Las Vegas Woods and Waters

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

November 2026



Our Next Member Meeting & Lunch

Thursday November 12th

Las Vegas National Golf Club

Located at Desert Inn & Eastern



11:30 to 1 pm

President's Message

November 2026
President's Letter

I'd waited to draw a late season mule deer tag in Area 14 for 10 years. It's not that Area 14 grows huge bucks, or that the deer population is better than any other area in the state. I wanted to hunt there because I'd grown up hunting there with my dad and my brother. My first hunt was in 1973, and I carried a .22 lever action single shot while my dad and brother each carried a 30.06 for a doe or a buck. The tags were over-the -counter, and which they bought at the old Vegas Village (now the Fantastic Indoor Swap Meet), located at Decatur and Oakey. I shot my first doe a year later, and a nice 4X4 buck two years after that. With so many outstanding memories of that area I wanted to hunt it again. My brother, Doug, wanted that as well, so he accompanied me on my hunt last week.

My thought was to hunt until I killed a nice buck. A tall 4X4 would be nice, but my expectations were high. We got to our camp site the first afternoon, and after setting up we went for a short hunt not far from camp. We only saw a lone doe, but the range looked good so we were excited about the next morning. It wasn't very cold and not at all windy. We drove up to a saddle at the top of a large draw that always held deer. We were early and the upslope breeze hadn't started yet, so we took a look over a nearby saddle. I was upslope from Doug and immediately spotted about a dozen deer on his side of the hill where he couldn't see them. I was looking for horns, but nothing but slick heads. He radioed me that he could see numerous deer up the canyon from me. I looked and could see a few near the top of the mountain, but he could see many more from his spot. We decided we would circle back a bit and climb the mountain.

When we had climbed about two thirds up the mountain, we could see a bedded buck along with several does. He was bedded down, and we could see his tall rack. It wasn't wide, but he was a good buck. He was 550 yards and was looking straight at us. We didn't think there was a way to get close enough for a shot, so we crafted a plan to get a better look deep into the canyon in hopes of finding the deer that Doug had seen about mid-level two hours before.

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President's Message



We crept over the edge, and two does stood up, about 350 yards out. Deer began to appear all around the original two. There were about 18 does, and maybe one small buck. After about 20 minutes, they got nervous and started toward the other side of the canyon. A very large buck emerged about 100 yards above the big group, and he took a leadership position in the herd's exodus. At about 450 yards, it was too far for a shot for me. Clint Eastwood: "A man has got to know his limitations." We watched them wander off another half mile, and I turned my attention to the first buck we'd seen directly up the mountain. That's when I spotted a buck in the process of bedding down. He too was a good buck, and he had no idea we were there. I studied his location as much as I could and I told Doug I was going to try to get close enough for a shot. He agreed to stay at his spot and keep an eye on the buck's general location, as he hadn't seen him yet. If the buck or any does got up, he would let me know.

I got to the middle of the canyon and was about 450 yards out. I would check him every time I stopped to catch my breath. He was still there at 400 yards, 380 yards, and at 350 yards, Doug radioed me that a nearby doe got up to stretch her legs. I set up for the shot, thinking the buck would soon get up, but she wandered past him a few times before bedding down again. I continued my ascent of the canyon and at 308 yards Doug advised that the buck was up. I was on the shooting sticks and looked through my scope to see the deer. He wasn't there. I looked to the right and saw a deer a short distance from where I'd been watching.

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He was a buck but didn't look as big as the one I'd been watching. I told Doug I didn't think that was the buck, but Doug said, "Looks like a good one to me!" That was all I needed, so I settled the scope's 300-yard mark on the side of the deer and pressed the trigger. At the shot, the buck started to run and went about 50 yards before piling up on the side of the mountain. It took Doug and I about 25 minutes to hike up the mountain to where the deer lay dead. I saw the horns but wasn't disappointed. It was a great stalk, a shot that couldn't have been better, and we had meat on the ground. Doug was a little disappointed when he saw the fork horns, but I told him I wasn't. I knew how much work it would take to get him to the truck, and looking down the mountainside, I realized just how steep it was.

When we got him back to camp, we were both exhausted, but glad we had a successful hunt. Not a huge buck, but a trophy hunt that will live in my memory for as long as I'm alive.

Not much of a President's Letter, but I figured it was a great place to share my hunt and not bore you with my random musing.

