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Sail Into Summer

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We Wish You 'Fair Winds And Following Seas'

'HOW TO USE GPS'

Newest Online Course From BoatUS Foundation, US Power Squadrons

Get more out of your GPS/Chartplotter.

It's an important piece of equipment, able to get boaters safely home, to their favored fishing hole or weekend raft up spot. But, if you've ever wondered about all of the features and functions on your boat's GPS or chartplotter, this is your chance to learn by taking the newest online course from the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water and the United States Power Squadrons, "How to Use GPS."



BOATUS

WHICH WAY TO GO? — The new BoatUS Foundation "How to Use GPS" online course shows the way to get there by getting more out of your chartplotter/GPS.

See **ONLINE COURSE**, Page 15

Are You Interested In Learning How To Sail In Arizona?

People who travel to Phoenix from other locations are surprised that they came to Phoenix to go sailing for the first time.

Go Sail Arizona is one of the many American Sailing Association ("ASA") affiliate schools located around the world teaching people how to sail. The ASA is the preeminent sailing instruction organization in the world. ASA certificate holders can charter boats throughout the world with their certifications.

Go Sail Arizona pays careful attention to

your specific strengths and weaknesses so that when you are on the high seas on your own, you are equipped with the skills to take you where you want to go. Through our sailing program, the ASA will help you learn to sail safely and confidently. ASA Certified Students can go from basic lessons to advanced sailing courses, earning certifications that are recognized around the world.

Go Sail Arizona teaches many of those advanced courses. Go Sail Arizona teaches ASA 101, ASA103, ASA 104 and ASA 105. At your convenience and keeping your schedule carefully in mind, Go Sail Arizona will structure the time you need to correctly complete the requirements for each of these

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LAKE PLEASANT SAILING CLUB

'Sailing, Friendship, And Education' Are What It's About

The Lake Pleasant Sailing Club welcomes sailors of all stripes! We are an active Club based on Lake Pleasant, Ariz., (NW of Phoenix) but the Club also hosts boating events in California, on other Arizona lakes, and on land.

The Club's mission is to promote recreational and social programs, seamanship, and water safety. It encourages and establishes good will between the Club and other yacht clubs and sailing associations. Last, it organizes opportunities for members to take part in all forms of yachting and boating.

In 2012 Lake Pleasant Sailing Club celebrated 35 years of sailing, education and friendship. A host of Club events culminated with a Big Birthday Bash in September, the month the club was founded.

Join us for stress-free, sailing-related adventures with old and new friends! While you may not know the boat, and you may not know the skipper or the crew, when you see this LPSC burgee, you have a friend;

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ARIZONA SAILING FOUNDATION

Learn To Sail Right Here In Arizona!

Yes, it's true. You or your kids can learn to sail right here in the desert. The Arizona Sailing Foundation offers classes set up for fun — with maximum time on the water. A little classroom, a lot of boat. Soon you're scooting across Tempe Town Lake powered by nothing but the wind. What a kick!

ASF is the educational subsidiary of the Arizona Yacht Club, a nonprofit run by AYC members who share their passion

for sailing with others. The classes use our boats and are taught by instructors certified by US Sailing.

ASF Education Programs

- **Junior Sailing** Opti 1 & 2 for beginning sailors as young as eight years old.
- **High School Sailing** — An after-school

See **SAIL ARIZONA**, Page 19

ARIZONA YACHT CLUB

Mike Ferring Brings Us Up To Date

August 12-14 is the annual AYC Campout — with a different venue for 2016.

FROM MIKE FERRING

As you know, things get real slow for the summer.

We'll have our Wednesday night casual races at Lake Pleasant and the summer campout. Following is the campout info, and as for the Wednesday night races, let's try this:



ON THE COVER

Summer Starts With Sailing

Many find it hard to believe that sailing is even available in Arizona, much less that it is so popular. Yes, the Desert Southwest even has sailing clubs, yacht clubs, and many sailing courses and activities — for all ages and skill levels.

So, forget the sand and set your sails this summer!

We thank Ed and Debbie Huntsman for the cover photo of their boat *Bliss* who called Arizona home for many years but now plies the waters on Lake Ponchartrain in Louisiana where Ed is now Boating Safety Program Manager, U.S. Coast Guard 8th District.



DECKER WILLIAMS



AYC KIDS COMPETE IN GAMES

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Boating

'Don't Move A Mussel'

Quagga mussels have recently been discovered at Canyon, Saguaro and Apache lakes in Tonto National Forest/Page 4



Land Cruising

These Sites Draw Over Two Million Visitors

Nearly 2.5 million people visited Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument in 2015/Page 12





We send our sincere thanks to Capt. Dave Esparza and Don McDowell, Coast Guard Auxiliary, for volunteering to pilot the Bartlett Lake Top Deck party boat on June 14. Aboard will be members of the 2016 graduating class who have finished their firefighting course work at Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT). One of the celebrating graduates is our granddaughter Kelsey Haws.

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DOWNSTREAM June 2016 Events Calendar

BOATING

25 YUMA: 6th Annual Territorial River Regatta – on the Colorado River, a family-friendly float down, launches at confluence of Gila & Colorado beginning at 9 a.m., debarkation at West Wetlands Park, 928-343-1715 or 928-276-4803 or <http://www.caballeros.org> or <http://www.territorialriverregatta.com>

11 PARKER: 39th Annual Great Western Tube Float – La Paz County Park, theme is Float-aritaville float 5 miles down the Parker Strip as singles, groups, or teams, an award for the best themed float with a prize of \$500, registration at 7 am, float at 9 am, 928-669-6511 or <http://parkertourism.com> or <http://parkerfun.com>

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

25 FLAGSTAFF: Wildflower Walks – The Arboretum at Flagstaff, a special wildflower walk that will focus on the native species in bloom at this time of year, sign-up upon arrival, 9:30-11:30 am, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

17 PRESCOTT: Evening Forest Walk - Moon Walk – Highlands Center for Natural History, an evening adventure exploring the forest, dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, bring your own water, and a flashlight, 7 pm, <http://highlandscntr.com>

11 FLAGSTAFF: 2nd Annual Flagstaff Extreme Big Pine Trail Runs – Fort Tuthill, trail ranges from narrow single track to wide



ROLL CALL, MAY 15, 2016

We honor and remember this Chandler, Ariz., resident soldier (Army Airborne Infantry), Brendan Patrick Danaher ("Yogurt"), 33 years old, who passed on May 11, 2016. We offer our condolences, thoughts and prayers to Brendan's wife Emily, his family and battle buddies with whom he served. (The tragic story of his death is told in full on www.westernoutdoortimes.com.)

well-maintained forest paths, well graded for beginners while allowing the more experienced runner to stretch their legs and gun for a fast time while still maintaining the challenge of being at a higher elevation, designed as a multi-loop race with the 54 km doing 4 full circuits (27 Km = 2 loops / 13 Km = 1 loop), <http://www.aravaiparunning.com/big-pine/>

8-11 PAYSON: Arizona High School Rodeo Finals – Payson Event Center, <http://www.ahsra.com/statefinals.html>

PROTECT-A-PARK: Ongoing – Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and coves for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

4 YARNELL: 3rd Annual Memorial Fun Run and Walk to honor the Granite Mountain Hotshots – a 5K, 10K, and 19K event, which will be held in honor and memory of the Granite Mountain Hot Shot crew who perished on June 30, 2013 in the Yarnell Hill Fire, <http://www.yarnellfire.com> or <http://yarnellmemorialrun.com>

FISHING

19 PINETOP-LAKESIDE: 29th Annual Father's Day Fishing Contest – Woodland Lake Park, registration begins at 10 am, prizes, trophies, hot dogs, sponsored by VFW 2364 and Ladies Auxiliary, 928-367-4290 or <http://www.pinetoplakesideaz.gov/>

4 FT. APACHE: Kids Fishing Derby hosted by the White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Department – Arizona State Route 260, Milepost 372, Bog Tank stocked with trout, small fishing tanks with supplied fishing poles and bait available for kids 6 and under, free food and drinks for everyone, prizes for largest fish caught in different age categories, bring your fishing pole and bait. Free. Registration at 7:30 a.m. derby at 8 am, ends at noon, 928-338-4385 or <http://www.wmatoutdoors.org>

SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS: Ongoing – Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

SHOOTING SPORTS/ ARCHERY

BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Ongoing – Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

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, Curacao, 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 18 PAYSON: 10th Annual Payson Sprint Triathlon – Rumsey Park, Taylor Pool, a 500-yard swim, 14-mile bike ride, and 5K run, 175 finishers will receive a participation medal, for ages 15 and up only, check in at 5:45 am, <http://www.paysonrimcountry.com>

4-5 SHOW LOW: 13th Annual Deuces Wild Triathlon Festival – Fool Hollow Lake, includes Long Course, Olympic and XTERRA triathlon and Youth triathlon: **Olympic swim 1500 meters**, bike 24.9 miles and run 6.2 miles; **Deuces Long Man is swim 1.2 miles**, bike 56 miles, run 13.1 miles; **kids race is swim 50 yds**, bike 1.2 mi, run .55 or **swim 200 yd**, bike 2.75 mi run 1 mi, proceeds go to charity, USAI sanctioned, <http://www.deuceswildtriathlon.com/> or <http://www.trisportsracing.com/>

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

2, 25 SIERRA VISTA: Hummingbird Banding Session – San Pedro House, 10 species of hummingbirds use San Pedro River as a freeway between tropical winter retreats and northern nesting grounds, enjoy a fascinating and close up look at these tiny travelers as staff and volunteers from the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory capture, band, measure, and release them as part of a long-term study of the bird life of this internationally important migration route, 4 pm, <http://SierraVistaAZ.gov>

30 SIERRA VISTA: Nature Walk – Ramsey Canyon Preserve, 9 am, <http://SierraVistaAZ.gov>

26 SIERRA VISTA: Guided Bird Walk – Environmental Operations Park, 7 am, <http://SierraVistaAZ.gov>

25 SIERRA VISTA: Guided River Walk – San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, 8 am, <http://SierraVistaAZ.gov>

25 PINETOP-LAKESIDE: 5th Annual Audubon Film Festival – White Mountain Wildlife & Nature Center, locally produced movies and presentations, as well as live wildlife, 928-358-3069 or <http://www.wm-nature.org> or <http://www.whitemountain-audubon.org>



20 PRESCOTT: Zoo by Moonlight – Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, bring a flashlight and see the nocturnal residents, \$5, 8 pm, 928-778-4242 ext. 16 or <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

18 SIERRA VISTA: Guided Bird Walk – San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area 7 am, <http://SierraVistaAZ.gov> (See Guided River Walk above.)

