

Las Vegas Woods and Waters

Since 1991

GAMEBAG

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



June 2026



Our Next Member Meeting & Lunch



Thursday June 11th



Located at Desert Inn & Eastern



11:30 to 1 pm

President's Message

May 2026

President's Letter

It's the first of June, and the Big Game draw results are out. I hope everyone got at least one tag for this fall. I had 10 bonus points going in, and I finally drew a late season mule deer tag in Area 14. Charlie Brown finally kicked the football! Although the draw is over, there are some other possibilities—the second draw for left over tags, and also the first come-first served draw as a few tag holders turn back their tags to NDOW. Check the regs and the dates to understand the process and the deadlines.



Last month **Ralph Willits** honchoed the “Dueling Trees” pistol shoot. Sounds like it was a great competition, with **Mark Forsstrom** coming in first, followed closely by **Bruce Hudson**.

On June 13, **Mike Taylor** will honcho the “Cowboy Shoot” at the Clark County Shooting Complex. I can't remember a club shoot like this one has been described. Thanks, Mike, for bringing something new to the range. Let's try to have a great turnout for this shoot.

Mark Transue was the honcho for the annual Panguitch Lake fishing trip. There were 11 fishermen, with a 3-way tie for first, with 1.99 pounds for the three biggest fish. Was the scale working?? The winners were **Al Scholen**, **Petra Gahli**, and new member **Georgia Malone** (welcome to **Georgia** and her husband **Tim** to the club). Lots of fish were caught and everyone had a great time. **Mag** and **Petra Gahli** cooked great food for everyone. We'll do this trip again next year. Thanks to **Mark**, **Mag**, and **Petra**.

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President's Message

The Annual **Ken Johnson** Otter Creek Fishing Tournament was held the last weekend of May. There were about 19 fishermen, with quite a few fish caught. **Jimmy Kesmogol** caught the winner which came in around 2.5 pounds. **Steve Scott** was second with a fish that weighed in at almost 1.75 pounds. As usual, **Pooh** and **Jorge Arteaga** and their families did the bulk of the cooking. Nobody went hungry. It was a great tribute to the club's founder, **Ken Johnson**, to have that many people there who all took a few minutes to honor his legacy. Thanks to Ken's son, **Russ Johnson**, for being the honcho for this. Next year's event will most likely be the same weekend in May, so pencil it in now.

With the summer heat the fishing seems to drop off. Some guys will try their luck at Lake Mead, some will head to Utah, and some will fish for Crappie at Sunnyside. As of now there are no more fishing events scheduled, but *if anyone would like to step-up and honcho an event later this year, my guess is there would be lots of anglers ready to go.*

Father's Day comes in a few weeks. Maybe give some gift ideas to your family of outdoor gear you've been looking at but haven't been able to "pull the trigger".

Happy Father's Day to all our dads.

Hope to see everyone at our next lunch on June 11 at the Las Vegas National Golf Course. Have a great June!



Rich Beasley

Stories From the Wild

Sadly, no stories 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 (even those got-aways!)

-Doug – GameBag editor



May 29th to 31st – Otter Creek



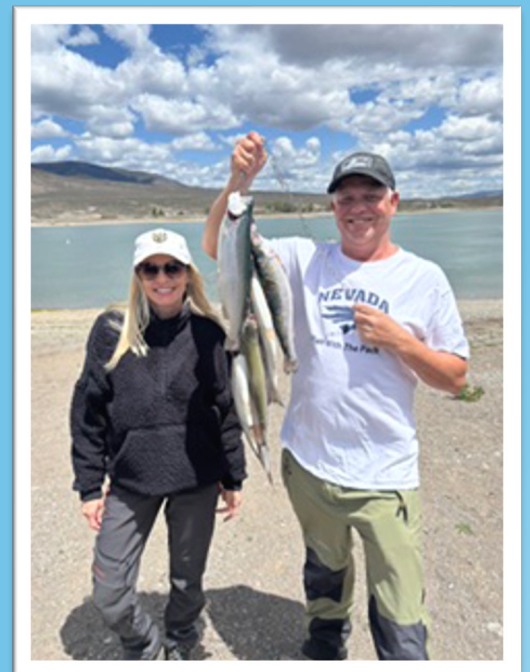
GONE FISHIN'

Otter Creek May 29-31, 2026

This years **Annual Ken Johnson Otter Creek Fishing Tournament** was a huge success. Perfect weather, camaraderie, food and drink was enjoyed immensely over the three-day event. The tournament itself was held on Saturday from 8 AM to noon. A total of 19 anglers entered the contest. Everyone caught fish. Many limited out and released quite a few. **Jimmy Kesgomol** won the top prize of \$115 by landing a 2.56 pound rainbow trout. **Steve Scott** got the second place prize of \$75 with a 1.73 pound fish. It was great meeting new club members **Tim and Georgia Malone**. We also welcomed new member **Amy Johnson** to the club.

