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Beat The Heat With Rod And Reel

URBAN FISHING REPORT

Cats Still Lurking In The Lakes

From AZGFD

With catfish stockings at all Phoenix and Tucson urban waters on hold during the summer months, fishing becomes more challenging, requiring anglers to be adaptable, patient and persistent.

Plenty of wily catfish still lurk the depths of the lakes, especially larger lakes of more than 4 acres.

Catfishing is fair for anglers using worms, stink baits, or shrimp fished on the bottom. Catfish can be caught throughout the day, but are most active when the sun goes



down. Most catfish are from 14-18 inches, but some lunkers over three pounds are being hauled out of the lakes.

Change It Up

The many catfish, bass and bluegill remaining in the lakes have been around for awhile and have seen a lot of the same baits, presented in the same way. Suc-

cessful summer anglers have learned to change it up and experiment with new baits and new presentations.

Try combining a piece of shrimp with a worm, or try using a "worm blower" to inflate the worm and elevate it above the bottom. Do a web search for "secret catfish baits" and discover an amazing selection of concoctions likely to increase your fishing success.

This is the time to make some rigging changes and try out some of the fluorocar-

See **CATFISH** on page 14



Wayne Gustaveson

HOT STUFF — Brayden Hansen, Mayfield, Utah, covered up to get out of the sun while fishing for boiling stripers in Bullfrog Bay. Brayden and family caught stripers on top each morning and evening. Stripers are boiling from the San Juan all the way to Good Hope Bay. The weather is hot but so is the fishing.

LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

The Weather Is Hot, But So Is The Fishing

By Wayne Gustaveson
<http://www.wayneswords.com>

Lake Powell fishing strategy is determined by shad size and abundance. Striped bass are feeding on the surface over the entire lake but where shad numbers are small so are the boils. Where larger shad are numerous fishing success is terrific.

In the southern lake shad are tiny and scarce. Little slurps are seen randomly throughout the day, but stripers feed quickly on a small group of shad and then dive back to the depths. Stripers can be caught if they surface within casting range and anglers respond quickly with accurate casts.

Small rattletraps, or swim baits placed right in front of a slurping school may result in catching a very healthy 14-18 inch fish. These stripers are eating shad and plankton and doing very well.

Large Stripers Hungry

Larger stripers are still looking for something to eat in deeper water where small shad are not available. Bait fishing is still much more effective from Wahweap to Rainbow.

Slick rock coves and ridges at depths of 20-40 feet are the prime habitat. It is possible to troll and graph a cove to find willing fish or just randomly chum and fish a spot to see if stripers are present.

See **HOT** on page 14

Arizona Anglers Enjoy Summer Catchin'

From AZGFD

Tip Of The Week

Remember that at Blue Ridge (C.C. Crain) there is no bag or possession limit.

The road is open and SRP has begun to draw the lake down for necessary repairs to the dam and associated piping.

There have been reports of some nice holdover trout being caught.

The lake will not be stocked this year due to plans to drain the lake for repairs.



The Reel Deal

Trout fishing is only picking up with monsoon activity. Many high country fisheries are scheduled to be stocked this week.

But, first some great news from Patagonia Lake! We have successfully excavated a channel to deeper water and the lake caught significant water overnight. It is currently about 22 inches down from the normal high water level, and all boats should

be able to launch with no problem.

We don't anticipate any issues for the main boat ramp for the remainder of 2013.

Stocking Note

On a quick stocking note, this week the Tonto Creek Hatchery is dumping fish into Tonto Creek, Haigler Creek, Christopher Creek, East Verde River and Woods Canyon Lake.

Unfortunately, all lands that are owned or managed by the state, including Department wildlife area, remain under stage II fire restrictions. One thing this means is no campfires.

We sure could use some more heavy monsoon rains. As far as this writer's concerned, there's nothing like a campfire for good story-telling, fresh-cooked trout and even dodging those plumes of smoke.

Further Fire Info

For further information about fire re-

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ON THE COVER

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As of late June 2013, KeepAmericaFishing supporters numbered over 1 million. That is over 1 million anglers advocating for recreational fishing — an army of angler advocates.

