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Enjoy The Sights And Sounds Of The Season



ON THE COVER Turkey Trivia

The wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) is native to North America. It is the same species as the domestic turkey, which was originally derived from a southern Mexican subspecies of wild turkey. Although native to North America, the turkey probably got its name from the domesticated variety being imported to Britain in ships coming from the Levant via Spain. The British at the time, therefore, associated the wild turkey with the country Turkey and the name stuck. Happy Thanksgiving!

LIGHTED-BOAT PARADES

The Southwest Sparkles Again

One of the favorite traditions nationwide and beyond are the holiday boat parades; three of the most-loved in the Southwest are in Lake Havasu, Tempe, and San Diego.

Arizona

Lake Havasu, Ariz. — "Light Up the Lake!"

32nd Annual Boat Parade of Lights

Dec. 5-6 @ 6:30pm

Description:

For the past 32 years the Annual Boat Pa-

rade of Lights has been the must-see event of the holiday season. Many boats brightly decorated in their holiday best will delight children and adults alike. This year's theme: "Light Up the Lake!"

Watch the boats cruise through the Bridge-



ONE OF TOP TEN — Lake Havasu City's Boat Parade of Lights has been repeatedly selected as one of the top 100 events in the U.S. by the American Bus Association.



WINNER — Mickey's Workshop was the 2013 Grand Prize Winner at Tempe's Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade. Courtesy Fantasy of Lights Parade & Boat Parade

water Channel beginning in Thompson Bay and continuing under the London Bridge to the north end of the Channel, with a turnaround at Windsor Beach and back. Bundle up and take a stroll through the Channel — the only time you'll see the Channel packed full of boats and boaters in winter gear at night. Come cozy up with family and friends and create treasured memories of a favorite holiday tradition!

Boat parade participants and sponsors invite you to visit the docks in front of the London Bridge Resort where parade floats will be lit up nightly beginning at dusk.

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Once-A-Year Opportunity To Go 'Wild'

This is a free, family friendly event to learn about and see live native wildlife up close.

Come see a bald eagle, bobcat, ringtail, and many bird and reptile species at the free Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center's open house on Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23 from 10-3 p.m. daily.



During this once-a-year glimpse into the center's operations, visitors will have the opportunity to see wildlife up close, view educational displays, make wildlife-related crafts and meet wildlife experts.

Over thirty years ago, the Arizona Game and Fish Department opened the first state-run wildlife rehabilitation and education center in the nation. Today, the center has provided wildlife triage, treatment and rehabilitation to more than 30,000 sick or injured animals and delivered wildlife education programs to millions of people at events and schools.

Its original focus, when founded in 1983, was on treating and rehabilitating sick and injured wildlife. While the center still continues to provide care to wild animals, it also focuses heavily on educating the public about Arizona's diverse native wildlife. Ul-



timately, the center strives to rehabilitate wildlife for return to the wild, but in instances where an animal cannot be rereleased, the center may use them as educational wildlife ambassadors.

The Heritage Fund, Public Support

It is operated with a small budget from the Heritage Fund, a voter-passed initiative that provides for wildlife conservation and education through Arizona lottery ticket sales, and operated by the Game and Fish Department with help from the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Auxiliary. The center depends on public support to care for the vast number of animals that come through its

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CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS

Here's A Favorite Outdoor Holiday Tradition For Many AZ Families

Permits to cut your own Christmas tree will be available starting Nov. 20 at Tonto National Forest offices.

The Tonto National Forest will sell Christmas tree permits starting on Thursday, Nov. 20. Permits will be available at the Mesa and Payson Ranger Districts and the Tonto Supervisors Office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Pleasant Valley Ranger District will be open for permit sales on Thursdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. In addition, the Payson Ranger District will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, from Nov. 22 to Dec. 20.

It is important to note that Tonto National Forest Christmas tree permits will not be sold at Big 5 Sporting Goods stores this year.

Permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis until they are gone and can be purchased with cash, check, or credit card. Customers will be provided a map that shows the designated cutting areas along with additional Christmas tree cutting instructions. The permit will allow the holder to cut a tree within a designated area between the dates of Nov. 22 through Dec. 24.



Rules For Christmas Tree Permits

- Each Christmas tree permit is \$15 and allows permit holders to cut a tree up to 10 feet tall;
- One tree per household. One person may purchase up to four permits for other families, not living in the household;
- Permits are for personal use only;
- Trees must be cut within designated cutting areas;

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Out Of Africa Creates 'Animal Adventure'

The mission of Out of Africa Wildlife Park is to create the ultimate animal adventure for all ages/Page 11



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DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid Nov.



BEYOND ARIZONA

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. Dec. 14, Dec. 21 — Annual San Diego Bag Parade of Lights; "Children's Stories"; www.sdparadeoflights.org/

BOATING

TEMPE: Dec. 13 — APS Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade - Tempe Beach Park & Town Lake, Santa arrives at 6 pm, decorated and lighted boats of all sizes and makes parade at 7 pm, free, <http://www.downtowntempe.com>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Dec. 5-6 — 33rd Annual Boat Parade of Lights - Bridgewater Channel, brightly decorated boats dolled up in their holiday best cruise through the Bridgewater Channel from Thompson Bay north, under the historic London Bridge, and back again, spectators gather along the channel to enjoy a night of bonfires and fun, the only time you'll see the Channel packed full of boats and boats in winter gear at night, free, 6:30pm, 928-680-4652 or <http://www.lhcboatparadeoflights.com> or <http://www.golakehasvasu.com/events/details/1405/32nd-annual-boat-parade-of-lights/>

PARKER: Dec. 28-29 — 68th Anniversary SCSA Thanksgiving Regatta - Blue Water Resort, powerboat/speedboat racing on the Parker Strip/Colorado River, endurance, speed & circle racing, boats include Stock Outboards, Pro-Stock, Grand National (GN's), Cracker Box, Tunnel Lights and K-boats, 7 am - 7 pm, 310-318-4012 or <http://www.scsacracing.com> or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Dec. 12-14 — Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce Desert Bash - Campbell Ranch; fun, magical family weekend of camping, off-road poker run and lots of activities for all, BBQ dinner, entertainment, camping available on a first-come, first-serve basis, fees differ depending on activities; 928-855-4115 or <http://www.havasuchamber.com>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

TEMPE COMMUNITY MARKET: Sundays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 620 N. Mill Ave., SW Corner Mill Ave. & Washington
TEMPE: Dec. 31 — 31st Annual New Year's Eve Mill Avenue Block Party - Mill Avenue District, a little something for everyone, a Family Fun Zone, Radio Disney's Rockin' Road Show early, local bands later, & fireworks, free, 5 pm - 12:30 am, <http://www.millavenue.com/>

GLENDALE: Dec. 31 — 44th Annual Fiesta Bowl Football Classic - University of Phoenix Stadium, top teams play, the champion of the Big 12 Conference and another one of the nation's top college football teams, 6:30 pm, 480-350-0911 or <http://www.fiestabowl.org>

PHOENIX: Dec. 26-31 — Holidays at the Heard Museum - Heard Museum, exciting performances and artist demonstrations introduce visitors to traditional and contemporary American Indian music, dance and art throughout the week, included in general museum admission, \$5-12, 10 am - 4 pm, 602-252-8848 or <http://heard.org/holidays>

PHOENIX: Dec. 12-28 — The Nutcracker - Symphony Hall, with more than 150 performers, hundreds of costumes and the beauty and athleticism of Ballet Arizona's nationally recognized dancers, a timeless holiday tradition for all ages, choreography by artistic director Ib Andersen danced to Tchaikovsky's famous score, with the Phoenix Symphony, 602-381-1096 or <http://balletaz.org/>

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Dec. dates — Performances are throughout the Greater Phoenix area. Handel's massive oratorio makes a profound musical statement of the Christian faith, celebrating the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the acclaimed and popular "Halleluia" chorus highlights this spiritual concert, Music Director Tito Muñoz leads the Valley's favorite holiday tradition as The Phoenix Symphony, The Phoenix Symphony Chorus and soloists perform. To find a convenient location for you, visit <http://phoenixsymphony.org>

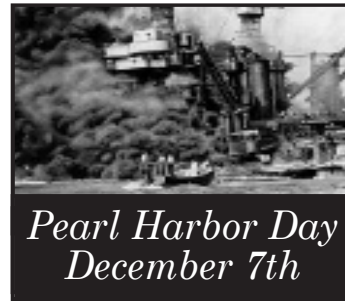
TUCSON: Dec. 9-11 — 18th Annual "Christmas at San Xavier" - Mission San Xavier del Bac, one of Tucson's top choirs, The Sons of Orpheus in collaboration with the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus to benefit the restoration and preservation of the Mission, 6 & 8 pm, <http://www.sonsoforpheus.org>

PHOENIX: Nov. 28 through Dec. 31 — 36th Annual Las Noches de las Luminarias - Desert Botanical Gardens, thousands of hand-lit luminarias line the garden pathways, musical entertainment each night, additional buffet dinner is available, \$12.50-30, 5:30 pm, pre-register, 480-481-8188 or <http://www.dbg.org>

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ ARCHERY

CORRECTION: late season dove opens on Friday, Nov. 21st. There was a mistake in the dove regs. The corrected version is online at www.azgfd.gov/seasons. Don't forget, the limit is 15 and offers a great re-engagement for past participants. dburt@azgfd.gov (623) 236-7487 Desk.

CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS: Ongoing — www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills Google calendar.