16 SIERRA VISTA: Nature Walk – Ramsey Canyon Preserve \$6, children under 16 free, 9 am, <http://SierraVistaAZ.gov> (See Nature Walk above on 6/30)

13-19 TSAILE: 20th Annual Sheep is Life Celebration – Diné College, a gathering for those who love sheep, wool, fiber arts and the diverse cultures that have maintained these lifeways for thousands of years, register for 1- to 5-day fiber arts and culture workshops, Mon - Fri, taught by Diné (Navajo) master artists in the beautiful Chuska Mountains of the Navajo Nation, free public events on Fri-Sat include hands-on activities, youth programs, sheep camp, fireside discussions, exhibits, demonstrations, and juried sheep and wool shows, 505-406-7428 or <http://www.navajolifefway.org>

11 SUPERIOR: Learn Your Lizards – Boyce Thompson Arboretum, desert educator "Wild Man Phil" Rakoci and Arizona Audubon's Steven Prager guide a walking tour in search of Ornate Tree Lizard and Western Whiptrails, Desert Spiny and Side-blotched Lizards. Bring a camera for close-up pictures of these colorful little reptiles, \$5-10, 8 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: <http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html>

RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing – Heather L. Weaver: www.azanimassistance.com

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 tenth (10th) 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

Our waterways are ready, but are YOU? Brush up on your boating skills by taking one of the many Boating Safety Education classes or take one online at www.azgfd.gov/boating.

June 2016				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 11 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 11 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Page Public Safety Facility 808 Coppermine Road Page	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 18 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 18 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility – Green Building 2176 McCulloch Blvd., Suite 8 Lake Haasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	June 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 374-7312
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 19 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Arizona Game and Fish Region 5 555 N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(623) 236-7219

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Arizona Game & Fish Department	July 23 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Arizona Game and Fish Region 5 555 N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(623) 236-7219

Preparing for Boating Emergencies

A safe boater knows how to prevent and respond to boating emergencies.

To prevent from falling overboard:

- Don't sit on the gunwale, bow, seatbacks, motor cover or any other area not designed for seating.
- Don't sit on pedestal seats when underway at greater than idle speed.
- Don't stand up in or lean out from a boat.
- Don't move about the boat when underway.

If someone on your boat falls overboard:

- Reduce speed and toss the victim a throwable personal flotation device (PFD).
- Have other passengers watch the victim.
- Turn your boat around and slowly pull alongside the victim, approaching the victim from downwind or into the current, whichever is stronger.
- Turn off the engine. Pull the victim on board over the stern, keeping the weight in the boat balanced.

Know the Rules: Learn to identify "Navi-Aids"



Arizona law enforcement agencies write many citations for "failure to obey navigation laws." You can help ensure the safety of all on the water by learning to identify these common navigational aids.



Information

Squares indicate where to find food, supplies, repairs, etc. and give directions and other information.

Controlled

Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed limit, no fishing or anchoring, ski only or no skiing, or "slow, no wake."



Exclusion

Crossed diamonds indicate areas off-limits to all vessels such as swimming areas, dams, and spillways.



Danger

Diamonds warn of dangers such as rocks, shoals, construction, dams, or stumps. Always proceed with caution.

Other Non-Lateral Markers

Safe Water Markers are white with red vertical stripes and mark mid-channels or fairways. They may be passed on either side.



Inland Water Obstruction Markers are white with black vertical stripes and indicate an obstruction to navigation. You should not pass between these buoys and nearest shore.

Mooring Buoy

Mooring Buoys are round and white with a blue horizontal band and are found in marinas and other areas where vessels are allowed to anchor.

Note, the following actions are illegal:

- ◆ Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigation buoy not intended for mooring
- ◆ Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters.

Online Registration Renewal

The Game and Fish online watercraft registration system allows you to renew your registration and have immediate use of your watercraft. Visit: <https://www.azgfd.com/Boating/Registration>. You can also renew your registration by mail or in person at any Game and Fish office.



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Boat Fire Extinguishers: Four Myths From The BoatUS Foundation

Every spring, the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water receives questions from boaters about fire extinguishers. To help set the record straight, here are four fire-extinguisher myths debunked:

• **Myth #1:** Tapping or striking the extinguisher keeps the contents “fresh”.

Reality: Leave the mallet at home. Unlike days of old, today’s modern fire extinguishers don’t use chemicals that cake, get hard, or need to be broken up. Whacking it with a mallet or hammer could compromise the extinguisher’s ability to put out a fire.

• **Myth #2:** All extinguishers must be mounted with a bracket.

Reality: Mounting a fire extinguisher on a bracket keeps the unit in a handy place and may protect it from being banged around the boat, but it is not a legal requirement. You do, however, need to ensure the extinguisher is readily accessible, so leaving it at the bottom of locker or compartment is a big no-no.

• **Myth #3:** Fire extinguishers get old and go “bad” every year.

Reality: Unlike flares, fire extin-



LOOK CLOSELY — Is this fire extinguisher ready to put out a fire and does it meet US Coast Guard requirements?

guishers have no expiration date. To meet US Coast Guard carriage requirements however, the extinguisher must be Coast Guard approved and in “good and serviceable” condition. The charge indicator needs to be in the green zone, the nozzle free of obstruction and the cylinder not rusted.

• **Myth #4:** The law says you only

See **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**, Page 6

Quagga-Affected Waters Grow AZGFD identifies Apache, Saguaro, Canyon lakes.

Conclusive evidence of quagga mussels has recently been discovered at Canyon, Saguaro and Apache lakes, major recreational waters on the Tonto National Forest. The Arizona Game and Fish Department listed these lakes as AIS-affected waters under AIS Directors Orders #2 at the beginning of May.

There is not an infestation of quaggas at Apache, Saguaro or Canyon. Yet there is genetic and visual evidence in all these waters of the invasive quaggas that colonize rapidly on hard surfaces and can ruin recreational watercraft motors, alter water quality for aquatic wildlife, and clog water intake structures such as pipes and screens, thereby impacting pumping capabilities for power and water-treatment plants.

Eight of the 12 major reservoirs in Arizona (Powell, Mead, Mojave, Havasu, Apache, Canyon, Saguaro and Pleasant) are listed as quagga-affected waters. The other major reservoirs — Roosevelt, Bartlett, Alamo and Horseshoe — are not impacted by quagga mussels, but require AZGFD’s increased protection.

“By law, boaters and anglers must pull their drainage plugs before transporting a watercraft from these listed waters,” said Tom McMahon, AZGFD aquatic invasive species program coordinator, “but it makes sense to simply pull their drainage plugs, and leave them out, anytime they are transporting watercraft in and through Arizona.”

In addition, inspect your boat and ensure it is completely dried before launching into any state waters. This is where the need to “Clean, Drain and Dry” is vital.

Under Arizona law, boaters and all



Quagga Mussels

recreationists who take watercraft and other equipment out of waters designated as having aquatic invasive species must use the following steps when leaving that listed water:

Clean. Clean/remove any clinging material such as plants, animals and mud from the anchor, boat, motor, hull, trailer, etc.

Drain. Remove all water drainage plugs (and keep them out during transport). Drain the water from the bilge, livewell and any other compartments that could hold water. Drain the water from the engine and engine cooling system(s). You can do this by lowering the outboard, while on the ramp, until the water is removed.

Dry. Ensure the watercraft, vehicle, equipment, or conveyance is allowed to dry completely before placing in water in Arizona. Leaving your plugs out during transport will assist in ventilating and speeding the drying time of those difficult-to-dry areas of your boat.

If you are in need of decontaminating your moored boat before transporting from an AIS-affected water, please contact AZGFD at (623) 236-7608.

See more information on quagga mussels and other aquatic invasives, including the Director’s Orders lists of aquatic invasive species, waters, and statewide decontamination protocols.

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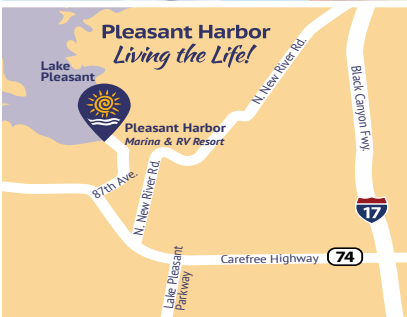
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Maritime Museum Plans Some Summer Specials

BRATS AND BEER ON THE BAY

‘Sail-A-Brate’ Father’s Day On *Californian*

The Maritime Museum of San Diego invites you to the Father’s Day celebration aboard the 145’ schooner *Californian*

on Sunday, June 18 and 19. The sail begins with a souvenir photo of all in your party, which will be ready for pickup when you return.