Arizonans are avid anglers and especially during the heat of summer, find cool "hotspots" to fish throughout the state and on Southern California's coast.

FISH TALES FROM THE WEST COAST

From Bluefin To Sand Bass, The Bite Is On

Net Update By Bill Roecker
www.FishingVideos.com

Bluefin Dive

Long-range boats reporting from the bluefin area south of San Diego yesterday indicated bluefin fishing was tough at best. Some boats managed one or two fish per rod; others didn't fare so well. There were reports indicating fishing was okay in the morning, but non-compliant in the afternoon.

Skipper Andy Cates of *Red Rooster III* offered a typical report: "We started off good



in the morning with a couple of stops on school size bluefin. We dropped the ball and spent the afternoon driving around with al-

MYSTERY FISH — Pete Corselli of La Habra Heights, Calif., asked scientist Milton Love and *Sport Fishing* magazine about the identity of this fish, often caught by long rangers fishing on the bottom. It has been called threadfin sculpin, Patina and several other names, but Dr. Love tells us in the August 2013 issue of *SF* that it is a spotback scorpionfish, *Pontinus vaughani*, found from Cedros Island to Peru and the Galapagos Islands. Many long rangers regard the fish highly as food. Largest spotback on record was about 22 inches, according to Dr. Love.

most no sign of fish. Ending the day with 44 bluefin Hopefully they are up and biting to

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Granite Mountain Hotshots Honored And Remembered

There are ways to help the families of the 19 fallen Granite Mountain Hotshot Crew. See story Page 6.



Good Company

Wildfires Affect The Animals Too

As the state's designated responder for animals in distress during natural disasters, the Arizona Humane Society has been cleared to begin rescuing companion animals in need. See story Page 6.





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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Always wear a life jacket

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Arizona Game and Fish Department	July 23 & 25 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. <i>(Must attend both)</i>	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 7200 E University Ave. Mesa	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219

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 - Inboard engine;
 - Closed compartments where portable fuel tanks may be stored;
 - Double bottoms not sealed to the hull or which are not filled completely with flotation material;
 - Closed living spaces;
 - Closed storage compartments in which flammable or combustible materials may be stored;
 - Permanently installed fuel tanks (any tank where the removal of the tank is hampered by the installation of tie-down straps or clamps).
- Approved types of fire extinguishers are identified by the following marking on the label—"Marine Type USCG-Approved"—followed by the type and size symbols and the

Fire Extinguisher Charge Indicators

Check the charge level of your fire extinguishers regularly. Replace them immediately if they are not fully charged.

green indicator

To check the level of extinguisher, depress the green button. For a fully charged, the green button should pop back out immediately.

On the side of fire extinguishers, the needle indicator should be in the "full" range.

Fire Extinguisher Requirements

Classification type & size	Foam	Carbon Dioxide	Dry Chemical
	minimum gallons	minimum pounds	minimum pounds
B-I	1 1/4	4	2
B-II	2 1/2	15	10

Length of Vessel	Without Fixed System	With Fixed System*
	one B-I	one B-I
Less than 26 ft.	one B-I	one B-I
26 ft. to less than 40 ft.	two B-I or one B-II	one B-I
40 ft. to less than 65 ft.	three B-I or one B-II and one B-I	two B-I or one B-II

* refers to a permanently installed fire extinguisher system

approval number.

- Extinguishers should be placed in an accessible area—not near the engine or in a compartment, but where they can be reached immediately. Be sure you know how to use them, and inspect extinguishers regularly to ensure they are in working condition and fully charged.

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Discovery Of Quagga Mussels At Lake Powell Will Affect Boaters, Anglers

With the recent discovery of quagga mussels in Lake Powell, boaters leaving the northeastern Arizona lake will be required by law to pull their boat plug and decontaminate and dry their watercraft before leaving the vicinity of the lake to help prevent the spread of these invasive mussels.

The requirements, which took effect July 1, are now the same as for other Arizona waters known to contain quagga mussels. These waters are listed in the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Director's Orders



and include Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Lake Havasu and all lower Colorado River waters to the international border with

Mexico. The requirements also already applied to Lake Pleasant.