*Pearl Harbor Day
December 7th*

WATERSPORTS

Diving:

SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more; Saguaro can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curarco, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

Swimming:

ANTHEM: Dec. 13 — 13th Annual Anthem Holiday Classic Triathlon & Classic Kids' Triathlon - Community Center, (85086), USAT sanctioned, adults swim 400m, bike 14 mile, run 3.1 mile, kids swim 200 m, bike 4.5 miles, run .5 miles kids triathlon, 9 am, 623-330-0913 or <http://www.4peaksracing.com/event.php?i=d=112> <http://www.trifind.com/>

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

PHOENIX: Nov. 27-Dec. 31 — 22nd Annual ZooLights - Phoenix Zoo, more than 3.5 million lights in 600 lighted sculptures unique to the Phoenix Zoo, live animals are not on exhibit, \$9-14, 6-10 pm, 602-273-1341 or www.phoenixzoo.org

PHOENIX: Nov. 19-23 — Walking with Dinosaurs The Arena Spectacular - US Airways Center, this updated production showcases changes to the dinosaurs based on the latest scientific research including the likely feathering of some species, the

show depicts the dinosaurs' evolution with almost cinematic realism, ten species are represented from the entire 200 million year reign, \$41.50-79.50, 8 pm, www.us-airwayscenter.com/

PHOENIX: Nov. 22-23 — Gifts from Nature - Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center, featuring 30 local artists, children's activities, live music, and food trucks, 10 am - 4 pm, 602-468-6470 or <http://az.audubon.org>

PHOENIX: Nov. 22-23 — Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Open House - learn more about wildlife native to Arizona and other education programs, features live wildlife displays, learn to cast at the fishing activity, boating law and safety information, hunter education program information, self-guided tour of the facility, food, drink and merchandise, free, 10 am - 3 pm, www.azwildlifecenter.net/

LOST OUR HOME PET FOUNDATION: Ongoing — Rescues, foster, has adoptions for dogs and cats whose owners have had to leave them behind: www.LostOurHome.org, (602) 445-7387; info@LostOurHome.org. Volunteers and adopting "parents" needed.

PHOENIX: Through Nov. 23 — Mariposa Monarca-Monarch Butterfly Exhibit - Desert Botanical Garden, features hundreds of live monarch butterflies in a beautiful and lush habitat, guests can view these delicate creatures in the Marshall Butterfly Pavilion, a 2,400-square-foot walk-through butterfly pavilion where visitors learn about the magical metamorphosis of the monarch life cycle, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>

Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the 8th of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information.





KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Storing your boat for the winter? Simple steps can prevent boat theft

Protect your investment in your boat by making it tougher to steal:

- Register your boat and make a complete inventory of your boat, equipment and trailer.
- Store your boat and trailer in a locked garage or storage area.
- Remove trailer wheel if parked for an extended time.
- Purchase a high quality trailer hitch lock and use it.
- Chain and lock the motor and fuel tanks to the vessel
- Mark or engrave all equipment with an identifier, such as your Arizona driver's license number
- Remove all valuables from your vessel
- Cover your vessel and ALWAYS remove your keys.

Be a Better Boater: Take a Boating Safety Education Class.

December 2014				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	December 20 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076

January 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	January 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	January 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCulloch Blvd. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219

Boaters who "Clean, Drain and Dry" can stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

PHOENIX – Preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Arizona waters starts with Arizona boat owners and anglers. To protect Arizona lakes, rivers and streams from the devastating effects of invasive species, Arizona Game and Fish laws require boaters and anglers to be good stewards by cleaning, draining and drying their boats and pulling the boat plug when leaving an AIS-affected lake. Failure to do so may result in a citation for the boat owner and possible fines.

Arizona Game and Fish is stepping up enforcement because invasive species have found their way into several Arizona lakes and rivers after being transported from one body of water to another. Cleaning, draining and drying boats, trailers, waders and fishing equipment helps contain these invaders and minimizes damage to boats, water intakes, power plants, aquatic habitats, native and sport fish populations, and water conveyance infrastructure. These are the identified aquatic invasive species affecting Arizona waters:

- **Lake Powell:** quagga mussel
- **Lake Mead:** quagga mussel, New Zealand mudsnail
- **Lake Mohave:** quagga mussel, New Zealand mudsnail
- **Lake Havasu:** quagga mussel, didymo
- **Lower Colorado River below Lake Havasu:** quagga mussel, giant salvinia, apple snail
- **Lake Pleasant:** quagga mussel, largemouth bass virus (LMBV)

- **Lees Ferry:** New Zealand mudsnail, whirling disease
- **Lower Salt/Verde River:** apple snail
- **Bartlett Lake:** LMBV
- **Roosevelt Lake:** LMBV
- **Saguaro Lake:** LMBV



Weather Emergencies

Winter boating can be fun but winter weather can change rapidly and create unexpected situations for boat operators. The best way to avoid trouble is to monitor weather conditions before you leave shore. You can also monitor weather developments on your VHF radio. If you're out on the water and the weather changes for the worse, follow these safety tips:

- Put on personal floatation devices (life jackets) and make sure they are properly secured.
- If you're in fog, sound your fog horn.
- Head the bow into the waves at a 45 degree angle. (PWCs should head into the waves at a 90 degree angle.
- Head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach.
- Reduce speed.
- Seat passengers on the bottom of the vessel, as close to the centerline as possible.
- Minimize the danger of having your vessel struck by lightning by seeking shelter in advance of a storm. If caught on open water during a thunderstorm, stay low in the middle of the vessel.
- Secure loose items and have emergency gear ready
- Keep the bilge free of water
- If the engine stops, drop anchor from the bow. If you have no anchor, use a "sea anchor." This may include a bucket on a line, a tackle box or anything that will create drag and hold the bow into the wind.

Renew Your Watercraft Registration Online!

The Game and Fish online watercraft registration system allows you to renew your registration and have immediate use of your watercraft. Visit: <https://az.gov/app/watercraft>. (A \$2.50 online service fee applies). You can also renew your registration by mail or in person at any Game and Fish office.

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Boating



TRUE OR FALSE?

Take The Boat Winterizing Quiz

You're putting the boat away for winter. So what half-truth, wife's tale, urban myth, or tall story have you heard about winterizing a recreational boat? Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) helps to set the record straight.

1. Ethanol (E10) fuel and engines: *If a boat has a built-in gas tank, it's recommended to leave the tank as full as possible over the winter with a smidgen of room for fuel expansion.*

TRUE: Leaving the tank nearly full limits the amount of moisture that can potentially condense inside on the tank's walls as outside temperatures fluctuate, preventing phase separation of ethanol (E10) fuel. Note one caveat: If your boat is stored in a rack system or indoor storage, check with the marina. They may require you to empty the tank to minimize the risk of fire. TIP: Never plug a fuel vent. Ever.

2. Ethanol and phase separation: *Come springtime, any phase-separated gasoline in the tank can be fixed by adding a fuel stabilizer or additive.*



A DEFINITE "NOT" — This boat was "winterized" by placing a space heater in the engine room. While afloat in the slip, it caught fire when the extension cord used to power the heater shorted.

FALSE: Once gasoline phase separates, that's it. Kaput. End of story. The only solution is to have a pro remove the contaminated fuel and water mixture and start anew — a difficult, hazardous and costly task for boats with built-in fuel tanks. However, it's critical to use a fuel stabilizer each fall to help keep fuel fresh over the winter, keep corrosion at bay and to help prevent the onset of phase separation. TIP: Put the stabilizer in before you nearly fill the tank for its long winter nap. This will allow stabilizer to fully course through the fuel system as you run the engine when filling with anti-freeze.

3. Freeze damage: *Because it's cold up there, BoatUS insurance claims for engine block freezing come from northern climates.*

FALSE: While there are quite a few claims from the colder climates, many boat insurance freeze damage claims also come from southern, temperate states hit by an unexpected freeze or when space heaters fail due to sudden storm power loss. In the northern climes, storm power outages also are to blame for engine block freeze related claims, however, both areas of the country have their fair share of winter freeze claims due to one reason: the failure to follow winterizing procedures. TIP: Don't let your buddy do the job — it's a common refrain BoatUS claims staff hears every spring after a cracked block is discovered. Having your marina winterize your boat and systems may offer better protection if there is an issue come springtime. Another option is adding ice and freeze insurance to your boat insurance — most insurers do not charge much for it, but there are deadlines to purchase (BoatUS offers it for as little as \$25 to its insured members until October 30).

4. Space Heaters: *It's okay to "winterize" the boat by leaving a space heater running onboard.*

FALSE: In addition to the sudden power outage problem, every winter BoatUS sees fires from heaters, plugs and cords, and from heaters that were left running on unattended boats. Unless you live in Hawaii or the Florida Keys, BoatUS recommends winterizing your engine if you will be laying up the boat for even a few weeks to lessen the chances of sudden freeze damage. TIP: Save time and make winterizing easier by installing an engine flushing system — typically a simple valve with a connection for a garden hose along with an anti-freeze pickup hose/strainer — on your engine.

About BoatUS

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS.com) is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boaters providing its over half-million members with government representation, services such as 24-hour dispatch, on water boat towing as well as roadside assistance for boat trailers and tow vehicles, feature-packed boat insurance programs, money-saving benefits including marina and service discounts, and vital information that improves recreational boating. Its member-funded BoatUS Foundation is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating and offers range of boating safety courses — including 33 free state courses — that can be found at BoatUS.org/courses.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Remember To Thank The Vets All Year Long



BY CAPT. DAVE ESPARZA

I would like to talk about what has transpired over the last few days, including Veterans' Day. You often hear people asking, "Oh, when is Veteran's

Day; what time does the parade start?

Veterans' Day has three simple numbers, 11, 11, 11. Veterans' Day is always the 11th month, celebrated on the 11th day, and if there is a formal event, it starts at the 11th hour.



Veteran's Day is the one day out of the year to show your respect to our country and its veterans who have done and given so much for us. Because of them, you can sit on the sidewalk and watch the parade go by; you can go to McDonalds and have a Big Mac, or you can enjoy a great day with your family without any worry about safety.

Millions of Americans have died or are disabled fighting for our country and if you ask any of them, they are going to say "That is okay; it needed to be done."

I have had the honor and privilege of participating in the Veterans' Day Parade in Phoenix for the last eighteen years. It is moving to see the enthusiasm of the crowds yelling, screaming, cheering and chanting, "Thank you for your service."

Then, as the parade draws closer to the Veterans Hospital, that is when you notice a difference in the crowd. These are the veterans who are in the hospital but are able to come and view the parade.

You are all dressed up in your finest uniform waving and saying thank you to the crowd from your float, truck or boat in our case. All of a sudden, you realize that all of these people are on crutches, on walkers, in wheel chairs. Their ages range from 18 to 90-plus, and as you can look at them and into their eyes, it is clear that they have aged fighting for our country. They are missing arms, they are missing legs, but yet there they are saying, "Thank you" back to you.