Each adult receives a delicious bratwurst sandwich, chips and a cold beer prior to sailing. Hot-dogs and soft drinks are available for the kids.

Photos will be taken from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and the three-hour sailing trip will begin boarding at 11:30 a.m. and



returns at 3:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to enjoy the museum before and after the sail. Tickets are \$65 per adult and \$40 for children 12 & under.



JULY 4TH PICNIC DINNER

View Fantastic Fireworks From The Museum

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Tackle & Target



Step Up Your Shooting Game

BY JOHN ANDERSON

Even if you bought a pistol purely for self-defense purposes, you need to practice with it often. For one thing, you need to develop muscle memory. Muscle memory comes after you've done a movement so often that you can totally zone out and your body still performs the movement flawlessly.

With guns, safety should always be your very first priority, and becoming completely familiar and competent with your pistol is one of the keys to staying safe. Of course, you don't want to get so familiar that you start to get slack with your gun. I've been around guns almost my whole life, and yet I never relax my guard around them.

The Four Rules Of Guns

The four rules of guns should be up-most in your mind every single time you touch a firearm or are even around them. In case you need a refresher, here they are:

- ✦ All guns are always loaded. Treat them that way.
- ✦ *Never* point a gun at anything you aren't willing to destroy.
- ✦ Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you've made the decision to shoot.
- ✦ Know your target *and what is beyond it*.

Take A Class

One of the best ways to get to be a better and safer shooter is to take a class. Margie and I and our son David have taken several classes now at Shooters World, including Defensive Pistol 1 and Defen-



John Anderson is shown at Defensive Pistol 2 class, combining positions and shooting from cover.



The different stations each involve different shooting scenarios, and they all look like fun!



John Anderson is pictured shooting steel targets while on the move. Note that the instructor is right there to keep everyone safe at all times.



Jay Webb, shown here shooting, kindly took time out from his match to show us around and explain things. The people at Cactus Combat were all great. We learned that hitting the white part of the target gets you a penalty.



At this station the shooter would start from behind the screen, move left and shoot those targets down, then move right and shoot down the ones on the right. They are steel targets that fall over when you hit them. Major rule: no one except the guy who is going to be doing the shooting has a loaded gun.



Being able to shoot from different positions and from behind things is a distinct advantage over a simple visit to the pistol range. Taking a class is a great way to become a better shooter.

Defensive Pistol 1

In our Defensive Pistol 1 class we stayed at the indoor range at Shooters World. This isn't usually how it works, but for some reason the Ben Avery range wasn't available. It was still awesome.

Some of the things we learned are things that are always going to come in handy when you're shooting — like clearing a malfunction, reloading, proper sighting, trigger pull, stance, etc. They also put us under a bit of pressure by using a timer on us. This isn't like the pressure you would be under if you were a police officer facing an armed suspect, but even the small amount of tension the timer created was enough to make most of us screw up a little here and there — miss the target, have a bad grip — things like that. It really lets you know how important muscle memory is.

Defensive Pistol 2

Defensive Pistol 2 was held at Ben Avery in one of the Practical Pistol ranges and it was an absolute blast. We learned tactical vs. administrative reloading and we got to practice reloading while walking forward, backward, and sideways, shooting at steel targets the whole time.

We also practiced shooting from cover and even learned how to do a one-handed reload with our weak arm. Let me tell you, shooting while moving and reload-

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sive Pistol 2. Why is a class so great? For one thing, your instructors will keep your mind on safety at all times. They will drill safety into your head like a mantra, and that's a very good thing. Also, shooting classes are just plain fun.

When you go shooting at a range, you are limited to standing in the same spot and shooting at paper targets. You can move the targets closer or farther away, but that's about it. There are some steel target ranges, but you are still limited for the most part to being stationary yourself and having stationary targets as well.



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It's Time To Head To Powell For The 'Spring Fling'

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
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Fishing success has been great despite early mid-May's lingering cold and winds. The good news now is that morning water temperatures now exceed 60 degrees, which opens up opportunities for the second round of bass spawning, continuing gizzard shad spawning which will soon be followed by threadfin shad spawning. More forage is on the way for the many predators in Lake Powell.

All Fish Are Hungry

For this week, all fish are hungry and warming temperatures only increase the desire for food and protective instincts for those in spawning mode. In short, the spring fishing peak for 2016 is now. A brief look back in time reminds us that the past two years have been strong shad years which led to high fish production and survival.

Smallmouth bass and stripers are at a peak in numbers, largemouth bass and crappie are maintaining and walleye are reaching a new population peak. There are a lot of fish and many more opportunities for anglers. Here is the rundown on fishing opportunities.

Smallmouth Bass

Smallmouth Bass are in spawning and protection mode. Nests are very close to shore. Look for bass in the shallow coves beginning at the first primary point, and then on smaller secondary points and finally all the way in the back of each cove. Males are shallow and larger females will be in the same vicinity but in deeper water.

Search for bays and coves rather than steep cliff walls. There are a surprising number of bass on gentle sloping sandstone points extending well into the lake or sandstone reefs in open water. It is likely that the sun warms these spots and attracts all fish looking for warmer water.

The clear water in most of the lake allows you to see fish in shallow water that is 10-15 feet deep. The highest concentrations of smallmouth beds will be on the north shore, with southern exposure. These are the warmest spots and are presently very attractive to warm-water fish.

The most popular fishing techniques include casting Yamamoto grubs in watermelon color on 1/4 ounce lead head jigs; using shad shaped worms on dropshot rigs. KVD minnows and Zoom worms



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POWELL'S 'SPRING FLING' — Ron Flewellen and son had a great time catching stripers near Glen Canyon Dam. Bait fishing continues to work well for stripers. Bass and walleye fishing also excels - using just about any fishing technique during the best time to fish Lake Powell - in the spring.

are working well. Pounding the shoreline with shallow running jerk baits works just as well.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouth bass are found right alongside the smallmouth. Some coves will be smallmouth sanctuaries while largemouth will be found more often in others. Both were found guarding beds in May.

Striped Bass

Striped bass are found from the shallows to the depths. Bait fishing is the most popular and productive catching method in deep water. The same spots are still producing in the southern lake: the dam, Buoy 3, Power Plant Intake, Navajo Canyon points. In the north, bait fishing is getting more consistent at Moki Canyon, Halls Creek wall, and Lake Canyon mouth.

Look for other anglers catching fish along the main channel walls and join them. More bait in the water usually means that more fish will be caught by all who are fishing.

Another Group Of Stripers

Another faction of stripers can be visually seen swimming over the slick rock points and islands in the large bays. These are generally juvenile stripers that are following plankton concentrations. They feed slowly and continually on the tiny food items, eating over 500 indi-

vidual plankters each day. In past weeks these fish have ignored trolling or casting lures as they focused on plankton.

As the water warms, they are more likely to hit a small jerk bait or spoon. We had good luck recently with Ghost colored Lucky Craft 78SP Pointers and blue and silver small War Eagle Spoons. At the right time and place, the sight-fishing striper catch was "amazing". Look for warming spots (north shore, with southern exposure) where plankton is thick and shallow running small stripers are seen just by looking in the water.

Stripers can also be caught trolling in stained water in the backs of canyons where runoff is flowing. Storm Thundersticks worked well on the San Juan in the murky Great bend. The San Juan and Escalante are the best spots to try right now with a wide variety of fish being caught in big numbers.

Walleye

Walleye fishing is peaking from Padre Bay to the Colorado River. They can be caught on a wide variety of methods. Slow trolled bottom bouncers dragging a worm harness is very popular and effective. Trolling Wally Divers and other "banana lures" along the lake shore in 12-15 of water is equally effective. Casting plastic grubs for bass often results in a surprise walleye.

Tipping the bass grub with a one inch piece of night crawler eliminates the surprise factor and tips the scale from bass fishing to walleye fishing. Whatever the technique walleye are the go-to fish for the next three weeks particularly from Bullfrog north.

Walleye were caught very effectively at Warm Springs, Cedar, Knowles, Forgotten and Crystal canyons near Bullfrog. Trolling around the island outside Hall's Creek also produced along with the fingers and drop offs that are across the main channel from Hall's Marina along the western edge of Bullfrog Bay.

In Summary

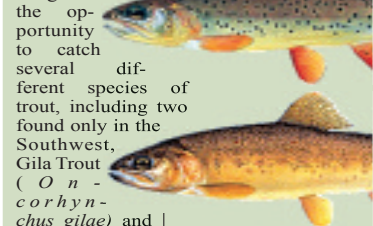
In summary, if you like to catch fish, it's time to head to Lake Powell for the "Spring Fling"! And, keep my motto in mind: "Quality of life is measured by amount of time spent fishing."

At press time, lake elevation was 3,593, and water temperature was 60-66F.

TROUT CHALLENGE

AZGFD Hopes To 'Hook' Anglers With This Program

Arizona's Trout Challenge Program was developed to encourage anglers to learn more about fishing opportunities in the state. Arizona Game and Fish Department manages many waters statewide to provide anglers the opportunity to catch several different species of trout, including two found only in the Southwest, Gila Trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*) and Apache Trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*).