Thanks everyone for making it such a great trip. My father was looking down on us from above for sure. If you weren't able to make it this year, I highly recommend it for next.

~**Russ Johnson**



May Marksman Event

DUELING TREE SHOOT OFF SATURDAY MAY 16TH

On Saturday May 16, 20 shooters signed up for the Las Vegas Woods and Waters Centerfire Pistol shoot. It was a dueling tree format when 2 shooters shot head-to-head against each other. 3 targets on each side. After only 6 rounds allowed each, whoever had sent the most steel discs to the other side won. Semi-autos or revolvers were allowed up to .40 caliber. No magnums or rimfire, no sights, no lasers, no red dots.

Poker chips were placed into a **DRAW** bucket with each shooter's name on it – drawn randomly for who you'd go against. When a competitor lost a round, his/her chip would be marked with an **X** then placed into the **LOSER** bucket; proclaimed for all to hear, "LOSER." The winner would be placed into the **WINNER** bucket.

After each round the winners and losers would again be placed into the draw bucket to determine who would shoot again against who. Whoever lost their next round got a second **X** and was sent **HOME**; proclaimed for all to hear, "GO HOME."

For tie breakers and points rankings, hits on target were recorded. The longer you stayed in the game, the more hits were logged.

The competition was double elimination, so if you lost one round, you still had a chance. As the event wore on, each round kept reducing shooters, until only two stood, neither having even one X on their chip. **Mark Forsstrom** beat **Bruce Hudson** – twice! With a single action revolver!!

Ralph Willits - Honcho



May Marksman Event

DUELING TREE SHOOT OFF SATURDAY MAY 16TH



16 YO Cooper Rausenberger faces off against 93 YO Al Schoelen

Marksman's points:

- Mark Forsstrom – 10
- Bruce Hudson – 9
- Ben Ellis – 8
- Mike Taylor – 7
- Eric Forsstrom – 6
- Hubert Von Der Beeck – 5
- Jim Henry – 4
- Ralph Willits – 3
- Duane La Duke – 2



10-20. Each with one point in order: **Hope Strickland, Jeff Bryant, Jerry Gnade, Roger Palmer III, Roger Palmer, Wyatt Palmer, John Mitteness, Randy Peters, Al Schoelen, Brian Patterson.**

Youth Champion :

Cooper Rausenberger (who would have finished 6th for adult member shooters).

June Marksman Event

WILD WEST SHOOTOUT

SATURDAY JUNE 13TH 8:00 AM
CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING COMPLEX
50 YARD RANGE AT THE ED CENTER



**“RETURN WITH US NOW
TO THOSE THRILLING
DAYS OF YESTERYEAR”**



You'll shoot a **6 shot western revolver** and an **octagon barreled lever action rifle** like those used by the cowboys as well as a sneaky **pearl handled Deringer** preferred by the gamblers, barflys, and sporting ladies.

And as a bonus, you'll shoot a **side by side 20" barreled 12-gauge coach gun** like the ones that protected (sometimes successfully) the stagecoach passengers.

We furnish the guns, the ammunition and the authentic western desert setting.

Also enjoy our **FREE COWBOY BREAKFAST** of donuts and bottled water.

\$20 Entry fee

1/2 goes to ammunition

1/2 goes to Lewis Class

HONCHO BIG MIKE TAYLOR

***STETSON AND BOOTS NOT REQUIRED BUT RECOMMENDED**



2026 Marksman Event Dates

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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 ✓

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



CAB update for May



During the May 2026 meeting cycle, the **Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW)** focused heavily on reviewing, adjusting, and recommending the **2026–2027 Big Game Quotas**. These reviews culminated in recommendations submitted to the [Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners](#), which officially adopted [Commission Regulation 26-11](#) on May 9, 2026.

Key Tag Allotments & Population Updates

The board's reviews addressed shifting wildlife populations across Nevada, utilizing adaptive management strategies to address habitat and herd health.

Elk Quota Reductions: The statewide recommended tag total for elk was adjusted to **4,236 total tags**. While bull tags saw a modest increase, **384 fewer antlerless tags** were approved compared to 2025. This drop was implemented to align with adaptive population objectives established earlier in the spring.



Desert Bighorn Sheep: Wildlife surveys reported a estimated population of roughly 6,000 animals. This tracks closely with numbers from twenty years prior but reflects a decline of approximately 300 animals compared to 2025.



Mountain Goats: On a positive note, populations showed a healthy uptick. Recommended tags increased to **21 total tags** after surveys counted 303 individuals, boasting a high ratio of 36 kids per 100 adults.