This is what Veteran's Day is all about, honor, respect and devotion to duty. So remember, the next time you see someone in uniform, the next time you see someone disabled from serving in our military, the next time you see someone in your family, your brother, your father or your grandfather, make sure you tell them, "Thank you for your service."

Editor's Note: Even though this issue is being distributed after Veterans' Day 2014, Esparza's words are applicable any time of the year: "Thank you for your service."

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Boating

ARIZONA YACHT CLUB NEWS

Take A Couple Laps Around Lake Pleasant For The Governor's Cup

BY MIKE FERRING

Arizona Yacht Club members are urged to register now for the 2014 Governor's Cup Regatta, scheduled for two laps around Lake Pleasant. It starts Saturday morning, Dec. 6.

The first boat will be signaled to start at 11 am. The actual start time will depend on one's PHRF rating, with all competitors rated to finish at exactly the same time. First across the finish line wins.

The event organizer is Cruising Captain Tom Erickson, who's opting for a simple format this year: Start near the dam, sail around Horse and Balance Rock islands, then the unnamed island at the south end of

the lake (an island he says is the only one in that area with vegetation), do most of it again (Horse, Balance, No-Name), and finish at the no-wake buoys at the north ramp.

After the race, everybody is invited to the Pleasant Harbor Marina Grill for a no-host bar and some munchies. Entry fee is \$10, member or nonmember, and everyone is invited. The winner of the race will get to keep the gigantic Governor's Cup trophy (see picture) for the next year.

Erickson notes with a wink that this Governor's Cup will have Jan Brewer on the race committee boat. Yeah, really. But, this Jan Brewer might bear only a passing resemblance to the one occupying the Governor's office.



Mike Ferring
THE CUP—That's the huge trophy the winner will get to haul home and keep for the next year. Court Roberts lifts it in this picture, having won the Governor's Cup race two years ago. Home-Join

2014 ELECTION: NMMA ANALYSIS

Can We Expect A Changing Tide, More Of The Same, or Both?

The 2014 midterm elections have come and gone. So what does that mean for our industry and your business? Read on for complete election coverage and analysis from NMMA's government relations experts.

If you have questions about the results or the legislative road ahead for 2015, contact Nicole Vasilaros at nvasilaros@nmma.org.

What Do The Results Mean For The Boating Industry?

You're probably wondering first and foremost how the Nov. 4 vote may impact the recreational boating industry, and specifically our friends in the Congressional Boating Caucus. We already knew that 12 of our closest allies and advocates in the Congressional Boating Caucus announced their retirements earlier this year, and were not on the ballot yesterday — including one of our honorary chairmen, Rep. Mike McIntyre (NC-9), as well as Senators Saxby Chambliss (GA), Tim Johnson (SD) and Carl Levin (MI).

One caucus member, Rep. Shelley Capito of West Virginia, won her senate campaign; we congratulate her on her victory and look forward to having her in the Caucus's Senate ranks. Unfortunately, some of our Caucus members lost in their re-election battle—including Senator Kay Hagan (NC) and Rep. Joe Garcia (FL-26). All in all, of the 99 Caucus members who ran last night, 89 were victorious.

Commitment To Recreational Boating

We will work with the newly elected officials to ensure that they too become committed to the recreational boating industry. The election outcome is a prime opportunity for NMMA and our partners to build new, strong relationships with many members of Congress, and educate them on the importance of recreational boating to their community and their constituents.

Our government relations staff has plans to reach out to these new members as soon as possible, setting up face-to-face meetings to introduce them to our \$37 billion industry. A "Welcome to Washington" letter and packet of information is already being prepared for when they are sworn in in January.

BoatPAC was also very successful this year. In total, 48 of the 54 supported candidates up for election were re-elected, with four more races too close to call at press time. We look forward to continuing our work together on behalf of the boating industry.

The 'Lame Duck' Agenda

All eyes are on the Capitol, as the outgoing 113th Congress is set to return to Washington after a six-week recess. During the so-called "Lame Duck" period,



Congress will seek to address many key issues that have been left unanswered this

year, including issues affecting our industry like tax extenders.

NMMA will be supporting a broad, multi-industry letter urging Congress to extend and re-authorize these important

tax provisions. But, there are many other issues at stake which may appear during the lame duck period.

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In Memory Of Darrel Jacobs: Nov. 29, 1946 — Nov.10, 2014

Viet Nam veteran Darrel Jacobs was a good friend, taken far too early by Huntington's Disease. Darrel is shown with his beloved family: Sue, his life partner, and Lisa, Jessica, and Dara, their daughters.

He was also an angler (hence, a fan of this publication), and as Sue commented, "This is the image that I want to stay in my mind. Darrel was happiest when fishing."

Even just five days after his death, Darrel's family participated in and were instrumental in making sure the Huntington's Disease Society of America's "Team Hope



Darrel Fishing With Sue



The Jacobs Family: Lisa, Sue, Dara, Darrel And Jessica

Walk" in Tempe on Nov. 15 was a success. Sue was the leader of the event.

To learn more about and consider making a donation to Team Hope, visit <http://www.firstgiving.com/hdsa-scr/thw->

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We express our deepest sympathy to them, to other family members, and to Darrel's many friends. **Jim and Carol Allen**



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Looking At 2015 And Beyond—Where Will The Tide Take Us?

A handful of the recreational boating industry's top legislative priorities may also be addressed before the end of the year. Many of these were discussed during the 2014 American Boating Congress and include the following:

Ethanol And The RFS

When the 114th Congress is sworn in, it will be a prime opportunity for NMMA and the industry to refocus our efforts on critical legislation. We expect a strong push to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard, and legislatively address E15.

NMMA and our partner stakeholder groups have amassed strong bipartisan and bicameral support on this issue, and we look forward to working on a solution in 2015.

Sportfish Restoration And Boating Trust Fund

In addition, NMMA will work with Congress to re-authorize the Sportfish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (SFRBTF) before a temporary extension expires in June. Similarly, NMMA hopes the Export Import Bank can be reauthorized before its temporary extension expires in early 2015 — both of these programs could also be addressed during the Lame Duck session.

Reauthorization Of The Magnuson-Stevens Act

Magnuson-Stevens has been an issue NMMA has worked on extensively, and with some committee reassignments and leadership changes, we have hopes that a more comprehensive solution can be reached that addresses the recreational fishing industry's concerns.

Overall, the political climate is likely to remain the same as it has the past few years. Congress remains deeply divided along partisan lines, and President Obama remains committed to carrying out his policy vision for America and securing his legacy. Despite this constant appearance of gridlock, important work is getting done daily in Washington, and NMMA is con-

fident that our industry issues will be fairly addressed in the 114th Congress.

Stay Informed And Get Involved

It is certainly an exciting time in Washington. NMMA's D.C. staff will keep you informed on all relevant issues over the next few months. If you haven't yet, join Boating United for timely issue updates and action alerts to ensure that you stay informed about local and federal activities that directly affect you and your business.

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Stripers And Shad Ready For Winter Weather

Find shad now in the southern lake and fishing success will follow.

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
HTTP://WWW.WAYNESWORDS.COM

Striped bass annual migration is now almost complete. Fish movement begins in the spring as stripers react to warming water by leaving the backs of the canyons and heading toward the main channel to spawn. Then in summer they pursue forage in open water wherever they can find it whether on the surface or at great depths.

As temperature declines in fall, stripers move toward the backs of canyons where they will spend the winter with shad schools that descend to 60-90 feet where water temperature is cold but stable.

Threadfin shad must be in deep water to survive cold winter temperatures that are near their thermal tolerance level. Rapid warming or cooling can be lethal to these warm-water forage fish once acclimated to cold water ranging from 45-50 F.

Stripers' One Stop

Stripers make one stop before going deep in the winter. At the beginning of October, shad were in open water but have recently moved into shallow coves to escape relentless striper predation. Shad hope that they can find shallow water where a three-inch fish can swim but a 3-pound striper cannot without hitting bottom.

This is what we found yesterday as we



ON GUARD — Nob Wimmer, Clark Bench, Utah, found all species of fish guarding shad schools in shallow coves at the backs of canyons. It was possible to catch stripers, largemouth and smallmouth bass while casting crankbaits in shallow water. Great fishing should last into November or as long as the current great fall weather will last.

searched open water for striper schools and then moved to the backs of canyons to find where stripers have gone. We looked in Padre Bay canyons and found a few stripers left in front of Gunsight Butte. Large schools were found at the beginning of the month but now only one small school was seen.

We did catch fish from that school by spooning quickly when the fish were graphed. We stayed over the school long enough to catch a dozen 2-3 pound stripers before the fish departed.

Searching For Shad Schools

Next we looked for other schools seen

previously in deep water from Gregory Butte to Gunsight without finding any fish. Then we went to the backs of canyons to see if shad were trapped in shallow coves. Most canyons were fishless while others harbored shad. Shallow shad schools were guarded by stripers, largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Once a shallow school was found, it was easy to catch husky fish of all species by casting shallow and mid-depth crankbaits in 12-15 feet of water. When we pulled out further to 30 or 40 feet, we found striper schools holding, waiting for shad to try to escape from their coves. These schools were more than willing to

hit spoons.

The successful lake wide pattern is to find shad schools trapped in the back of short U-shaped canyons near the main channel. Long, winding canyons are not usually as productive. Try to stay within casting distance of the shad school but do not scare shad out into open water where the shad will then flee to another sanctuary cove.

Work the cove with shad imitating crankbaits for best results. Our best lure was a Lucky Craft Bevy Shad in shad color. Look further out for striper schools that really like spoons right now.

Fishing Success Will Follow

Coves with no trapped shad also had no predators. It is possible to run quickly to the back of many coves before finding the shad school. The school we saw contained thousands of shad and covered perhaps a length of 20 yards of shallow water from the front of the school to the back with a width of 20 feet.

Find shad now in the southern lake and fishing success will follow. There are more shad schools in the northern lake so it may be more challenging there. In either case, the best catching action is now in the very back of the canyon from a bottom depth of 40 feet to the shallow end of the cove.

Last Report Of 2014

This is the last regular fish report of the year. We head out on the lake for the next three weeks to sample with gill nets to document population size and fish health. Updates will be found on Wayneswords.com throughout the winter.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,605 and water temperature was 65-69F.

EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD REPORT

It's Trout Time In The High Country

Tip Of The Week

For rainbow trout in the high country, PowerBait and worms are still the best baits, but trout are also more willing to chase down a lure in these cooler water temperatures than they would during the warm summer months. You can cover a lot of ground by casting a Panther Martin spinner or Kastmaster.

Some anglers choose to fish bait on one rod while casting a lure with a second rod to find what the fish are hitting. The new license structure allows the use of two rods with any fishing or combo license.

The Reel Deal

Trout time, it is.

Rainbow trout were just stocked into Beaver Creek, Verde River, Deadhorse lakes, Lynx Lake, Goldwater Lake, Fain Lake, Patagonia Lake, Pena Blanca Lake, Cluff Ranch, Dankworth Pond, Roper Lake and Graham County Fairgrounds Pond.

Also, trout were stocked into Apache Lake, Canyon Lake, Saguaro Lake. Many anglers like to throw big rainbow trout imitation swimbaits for a chance at lunker largemouth bass.

Goughnour Tips

Jim Goughnour of Rim Country Custom Rods offered the following tips. Trout fishing around piers and docks on these lakes can be lots of fun for a family fishing day. For bass anglers, it means there are a few weeks of exciting fishing before the water turns too cold for bass to chase these

trout. In the meantime, imitation trout swimbaits can catch giant-sized bass if conditions are right.

From a bass perspective, one trout can equal a thousand shad, so it's not hard to figure out why bass pursue them. The water temperatures on these lakes right now is in the low 70s and as soon as the temperature drops to 50 degrees, the bass metabolism slows to where they can no longer chase trout effectively.

Canyon Lake can be an excellent spot to kayak-fish and sneak up on bass. It's also time for a last fall fishing excursion to the White Mountains and Mogollon Rim Lakes.

Lopez Report

Mike Lopez, our Fish Program Manager out of Pinetop, had the following details to report.

Water temperatures are in the 50s in most of the lakes in the White Mountains and Rim Lakes as the days get shorter and nights get colder, with the higher elevation lakes in the low 50s and the lower elevation lakes in the high 50s.

This is the ideal temperature range for trout and they should be very active trying to put on weight before winter sets in.

Trout fishing has picked up dramatically at a number of lakes, including Big Lake, Nelson Reservoir, Woods Canyon Lake, Luna Lake, Chevelon Lake, and River Reservoir. Very large trout were found at several lakes surveyed in October, including Carnero Lake, Becker Lake,

Crescent Lake, and even Lee Valley Lake.

Water temperatures are cooler because the air temperatures are dropping, but there is little difference between the water temperature at the surface and the water temperature in deep water, so trout can be found at any depth this time of year.

Thermoclines in deeper lakes have also broken down, so the deep water that had no oxygen during the summer now has as good of water quality as that at the surface. Trout will be where the food is located now that they aren't limited by water quality (oxygen, temperature, pH).

If they are feeding on zooplankton, they will be in the upper layers of a lake where the sunlight penetrates well. Or, they will be at the surface if feeding on hatching insects. Or, they will be on the bottom if feeding on crayfish, scuds, or midge larvae. Or, they will be along the shoreline if feeding on minnows. Fish at different depths and locations until you catch a fish, then keep fishing that depth to catch more.



Brown Trout Spawning Season

This is also the season of spawning brown trout. Wild brown trout can be found in Chevelon Canyon Lake and River Reservoir because they are able to spawn in the rivers that enter those lakes. You can usually find brown trout anywhere in the lake, but near the incoming river is obviously a good place to start this time of year. Large brown trout prefer fish and crayfish to eat, so using lures and large streamers that imitate fish and crayfish are usually productive. Brown trout are usually more active as it gets dark as well, thus staying that extra hour at the end of

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Small, But Mighty, Endangered Fish Take A Step Towards Recovery



Refuge pond at Mesa Community College provides for recovery and student education.

The endangered, native desert pupfish took another step towards recovery recently when over 300 fish were released by the Arizona Game and Fish Department into a refuge pond at Mesa Community College's Red Mountain Campus (MCC).

The fish that were released came from ponds at the Phoenix Zoo and Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center. Both partners work to help reproduce pupfish.

"Partnerships are the key to helping recover Arizona's native wildlife species that are in peril," said Mike Rabe, Arizona Game and Fish Department's nongame wildlife branch chief. "Establishment of these refuge populations provides important opportunities for partners to actively participate in meaningful recovery work."

Native Fish In Danger

Another native fish, longfin dace, were mostly removed from the MCC pond prior to the release to allow pupfish to breed and establish with minimal competition. The longfin dace removed from the pond went to the Phoenix Zoo's Arthur L. and Elaine V. Johnson Foundation Conservation Center to help with management efforts of several other native species that are on the Endangered Species List and in danger of disappearing from the state's waters.

"Native fish are in big trouble in Arizona," MCC's Life Sciences Chair Andy Baldwin says. "The goal is to eventually remove the desert pupfish from the endan-

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Ladies' Upland Bird Hunting Coming Up!

What is the next step in training women who shoot shotguns? Why bird hunting, of course!

As a special event for ladies who love shotgun sports, the Ben Avery Clay Busters (BACB) will be hosting a pheasant and chukar hunt on Sunday, Feb. 8 in Mayer, Ariz., at the YMCA High Desert Hunt Club.

This program will introduce 18 women to upland bird hunting, specifically pheasant and chukars, and it is funded through a Sportsmen's Group Grant by the Arizona Fish and Game Commission to make America's favorite hunting pastime more obtainable for more women shooters.

A pre-event hunter's education and safety program will precede the hunt and



will give the huntresses an opportunity to meet their fellow hunt companions and hunt guides.

Hunt guides and their well-trained

pointing dogs will be provided by volunteers from the Arizona Pointing Dog Club. Birds will be cleaned by the YMCA High Desert Hunt Club and ready for that special, gourmet pheasant dinner that the successful huntresses will be able to provide from the hunt.

Reserve your spot now (or tell a friend), as this will be limited to the first women who apply. Costs to participants will include their own personal transportation (carpooling encouraged), tips to the bird handlers at the YMCA High Desert Hunt Club and to hunt guides and their dogs.

Details are available by contacting Marci Welton at: baclaybusters@gmail.com or (602) 571-4055.

Clay Target Leagues Kick Off New Year

Ben Avery Clay Busters (BACB) will begin its winter league on Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 5-7 p.m. at the Ben Avery Clay Target Center, located at 5060 W. Skeet Street, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

Registrations are now open for the organization's eight-week competitions in Trap, Double Trap, International Bunker Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand. Pre-registration will take place on Jan. 7 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ben Avery Clay Target Center, and team assignments can be obtained at this registration event.

League enrollment is \$40 for adults and \$25 for youth. Optional additional fees are charged for Amateur Trap Association registered targets and National Sporting Clays Association registered targets. League fees do not include targets, nor ammo; each sport's weekly competition is for 50 targets.

The Winter League Awards Banquet is scheduled March 18, 2015

Loaner shotguns are available at the Ben Avery Clay Target Center for those who do not own shotguns.

Additional information and registration forms may be obtained

A LETTER TO NEW HUNTERS, PAST PARTICIPANTS

Get Out And Enjoy The Great Outdoors; Hone Your Hunting Skills

FROM DOUG BURT
ARIZONA GAME & FISH

We hope all is well with you and your family. We wanted to remind you of a hunting opportunity that you might be interested in because it is perfect for continuing to develop your hunting skills and requires minimal resources and equipment.

Quail season (Gambel's and scaled) is open through Feb. 8, 2015. The bag limit is 15 birds, and they can be found in most desert areas. All you need is a general hunting license (youth or adult), which many of you have if you attended one of our hunting events. (The full book is available from Game and Fish, and covers all



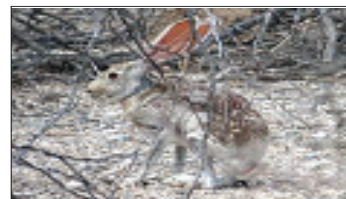
small game species).

Also, we are in "small game season" right now, and it offers lots of opportunities to go hunting, have fun and bring back some great game meat for sharing with friends and family for the holidays.

Tree squirrel season is until Dec. 31.



by contacting Marci Welton, President, at (602) 571-4055 or at baclaybusters@gmail.com. Registration forms may also be obtained online at www.benaveryclaybusters.org.



The bag limit is five, and this should be a great season, due to light snow conditions this past winter. Hit the big ponderosa tree stand areas, using a .22 or shotgun.

Rabbit / jackrabbit season is open

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COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM

It's Time To Catch Some Trout

FROM AZGFD

For all you trout enthusiasts, Friday, Nov. 14 was the day! Rainbow trout made their return to the core Community Fishing Program waters. Except for Tempe Town Lake, all expansion waters will be stocked with trout the week of Dec. 15. These trout stockings will continue in CFP Waters through mid-March — so grab your fishing poles and hit the lakes and ponds — it's time to catch some trout!

Welcome Back The Trout

The City of Tempe and the Arizona Game and Fish Department will host the annual Welcome Back the Trout Celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at SRP Tempe Town Lake Marina from 4-6 p.m. Families and community members are invited to come down and watch as thousands of rainbow trout are released into the lake.

The Department will conduct a fishing clinic starting at 4 p.m. There are free loaner rods, reels and bait that will be available during the event, along with instruction and tips from seasoned anglers.

Have You Renewed Your Fishing License?

Last January the Department overhauled the license structure. All licenses are now valid for 365 days. If you haven't yet renewed your license, now is the perfect time to do it! ANY valid fishing, hunt/fish combination, or community license is valid to fish in Community Fishing Program waters. Kids age 10-17 need a license, too — they only cost only \$5. Purchase a license at any Department office, or online.

AZGFD Conducts Free Sportfishing Clinics

The Department has several "open-to-the-public" fishing programs available to teach youth and adults how to fish and answer your questions about fishing. The Department provides the rods, reels and bait, and a license is not required to participate in the clinics. For more information call the education branch at: (623) 236-7235 or (623) 236-7219.

Turn In Poachers!

You may notice some additional law enforcement officers at CFP waters as we're working to improve compliance at CFP waters. Please help us by reporting known or suspected violations. Although the Department may not be able to send an officer to each reported violation, simply reporting the incident to the Department helps establish where and when we have poaching problems.