Apache Trout, top and Gila Trout

There are two ways for anglers to complete the Challenge —

1. Catch all five species of wild trout in Arizona. These species include Gila, Apache, Brown, Brook, and Rainbow trout.
2. Catch six of the eight total species in Arizona (including hatchery-raised trout): Gila, Apache, Brown, Brook, Rainbow, Grayling, Cutthroat, and Tiger trout.

Application Form

Complete and then send the application that is on this Web site (<https://www.azgfd.com/Fishing/TroutChallenge>) and photos to —

Arizona Game and Fish Department
 Fisheries Branch, Native Trout Program
 5000 W. Carefree Highway
 Phoenix, AZ 85086

Rules For The Challenge

Anglers must submit a completed application with species, location caught, and date caught.

Anglers must submit photographs of each species caught.

Fish must be caught legally in Arizona waters.

Anglers will only be eligible to complete each Challenge once.

After completing one Challenge, in order to be eligible for the second Challenge, all fish submitted must be from different waters.

Waters not listed for a given species will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The program committee reserves the right to accept or deny any application

Wild Trout Challenge

The Arizona Wild Trout Challenge highlights unique fisheries in Arizona that offer anglers the chance to pursue wild trout. Many of these fisheries are managed by Arizona Game and Fish Department either through special regulations (i.e., Catch-and-Release, Limited Harvest) or habitat-improvement projects aimed at increasing natural reproduction in these populations.

This Challenge also highlights the opportunity to fish for native Gila and Apache trout in Arizona. Both of these species are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, but thanks to conservation efforts led by Arizona Game and Fish, are currently open to angling. As recovery efforts for each of these species progress, additional waters will be added to the list of locations where anglers can catch some of the rarest trout

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Watch What The Future Holds: 'The End Of The World As We Know It'

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 Op/Ed

May 22, 2036

The annual hunting season, long declared to be barbaric by the social media watchdogs, was officially cancelled today by the Arizona Species Specialists, a group of environmentally sensitive and morally conscious individuals who report to the chair of the Prohibited Actions On Public Lands Committee.

While the demise of the hunting practice has long been predicted, today's announcement came as a mild surprise to those who had hoped that the recreational activity might hold on for a few more years. The following is a re-cap of events that precipitated the announcement.



RAMESH THADANI

We Should Have Seen It Coming In 2016

In 2016, then President Obama declared over 1.7 million acres of the Grand Canyon area to be declared a National Monument. Not satisfied with the restrictions imposed on land use by the monument designation, members of the Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife filed suit in federal court in 2017 to have access denied to all but bird watchers, sightseers and certain government officials. Their claims of "Monument Degradation" was the first step in the cornerstone of limited access to public lands.

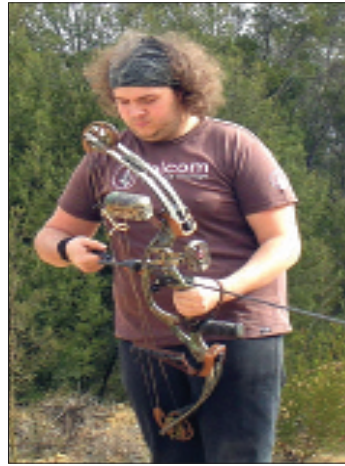


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In 2018

In 2018, the Horses Forever group filed suit in federal court to have more open spaces for the Wild Horse and Burro Act. The judge, upon hearing that no one could prove that the horses were not long lost descendants of the Spanish Conquistadors, found in favor of the Horses Forever group and declared that the whole of Arizona and Nevada that was not within designated city limits be declared open range for horses and burros.

The decision was challenged in court by the then Arizona Game & Fish Department but ultimately the Supreme Court found in favor of the plaintiffs and virtually all of Arizona and Nevada became refuge land for wild horses and burros.



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In 2022

In 2022, with water in extremely short supply, the President of the United States declared that while Congress had debated for years, he was declaring a state of emergency for the entire Southwest. The states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California were placed on population-reduction quotas that mandated within a five (5)-year time frame, the populations needed to be reduced by more than 20 percent.

The general consensus at the time was that sustainability graphs proved the entire Southwest could not survive without population reduction. Included in the population counts were all people and animals that weighed over 100 pounds. The carrying capacity index that the government installed in 2020 showed that the Wild horse and Burro Act took precedence over most other wildlife and particularly non-essential wildlife such as deer and elk.

With the enforcement of the Endangered Species Act regarding Mexican gray wolves and Northern gray wolves, fawn and calf survival rates plummeted for what had been large herds of deer and elk.

In 2024

In 2024, the "Year of the Drought", wildlife other than horses and burros, were effectively removed from all federal lands by federal sharpshooters. These were the same sharpshooters that culled over 500 head of bison/buffalo in 2017 from the Grand Canyon National Park. Senate and Congressional inquiries on how every single bison/buffalo had been culled have been ongoing for over 15 years.

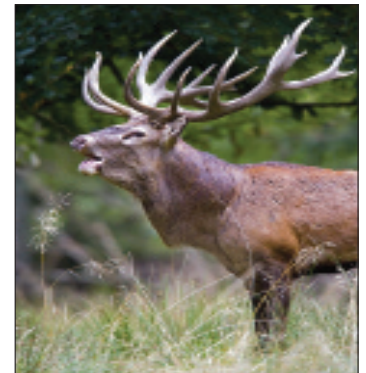
The sharpshooters were able to lethally cull over 20,000 deer and elk within a single year. It had been determined in that same year that all hunting of predators was illegal and they were needed to remove what few animals remained in the wild on federal lands.



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BILL EBBESON

In 2025

In 2025, The Center for Biological Diversity filed a massive lawsuit against the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. They had discovered that cell anomalies within snakes, lizards and certain plants meant that every individual snake, lizard and plant within a 200 mile radius of

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PEREGRINE CHICK

Weak Legs Required Splints

At press time, we at AZBW/WOT are hoping for a good outcome.

After more than 30 days of anticipation by viewers around the world, the first of downtown Phoenix's peregrine falcon eggs was welcomed on Mother's Day after hatching at 7 p.m. that Sunday. However, at press time, the news had become guarded.

A peregrine falcon chick hatched in a nest box on a downtown high-rise was seen struggling, causing the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) to take action. The wild peregrine chick, whose hatching was captured by a dedicated web-video camera, was having difficulty using its legs, causing it to fall and flail its wings.

AZGFD turned off the video feed, and while the peregrine parents were away, removed the chick from the nest box for examination. The chick was taken to the Phoenix Dog/Cat/Bird Hospital, where veterinary staff donated their services and took x-rays to reveal any physical problems.

The bird was in acceptable health, but had splayed legs, which made it difficult for it to stand or move normally. Small splints were fitted to the bird's legs to rec-

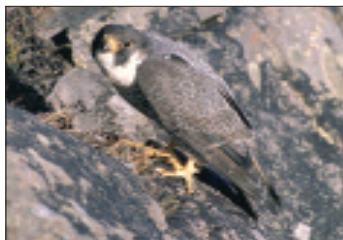
tify the problem before it was placed back in the nest.

Arizona Game and Fish biologists will continue to monitor the nest-cam and evaluate the chick's progress over the next several days. Estimates are that, if all goes well, the chick's splints may be removed after a week.

"While we are guardedly optimistic about the chick's chances, despite our best efforts and hopes, sometimes nature has other plans," said Babb. "It's important to note that this chick is not out of the woods yet."

The peregrine web-camera is part of AZGFD's Wildlife Viewing program, which encourages Arizonans to learn more about the wonders of wildlife. An account (<https://donation.azgfd.gov/donation>) has been set up to help defray the costs of the department's web-cameras.

Peregrine falcons have been nesting in the downtown Phoenix area for more than a decade. Maricopa County partnered with the department and is allowing biologists to monitor the birds and access the nest site when necessary.



Peregrine Falcon Adult

More On Peregrine Falcons

Peregrine falcons are one of the world's most widespread raptors and are found on nearly every continent. The species nearly went extinct in North America from pesticide poisoning, but thanks to recovery efforts, the species was removed from the U.S.'s Endangered Species Act in 1999.

Peregrines feed almost exclusively on medium-sized birds such as pigeons and doves, which are plentiful in urban areas.

The peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) is a cosmopolitan bird of prey in the family Falconidae. It can also be known just as the peregrine, and was once called the "Duck hawk" in North America.

The peregrin is a crow-sized falcon, with a blue-grey back, barred white under-



Peregrine Falcon Chick

parts, and a black head and "moustache". It can go at up to 200 mph in a dive, which means it is the fastest animal in the world.

As with other bird-eating raptors, the female is bigger than the male. There are 17-19 subspecies recorded, and each varies slightly in appearance and where they live.

The use of certain pesticides, especially DDT was not good for the birds. It could be shown that in areas where DDT was used, the thickness of the shells of their eggs was reduced. This caused a dramatic decline in their numbers, in certain countries.

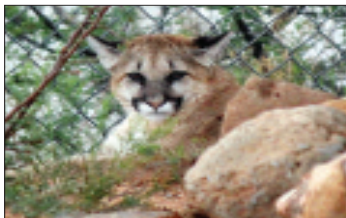
Since the use of DDT has been forbidden in many countries, their numbers are increasing. This recovery was helped because their nesting places were protected in many countries; some also bred these falcons in captivity and released them into the wild.

Mountain Lion Cub Gets New Home

From AZGFD, Out Of Africa Wildlife Park

An orphaned mountain lion cub rescued by Arizona Game & Fish now has a new home at Out of Africa Wildlife Park. The mountain lion cub that was rescued near Sells, Ariz., has recovered and was transported to its new permanent home.

