There “may” be enough time after the shoot to use the range to sight in your hunting rifle. If you drew a tag and want to shoot your gun bring it out. We have the 100 yard range till 12 noon to use for recreational shooting.**

# 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 – **Bryant-Rausenberger  
Surprise Match**
- 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 June 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 – 26  
Mark Forstroom - 24  
Bruce Hudson – 22  
4/5. Bill Pearce – 15  
4/5. Brian Patterson – 15  
Mike Taylor – 15  
Roger Palmer – 14  
Doug Rausenberger - 14



### ALL AROUND

Roger Palmer – 35  
Bruce Hudson – 33  
Jorge Arteaga – 30  
Rich Beasley – 29  
Brian Patterson – 28.5  
Mark Forstroom - 26

### YOUTH SHOOTING

Cooper Rausenberger – 10 points

### SOME INTERESTING FACTS:

So far there have been 55 shooters and 34 fishing competitors.  
Only 14 members so far have qualified for All Around.

10 Women competitors

\* No longer eligible as Youth



## CAB update for June



The **Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW)** held its most recent session on **June 23, 2026**, focusing primarily on setting upcoming wildlife seasons and addressing an open board vacancy.

### Key Meeting & Policy Updates

**Main Focus:** The board met to discuss and vote on recommendations to **set and revise Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Limits**.

**Statewide Alignment:** These local recommendations were prepared in support of the statewide [Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners](#) meeting.

### Board Member Vacancy Opened

**Recruitment Period:** The Clark County Board of Commissioners officially opened applications for **one volunteer position** on the advisory board starting **June 29, 2026**.

**Deadline:** The window to apply runs through **July 29, 2026, at 3:11 PM**.

**Requirements:** Eligible candidates must be Clark County residents who are actively engaged as a **hunter, trapper, angler, or worker in ranching/farming**. The selected individual will serve a three-year term.

**How to Apply:** Interested residents can view details and submit applications via the [Clark County Advisory Board Recruitment Portal](#).

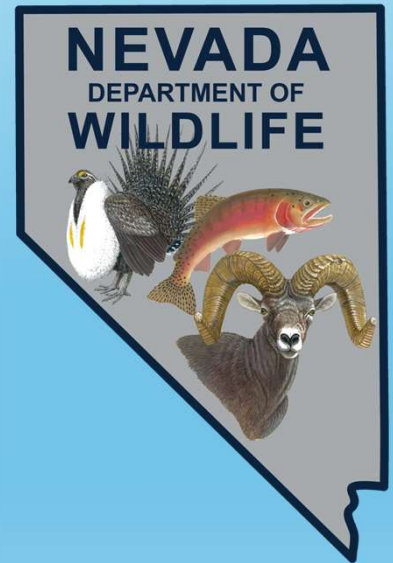
### Ongoing Board Structure

The board continues to operate under the leadership of **Chairman Paul Dixon** and **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert**. It serves as a bridge to evaluate local opinions and advise state commissioners on hunting, fishing, and habitat regulations.

2026 Mule Deer Summit  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>  
Ely, NV

**Don't Forget!**

# Mule Deer Enhancement Summit



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for this year's Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement Summit!

Click here to

register: <https://cvent.me/n31LW3?RefId=NVMuleDeer2026AttendeeReg>

Join us July 23–25 at the Bristlecone Convention Center in Ely for three days of collaboration, learning, and discussion focused on mule deer conservation and enhancement efforts across Nevada.

The Mule Deer Enhancement Summit welcomes Mule Deer Enhancement Program team members, County Advisory Board members, Wildlife Commissioners, biologists, land managers, sportsmen and women, and anyone with an interest in Nevada's mule deer and wildlife resources.

Thank you **Mike Reese** for sharing this

## 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)



## **Top Pro-Second Amendment News Updates: June 2026**

June 2026 was one of the most significant months for Second Amendment advocates since the Supreme Court's *Bruen* decision in 2022. The biggest developments came from the U.S. Supreme Court, which issued two major pro-gun rulings and agreed to hear a potentially landmark challenge to state AR-15 bans.

### **1. Supreme Court Strikes Down Hawaii's Concealed Carry Restrictions**

On June 25, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 in **Wolford v. Lopez**, invalidating Hawaii's law that effectively prohibited licensed concealed carry holders from bringing firearms onto private property open to the public unless the owner expressly granted permission. The Court held that the law placed an unconstitutional burden on the right to bear arms for self defense and conflicted with the historical traditions analysis required by *Bruen*.

#### **Why gun rights advocates celebrated:**

- The ruling limits states' ability to create indirect barriers to lawful concealed carry.
- It reinforces *Bruen* and expands protections for carrying firearms outside the home.
- The decision could affect similar "sensitive places" laws in other states.

### **2. Supreme Court Rules for Gun Rights in Marijuana User Case**

On June 18, the Court unanimously ruled in **United States v. Hemani** that the federal government violated the Second Amendment by prosecuting a man solely for possessing a firearm while being an admitted marijuana user. The Court found that the government failed to demonstrate a historical tradition supporting such a broad prohibition.

#### **Why this mattered:**

- The decision narrows federal authority to ban firearm ownership based solely on marijuana use.
- It signals continued skepticism toward broad firearm prohibitions that lack historical analogues.
- The ruling may generate additional challenges to federal prohibited-person statutes.



### 3. Supreme Court Agrees to Hear AR-15 Ban Cases

On June 30, the Supreme Court agreed to hear challenges to semiautomatic rifle bans from Connecticut and Cook County, Illinois. The cases will address whether commonly owned rifles such as the AR-15 are protected under the Second Amendment.

#### Why this is potentially historic:

- Millions of Americans legally own AR-style rifles.
- A ruling against the bans could invalidate similar laws in roughly a dozen states.
- Many gun rights organizations view this as the most important Second Amendment case since Bruen.

### 4. DOJ Expands Focus on Second Amendment Enforcement

The U.S. Department of Justice opened a civil rights investigation into Philadelphia's firearm permit revocation practices, examining whether officials were using excessive discretion in carrying permit decisions. Pro-gun organizations viewed this as evidence that the federal government is increasingly treating Second Amendment rights as civil rights deserving active enforcement.

### 5. Growing Momentum Behind Permitless Carry

By June 2026, 29 states recognized some form of constitutional or permitless carry, continuing a trend toward fewer restrictions on lawful concealed carry. Gun rights advocates pointed to this as evidence that state level support for expanded carry rights remains strong.

#### Bottom Line

From a pro-Second Amendment perspective, June 2026 was dominated by three major wins:

**Wolford v. Lopez** expanded protections for concealed carry.

**United States v. Hemani** strengthened firearm rights for individuals facing federal gun possession restrictions.

The Supreme Court's decision to hear the AR-15 ban cases set the stage for what could become the most consequential gun rights ruling of 2027.

**For Second Amendment supporters, June 2026 is widely viewed as a month in which the legal trend toward broader firearm protections continued to accelerate.**

# 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!**

## Woods and Waters Board of Directors

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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due with application \$25

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