Call Operation GAME THIEF (1-800-352-0700). Every call is logged into a database and will be used to direct enforcement activities on your Community Fishing Program waters.



Tackle & Target

RMEF Rant Reinforces Safety Message

Youths who successfully complete a class will receive a hunter cap.



Youth participants in the Arizona Game and Fish Department's hunter education program will receive a blaze orange ("hunter orange") cap when they graduate, thanks to a \$9,700 grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF). The grant will provide 2,475 caps for the program this year.

"Blaze orange enhances hunter safety by making the wearer more visible to other hunters in the field," says Denise Raum, conservation education program manager for Game and Fish. "While not required in Arizona, we recommend that hunters wear blaze orange clothing or caps."

Blake Henning, RMEF vice president of Lands and Conservation, says, "We ap-

preciate the opportunity to reach out to youth who are entering the field to hunt. Doing so is a key element of our mission to enhance our hunting heritage.

"The grant funding comes from the Torstenson Family Endowment, named in honor of Bob Torstenson — a man who had a passion for passing on his love of hunting to the next generation."

Arizona's hunter education program teaches students about firearm and hunting safety, outdoor skills, hunter ethics and

laws, and wildlife conservation. The class can be taken either online or in a classroom setting (classroom courses are a minimum of 12 hours of classroom learning). Both courses require completion of a hands-on field day and exam.

"We very much appreciate receiving the grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, as the caps will reinforce the safety message that we convey to our hunter education students," says Raum.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation was founded more than 30 years ago by hunters and now has more than 200,000 members. The organization works to ensure the future of elk and other wildlife and the nation's hunting heritage.

RMEF has conserved more than 6.5 million acres of wildlife habitat and also works to open and improve public access and fund and advocate for science-based resource management. For more information, visit www.rmef.org.

New Target Range Coming To The White Mountains

The U.S. Forest Service has issued a special use permit to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for a new target range to be built near Show Low. The Second Knoll Target Range will be operated by the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, through a license agreement with the commission.

The target range will be located in an unused cinder pit that was previously permitted by the Forest Service to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

The cinder pit is located 5 miles from the Show Low airport, is easily accessible, and has a 75-foot-deep pit to provide a safe shooting location.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has worked closely with ADOT, the Forest Service and WMSA to bring a new target range to the White Mountains. Construction is expected to begin in 2015.

Second Knoll Target Range will accommodate pistol and rifle target shooters and will provide a great opportunity for hunters and target shooters in the White Mountain community to practice their shooting skills at a convenient and safe facility.

Information Sought In Pronghorn Poaching Case

Up to \$1,500 in rewards are available.



"However, the help of the public is critical in finding those responsible."

Individuals reported hearing gun shots on Saturday, Oct. 11 and followed tire tracks to the dead pronghorn on Sunday morning, Oct. 12 and contacted Game and Fish. They reported seeing a black or gray Jeep Wrangler. "It all seems pretty connected," said Noah Silva, a Region 3 wildlife manager. "The tire tracks were clearly visible and went directly to the dead pronghorn."

The poaching took place off the Crookton exit off I-40. The pronghorn was found dead on Prairie Dog Road off Arizona Road. The hind quarters of the animal were removed and the rest was left to waste.

The Consequences

If found, those responsible may face criminal charges, including knowingly take of big game wildlife during a closed season, which is a Class 1 misdemeanor and carries a maximum fine of \$2,500 and six months in jail.

After the case is adjudicated, those responsible also face a potential civil assessment and possible license revocation by the Game and Fish Commission.

"This is not the act of a hunter," MocarSKI stated. "Poaching is a crime. It is important for anyone with information to come forward. There's a lot of territory for an officer to cover and the eyes and ears of the public are critically important in

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Arizona Game and Fish is seeking information regarding the poaching of a yearling pronghorn buck in Game Management Unit 19B at Juniper Woods south of Interstate 40.

Officers with Game and Fish need the public's help and Operation Game Thief (OGT) is offering up to a \$750 reward for information leading to an arrest of those responsible for the crime. The Arizona Antelope Foundation is offering up to \$750 upon conviction.

Evidence At The Scene

"Significant physical evidence was collected at the scene," said Zen MocarSKI, public information officer for the Game and Fish Region 3 office in Kingman.

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XXthe fishing day could really pay off. But make sure you are prepared, as the air temperatures drop quickly as the sun sets.

Thank You, Anglers!

Arizona fishing opportunities wouldn't be possible without the Sport Fish Restoration Program. It was created through the Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 (Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act) and the

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gered species list, and MCC will pay a vital role in the process as its Life Sciences Department focuses on conservation and regrowth of these special fish."

Refuge Pond

The refuge pond, or cienega, at the Red Mountain Campus serves multiple purposes by —

- allowing the college to help public agencies in the effort to restore or conserve native fish and frogs that are important to the ecosystem,
- providing an opportunity for outreach and education with the public,
- serving as an "outdoor classroom" for some of the college's courses, and
- providing an example of how educational institutions can have environmentally-friendly campuses at a very low cost.

About The Pupfish

The desert pupfish is one of 36 species that historically inhabited Arizona's waters prior to European-American settlement. The pupfish — named so because of the aggressive behavior exhibited by the male during the mating season — is a short,

Wallop-Breaux amendments of 1984.

Through a federal excise tax paid by manufacturers on fishing gear and motorboat fuels, it provides grant funds for fishery conservation, boating access, and aquatic education.

Catch A License

Good luck fishing, and remember that buying a license online helps conserve wildlife and outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. Help yourself and your loved ones.

stout-bodied fish that historically occupied springs, marshes, cienegas and small streams below 5,200 feet elevation.

The males turn bright colors during the mating season. A female pupfish can release up to 800 eggs during a single breeding season. The species feeds on detritus, algae, aquatic invertebrates, and crustaceans.

Despite their once broad distribution, these fish currently inhabit a fraction of their historic range due to water diversion and ground water pumping, and from non-native species outcompeting pupfish for food resources and space.

Partners In The Effort

Partners in the effort include Arizona Game and Fish, Mesa Community College — Red Mountain Campus, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Phoenix Zoo and Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center.

To learn more about the Mesa Community College, visit www.mesacc.edu/locations/red-mountain-campus.

To learn more about Game and Fish's native fish recovery efforts, visit www.azgfd.gov/w_c/nongameandendangeredwildlifeprogram/Desert_Pupfish_Gil_a_Topminnow.shtml.



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Another String Of Youth Camps Scheduled

FROM DOUG BURT
HUNTING AND SHOOTING
SPORTS PROGRAM MANAGER
ARIZONA GAME AND
FISH DEPARTMENT

Nov. 21-23 kicks off another string of youth camps! If you're interested in visiting an event to get an idea of what they look like, want to help out – glass, cook, fire tending, etc., or just looking for a road trip with the family during this great weather, here are some great options. Details and contact information are below.

Also, don't forget it's small game season, so take advantage of flushing quail, running rabbits, jumping jackrabbits and ducks on cupped-wings. A good small game hunter makes a great deer hunter.

Nov. 20-23: MDF Unit 42 Junior Deer Hunter's

- Location: Wickenburg, Unit 42 Vul-

ture Peak

- Hosted by: Arizona Mule Deer Foundation, Arizona Game and Fish
- Information: Terry Herndon, therndon@muledeer.org; or Craig Heath, c Heath@azgfd.gov

Nov. 20-23: MDF Unit 18B Junior Deer Hunter's

- Location: Wikieup, S.E. of Kingman, Unit 18B
- Hosted by: Arizona Mule Deer Foundation Kingman Chapter & Youth Outdoors Unlimited
- Information: John Beauchamp, jhn_beauchamp@yahoo.com

Nov. 20-23: MDF Unit 33 Junior Deer Hunter's

- Location: Oracle area near Peppersauce Campground, Unit 33
- Hosted by: Arizona Mule Deer Foundation – Pinal Mountain Chapter

- Information: Steven Naranjo, steven-naranjohunthard@yahoo.com, (520) 705-7020

Nov. 20-23: AZSCI Junior's Deer Hunt Camp

- Location: SW of Tucson, Units 36A & 36B
- Hosted by: Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International
- Information: Bobby Boido, azsci@yahoo.com, (520) 490-8367

Nov. 22-23: Free Family Predator Hunt

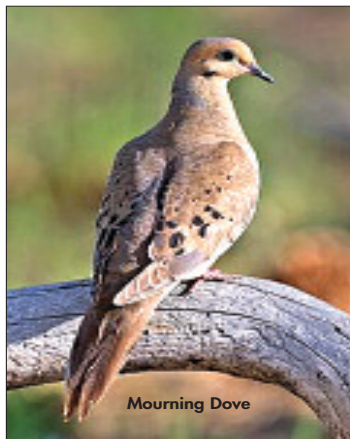
- Location: Double U Ranch near Tombstone, Unit 30B
- Hosted by: Huachuca Gould's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation
- Information: John Millican at 520-508-4272, j2dbmill@msn.com



DEER DRAWING – Deer hunting has been a staple activity for both sustenance and sport by humankind for eons. This is a pre-historic cave painting of a deer in Spain.

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Visit www.azgfd.gov/hahwg to learn more about the Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup



Mourning Dove

Late Dove Hunting Season Is Nov. 21 Through Jan. 4

Amended (corrected) dove regulations are posted online at www.azgfd.gov/dove.

Dove hunters are advised that the printed copies of the 2014-15 Arizona Dove Regulations have a misprint regarding the starting and ending dates of the late dove season (they are off by a day). The correct dates for the late dove season are Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 through Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015.

The amended regulations with the correct dates have been posted on the Arizona Game and Fish Department website at www.azgfd.gov/dove and www.azgfd.gov/hunting_rules.shtml.



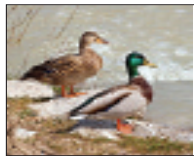
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until Jun. 30, 2015. The bag limit for cottontails is 10, and jackrabbits are unlimited. This should be a good season for both of these desert dwellers, and they can be found in the same areas where you hunt quail around washes, hillsides and open areas, using a shotgun, .22, or bow and arrow if you're up for the challenge.

Duck and goose season (federal duck stamp required) includes two zones, mountain (open until Jan. 11) and desert (open until Jan. 25). Bag limits vary by species, duck populations are at record highs, so this is a good year to try stock tank jumping or hunting for them when you are squirrel hunting. Remember, you need steel (non-toxic) shells for waterfowl. Bring a fishing pole for retrieving downed ducks.