On April 29, Chairman Edward Manual, of the Tohono O'odham Nation, signed a letter permitting the transfer of the young mountain lion from its temporary home at Adobe Mountain Wildlife Facility to Out of Africa Wildlife Park in Camp Verde, Ariz.



Mountain Lion Cub

lid of the subfamily Felinae native to the Americas. Its range, from the Canadian Yukon to the southern Andes of South America, is the greatest of any large wild terrestrial mammal in the Western Hemisphere.

An adaptable, generalist species, the cougar is found in most American habitat types. It is the second-heaviest cat in the New World, after the jaguar. Secretive and largely solitary by nature, the cougar is properly considered both nocturnal and crepuscular, although sightings during daylight hours do occur.

Closely Related To Smaller Cats

The cougar is more closely related to smaller felines, including the domestic cat (subfamily Felinae), than to any species of subfamily Pantherinae, of which only the jaguar is native to the Americas.

Diet And Habitat Preferences

The mountain lion/cougar is an ambush predator and pursues a wide variety of prey. Primary food sources are ungulates, particularly deer, but also livestock. It also hunts species as small as insects and rodents. This cat prefers habitats with dense underbrush and rocky areas for stalking, but can also live in open areas.

The cougar is territorial and survives at low-population densities. Individual territory sizes depend on terrain, vegetation, and abundance of prey. While large, it is not always the apex predator in its

range, yielding to the jaguar, gray wolf, American black bear, and grizzly bear. It is reclusive and mostly avoids people. Fatal attacks on humans are rare, but in North America have been increasing in recent years as more people enter their territories.

Where They Are

Prolific hunting following European colonization of the Americas and the ongoing human development of cougar habitat has caused populations to drop in most parts of its historical range. In particular, the cougar was extirpated in eastern North America in the beginning of the 20th century, except for an isolated Florida panther subpopulation.

Breeding populations have moved east into the far western parts of the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Transient males have been verified in Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and Illinois, where a cougar was shot in the city limits of Chicago and, in at least one instance, observed as far east as coastal Connecticut. Reports of eastern cougars still surface, although it was declared extirpated in 2011.

Cougar/Mountain Lion Cubs

Only females are involved in parenting. Female cougars are fiercely protective of their cubs, and have been seen to successfully fight off animals as large as grizzly bears in their defense. Litter size is between one and six cubs; typically two. Caves and other alcoves that offer protection are used as litter dens.

Born blind, cubs are completely dependent on their mother at first, and begin to be weaned at around three months of age. As they grow, they begin to go out on forays with their mother, first visiting kill sites, and after six months beginning to hunt small prey on their own. Kitten survival rates are just over one per litter. When cougars are born, they have spots, but they lose them as they grow, and by



Mountain Lion Adult

the age of 2 1/2 years, they will completely be gone.

Young Adult Cougars

Young adults leave their mother to attempt to establish their own territory at around two years of age and sometimes earlier; males tend to leave sooner. One study has shown high mortality amongst cougars that travel farthest from the maternal range, often due to conflicts with other cougars (intraspecific competition).

Research in New Mexico has shown that "males dispersed significantly farther than females, were more likely to traverse large expanses of non-cougar habitat, and were probably most responsible for nuclear gene flow between habitat patches."

Life Expectancy

Life expectancy in the wild is reported at eight to 13 years, and probably averages eight to 10;

Biology, Behavior, Characteristics

Although cougars somewhat resemble the domestic cat, they are about the same size as an adult human. Cougars are slender and agile members of the cat family. They are the fourth-largest cat. However, despite its size, it is not typically classified among the "big cats", as it cannot roar, lacking the specialized larynx and hyoid apparatus of Panthera.

Compared to "big cats", cougars are

Into The Wild: Not An Option

Releasing the orphaned cub back into the wild was not an option, as young mountain lions rely on their mothers in order to learn hunting and survival skills until they are between 1 year to 18 months old.

Since 1986, Out of Africa has frequently assisted the Arizona Game and Fish Department in large animal rescue situations. Two years ago, the department confiscated two illegally owned tigers in Phoenix that have since come to be visitor favorites at the park.

Out of Africa Wildlife Park is located 3 miles west of I-17 on SR-260, at 3505 W. State Route 260, Camp Verde, AZ 86322.

For More Information

Representatives from Out of Africa and Arizona Game & Fish will be available for interviews and questions by appointment only. For more information, contact: Amy Burnett (480) 235-5356 (cell) Information and Education Program Manager Arizona Game and Fish Department.

More About Mountain Lions (Cougars)

The cougar (*Puma concolor*), also commonly known as the mountain lion, puma, panther, or catamount, is a large fe-



FOR SUMMER FUN

Saguaro Lake Is Just The Ticket

BY MARGIE ANDERSON



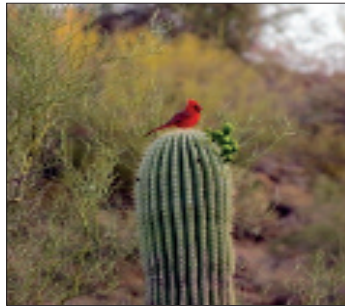
When the weather starts heating up in Arizona, everyone begins to long for a large body of water to dive into. In an ideal situation, this body of water would also be beautiful and have lots of things to do and to look at.

This pretty much describes Saguaro Lake in a nutshell. Now before I go getting you all excited about Saguaro, let me first tell you that Saguaro is a very popular lake and if you want to find a parking place for your boat trailer, you need to get there *early*.

Fat Bass Add To Lake's Popularity

One of the reasons for the lake's popularity with bass fishermen is trout. Yup, the Arizona Game and Fish stocks trout in this lake in winter, and when bass eat those trout, they get big and fat. Big and fat is a good thing for a bass. There are many other fish to catch as well — rainbow trout, smallmouth, yellow bass, crappie, sunfish, channel cats, and even wall-eye.

You needn't worry if you don't have a boat. There is not only great fishing from shore, but you can also rent a boat at the lake. Precision Marine rents runabouts and fishing boats, including pontoon boats. At the Saguaro del Norte Recreation site near the dam (it's the first place



Cardinals are all over the place at Saguaro Lake. This one perched on a saguaro to sing for us.

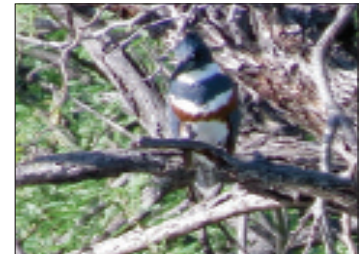


Saguaro Lake has great fishing and beautiful scenery to enjoy while doing it. This is Emily Anderson fishing for bass upriver.



Here is a map of Butcher Jones Trail.

At left, the scenery constantly changes as you navigate Saguaro Lake. Emily Anderson sits on the dock at the campground upriver and enjoys a view of Four Peaks.



This male belted kingfisher makes a lot of noise and dives headfirst into Saguaro Lake for fish.



If you take your time and look around, you'll see birds like this green-backed heron along the shore of Saguaro Lake.

time, slow down and look around. You may be amazed at what you can see.

you come to when you enter the lake area) there is a marina, a restaurant, a Sheriff's aid station, picnic tables, restrooms, and boat ramps. This is also where you can rent a boat.

Cruise On Belle

One of the most fun things to do at Saguaro is to take a cruise on *Desert Belle*. The beautiful two-story boat will take you all over the lake for a 90-minute narrated cruise where you'll learn about the history, geology, and wildlife. To get tickets or to learn more, visit their Web site at desertbelle.com.

It's A Beauty

Saguaro Lake is one of the most beautiful lakes in Arizona, in my opinion. Soaring cliffs, awesome rock formations, lush vegetation, and fantastic views combine to make this lake a delight for the eyes.

As you travel up the lake, the scenery constantly changes. There are several nice sandy beach areas at the lake as well, and even a campground that you can only access by boat. This campground has a nice dock and pit toilets that are also handy if you aren't camping and just need to take a bathroom break during a fishing trip.

Wildlife Views

One of the things I like most about Saguaro (besides the awesome bass fishing) is the wildlife you can see. Last time we went there we saw bald eagles, woodpeckers, a kingfisher, cardinals, thrashers, cactus wrens, hawks, doves, quail, squirrels, a coyote, canyon wrens, rock wrens, scaups, buffleheads, and ten bighorn sheep.

When you're fishing, you're generally moving slowly down the bank, which allows you to see a lot of things that pleasure boaters may miss because they are just racing up and down the lake. Next

A Closer Look . . .



If you look closely, you can count ten bighorn sheep in this herd.



Many bighorn sheep call Saguaro Lake home.



Keep your eyes on the cliffs as you travel along the lake. You may be lucky enough to spot bighorn sheep. This ram is watching us and guarding his herd of ten.

Trail Along The Lake

There is a very easy trail that will take you a couple miles along the lake and across a peninsula to give you access to many fishing spots as well as beautiful views. The trail starts at Butcher Jones Recreation site and ends at the north side of Burro Cove.

The trail was built to provide easier access to shorelines where the fishing habitats have been installed. After you go around Peregrine point, there are several spur trails that lead to the fishing areas. You'll also pass Camper Cove before you reach Burro Cove. It's an out-and-back trail, so you return the same way you came, for a total of just over 2-1/2 miles

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Tourism To Glen Canyon, Rainbow Bridge Created Jobs, Economic Benefits

A National Park Service (NPS) report shows that nearly 2.5 million people visited Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument in 2015. Those visitors spent over \$171 million in communities near the park and supported 2440 jobs in the local area, with a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$195 million.