A couple of club notes—We're accepting nominations for the 2026 Sportsman of the Year. The committee to select the winner currently consists of Mark Transue, John Stetler, and Jeff Bryant. We also need two additional members for this committee who are not on the Board of Directors. Let me or any of the members listed above know if you are interested on being on the selection committee. This selection process has always been a secret process, culminating in the announcement of the winner at our annual banquet, this year to be held on 3/6/2027.

Additionally, nominations for next year's President are being accepted. Let me or any other board member or officer if you would like to nominate someone, including yourself, to be next year's President. At our December lunch will vote for next year's President.

On November 21, Jeff Bryant will Honcho the annual Don Turner Turkey Shoot. This is the last shoot of the year, and I think Pumpkin Pie will be passed at the shoot.

I hope everyone in the club has good experiences this season, with memories that take us far into the future.

Thanks for bearing with me.

Rich

Stories From the Wild

This is a picture of
Mitchell Gun Club's **Muzzleloading Trap Team.**

If you ever find yourself in Mitchell South Carolina and want to shoot a round of trap, just don't squad out behind these guys! I can imagine that round takes a hot minute!



Thank you, **Mike Reese** for another great share!

November Marksman Event

Don Turner Annual Turkey Shoot

November 21st
Clark County Shooting Complex
Ed center 100Y range
8am-12 noon
$20

Come and enjoy a piece of pumpkin pie with whip cream.
Or as I will, "whip cream and a small crumb of pie"



Event Format:
Any 22lr rifle. Iron site, scope or red dot
Lots of 22lr ammo.
ALL rounds are STANDING FREEHAND
All members can participate in the Lewis Class Payout

Frist round
15 steel targets 5 @ 15y 5 @ 25y and 5 @ 50y
90 seconds with unlimited shots to knock down all steels you can in the 90 seconds. "Each steel knocked down worth 5 points"

Second round:
10 shots at a paper turkey target @ 25 yards in 90 seconds

Third round: 1 steel placed at 100 yards. Two shots to knock it down
Knock it down on first shot 15 points. On second shot 10 points
Miss both shots and you might want to practice for next year!

There will be shoot three shooters at a time and they will do all three rounds.

Last shoot of the year!

*Honcho **Jeff Bryant** can modify event as needed.

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 – ***GI Joe Shoot*** ✓
- 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!

Marksman and Angler of the YEAR

2026 WOODS AND WATERS POINTS STANDING

(AS OF Fall Fest - Sept 30 2026)



FISHING

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



SHOOTING

1. Jim Henry - 44 points
2. Bruce Hudson - 39 points
3. Brian Patterson - 32 points
4. Mark Forsstrom - 30 points
5. Mike Taylor - 25 points
6. Jerry Gnade – 22.5 points

ALL AROUND

1. Bruce Hudson - 50 points
2. Brian Patterson - 45.5 points
3. Roger Palmer - 43 points

4/5. Mark Forsstrom - 32 points
4/5. Jorge Artega - 32 points

6. Wyatt Palmer - 31 points

YOUTH SHOOTING

Cooper Rausenberger – 20 points

Hunting News

Nevada Hunting News:
November 2026

Important Safety Warning Follows Fatal Shooting
The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and the Elko County Sheriff's Office are urging extreme caution following a fatal accidental shooting in the North Pequop Mountains. The incident occurred when a rifle discharged while being placed into a gun case attached to an OHV side-by-side. State officials remind all hunters that Nevada law strictly prohibits carrying loaded firearms in or on any motorized vehicle, including ATVs and UTVs.

Mule Deer Rut Offers Peak November Windows
The highly anticipated mule deer rut is expected to peak between November 15 and November 30, making Thanksgiving week a prime window for hunters holding late-fall tags. Statewide buck quotas for the 2026–2027 season have been increased by 5.9% to a total of 15,022 tags, offering expanded opportunities across several management units.

Chukar Forecast and Fire Burn Impacts
Upland bird hunters face a low-production year for chukar, though a resilient carryover flock of roughly 4,800 to 4,900 birds remains active. NDOW advises hunters to scout outside of recent fire burn scars—specifically the McConnell, New Pass, Stallion, and Bug fires—as local bird populations have been heavily displaced by the habitat damage.