Get out and enjoy the great outdoors and hone your hunting and outdoor skills. Don't forget to email us a picture of your trip or post it on our Facebook page. Happy hunting and be safe.



Galley Proof

Doves Can Be Delicious

Doves and pigeons (squab when you buy them in a store) deserve their own category because they are dark meat birds with very little fat on them. You can use small ducks such as bufflehead or teal with these recipes, but they will often have a layer of fat that a pigeon or dove will not. A sharp-tailed grouse is an excellent alternative, though.

If you harvest your own doves and pigeons, please – please – pluck them and keep them whole. They are the easiest birds to pluck, taking only seconds, once you get the hang of it.

You get in return for your efforts a beautiful presentation and those little legs, which are so very tasty! Remove the wings from a dove (you can throw them into the stockpot, however) and all but the first wing joint on a pigeon (this is the “drumette” piece).

Portions

One dove is a good portion for an appetizer, three to four for a main course. Pigeons are larger, so one pigeon makes a light dinner main course — two is a bit much because the meat is so dense. Squabs are the same as pigeons: one to two per person.

Grilling Doves

Grilling is by far the best way to cook doves. It's the only way to get the skin

crispy without overcooking the breast meat, which should be eaten medium, i.e., still pink. Same goes for young pigeons. Older pigeons are better braised.

Grilled Doves a la Mancha, Spanish Grilled Doves

This is a really easy dish to make, but you do need the bay leaves and fresh sage, and Spanish smoked paprika is important to this dish. Many good supermarkets offer it, and you can also buy it online from Earthy Delights. If you can't find smoked paprika, regular sweet paprika is okay.

Figure on two doves per person for a light lunch or an appetizer, or three to six for a main course. If you don't have access to doves, squab is a great alternative. You could also do this with teal ducks.

Serves 4, and can be scaled up.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 12 doves, or 4 to 8 squab or teal
- Kosher salt
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 12 bay leaves
- 12 to 24 sage leaves
- About 1/4 cup melted bacon fat, butter or duck fat

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in bringing poachers to justice.”

Confidential Contact

Anyone with information about this case, or any wildlife violations, should call the OGT hotline at (800) 352-0700. Poaching and other violations can also be reported online at www.azgfd.gov/thief. The identities of reporting parties will be kept confidential.



All reports regarding the poaching of the yearling pronghorn, whether reported by phone or email, should reference case number 14-003109.



Doves La Mancha

- Spanish smoked paprika
- Freshly ground black pepper

Directions

Coat the doves with olive oil and salt them well. Stuff each cavity with sage and a bay leaf.

Get your grill hot and clean the grates. Set the doves breast side up and cook them over medium-high heat, with the grill cover closed, for 6 minutes.

Open the grill cover and turn the doves over so the top of the breast is wedged between grill grates. Paint the birds with some bacon fat. Let them cook this way for a minute or two, just to get a little color.

Turn the doves on their sides and grill for another minute or two — for each side. Paint with more bacon fat.

Dust with the smoked paprika and the black pepper and move the birds to a platter. Let them rest for 5 minutes. Eat with your fingers and serve with a Rioja red wine, a California Pinot Noir or an Italian Barbaresco — and a bowl to put the bones in.

A simple tomato salad is a good accompaniment, as is a loaf of crusty bread.

More recipes are available at <http://honest-food.net/wild-game/dove-pigeon-recipes/>

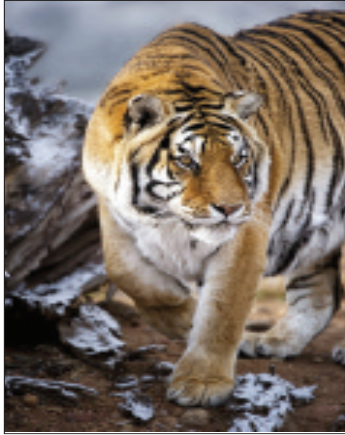


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In Park's Spacious Habitats, Animals Thrive



Siberian Tiger

Out Africa Wildlife Park is dedicated to wildlife and the wild places that sustain all of us. As many of those wild places around the globe are diminishing, we have heeded the call of developing and maintaining this 104-acre animal sanctuary that offers a haven to those who have no home.

Perpetuating this real living and breathing planet we all inhabit with all of its wildlife beauty is something we feel is worth devoting our lives to, and it starts in our own back yard. Building and maintaining natural, spacious habitats allow our animal residents to not just survive, but thrive. And as an added benefit, we get to observe their natural behavior up-close.

Uplifting Connections

As many of the wild places of the planet are disappearing and wildlife reserves and zoos become the last sanctuary for much of the world's wildlife, Out of Africa Wildlife Park offers a place for animals that have no other.

Our wildlife park is working to tip back the scales for animals that have lost so much and have no voice. Through educating the public, Out of Africa Wildlife Park helps to ensure the sustained existence of wildlife species throughout the world.

Discovering an exotic creature in person can be a life-changing event, no longer some cold and virtual image on a computer screen or a page in a text book. When a tiger chuffs at you to say hello, or a giraffe comes within inches of you to snatch a carrot stick, suddenly you begin to experience a connection with the animal in a very personal and meaningful way.

There is a transcendence that occurs, one of being uplifted. You, as so many, may be quickly overcome by their purity and sense of purpose, and even feel oneness with them. Many people bond with a particular animal, as does the animal with them, and that shared experience is repeated on subsequent visits never to be forgotten.

How We Can Help

We owe it to each other and to the majestic creatures with which we share this planet to teach, educate, and inspire generations to come. By supporting Out of Africa Wildlife Park through your attendance and various contributions, you are helping us continue our never-ending efforts in support of conserving nature and its most beautiful inhabitants.

If you're interested in other ways, you can support the park's conservation efforts and help us to sustain the park sanctuary, and sanctuaries and habitats around the world, you may wish to consider the following options:

- Annual Membership – Become a member of our family.
- Adopt an Animal – Become a proud parent of your animal friend.
- Individual Giving – Consider a variety of ways to contribute.

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Stay Alert: Avoid Tragic Vehicle-Wildlife Collisions

As days shorten, more motorists are on the roadway at dawn and dusk.

More people are now on the roads at the time of day when wildlife can be difficult to see: dusk.

The sun is setting and the shadows make many species of wildlife particularly difficult to spot, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department is reminding motorists to use caution when on the roads as the sun begins to set.

"There are more cars on the road when many wildlife are active and the shadows allow them to blend in well to the surroundings," said Zen Mocarski, public information officer for the Game and Fish Region 3 office in Kingman. "This fact means there is an increased chance for collisions with wildlife."

Mocarski explained that vehicle collisions are the number-one killer of wildlife in the nation, accounting for the death of more than one million vertebrate animals

each day. He said many of these collisions are with smaller animals such as rabbits and squirrels, but there's always the potential for larger animals to be along roadsides which can create the possibility of a dangerous collision.

"Accidents with larger animals can be dangerous for anyone in the car," Mocarski stated. "There are some simple things people can do to reduce the possibility of such a collision."

He said drivers need to be focused not only on what lies immediately on the road, but to look for movement along the sides as well. In addition, having your lights on even when there is enough light to see can help because eyes will often reflect eyeshine.

"Trust your instincts," Mocarski said. "If you thought you saw something move near the road, slow down. And, if you hap-

pen to see a deer or elk, do not immediately speed back up because where there is one, there are often others.

"Not all of the collisions are avoidable, but many can be prevented by remaining alert. During the summer most people are on the roads when the sun is shining, but this is the time of year when animals can be more difficult to see."

Mocarski added that any distractions inside the car, such as talking on a cell phone, make it more difficult to react quickly to a potentially dangerous situation.

"Stay focused on what lies ahead," he explained. "You may not only be preventing injuries to wildlife, but also to yourself and anyone else in the car."

Wildlife Photo Contest Winners Announced

Chandler photographer Robert Rinsem's image of a handsome hooded merganser gliding across golden waters has captured the grand prize in this year's Arizona wildlife photo contest, sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The contest, which promotes Arizona's diverse wildlife, attracted more than 700 entries on the theme "Arizona's surprising wildlife." Thirteen winning images have just been published in a full-size 2015 wildlife calendar in the November-December issue of *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazine.

The other 12 winning photographers are

- Gary Michael Flanagan, Gilbert, Ariz.: American avocet
- William Lax, Mesa, Ariz.: fledgling great horned owl
- Bill Love, Apache Junction, Ariz.: desert iguana
- Joshua Esquivel, Sedona, Ariz.: rufous and black-chinned hummingbirds in flight
- Peggy Coleman, Glendale, Ariz.: American coots
- Lisa Langell, Scottsdale, Ariz.: coyote on the run
- Bruce D. Taubert, Glendale, Ariz.: ornate box turtle



- Brian E. Small, Sherman Oaks, Calif.: buff-collared nightjar
- Robert Rinsem, Chandler, Ariz.: herd of pronghorn antelope
- Tom Whetten, Tucson, Ariz.: scaled quail
- Hector Peñuñuri, Gilbert, Ariz.: elk calf
- Henk Ruiters, Glendale, Ariz.: red fox

This year's entries were particularly strong and diverse, so Arizona Game and Fish singled out 42 more images for honorable mention. These are also featured in *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazine. The names of honorable mention photographers are posted on the photo contest's Web page,

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Southern Arizona Bass Lakes Are Often Overlooked

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Even native Arizonans tend to overlook the southern bass lakes when they get the urge to bass fish. The biggest lakes are in the central part of the state and along the Colorado River, and those areas are also quicker and easier to get to for a majority of the population.

For those who live closer to the border, and for those willing to take the time to get there, four smaller more peaceful lakes beckon. Although you could do a drive-by of all four in a single day, each of them is different from the others.

These lakes could fool you into thinking that they are natural lakes, but they are reservoirs. They differ from the big desert reservoirs in more than size — these little lakes are surrounded by trees and have lush areas of vegetation.

You can spot Coues whitetail deer browsing near the shorelines of these lakes, and if you are a birder, make sure you bring your binoculars. There is also excellent hiking near and around most of them.