"International tourism to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument has increased in recent years, bringing significant economic benefits to our gateway communities," said Acting Superintendent Billy Shott. "Our gateway communities are key planning partners for managing resources to ensure that these special places remain world class destinations for generations to come." A planning effort with the City of Page to improve the increasingly popular Horseshoe Bend Overlook is an example of innovative community collaboration underway.

A Significant National Driver

The report confirms that national park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service. The report also illustrates ways that national parks help sustain local communi-



Knowles Canyon, Lake Powell

ties.

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$16.9 billion of direct spending by 307.2 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 295,000 jobs nationally; 252,000 of those jobs are found

in gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$32 billion.

Most Spent On Lodging

According to the 2015 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging (31.1 percent) followed by food and beverages (20.2 percent), gas and oil (11.8 percent), admissions and fees (10.2 percent) and souvenirs and other expenses

(9.8 percent).

Report authors this year produced an interactive tool. Users can explore current year visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: go.nps.gov/vse.

To Learn More

The report also includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state. To learn more about national parks in Arizona or Utah and how the National Park Service works with communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/Arizona or www.nps.gov/Utah.

About NPS

About the National Park Service: More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 409 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov.

Tour And Service Providers Adopt Canyons Throughout Lake Powell

Lake Powell visitors can expect less trash to spoil the pristine scenery this summer. This is thanks to local tour and service providers adopting canyons throughout Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. As canyon stewards, these companies will remove trash from their canyons throughout 2016.

"I admire the dedication and ingenuity of our Adopt-a-Canyon partners in



Clint Spahn, Hidden Kayak



Mike, Sean McNabb, McNabb's Fishing Guides

combating trash by boat, kayak and even on foot throughout this vast and remote park," said Acting Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Superintendent Billy Shott. "Beyond providing tours and vessel services throughout the park, they are improving resource conditions for all to enjoy."

Adopted canyons and areas include the following:

- Face Canyon – McNabb Fishing Guide Service
- Labyrinth Canyon – Hidden Canyon Kayak
- Antelope Canyon – Lake Powell Pad-

dle Boards

- Halls Crossing area beaches – Four Corners Adventures
- The Escalante River and its tributaries – National Outdoor Leadership School
- Coyote Gulch – The Wildland Trekking Company
- Fence Canyon and Harris Wash – Aspiro
- Mule Point and Cedar Point – Far Out Expedition
- Neon Canyon and Ring Trail Canyon – Zion Adventure Company

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Adopt-A-Canyon Map



TOM FOSTER
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Cave Of The Domes Reopened In Grand Canyon National Park

The National Park Service (NPS) has reopened Cave of the Domes in Grand Canyon National Park. Cave of the Domes, the only cave open to the public within Grand Canyon National Park, has been closed since March 23 to investigate the area as a possible source for a hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) exposure. The NPS Office of Public Health has determined the cave was not the source and it can reopen.

Although the cave has reopened, the

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Tusayan Bus Route At Grand Canyon Has Begun

Park and ride; we'll be your guide.

The National Park Service (NPS) will again offer shuttle bus service between Grand Canyon National Park and the neighboring town of Tusayan, Ariz., in 2016. The shuttle bus service will run an additional five weeks this year.

The Tusayan Route will continue to be available through Sunday, Oct. 9, and will run at 20-minute intervals between 8 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.daily.

During the busy summer season, lines

are long at the entrance station and parking is difficult to find on the South Rim, particularly for RVs and vehicles pulling trailers. Those taking advantage of the shuttle service will have expedited, hassle-free entry into the park and will be able to access the park's trails, scenic viewpoints, and free shuttle bus system from the Grand Canyon Visitor Center.

Catch The Bus

Each day, the first bus leaves Tusayan at 8 a.m. from the IMAX Theater, while

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NPS Office of Public Health recommends that precautions should be taken in wilderness areas or other places that harbor mice. To prevent HPS, public health officials advise the following:

When camping or recreating outside, do not sleep or spend time in close proximity to rodent nests, burrows, or in areas of heavy rodent activity.

Do not make food or garbage easily available to rodents.

If rodent droppings or nests are found in and around the home or other buildings, do not stir the area up by vacuuming or sweeping. Spray the area liberally with a disinfectant (such as 1 part bleach to 9 parts water) and allow to soak for at least 15 minutes.

After disinfecting, wear rubber gloves and use disposable materials such as paper towels or rags to clean, and seal all materials in double plastic bags before disposal.

For more information about HPS prevention and precaution, visit www.coconino.az.gov/health or www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/hps.

Cave of the Domes, located near Horseshoe Mesa at the end of the Grandview Trail, is the only cave open to the public in Grand Canyon National Park. Old mines located near Horseshoe Mesa and throughout the park are also closed. With the exception of Cave of the Domes, permits are required to enter caves in Grand Canyon National Park due to the extremely sensitive nature of cultural and natural resources inside.

For questions about hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, please contact the Coconino County Public Health Services District at 928-679-8750 or Martin Stephens, NPS Office of Public Health at 928-638-7355.

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each way.

If you'd like to add a climb and an extra mile to your hike, take a faint trail that heads west as you go around the first lake arm on the trail. The main trail heads right and back toward the main lake, but if you take this lightly used trail to the left, you will climb up and get a great view of Four Peaks.

Butcher Jones

Why Butcher Jones? Well apparently Dr. W.W. Jones was a doctor back in the day who was a friend of Jacob Waltz (the Lost Dutchman Mine guy). It seems that the good doctor had a hand in a variety of businesses, including mining, ranching, and freighting, and there are stories that he performed surgery on his dining room table. Since his nickname became "Butcher" Jones, it might be fair to assume that he wasn't the best of doctors. At any rate, he did get something named after him.

Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch

On the other side of the Stewart Mountain Dam, on the banks of the Salt River, is Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch with 20 cabins. Full ranch breakfast is included with each stay, and you can also purchase sack lunches as well as dinners. While you're there, you can ride horses, kayak on the lake, or tube the river, then relax by a fire under the stars. You can call them at 480-984-2194 or visit their Web site at saguarolakeranch.com.

Tubing The Salt

Tubing the Salt River is a time-honored way to spend a summer's day. In fact, one of my most vivid memories of childhood is a horrifying sunburn acquired on the Salt River. I'm talking blisters and intense pain. Let that be a warning to you. Do not forget your sunscreen! Also, reapply frequently. You're going to be on the river under the sun for hours.

If you visit saltrivertubing.com you

will find that you can tube the Salt for \$17 per person or tube. This includes tube rental, shuttle bus service, and free parking. If you don't need to rent a tube, it's \$14. Children have to be at least 8 years old and four feet tall.

Some Options

There are several options when it comes to how far you want to float and how long you want to be on the river. There are shuttle bus stops at three different points, and you can choose from 2-hour, 3-hour, or 4-hour float trips. Those times include shuttle bus time and they are approximate, depending on the water flow.

The trip can get rowdy with loud music and hijinks, but you'll meet lots of fun people and you'll see some truly gorgeous scenery. Wear a hat and sunglasses, and maybe even some of that awesome guide-wear clothing with UPF built right in.

As I recall, my legs had the worst of the burn, mainly because they were so rarely exposed to the sun. Protect your skin.

About Tonto Passes

You don't need a Tonto Pass if you are parking at Salt River Tubing, but you do need a pass if you are visiting the lake or the Butcher Jones Recreation Area. Passes are \$8 per vehicle plus \$4 per watercraft. The prices for the Discovery Pass have changed. If you have an Interagency Senior Pass from the National Forest Service, an annual Tonto National Forest Pass (Discovery Pass) is now \$60.

If you are 62 or older, you really need to get one of these Interagency Senior Passes. Visit almost any National Forest office or ranger station and get one for \$10. It's good for your lifetime and gets you into National Parks for free — you and up to three people with you. It's good at all Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and US

Fish and Wildlife Service sites that charge a fee. It also gives you 50 percent off on things like campground sites.

If you add the \$60 yearly senior Tonto Pass, you get into Bartlett, Saguaro, Roosevelt, etc. — all the lakes and sites on the Tonto National Forest for free, with half-price camping. It's a smoking deal, since a day pass for a car and boat is now \$12. To find a place where you can buy the Interagency Senior Pass, visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/PassIssuanceList.pdf>.

An Amazing Place To Visit

Saguaro Lake is an amazing place to visit and if you haven't been there yet, plan to visit soon. Whether your thing is hiking, fishing, boating, photography, tubing, horseback riding, or just relaxing in the sun or having a great burger with a view of the lake, Saguaro Lake is just the ticket.