Waterfowl Habitat Shifts at Stillwater
Waterfowl hunters near Fallon should adjust their strategies due to active habitat management at the Stillwater wildlife area. The nutgrass unit is completely dry for the season, which has successfully shifted bird concentrations to the wetlands on the western side of the complex where water remains available.

Wildlife Commission Reviews Policy
The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners held its scheduled public meeting in Las Vegas on November 6, 2026. The board reviewed late-season harvest data, ongoing habitat restoration funding, and upcoming regulatory policies for the next hunting cycle.

Hunting News

Pennsylvania Introduces Legislation for Voter Registration with the Purchase of Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Publish Date: October 13, 2026
Article Contact: Kaleigh Leager
Why It Matters: Sportsmen and women are a critically important voting demographic. However, an alarming percentage of us are not even registered to vote. Increased political participation is not only important for sportsmen and women's issues, but for our democracy. Additionally, throughout the country, hunting, fishing, trapping, and recreational shooting are impacted by laws passed by elected officials who may not fully understand or appreciate our time-honored outdoor heritage. This is why it is critical for sportsmen and women to become more involved in the political process, starting with registering to vote.

Highlights:
Pennsylvania Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair Sen. Greg Rothman introduced Senate Bill 1155 (SB 1155). This legislation aims to provide the opportunity for sportsmen and women to register to vote when they purchase a hunting and/or fishing license at a government agency or office, which is very similar to the motor voter law.
According to Sen. Rothman, over 30% of hunters in Pennsylvania are not registered to vote, which is a large number, as the Commonwealth ranks only second to Texas in the most hunting license sales in the entire United States.



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As one of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation's Top 10 Legislative Priorities, testimony was provided in support of this critically important piece of legislation.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993, better known as the "motor voter law", required states to offer voter registration opportunities at their motor vehicle agencies (MVA/DMV). Similarly, SB 1155 will give citizens the opportunity to register to vote when purchasing a hunting or fishing license at a government agency or office. Because the documentation requirements for hunting and/or fishing licensure are the same as voter registration, providing this opportunity will improve government processes and create efficiencies for Pennsylvanians.

To provide context to the impact that sportsmen and women have in Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth is second to Texas in the sale of hunting licenses across the entire US. In 2025 alone, there were over 1 million hunting licenses sold in the state.,. Additionally, portsmen and women generated more than $125 million dollars in conservation funding for the Commonwealth and spent more than $41 billion dollars on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting, which does not include spending on items such as trips and travel, or license fees that were necessary for their participation. This spending helped fuel the outdoor economy, which comprised 1.7% of Pennsylvania's GDP that same year. As you can see, sportsmen and women play an impactful role across many areas of the Commonwealth.

The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation applauds Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair Sen. Greg Rothman for moving forward with this imperative piece of legislation. We look forward to working with the members of the Caucus and the legislature to encourage its passage.

CAB News and Events

Clark County Wildlife Advisory Board
November 2026 Update

The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife met November 4 to consider several issues headed to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Key topics included a statewide review of existing wildlife regulations under Governor Lombardo's Executive Order 2026-003, proposed penalties involving destruction of private property during wildlife activities, and regulations governing falconry and the noncommercial collection of reptiles and amphibians.

The board also reviewed previous Wildlife Commission action items and considered recommendations to be forwarded to the state Commission for its November 6 meeting in Las Vegas. The regulatory review could ultimately lead to changes across several sections of Nevada's wildlife rules, although any recommendations advanced would still need to go through the appropriate state rulemaking process.

The reptile and amphibian collection proposal attracted particular public interest, with multiple written comments submitted for consideration at the state level.
As of November 9, Clark County had not yet published minutes from the November 4 meeting, so the board's final votes and recommendations are not yet available in the public record.

The board's next scheduled meeting is January 26, 2027, ahead of the January meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

CAB News and Events

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



November 2026 has been marked by high-stakes federal lawsuits, post-election shifts, and final procedural preparations for upcoming landmark U.S. Supreme Court arguments.

The major Second Amendment developments and news items for November 2026 include:

🏛️ DOJ Sues Glendale, California Over CCW Fees

The U.S. Department of Justice filed a major lawsuit against the City of Glendale, California, alleging that the city is violating citizens' Second Amendment rights. The lawsuit targets Glendale's concealed carry permit fee structure, which skyrocketed from a $100 initial fee to between $1,971 and $2,106 per application, plus hefty renewal fees. The DOJ argues that charging exorbitant fees to exercise a fundamental right is unconstitutional.