Quagga mussels were first detected in Arizona at Lake Mead in 2007. These invasive mussels were subsequently listed in the AIS Director's Orders in 2010 that provided for certain watercraft and equipment decontamination protocols.

Quagga mussels colonize rapidly on hard surfaces and can ruin boat motors and clog water intake structures, such as pipes and screens, thereby impacting pumping capabilities for power and water

treatment plants.

In addition to the day-use decontamination requirements, boats that have been in quagga-infested waters for more than five days must, upon leaving the water, be kept out of the water and completely dry for a period of seven to 18 days before their next use.

For more information on quagga mussels, including the Director's Orders lists of aquatic invasive species, waters, and decontamination protocols, visit www.azgfd.gov/ais.

Here's A New Way To Combat Mold Odor And Other Unpleasant Smells

By Sandy Lindsey

Star brite's solution to mold odors and any foul smells is their all-new EPA-approved, patented, super-effective MDG Mold/Mildew Odor Control Systems. For more than 30 years Star brite's MDG bags have been the top choice for preventing mildew smells or other foul odors in boats.

Now Star brite has introduced an even better way to eliminate and prevent

mildew odor or any other foul smells — the all-new MDG Mold/Mildew Odor Control Systems. It is the ideal way to prevent foul odors from forming in boats while they are closed up for winter storage.

It releases a completely safe yet extremely powerful odor-eliminating chlorine dioxide gas that thoroughly permeates the interior of the boat to eliminate any existing foul odor as well as preventing any



foul odors from forming. When the boat is opened in the spring, it will be odor-free. It is also a great way to protect RV's or vacation homes.

In addition to protecting boats in long-term storage, Star brite's MDG Mold/Mildew Odor Control can also be used year-round in occupied boats or homes.

What Is Chlorine Dioxide?

The active ingredient in Star brite's MDG Mold/Mildew Odor Control is Chlorine dioxide (ClO2), a very effective, non-toxic mold/mildew odor neutralizer that was used in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to remediate flood-damaged homes and buildings.

In addition to eliminating odor, ClO2 is also often used in a variety of ways, including water treatment plants, in dental and medical facilities, food processing operations and for mold/mildew odor remediation.

How Does Mold/Mildew Odor Control Work?

MDG Mold/Mildew Odor Control is the ideal solution for removing mold/mildew odors and all other foul organic or chemical odor from boats, homes, buildings, cars, RV's or any other enclosed area. It utilizes a deep-penetrating vapor that permeates throughout the entire area into all porous materials and fabrics, below and behind furniture and into ventilation systems.

MDG Mold/Mildew Odor Control removes all existing odor and also prevents new odor from forming. It is activated by moisture in the form of ambient humidity, making it extremely easy to use, does not leave behind any type of residue and is safe to use. The systems are packaged in clear plastic clamshells that can be set out in any open area to allow even distribution of the ClO2 vapors.

Which System Do I Need?

There are two versions of MDG Mold/Mildew Odor Control; the Slow Release System and the Fast Release System. The Fast Release System is the best way to eliminate even the harshest odor within hours, such as those discovered following flooding or water damage. It utilizes a small sponge which increases humidity to expedite the generation of the ClO2 vapor; because of the concentrated, fast-acting nature of this system, there should be no

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Miss Manners Should Make A Visit To The Boat Launch Ramp

Here are the top five etiquette rules for happy launching.

Impolite, self-centered behavior could well describe a kindergarten sandbox at recess, but it also fits the description of the mayhem that some boat launch ramps experience on a busy summer weekend.

If America's famed etiquette expert, Miss Manners, were to visit a launch ramp, what lack of courtesy would she find? Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has the answer with these top five launch ramp etiquette rules that can make the task go a lot easier and faster for all.

Be talkative: The most surefire way to cause ramp snafus is to be silent with your guests. Speak up. Let them know they should avoid parking in spaces reserved for trailers/tow vehicles. Tell them how you will load and unload (more on that in a second). Before your return to the launch ramp dock, let your crew know what they can do to help. One more friendly tip: don't yell.