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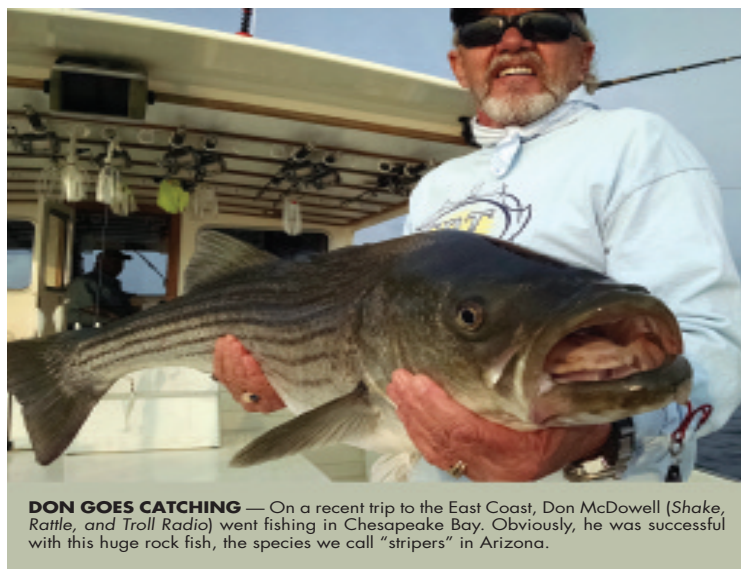
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The Animal Book Club is part of our volunteer program. To join, adults and children must be signed up as volunteers. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Visit www.LostOurHome.org to sign up to volunteer.





DON GOES CATCHING — On a recent trip to the East Coast, Don McDowell (Shake, Rattle, and Troll Radio) went fishing in Chesapeake Bay. Obviously, he was successful with this huge rock fish, the species we call "stripers" in Arizona.

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- Warm Creek Road to Alstrom Point – Seeking Treasure Adventures
- West Canyon – Houseboat Management Services
- Gunsight Canyon, Cookie Jar Butte, Kane Creek Canyon and Padre Canyon – Lake Powell Refrigeration, Heating and

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- Bullfrog Bay and Hobie Cat Beach – Ticaboo Resort

The Adopt a Canyon program is part of a community and partner collaboration to improve resource conditions at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area during the National Park Service Centennial. For more information visit www.nps.gov/GL-CACentennial.

BUS ROUTE

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the first bus will leave the Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 8:25 a.m. The last buses will leave IMAX at 9:45 p.m. and the Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 9:30 p.m. daily.

Shuttle buses will make the following four stops in Tusayan:

- IMAX Theater/R.P.'s Stage Stop,
- Best Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn,
- The Grand Hotel, and
- Big E Steakhouse and Saloon.

Visitors can park anywhere in Tusayan to take the bus, including the Best Western Squire Inn, Grand Hotel, Big E Steakhouse, IMAX/R.P.'s Stage Stop, and the park-and-ride lot on the north end of town. The park-and-ride lot is especially good for RVs and trailers, which have limited parking options in the park.

Informational signs for the shuttle

bus service are posted along Highway 64 south of Tusayan, as well as at various locations within Tusayan.

Buses are easily identifiable and are fueled with clean-burning, compressed natural gas. All shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible and are equipped with a bike rack that can hold up to three bikes.

Free Ride

The Tusayan Route is free of charge; however, visitors entering the park via shuttle bus will need to purchase their entrance passes in advance. These passes can be purchased at park entrance stations or at the following Tusayan businesses: Best Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn, Canyon Plaza Resort, Red Feather Lodge, National Geographic Visitor Center (IMAX), and R.P.'s Stage Shop.

Entrance passes purchased at these locations are valid for shuttle bus or private vehicle entry for seven days and are accepted at any of Grand Canyon National

Park's entrance stations. Those holding a valid America the Beautiful National Park and Federal Recreational Lands Pass or other valid pass will not need to purchase an additional entrance pass.

More Riders, Additional Weeks

In 2015, ridership on the Tusayan Route increased 64 percent with approximately 143,000 boardings, representing a reduction of about 24,000 cars entering the park. Last year, there were approximately 7.4 million boardings on the park's shuttle system overall, representing a reduction of two million short in-park car trips, thus reducing congestion and the park's carbon footprint.

This year, the Tusayan Route will operate an additional five weeks, giving visitors and residents more opportunity to take advantage of the service. The extension will be paid for by the Town of Tusayan.

Grand Canyon National Park Super-

intendent Dave Ueberuaga said of the service, "We are pleased to provide this shuttle service to park visitors and local residents again this year. Utilizing this free service helps to reduce crowding along park roadways and reduces your carbon footprint, further protecting Grand Canyon's unique resources. We hope everyone will continue to use and enjoy the Tusayan Route in 2016 and appreciate Tusayan's support of the route."

For More Information

Information regarding the Tusayan Route and the park's other shuttle bus routes, which run throughout the South Rim area, is available in the *South Rim Pocket Map and Services Guide* or online at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/shuttle-buses.htm>.

For additional information on services and programs offered at the Grand Canyon, please click on the link referenced above or call 928-638-7888.

FUTURE

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Phoenix was to be declared an "Endangered Species".

Reproductive anomalies created wide genetic variations within each species. Their lawsuit brought the total number of ESA species to a staggering 495 different species in Arizona alone.

The Fish & Wildlife Service agreed to place drone patrols over much of Arizona. Drivers of vehicles on asphalt roads are now required to give right of way to all rodents, snakes, and plants. Driving on gravel roads is prohibited on federal lands.

In 2027

In 2027, the activity known as "hunting" was challenged by the group "We Are All Animals", or "WAAA" as they later became known as. In an unprecedented case, it was determined that there was no proven need to kill any animal outside of approved government "Compassionate Dispatch" shelters.

The Vegan Society proved that there was no need for consumption of dead meat and that all nutrients could be obtained through genetically modified plants, herbs and spices. It was the first

time that hunting was challenged in court and the Supreme Court, that coincidentally had five justices who were avowed vegans, upheld the lower vegan court decision.

The Compassionate Dispatch centers now employ over 125,000 inmates from various penitentiaries around the United States to compassionately end life for all creatures that have lived their natural lives. Those lives have a pre-determined length based on species. The case, however, only applied to federal land animals.

In 2029

In 2029, after years of dwindling economic support from killers/hunters, all Pittman Robinson monies that had previously been from the sales of hunting-related items were re-dedicated to support of the Wild Horse and Burro Act for Arizona and Nevada. With the advancement of technology, activated drones were capable of determining if armed humans were participating in attempting to perform hunting activities on federal lands.

Through presidential decree, those drones were armed with micro-chip darts that could not be removed from a person if implanted. Those few souls who attempted to hunt on federal lands and were found to have the chip fired into their per-

son by the drones were sentenced to 20 years probation after five years of federal penitentiary lock up.

Humanities classes and sensitivity training for 60 hours per week were deemed minimum parts of their incarceration.

In 2031

In 2031, state organizations cropped up that attempted to outlaw hunting on state lands. One of the more successful groups, "Humans and Animals in Harmony" (also called "HAAH") began a successful campaign in the state educational system where they showed that the activity of hunting was traced to a particular gene which could be altered in a child while the child was still in the mother's womb.

Efforts to identify the gene are still in clinical trial status, but hope is held that future generations of children will have the gene completely removed. The only complaints to date have been that those who had the gene removed are generally docile, complacent and frequently need reassurance that they are loved.

In 2034

In 2034, the State of Arizona declared that the Arizona Wildlife Enhancement

Division, formerly called the Arizona Game & Fish Department — which was financially destitute from lack of funding via license sales — be merged into the State Parks Division. All 36 employees, including those who count the few remaining deer and elk, are now Park personnel.

Their jobs will be to continue issuing citations for anyone who leaves either asphalt or paved roads in their all-terrain vehicles. Those vehicles, once numbering in the thousands, have plummeted since over 80 percent of Arizona has been declared National Monument land with little or no access for travel. A recent survey on the Web site *Tellusallyourthoughts.com* confirmed that over 95 percent of all residents approve of the transformation and that those who disagreed were either incredibly stupid or part of the crazy old timer generation.

Think This Can't Happen?

Think this can't happen? Watch what the future holds for those who love to hunt. We are being systematically removed from that which we love to do and very few people are taking any actions to stop the freight train of political correctness. JK

SAIL ARIZONA

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program for fun, learning, and a bit of competition

• **Junior Performance Sailing** – A class for students who've completed Opti 1 & 2 and are ready for their next challenge

Adult Classes

• **Beginning Sailing** – for first time and novice sailors

• **Powerboat Handling** – US Sailing course for power boaters

• **Introduction to Sailboat Racing** – Racing basics that will get you going—fast!

Learning To Sail

For the kids, it can begin with a Junior Opti class and progress through multiple levels (if they want to) until they're competing internationally in sailboat races. Several of our kids have done exactly that.



ASF

If you're an adult, try out sailing with our Beginning Sailing class, where you spend more time on the water than you do in a classroom (but you'll still get all the necessary theory and jargon in the classroom).

ASF has a fleet of instructional boats kept in the marina at Tempe Town Lake, including Optis, O'pen Bics, Capri 14.2s, Lasers, and 420s. There are two powered support boats and at least one is always on the lake during every class.

We have a core of volunteer US Sailing-qualified sailing instructors and US Sailing-qualified powerboat instructors (to teach powerboating and to drive the



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safety boats).

Naturally, a nonprofit program of this scope needs contributions and we welcome yours. If you have a boat (of any kind in seaworthy condition) or trailer, consider donating it to ASF and receiving a tax deduction. Or simply contribute money.

The Mission

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MIKE FERRING STEVE NAHKALA

CAMPOUT

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and a C14 or two, maybe a Buccaneer, and after the boats round the floating marks and cross the finish line, the winner is — well, who knows, because handicaps don't apply and nobody keeps score. When it starts to get dark or the wind dies, when the boats are stowed, the group collects at a nearby tavern for dinner and a beer.

The best way to stay in touch with



AYC TOM OHLIN, A FUN FIXTURE AT CAMPOUTS

these Wednesday night races is to sign onto the Arizona Yacht Club Yahoo list and receive the occasional emails. (Sometimes races are canceled and you'll be notified by email.) The link to sign up is on the lower right corner of the arizonayachtclub.org Web site.