Arivaca Lake

Arivaca Lake is rarely crowded and has a history of very good bass fishing. At an elevation of 3,750 feet, it is nestled in a hollow surrounded by some of the most beautiful high desert in the state. The shores of Arivaca are solid with big trees and flowering shrubs in summer.

It averages about 80 acres in size, and can get very low in the summer. Renovation has been completed on the boat ramp and facilities at Arivaca Lake, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) says the lake is once again open to vehicular traffic.

The lake is only about four feet down from full right now, and the new ramp is usable. You can launch a big bass boat, but a smaller boat is ideal, since there is a 10 horsepower limit. The Game and Fish says the fishing there is picking up. They had a minor fish kill when the lake first came up because of low oxygen, but it's getting better.

Because of high mercury levels in the warm-water fishes (bass, sunfish, and catfish), the Game and Fish Department recommends that you not eat these species. This means that Arivaca is basically a catch-and-release lake. Since the lake is still low there may not be any overhanging trees, but spinnerbaits and jigs should still work just fine.

There are plenty of open spots around

the lake that you can camp on, and all but the biggest RVs should be able to navigate the roads in successfully. With a really big rig, I would call the Coronado National Forest at (520) 281-2296 and inquire about road conditions.

There are no developed camping sites at Arivaca, no drinking water, and no facilities except for a pit toilet. Bring everything you might need with you, and pack out your trash when you leave.

The shoreline at Arivaca varies from weedy mud banks to rip-rap or bluffs. You can walk around the lake on the well-used paths that circle it, but make sure you wear insect repellent. With a decent selection of plastics and spinnerbaits you'll be sitting pretty at Arivaca. Senko's and 4-inch worms are go-to baits. Color depends on water clarity. If there has been a lot of run-off and the water is dark, use something with a little charetreuse. Otherwise, since bluegill are the main forage, anything with a bit of blue is a good choice.

If we have a good rainy winter, the water will come up fairly quickly. You might want to call the Game and Fish in Tucson at 520-628-5376 to inquire about water levels before you go. Keep in mind that you can't see the whole lake from the ramp area.

To get to Arivaca Lake, take I-19 south and go west at the Arivaca turn-off (exit 48). You'll pass through the town of Arivaca, then follow the signs. The last couple miles after you turn off the Ruby Road are dirt road.

If it has been rainy, take care. There are several washes that cross the road and they can get nasty if they have been running.



Pena Blanca Lake

Keep an eye out and you might see white tails, mule deer, javelina, and other wildlife.

Pena Blanca Lake

Pena Blanca was closed for a while, but it opened three years ago. There was major work done at the lake — it was emptied and the bottom was dredged in an effort to mitigate the mercury problem there. Game and Fish says that the fishing there has been pretty good.

The water came way up in late September after the rains, and the lake was chocolate brown and had a lot of floating debris. It should be much better by now. Drop-shooting is the way to go for bass, and the lake is stocked with trout in the winter.

There are lots of covered tables and picnic areas with a view of the lake. Back in the day, Pena Blanca had a restaurant and hotel that were very popular with hunters and fishermen. Those buildings have been torn down now and everyone is eager to see what, if anything, will be taking their place.

There are very nice campgrounds at

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www.azgfd.gov/photocontest.

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Pena Blanca with plenty of shade trees, concrete tables, grills, and restrooms. This is a lake to keep an eye on. Call Game and Fish at 520-628-5376 for an update on Pena Blanca before you head to southern Arizona.

You can get to Pena Blanca from Ari-vaca by following the Ruby Road for many long dusty miles. Or you can take I-19 down to Highway 289 (Ruby-Nogales Highway) and it is approximately ten paved miles to the lake. Highway 289 is about five miles north of the Mexico border.

Patagonia Lake

Patagonia Lake is a small reservoir about an hour south of Tucson. Formed by damming Sonoita Creek, this beautiful little lake offers good crappie, catfish, and bass fishing. Patagonia is at an elevation of 3750 feet, and the surrounding country is grassy hills and scrub oak and juniper.

Patagonia Lake is the most developed of the four southern Arizona lakes and by far gets the most traffic. The visitor center/entry station is open every day except Christmas, and from November through March it is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gate is open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish are all good, and rainbow trout are stocked in winter. Half of the lake is a no-wake zone, which makes things nice for fishermen. There are two launch ramps at Patagonia. The one nearest the marina is situated at the far end of a little bay on the south side of the lake.

There is a store there, and you can even rent a small boat if you need to. The marina bay narrows down just before it opens back out into the main lake, and an arched foot-bridge has been built across the lake at this point.

As you turn right after passing under the bridge, heading toward the east end of the lake, there is a large shelf underwater just at the turn where the bay opens into the main lake. This is a part of the rock formation that the bridge sits on, and there is a good drop-off about forty feet from shore. This shelf with the drop-off is the perfect



Patagonia Lake

place for a worm fisherman.

A jig and pig will also catch bass on the drop-off by the bridge. Purple and blue seem to be the colors that the Patagonia bass prefer, no matter what time of year it is.

Moving on down the bank on the south shore, you come to the swimming beach. This beach is buoyed off, and you can't fish inside the buoys when people are swimming there. This is a good worming spot and an excellent place to fish a spinnerbait at night.

On the north shore, the banks are cattails and trees, and pitching small purple worms, spinnerbaits, or jigs is the order of the day from April through October. Purple fleck Power Worms are very good for this technique.

Stay out a ways and pitch—the water is very clear. Move it a couple of times and if you don't get bit, pitch to a different spot. They almost always take it on the fall.

One stretch of this reedy bank has a lot of wood sticking out of the water in front of it, and this is an excellent place to throw a spinnerbait. A white one with double silver willow leaf blades is usually good.

As you start to reach the point where you are directly across from the entrance to the marina, the bank changes. Huge boulders form the shore now, and this is one of the best places on Patagonia for big fish. Deeper diving crankbaits are dynamite on this rock, especially first thing in the morning. Spinnerbaits are good here, too.

Still heading west along the north shore, past the big rock bank, you come to another area where the shoreline is covered with cattails. This is a submerged bluff, and the creek channel below is still lined with huge cottonwood trees. The shore runs out rela-

tively flat, then suddenly drops off, and you can see the trees beneath you on your graph. This is a dynamite spot not only for bass, but for crappie.

Just past this tree-filled fish heaven the shore begins to curve north and east into Ash Canyon. This cove is a super area for crappie and bass. The right side of this arm as you are moving in is a little steeper, and the cuts on this side are great crappie spots.

Once you come out of Ash Canyon, you're almost at the end of the lake. This end is the skiing half of Patagonia—the east end is totally no wake. You can catch bass at Patagonia all year long on worms, spinnerbaits and jerkbaits.

Because of mercury content, eating bass at Patagonia is not recommended. But trout are stocked here through March, so if you want to catch some fish for dinner, go for trout.

You can get to Patagonia by taking I-10 east to I-19 at Tucson and going to Nogales. At Nogales, head north on Highway 82 to the lake. A more scenic route is to keep going east on I-10 past I-92 to Highway 83 at Pantano. Turn south here to Sonoita, then catch Highway 82 to the lake.

There is a \$10-\$15 entry fee to Patagonia Lake State Park, and there is no entry from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am. There are 105 developed campsites with a picnic table, a fire-ring/grill, and parking for two vehicles. Campsites are \$17 for non-electric sites (there are only two of these), \$25-\$28 for electric sites, and \$17-\$20 for cabana or boat sites. The sites vary in size but most can accommodate just about any size RV.

The boat-in sites have a picnic table and fire-ring and are accessible by boat only. There is also a store (520-287-5545), marina, restrooms and showers, and picnic ramadas. You can call the park at (520) 287-6965.

Site reservations are available by calling the Reservation Center at (520) 586-2283. You can call seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. There is a \$5 non-refundable reservation fee per site. You may also reserve campsites 24/7 for this park online.

Parker Canyon Lake

At an elevation of 5400 feet, Parker Canyon Lake is surrounded by hills covered with junipers, pines, and flowering shrubs (Parker Canyon is in the Coronado National Forest).

Plenty of good weedbeds and patches of reeds make perfect hiding places for the bass, crappie, trout, catfish and huge sunfish that live in the lake. Parker Canyon holds the state record for green sunfish — 1 pound 9 ounces.

The lake is usually very clear, with weedbeds that run out to about thirty feet from shore. These beds make a distinct weed line where they end, and these weed lines are excellent places to throw worms and jigs for bass. Black, blue, and dark green are good colors to try.

Be prepared for a big bass — the lake record is seven and a half pounds. Spinnerbaits and shallow-running crankbaits worked over the weeds also produce nice bass.

Another lure that produces big bass at Parker Canyon is a Jitterbug. Plastic worms and Senkos fished along weed edges and down the banks work well. You should also try a variety of trout-colored baits.

Parker Canyon is bigger than it looks at first glance — it actually covers about 125 acres. It is vaguely L-shaped and one arm is hidden around the corner from the launch ramp.

The store at Parker Canyon is clean and fresh and runs on solar energy. The rental boats are in great shape. You are not allowed to use a motor over 8 horsepower on the lake, but you can launch a bass boat and use the trolling motor. The ramp is single lane and a bit steep, but it is paved and very serviceable.

This store is open every day except Wednesdays, from March through Oct. During winter months, it is closed Tuesday through Thursdays, and open from 12-5 on Friday and 8-5 Saturday and Sunday.

Shore fishing is very popular at Parker

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The Hall of Flame in Scottsdale/Phoenix, Ariz., has almost an acre of fire-history exhibits with over 90 fully restored pieces of fire apparatus from around the world on display.

Also here is the National Firefighting Hall of Heroes, which honors firefighters who have died in the line of duty or who have been decorated for heroism, and a memorial to the firefighters and other rescue workers lost on 9/11.

In addition, there is a large fire-safety exhibit, which includes a two-room safety house and many hands-on exhibits for children, among them an American LaFrance fire truck to climb aboard and play on.

Fun, memorable educational programs ranging from Storytimes for preschoolers to Junior Firefighting Workshops for grade school students are also offered.

History Of The HOF

George F. Getz, Jr. founded the Hall of Flame in 1961. He organized the National Historical Fire Foundation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to promote the programs of a museum which he named the Hall of Flame.