⚖️ Federal Court Tosses DOJ Suit in Maryland, Appeals Shift to 4th Circuit

A federal judge dismissed a high-profile DOJ lawsuit that challenged Montgomery County, Maryland's ban on carrying firearms within 100 yards of public assembly areas and houses of worship. While the judge dismissed the case on procedural grounds—ruling that the civil rights statute used did not cover this type of challenge—private legal challenges against the same law have advanced to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.

🗳️ Midterm Elections and Ballot Measures

The 2026 midterm election results shifted the political landscape for gun policy:

State Constitutional Amendment: Arkansas voters approved Issue 2, a legislatively referred constitutional amendment explicitly strengthening and protecting the right to keep and bear arms within the state constitution.

Federal Impact: Pro-Second Amendment groups noted that progressive gains and shifts in congressional majorities will likely increase legislative pressure on firearm ownership, prompting advocacy groups to pivot their focus toward protective actions in federal and state courts.

State Pushback: Immediately following the election, a wave of restrictive firearm bills was pre-filed in states like Texas for the upcoming legislative sessions, targeting semiautomatic firearms and private transfers.

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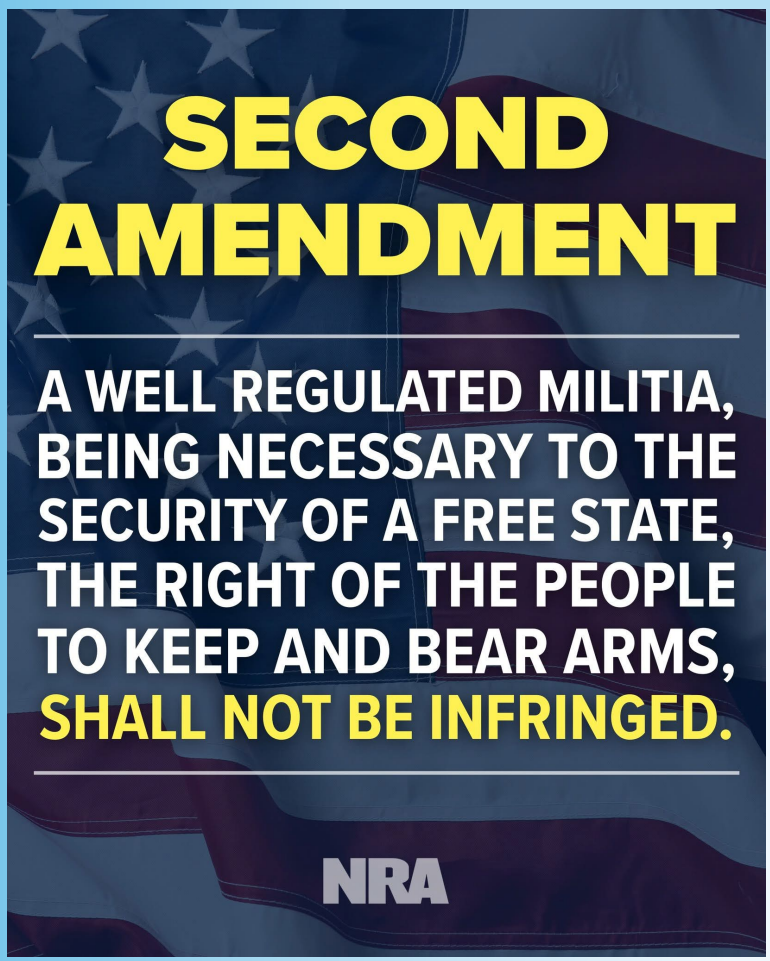
Second Amendment News

📜 **Staffing Shifts in the Federal "2A Renaissance"**

Two key architects of the federal pro-Second Amendment legal strategy tendered their resignations. Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Harmeet K. Dhillon—who actively led challenges against state-level semiautomatic rifle bans—and ATF Chief Counsel Robert Leider both announced their departures from government service.

🗓️ **Countdown to SCOTUS Assault Weapon Arguments**

The U.S. Supreme Court finalized preparations to hear oral arguments in December for the consolidated cases *Viramontes v. Cook County* and *Grant v. Higgins*. Public health organizations and gun control advocates filed a massive wave of opposing amicus briefs early this month, setting the stage for the Court to determine whether state and local bans on AR-15 platform rifles violate the Second Amendment.



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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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