Cheers,
Mike

Annual AYC Campout

This year's Annual AYC Campout may be called the "Not-Kinnikinick," because we're leaving the traditional deep-in-the-woods camping spot in order to move to Dairy Springs Campground by Mormon Lake. The dates are Friday to Sunday, August 12-14.

Organizer Steve Nahkala says the new spot will bring a little more civilized ex-

perience than before, starting with paved roads and permanent restrooms and (gasp) running water. For people who are even less camping-oriented, Mormon Lake cottages are nearby.

Otherwise, Steve assures us, it will be the usual low-key social thing. Some people arrive on Friday, so you could too. More people appear on Saturday. There's some sailing, hanging out, Liar's Dice, eating, and that kind of stuff. There's a pot luck Saturday night. There's no registration and no fee.

Sailing at Lake Mary is only 13 miles away if you bring your own small boat.

History Of Kinnikinick

BY TOM OHLIN
(WHO'S BEEN TO NEARLY ALL OF 'EM)

The Kinnikinick Campout started in the early '80 with three or four couples camping for the weekend. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the break from

the heat and the relaxed social atmosphere and it just grew every year. I think we peaked at about 120 folks and have had as few as a dozen or so.

The location was *primitive!* I was packed out what you packed in, except AYC provided the required Porta-Johns. The area was bounded by meadows and road, so it was very difficult for kids to get lost if they never crossed a road or meadow. The trees in the area are large Ponderosa pines, so there was some relief from the sun.

The accommodations are still whatever you bring, from pup tent to motor home. We usually have a potluck dinner on Saturday night and have horseshoes, pasture golf, bocce ball, Liar's Dice and BS to fill in the day. Some folks come up as early as Wednesday, several on Thursday, but most on Friday.

This is a really fun event and gives new members as well as long-timers a great opportunity to socialize and enjoy the cool pines. The weather is always cooler in the high country but can be a bit wet.

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a person who loves the quiet of the lake or the roar of the ocean; someone who knows the thrill of a 30 degree heel at seven knots, or a friend who is just learning the joys of sailing. Whatever the circumstances, when you see this burgee, remember — these are friends on board. We are the friends who enjoy the sea, the thrills, and the understanding and friendship known to all sailors.

Part Of The LPSC History

Lake Pleasant Sailing Club (LPSC) was founded in 1977 and currently has ap-

proximately 100 member families. LPSC sponsors approximately 16 weekend cruises per year at Lake Pleasant north of Phoenix, Ariz. The cruises usually involve sailing the lake and then rafting up (each boat puts out an anchor and ties up alongside the other boats) in a designated cove for the evening meal and spending the night.

The cruises usually have a theme such as President's Day, Mardi Gras, Cinco De Mayo, Veteran's Day, etc. LPSC also sponsors midweek cruises throughout the sailing season (fall, winter and spring). LPSC sponsors out-of-town cruises to other lakes, Catalina Island, San Diego, etc. LPSC has monthly general member-

ship meetings which include a presentation of interest to members. The calendar also includes off-the-water social events such as the Ice Cream Social, Holiday Party, Wine & Cheese Party, etc.

LPSC has a mission of educating its members in all things involving sailing and sailing safety. This includes presentations at general membership meetings and a special Ladies Day at the Lake that was inaugurated in 2009. This was an all-day event with classroom and on-the-water training by professional instructors for the ladies.

When the newly constructed facilities were opened in the spring of 1977 at Lake Pleasant, a cruising, educational and so-

cial club for sail boaters was proposed. The Lake Pleasant Sailing Club (LPSC) was formed at the lake in September 1977. Our first Commodore was George Lauman, who was re-elected in 1978. George served as our Senior Staff Commodore through 2002.

In 1979, under Commodore Bill Wright, our club was incorporated as a non-profit organization and the by-laws were accepted.

For more information about the history of LPSC, visit <http://www.lakepleasant-sailing.com/about-lpsc.html>.

For more about LPSC in general, contact Lake Pleasant Sailing Club at webmaster@lakepleasantsailing.com

ONLINE COURSE

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Available for a \$30 course fee at BoatUS.org/gps, the course makes learning easy as it can be taken anytime — at home, office, or the boat. Course takers may stop and return as their busy schedules permit, and the course works well with any brand of GPS or chartplotter.

"Many boaters understand the basic functions on their chartplotter, but we wanted to create a course that would be like having a knowledgeable friend looking over their shoulder pointing out the GPS' features they might not be aware of, as well as explaining how the GPS can make their boating more safe and enjoyable," said BoatUS Foundation Director of Education Amanda Suttles Pérez. "This course is great for novice or experts with any size boat, and you don't have to be an experienced navigator to understand the material."

The course is divided into four chapters including an introduction with sections on setting-up, using the GPS, and

integrating electronics. Short quizzes throughout give you the opportunity to test your knowledge and then go back to review the material again. Some topics covered include —

• Basic functions of a GPS/chartplotter, including how to easily create waypoints and chart a route.

• The quick and easy way to see your position on GPS' display.

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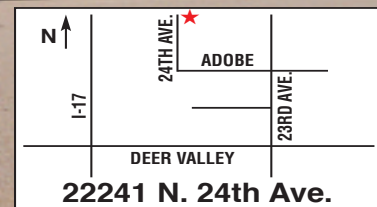
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SHOOTING GAME

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ing on the move is a whole lot different from standing in a shooting bay banging away at a piece of paper. Those steel targets are great — that ping gives you instant feedback and lets you know immediately if you've hit the target. This was an all-day class and it was worth every dime. Highly recommended.

This kind of shooting just can't be done at a conventional shooting range. For one thing, it isn't safe to just let people walk around shooting at whatever they want while they're on the move. In a class, you take turns and the instructor is right there watching you and coaching you, keeping everyone safe.

You could always buy some steel targets yourself and set them up out in the desert somewhere, but I know from experience that it's getting harder and harder to find a place to shoot. Everywhere seems to be posted nowadays and those places that aren't are crowded. Plus, have you priced steel targets? Yikes!

Find A Shooting Club

A better alternative is to find a shooting club. We went to Ben Avery one Sun-

day morning to watch the First Sunday USPSA Match of the Cactus Combat Match League and it's absolutely awesome. First off, I had a bit of an email chat with the president of the club, and he assured me that the matches were for people of all skill levels. Apparently the Thursday night matches are more geared toward beginning shooters, but the one we watched on Sunday morning looked like a ton of fun. Everyone we talked to was really friendly, and Jay Webb took us under his wing and showed us around.

On this particular day there were six stations and each one featured different target set-ups. There was a variety of targets — steel, cardboard, moving targets, etc. On some stations you'd shoot the targets in one area, then hurry to the next spot and shoot more targets. On one you got to shoot through a big piece of PVC pipe, as if you were shooting through a small tunnel.

A Sport Anyone Can Enjoy

We saw men, women, kids, older folks — it's a sport anyone can enjoy. Webb explained that your score is figured by speed and accuracy combined. His goal (and mine) is to do better than he did last time. It's not so much about winning as it

is about getting to be a better shooter.

There are all different kinds of shoots — the one we observed was called a USPSA Shoot and it follows the rulebook of the United States Pistol Shooting Association. You can visit the cactusmatch.com Web site and find a place to download the rule book, plus learn about the club.

They also hold Third Sunday Steel Challenge shoots, 4th Sunday 3Gun Nation Matches, and Thursday Night practice matches. The great thing about these matches is that you get to practice a variety of shots. In some you'll be moving. In some the target will be moving. In others, you and the target are stationary. But, you'll always have that little bit of tension knowing that you're earning a score, and that will push you to be better.

A Safe Way To Practice

This is also a very safe way to practice a variety of shooting situations. There are Range Officers at every station making sure that both shooter and spectators remain safe and it's set up to give you practical situations. Rule 7 of the USPSA rule book says "Practical competition is diverse, never permitting unrealistic specialization of either technique or equipment. Problems are constantly changed."

Rule 2 states "Accuracy, power and speed are the equivalent elements of practical shooting and practical competition must be conducted in such a way as to evaluate these elements equally." In other words, the shoots are designed not just to test you, but to help you improve your shooting in a variety of situations.

See You At The Range!

Webb told us that if you wanted to, you could shoot a match five times a week. They are very popular, so odds are there is a club in your neck of the woods that holds shoots regularly and would welcome you. At the Cactus Combat matches, you don't have to be a member to shoot. Show up, attend the new shooters meeting, and they'll give you a mentor to show you the ropes and make sure you have a great time. The match fee on Thursday night is \$15 for members, \$17 for non-members. Juniors shoot for \$1. You'll need a pistol (see the rulebook for allowable weapons), 80-100 rounds of ammo, and 3-4 magazines with speed loaders.

I want to encourage you to visit their Web site (cactusmatch.com), or look for a club near you. See you at the range!

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TROUT CHALLENGE

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MOUNTAIN LION

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often silent with minimal communication through vocalizations outside of the mother-offspring relationship. Mountain lions sometimes voice low-pitched hiss-

es, growls, and purrs, as well as chirps and whistles, many of which are comparable to those of domestic cats. They are well known for their screams, as referenced in some of their common names, although these screams are often misinterpreted to be the calls of other animals.

The Apache and Walapai of Arizona considered the wail of the mountain lion as a harbinger of death.

The World Conservation Union (IUCN) currently lists the cougar as a "least concern" species.

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