Mr. Getz began to collect fire apparatus after the Christmas 1955 present of a 1924 American la France fire engine from his wife, Olive Atwater Getz. The couple were fascinated by the rig, and Mr. Getz began to collect apparatus of all types from all over the world.

Mr. Getz died in 1992. His grandson, George F. Getz, was elected to the presidency of the Foundation. Mr. Getz' son Bert, his grandson Bert, and his granddaughter Lynn are also members of the



foundation's board of trustees. The Getz family strongly supports the goals of the Foundation, which are three:

The collection, preservation and exhibit of objects relating to the history of firefighting;

- Fire-safety education; and
- Recognition of firefighters who have died in the line of duty or who have been recognized for acts of heroism.

The Hall Of Flame Moves To Arizona

In 1961 the collection was large enough for exhibit in a small museum in Lake Geneva, Wis., near the Getz summer home. A few years later, the Hall of Flame moved to Kenosha, Wis., where it remained until 1970. In that year, the Getz family moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., and Mr. Getz decided to move the Hall of Flame as well.

In 1974 the Hall of Flame opened its present building in Phoenix's Papago Park, adjacent to the Phoenix Zoo and Phoenix Municipal Stadium.

The Hall has grown from its original single gallery to five exhibit galleries, the

National Firefighting Hall of Heroes, the museum store, a theater, a restoration shop, a collection storage building, and administrative offices.

The Hall's present size is 70,000 square feet, with 35,000 square feet of exhibit galleries. The collection has grown to over 130 wheeled pieces and thousands of smaller artifacts.

The galleries contain a wide variety of exhibits, including fire apparatus, artwork, uniforms and equipment, firemarks, alarm room equipment, and a large fire-safety exhibit, which includes a two-room safety house, a mini-theater, and many hands-on exhibits for children.

In 1998 the museum opened a new gallery titled the National Firefighting Hall of Heroes. In this gallery we honor American firefighters who have received a national award for heroism, and we also recognize American firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

The Hall has a membership of over 400 individuals, fire departments, and companies, who receive a wide variety of benefits in exchange for their membership fees.

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Details

The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting is located at 6101 East Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85008. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5, and Sundays from noon to 4, every day of the year except New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Admission is \$6 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens (62+); \$4 for children 6-17; \$1.50 for children 3-6; free for children under 3.

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The Riden's Story

Judy and Chuck Riden of Tempe have found two beautiful new friends at Lost Our Home: Beemer and Bentley. The Ridens tell their story of filling a void that was created when their dog Teddy passed in October.

"We adopted Teddy from the Mesa Animal Shelter on Dec. 29, 2009. He was nine years old at that time and had also been left by a family that couldn't keep him any longer.

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"We missed him so much and also missed having a companion dog in our home that we contacted "Lost Our Home" right after we first heard about them. That night I looked up their Web site on the computer and the very first dog pictured for adoption was Beemer, who looks just like our Teddy.

"Then, as we read more about Beemer, his blindness, his brother Bentley (he had lived with since birth) and that they would need to be adopted together, we had another decision to make.

"We were pretty sure we wanted to adopt them both, and after our first visit with them, we knew for certain that we wanted them in our home and hearts.

"They are very loving dogs. On the first visit, Bentley ran and jumped right into Chuck's lap and Beemer fell asleep on my lap. We were hooked and we [went] to visit them every day [after that].

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"It was meant to be, an adoption made in Heaven."

Brothers Beemer And Bentley

According to the Ridens, Beemer and Bentley are eight years, five months old, best guess by Lost Our Home. Beemer is the white one that is blind. Bentley is the brother who takes care of Beemer. Bentley obviously has some Airedale in him. He's taller and longer and has a beautiful champagne color coat. The family that had to give them up was very sad to do so last May.

Yes, they are brothers from the same litter, but obviously there was more than one papa. They are not purebred Bichons, yet both are considered Bichons.

For More Information

Lost Our Home Pet Foundation is a non-profit (501(c)3), no-kill rescue and is



Portrait Of Teddy Riden

located at 2323 S. Hardy Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282. They focus on rescues, adoptions, a pet food bank, low-income boarding, a temporary care program, and more.

Contact information includes info@LostOurHome.org, (602) 445-7387, and their Web site www.LostOurHome.org.



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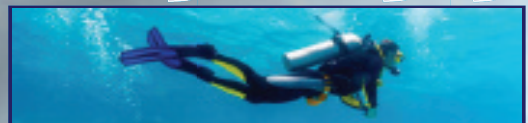
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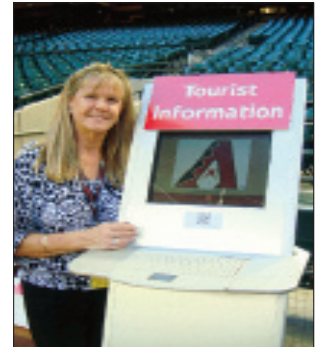
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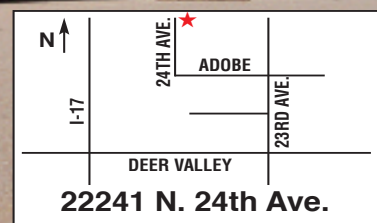
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BOAT PARADES

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Bonfires will be permitted throughout the Channel on the island side beach areas but must be contained in a portable, self-contained fire pit. All ashes must be removed entirely and the area left clean. Absolutely no digging of fire pits in the sand and no dumping of ashes in the water. The area will be patrolled throughout the evening.

There will be great viewing at the Nautical Beachfront Resort (the starting point of the Parade of Lights), Rotary Beach, throughout the Channel on both sides between Rotary Beach and Windsor Beach, the English Village, across the London Bridge, and at any of the restaurants along the Channel. (If you do plan on watching from the Channel restaurants, early reservations are recommended.)

There is no charge to view The 32nd Annual Boat Parade. Plenty of free parking is available at the English Village and in the parking areas on the island near the Channel. Plan to get there early as traffic around the London Bridge can become congested.

More information is available at <http://www.lbycboatparadeoflights.com/>



GRAND PRIZE — The Grand Prize is a luxury cruise package for two aboard one of the incredible sailing ships of Star Clippers. Grand prize will be chosen at random from the pool of participant boats that complete both nights of the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Cruise destination to be announced.

Tempe, Ariz. — “Fantasy of Lights”

The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade is one of several annual winter holiday events hosted by the Mill Avenue District in downtown Tempe.

Where is it?

The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade takes place on Tempe Town Lake in Downtown Tempe.

When is it?

The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade and associated activities take place on Saturday, Dec. 13, starting at 5 p.m. Santa arrives at 6 p.m. and the Boat Parade starts at 7 p.m. The Boat Parade is a rain-or-shine event.

What kind of festivities will there be at

can stay fresh for quite some time if cared for correctly.

Taking Care Of Your Tree

To help keep your tree fresh, cut two inches from the bottom of your tree when you get home and place it in water. Keep your tree watered and in a shady spot until you are ready to move it into the house.

Another helpful hint is to bring an old tarp to wrap your tree. Then, when you drag your tree out of the forest, the tarp protects the tree and helps you avoid breaking branches. The tarp can also help avoid wind damage on the way home.

For more information on Christmas tree permits on the Tonto National Forest, please call the Payson Ranger District at (928) 474-7900.

the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade?

About 50 lighted and decorated watercraft will parade in front of the shores of Tempe Town Lake for the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade. The METRO Light Rail LED installation on the Tempe Town Lake Bridge will provide a special display.

About one hour prior to the start of the boat parade, Santa Claus will make his appearance at Tempe Beach Park. Radio Disney presents live entertainment for families and kids. The fireworks finale will take place following the end of the boat parade. No viewing will be allowed from Mill Avenue bridges.

How much will it cost to get in?

Nothing! Spectators at the Tempe Holiday Boat Parade are admitted free.

Where should I park?

You'll find the most convenient parking at the following locations:

- Hayden Ferry Lakeside Parking Garage – Rio Salado, just east of Mill Avenue
- Hayden Square Garage - 3rd Street between Ash Street & Mill Avenue; located under Hayden Square Condominiums
- City Hall Garage - 5th Street between Mill Avenue and Myrtle
- Centerpoint Surface Lot -5th Street between Ash and Maple

Don't want to pay for parking?

Try METRO Light Rail.

What if I have more questions?

Visit Downtown Tempe online, or for event information call (480) 355-6063.

California

San Diego, Calif. — “Children’s Stories”
The 43rd Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights!

The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is a time-honored holiday tradition brought to San Diego by the boating community. Join us this December for our annual Parade on San Diego Bay, with more than 80 boats lavishly decorated according to a new theme each year.

The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is held two consecutive Sundays each year in December, this year on Sunday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 21.

The Parade starts at 5:30 p.m. and proceeds from Shelter Island past Harbor Island, the Embarcadero, Seaport Village, and Ferry Landing in Coronado.

Whether a participant or spectator, the Parade of Lights is a festive and delightful experience for all! The theme for 2014 is “Children’s Stories.”

For more information, visit <http://www.sdparadeoflights.org/>

TREE PERMITS

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• Trees may be cut until Dec. 24; Trees must be under 10 feet tall; and There are no refunds on Christmas tree permits.

Be Weather-Prepared

Tree cutters are reminded to be prepared for sudden weather changes and colder conditions when in higher elevations. A fun family outing can become miserable and even dangerous with a quick change of weather for the unprepared.

The permits expire on Dec. 25; however, forest officials recommend cutting your tree early in the season before the higher elevations are snow bound. Trees

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doors.

The following donations are always very welcome:

- Paper towels
- Plastic storage bags (quart or gallon)
- Dawn dish soap
- Laundry bleach
- Heavy-duty trash bags (30-33 gallon)
- Tall kitchen trash bags (13 gallon)
- Gift cards to grocery and hardware stores
- Game meat (good quality, not freezer burned)
- Monetary contributions

More Details

The wildlife center is located north of Pinnacle Peak Road just west of I-17 in Phoenix. It is on the same property as the Adobe Mountain School. Officers and volunteers will be giving directions for parking once at the facility.

Admission and parking for the open house are free, and food will be available for purchase.

For more information about the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center, go online to www.azgfd.gov/wildlifecenter or watch a related video at <http://youtu.be/YrIPSYVt-NWQ>.

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