Board Operations & Governance

The local May 5, 2026 meeting at the [Clark County Government Center](#) showcased how the CCABMW serves as an open public forum.

- **Diverse Representation:** The board operates with 7 core members—led by Chair Paul Dixon and Vice Chair Dan Gilbert. They are structurally tasked with preventing any single special interest group from dominating local wildlife policies.
- **Policy Pipeline:** Citizen inputs gathered during the Clark County assembly were compiled and presented directly to the state-level Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to finalize the regulations before hunting applications closed.

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)

Second Amendment News



Major May 2026 pro-Second Amendment headlines center on major federal regulatory rollbacks, state-level counter-litigation, and legal challenges to new restrictions.

Federal Regulatory Rollbacks: The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the ATF formally proposed the repeal of the 2024 universal background check rule, which previously forced private sellers at gun shows to run checks. Additionally, the ATF launched an ongoing series of reforms, which includes revising the Form 4473 to streamline the process for respondents and licensees, rolling back certain restrictions on stabilizing braces, and expanding the classifications board to require all new firearm definitions to be reviewed by the office director.

DOJ Pattern-or-Practice Lawsuits: The Justice Department's newly formed Second Amendment Section began actively identifying and suing cities and states with restrictive firearm laws. DOJ officials have focused heavily on localities and states, such as California, investigating local burdens on concealed carry licensing and permitting processes. [\[see more next page\]](#)

State Level Pushback: Following the passage of a ban on high-capacity magazines and new "assault weapons" restrictions by Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger, gun rights advocates launched an immediate wave of legal challenges to block the implementation of these measures.

Supreme Court Watch: Second Amendment advocates are closely tracking developments in *Wolford v. Lopez*. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments regarding whether states overstep constitutional limits when dictating "sensitive places" where concealed carry is prohibited.

For continuous updates on these legal battles, you can monitor the National Shooting Sports Foundation for industry news or view the [Department of Justice](#) press releases for federal policy actions.

Second Amendment News



The **Second Amendment Section** is a newly established unit within the **Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ)**. It is tasked with treating gun ownership as a fundamental civil right and aggressively dismantling state and local firearm restrictions.

Core Mandate and Mechanism

Civil Rights Realignment: Established by Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon, the section integrates firearm ownership into the DOJ’s civil rights framework alongside protections for voting and anti-discrimination

"Pattern-or-Practice" Investigations: The DOJ is leveraging traditional civil rights enforcement powers to investigate and sue local law enforcement agencies and governments that display a systemic pattern of infringing on citizens' right to bear arms.

Citizen Recourse: It creates a direct federal channel where individual gun owners and Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) can file complaints against local jurisdictions.

Recent and Active Litigation Tracker

Over its first six months of operation, the section has initiated multiple high-profile lawsuits against local firearms policies:

Target Entity	Policy Challenged	Status / Action
State of Colorado	Ban on standard-capacity magazines over 15 rounds.	Lawsuit filed to invalidate the ban.
City of Denver	1989 municipal ban on semiautomatic rifles.	Federal lawsuit filed challenging the ban.
District of Columbia	Registration restrictions on AR-15s and semiautomatic weapons.	Sued Metropolitan Police Department.
L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.	Extreme delays in processing concealed carry permits.	Lawsuit filed over bureaucratic backlog.
Virgin Islands Police Dept.	Restrictive and burdensome gun permitting requirements.	Sued over local regulatory hurdles.

2026 Big Game Draw Stats

2026 BIG GAME DRAW STATS

509,784 applications 4.2% up

88,360 clients 2.5% increase

7,487 first time applicants

6,291 skip a year

11,701 applied last year but not
this year

24,018 big game tags

14,642 deer tags

4,779 Antelope tags

4,204 elk tags

255 bighorn sheep tags

67 Calif sheep tags

4 rocky mtn sheep tags

22 goat tags

42 bear tags

3 moose tags.

Thank you **Mike Reese** for sharing this

🚩 Oregon is 30 days from potentially making hunting and fishing **CRIMINAL** acts.

Initiative Petition 28 — the so-called PEACE Act — has submitted 126,000 signatures to the Oregon Secretary of State. They only needed 117,173. If those signatures verify, this goes to Oregon voters in November.

Here's what it actually does: it doesn't ban hunting outright. It's smarter and more dangerous than that. It simply **REMOVES** the legal exemptions that currently protect hunting, fishing, trapping, and farming from Oregon's criminal animal cruelty statutes. Same result. Harder to fight.

