



Summer 2013

Newsletter

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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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By now most of you have heard that our good friend Rance Spurlock passed away while on a hunting trip to Africa. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Pat and the rest of the Spurlock family. Rance was a good friend and supporter of all of the sportsman and wildlife conservation groups in Nevada. His generosity was second to none, if you needed anything from him all you had to do was ask. I will miss the strong warm hand shake you received every time you stopped in to see him. I will miss the invite to his office where you could sit and talk about anything and everything, but mostly hunting and guns.

Rance's passing is a reminder to live life to the fullest every day, and to be an example for good, and to always give your best effort in life. His journey in life ended way too soon for those of us that called him our friend. I don't know why such a good person was taken so soon, but I do believe that he is on another journey and is with family and friends and they are happy to see him. I will do what I think Rance would want all of us to do and that is carry on just as if he were here. I will still go to the gun shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we call that the coffee shop meetings. I urge all of you to do the same, stop by and say hi to Pat and the boy's, and when the uncontrollable urge hits you to buy another gun you know where to go. So it is with a heavy heart that I say good bye to my friend Rance, till we meet again my friend till we meet again.

Bill De Juncker
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WHIN President

WHIN has made a concerted effort to support U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, Las Vegas Hunting Retriever Club and Nevada Department of Wildlife. Our efforts include the cleanup of two miles of roadway near the Pahranaagat Wildlife area, Planting shrubs and trees at Pahranaagat Wildlife Refuge, Planting trees and shrubs at the U.S. Service's Corn Creek Wildlife Refuge, Seeding the Key Pitman Wildlife Refuge.

WHIN Volunteers at the Pahranaagat highway project: Including new members Don and Jane Nash, members Greg Clark, Bill Halvorsen, Bill DeJuncker, Mark Guest, and Michael Guest. Special note: Bill Halvorsen got 11 pound of trash in a 10 pound bag.

WHIN Volunteers supported the Delta Waterfowl group with Brock Perry at the Key Pitman NDOW Refuge Seeding and Electric Fence installation: Bill DeJuncker, Bill Halvorsen, Gaylynn Clark, Gaylynn's friend Melody, Mark Guest and Michael Guest.

WHIN Volunteers helped the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn Projects Judy and Kelly: Keven Picardo, Michael Guest, Bill Halvorsen, and Bill DeJuncker. The Judy Project included building a 40' by 80' water collection device and installing (5) 2200 gallon water tanks and a drinker. The Judy project was to replace water tanks which were burned in a forest fire last year.





PREDATOR HUNTING IN NEVADA

Predator hunting season is rapidly approaching. Coyote pups are getting bigger and will become sizeable targets by early August. They will be on their own and fending for themselves. August is still quite hot here in Nevada. You can still have success early in the morning or throughout the night. Most Predator hunters will probably wait until September or October to start calling. The earlier you start, the less educated they are. Nevada has the largest percentage of public land in the United States. You can predator hunt close to Las Vegas or as far away as Elko, depending on how far you want to drive. Las Vegas is Nevada's largest city therefore we have the most hunters. The farther you can get away from any big city the better your success rate will be.

Most predator hunters own a battery operated calling device. This is the preferred choice by most. If you are one of those hunters, and you have found that your success rate has dwindled in the last couple of years, you may want to purchase a few mouth calls and learn how to use them. I will almost guarantee that your success rate will increase if they are used correctly. There are a lot of brands on the shelves and all of them will work.

When you are in the field there are several things you can do to become more successful.

1. Use your surroundings and wind direction to your advantage.
2. Carry a shotgun to every stand.
3. Change up your calling sequence or sounds if they are not working.
4. When walking to a stand, walk softly and crouch down when sky lighting yourself.
5. Make sure your vehicle is not visible from any routes that the predator may take when coming to the stand.
- 6 Do not cross into any washes or lanes where coyotes may respond from, as your scent will deter them from coming in.
7. Use a motion decoy.
8. The night before you plan to hunt, drive the area and howl every mile or so. Make a note where you get responses and call those areas the next day.

STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!!! I will be discussing Shotgun and Rifle Ammunition, and Rifle Calibers for Predators!

We will see you in the field," Shoot Straight, Kill Clean, Apologize to No One!"

Dave Crunden
WHIN Board Member
Avid Predator Hunter



WHAT'S NEW IN WHIN

Let's see what's not new with WHIN. We are moving and 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 what you are willing to help with.

If you are not sure what that could be then let them know your strengths. We can find you a place where you can fit right in. With a new year, we will be having a nomination for positions on the board and officers. So if you have been dying to be the newsletter writer, Secretary, or heck even President; don't be shy. Come let us know.

Don't let another day go by where you miss out on being part of something great.

**WE NEED YOU! YEP, I SAID
YOU!**

Upcoming Projects

We are working on some more projects to get our hands dirty. If you have any in mind or would like to hear more about projects visit us at www.whinlv.org or feel free to come to one of our monthly meetings.

WHIN Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held at the Blue Ox Tavern, 5825 W. Sahara Ste. A, Las Vegas, NV, on the 4th Tuesday of every month - 6:30P.M.

We want to hear your thoughts, your input and any concerns you may have in Southern Nevada—let us know what changes you'd like to see.

COME TO MEETINGS! No change can take place without the knowledge of the problem.

For more information, contact us through

Nevada Outdoor Information

For Population and Harvest Reports, visit Nevada Division of Wildlife at:

<http://ndow.org/hunt/resources/population/index.shtm>

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

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Greg Clark, Patrick Young, Michael Guest, Bill Halvorsen, Dave Crunden, Trevis Picardo.

BANQUET March 15, 2014

Tickets are here.
Contact any Officer or Board Member from the website
www.whinlv.org
to buy yours now. We are expecting a room full this year.
So make sure purchase ticket early or you table so you
don't miss out on getting a new membership for attending.

Calling 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 local surroundings
Volunteer With US WHIN
And be a part of a local Group.

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