



Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada is a non-profit sportsmen and conservation organization devoted to the maintenance and betterment of Nevada's wildlife populations and their habitat.

In May, WHIN went to Pine Spring to check on the water flow and the condition of the stock tank, float and water supply line. This spring has always been a low flow spring. The water flow was normal, and the float was in good working order. So was the water trough and water line. Cattle have been a serious problem for this water source. The flow can not keep up with the demand and they drink it dry, so in the summer months the trough is dry. The deer that use it are suffering and dying because of the lack of water. These are wild cattle that should have been removed by the State of Nevada, but were not. We know the state owns the cattle because they are not branded. The state has made feeble attempts to remove the cattle but no meaningful effort has been put forth. In order to remedy this problem, a surrounding steel-pipe fencing was needed to protect the tank. This would keep the cattle out, but would allow the deer access to the water. The steel corral was donated by a local construction company, who wishes to remain anonymous. They also provided all the time and labor to secure this water source.



During April, we were busy installing 10 wood duck nesting boxes in the Alamo area in southeastern Nevada. We had a great volunteer turnout with several clubs joining in, including the Las Vegas Retriever Club and the Las Vegas Woods and Waters Club. Man-made nesting boxes have been an important means of increasing wood duck populations going back at least to the 1930s and the rise of modern, conservation-based wildlife management. Dr. Frank Bellrose, regarded as the father of wood duck management, and his colleague Arthur Hawkins began experimenting with man-made nesting boxes as a means of reviving wood duck populations depleted by years of habitat loss and overharvesting. They placed boxes and studied nesting female wood ducks at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge in Illinois. Building on the success of their pioneering efforts, wood duck nest box programs have become widely popular.





Calendar

May 13th Las Vegas Woods and Waters luncheon

May 21st Big Game Tag Draw Results

May 21st 5:00 pm NDOW's Virtual Volunteer Instructor Academy

May 27th 5:30 pm. WHIN Monthly Meeting
L2Texas BBQ 2250 E. Warm Springs Rd.

Work projects and events TBA

2022 BANQUET DATE MARCH 12, 2022 - TIME TO START WORKING ON BANQUET NOW.

Note May 31st Memorial Day.

Work projects

June 2nd Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn Meeting

June 5th Key Pittman project, - all hands-on deck for clearing bullrush, rehabbing blinds, installing more goose nesting boxes.

June 12th Ducks Unlimited Banquet Doors open at 5:30 Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall 5111 Boulder Hwy, Las Vegas, NV 89122

June 24th 5:30 pm. WHIN Monthly Meeting
L2Texas BBQ 2250 E. Warm Springs Rd.

What's new with WHIN... We are growing. And with this growth, we are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to be part of WHIN, please contact one of our Officers or Board Members and let them know.

Don't let another day go by where you miss out on being part of something great. We will find a project that matches your strengths and abilities!

Nevada Outdoor Information For Population and Harvest Reports, visit Nevada Division of Wildlife at:
<http://www.ndow.org/>

For your Waterfowl needs, visit:
<http://www.ducks.org/>

For Desert Bighorn, visit:
<http://www.desertbighorn.com>

And, as always, visit us for updates @ www.whinlv.org



Henderson Ducks Unlimited Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 AT 5:30 PM PDT

Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall

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Come One Come All!

We need YOU and your neighbor, friend, relative, etc. We are starting a new year soon. Start it off with a new goal to help support your Nevada outdoors: Volunteer with WHIN and be a part of a great local conservation group.



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Southern Nevada Coalition for Wildlife

Some of you might be hearing about the Southern Nevada Coalition for Wildlife for the first time. Thank you for reading this! The coalition was formed to help educate the number of senators and assembly people about our state's wildlife and public lands. We need a way to tell our conservation story to them as they are the ones who are going to be creating bills and voting on them. Did you know there are currently 7 states that have made it illegal to hunt on Sundays? If that happened in Nevada how would that affect your outdoor recreation experiences? While it's not likely to happen here, it is possible that it could happen. Did you know that just in the last 4 years there have been bills introduced to outlaw coyote calling contests, trapping on state lands and there was also a huge push to outlaw fishing at Sunset park? While it's still legal to fish there, did you know that NDOW had to start a volunteer program that is designed to educate each fisherman as to where the trash receptacles are located in the park so they would properly discard old fishing line and not endanger the ducks! As crazy as this sounds to us, it's not crazy to the non-consumptive user groups. Getting the idea of what we are up against?

Did you also know that there are only 4 sportsmen groups in Nevada that pay for a state lobbyist? The first two include the Southern Coalition and the Northern Coalition (They don't charge for membership) but we consider ourselves one big group, then you have the Nevada Firearms Coalition (It's only \$25 to join), and finally you have the Nevada Trappers Association (It's only \$30 to join). Do you think we really need lobbyists? Have you heard the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure? It's true!!!!

Did you also know that the State of New Mexico just lost the privilege to trap in the state of New Mexico? Yes, by a vote of 35-34. I'm sure the trappers there never dreamed it would happen to them!! The real question is what are the antis going to go after next in New Mexico? I'm here to tell you that the future will not be the same.

Let's take a look at what is actually going on here in Nevada. On Saturday, May 8, 2021, the state wildlife board got together with the state biologists, local game boards,



hunters and anti-hunters to discuss this year's quotas for the upcoming big game draw and hunting season. Let's look at who showed up to the table to debate who got what. You had about 6 hunters, 10 members of local game boards, and about 20 anti-hunters. So, let's look at who didn't show up: no one represented the bighorn sheep Community i.e., the Fraternity or Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, no one showed from the Mule Deer Foundation or any local chapters, no one came from any local hunting organizations such as WHIN, LV Woods and Waters, or SCI!

There is another saying that decisions are made by those who show up!! Most hunters think someone else will show up and take care of business. Can you pick that someone out of a crowd for me, as I would like to thank them for stepping up to the plate. What exactly does that person or persons look like? Do you think that everyone who wears camo goes to meetings and defends our heritage? New Mexico thought that and now they are really busy trying to raise money to sue the state. Wouldn't it have been easier and less costly to just show up or tag team with someone to make sure we are well represented? I'm not trying to be the Debbie Downer; I'm just trying to accurately state what is currently happening today in our state. Our state motto is, "*We are Battle Born*"! Let's not let the "Cancel Culture" try to change that while they are the only ones sitting at the table.

On the brighter side the draw results will be out by May 22nd. Now is the time to get your gear accounted for and make sure it's been cleaned and is in good working order. We do have a lot to be thankful for here in Nevada and it is worth preserving! While the mule deer population is at a 30 year low, it is more imperative that we get projects on the drawing board and get them implemented. Clark county experienced over 240 days of no measurable precipitation this last year and we need to make spring and guzzler maintenance a top priority. I want to thank you for being a member of the WHIN group as they are responsible for a lot of the needed projects in Southern Nevada. With this pandemic slowly getting behind us I see hope on the horizon!

If you have any questions or comment please contact me at Mikereese@sncwildlife.org or 702-400-6501