- 330,000+ licensed Oregon hunters become criminals overnight
- 500,000+ licensed anglers face criminal prosecution for fishing
- Oregon's \$1.9 billion hunting and fishing economy collapses
- ODFW loses its \$180M+ conservation budget. Wildlife programs die with it.
- Oregon's nine tribal nations lose treaty-protected fishing rights

Both Republican AND Democrat candidates for governor oppose it. The sitting governor opposes it. The state's bipartisan Sportsmen's Caucus opposes it.

None of that matters if hunters and anglers don't show up at the ballot box.

And here's what keeps us up at night: this isn't just Oregon's fight. IP28 is the third version of this campaign. It failed in 2020. It failed in 2024. It got closer every time. The groups behind it are already laying groundwork in California, Washington, Colorado, and Arizona.

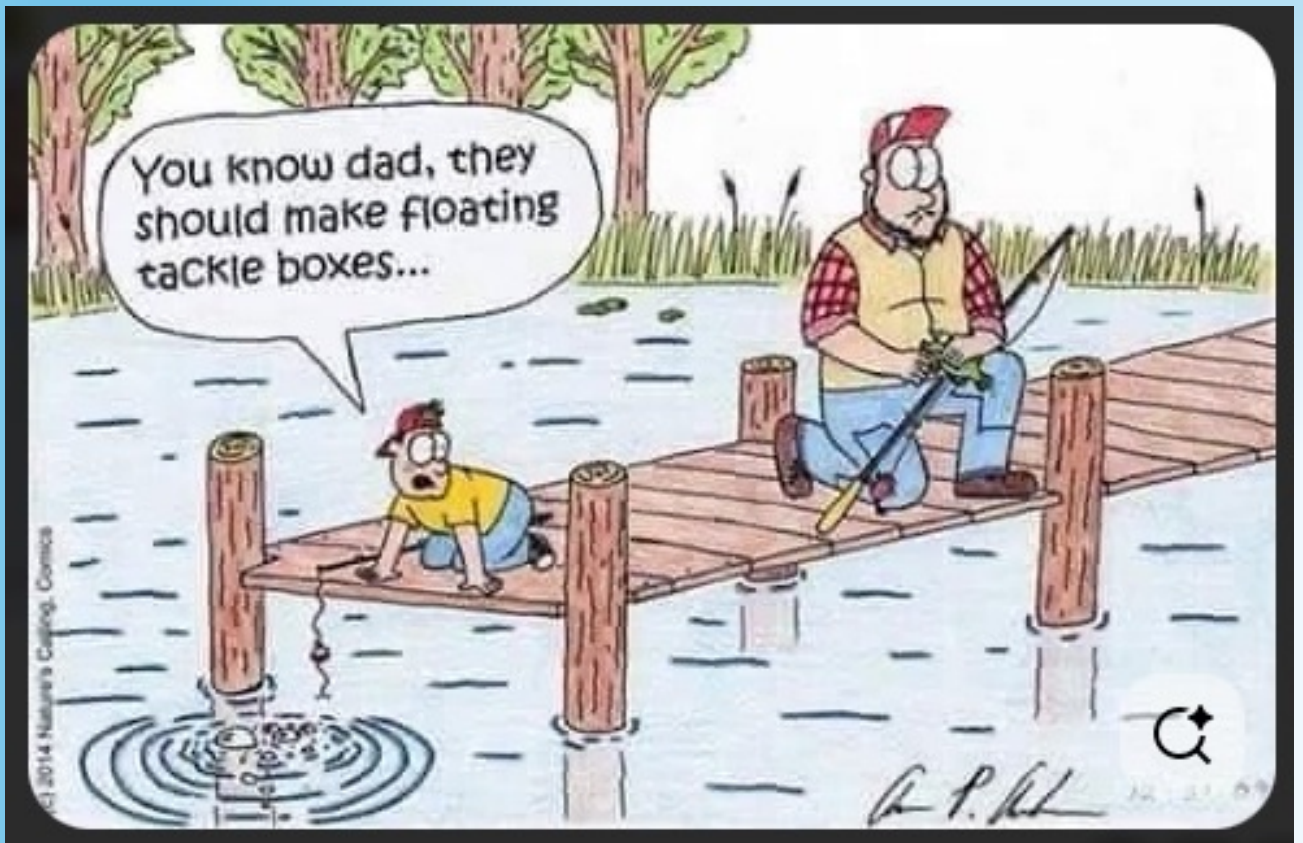
Oregon is the test run. Your state is next on the list.

The July 2 verification deadline is coming fast. Read our full breakdown — link in the first comment. Share this with every hunter and angler you know, whether they're in Oregon or not.

#OregonHunting #IP28 #PEACEAct #HuntersRights #ProtectOurTraditions
#Oregon #Hunting #Fishing #Conservation #PublicLand

Mike Reese
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Just for Fun



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"Poor Bob... That was his favorite tree - he's finding it hard to let go!"

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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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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