Know where to load and unload: Unloading your gear at the bottom of the boat launch ramp, which could have been done while waiting in line at the top of the boat ramp, shows a lack of courtesy Miss Manners would detest. It also is an all-too-

common mistake boaters make when launching and one of the biggest causes of delays. Plan ahead. Put a checklist on your sun visor.

Don't be the launch ramp hog: Tying up your boat at the launch dock right next to the ramp, and then going to park the tow vehicle means the next person in line can't launch until you get back. Save everyone time by immediately moving your boat to the far end of the dock so there's room for the next person to launch or retrieve.

Delay-of-launch penalty: Not launching the boat immediately when it's off the trailer and, instead, waiting for the crew to return from the bathrooms again adds delays and simmers tempers. This is true at the gas dock, too. Tie up at the dock, refuel the boat, and leave as quickly and safely as possible. Don't keep others waiting to refuel because your crew has walked to a nearby restaurant - that earns you a serious "delay-of-launch" penalty.

Lend a hand: We all need help from time to time. Be kind to your boating neighbor.

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EASY DOES IT — Will it go easy, or will someone mess everybody else up? Following a few tips can make boat launching a breeze for everyone.

tance for trailer breakdowns and tow vehicles.

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Five Helpful Boating Tips You Can Thank *Seaworthy* For

BoatUS Boat damage-avoidance publication celebrates 30 years.

Everyone loves a good story about boating mishaps — as long as it's not their own. For 30 years the BoatUS Marine Insurance damage-avoidance publication *Seaworthy* has combed through the BoatUS claims files to shed light on how boats are damaged and how boaters are injured, and to suggest research-based solutions to keep its readers from becoming a statistic.

Free to BoatUS insureds and available to others by annual subscription, *Seaworthy* celebrates its 30th anniversary with five boating maintenance and safety tips it helped to bring to the boating public's awareness:

1. The causes of boat sinkings (while at the dock) are as varied as the four seasons: In the winter, the number one cause of boat sinkings is due to moisture-laden snow weighing the boat down which can submerge a cracked or damaged plastic thru-hull fitting below the waterline. Shortly after being launched in the spring, boats most often sink because of missing or damaged hose clamps that were removed in the fall to winterize the engine. The cause of summertime sinkings varies from worn out underwater fittings (such as I/O bellows or corroded through-hulls) to hurricanes. Autumn leaf-clogged deck drains or scuppers combined with heavy rains cause many fall sinkings.



AT FAULT — After sifting through the BoatUS insurance claims files, *Seaworthy* magazine helped identify the main reason for boat fires: wiring faults.

2. The #1 reason for boat fires is wiring faults: DC wiring problems lead the pack in causes of boat fires, with shore power faults a close second. Every boater needs to make maintaining their boat's electrical system a priority.

3. When it comes to swimming in a marina, just say no: Not wanting to get run down is good reason why swimming in a marina or near docks is a bad idea, but that's not the only danger. Nearly a decade ago, *Seaworthy* first reported on "electric shock

drowning" (ESD) in which leaking 110-volt electrical current was taking the lives of young swimmers in fresh water.

The difficulty in distinguishing ESD from drowning kept the problem from being well understood or publicized until recently. *Seaworthy* continues to be at the forefront of educating boaters on what they need to do to make their boats and docks safe.

4. Hurricane damage can be lessened: Over two decades ago *Seaworthy* began to look at ways to lessen hurricane damage to boats and marinas. Today, boat owners, as well as clubs and marinas with a hurricane plan that is fully implemented, can and will have less damage.

Hauling the boat from the water is still the best way to reduce the chance for damage to boats and docks. Free hurricane planning materials are available at BoatUS.com/hurricanes.

5. Ethanol and boats don't mix (very well): After BoatUS members in the Northeast began to complain of mysterious catastrophic engine failures and myriad fuel system problems such as rotted fuel lines, gunked carburetors and fuel tanks nearly a decade ago, *Seaworthy* investigated and shed light on an issue that still has large repercussions for boaters today. *Seaworthy* continues to research and report on ethanol-related issues and advises boaters on how to avoid engine damage from ethanol blends.

To view back issues of *Seaworthy*, view maintenance tips, download free hurricane plans or to subscribe, go to www.BoatUS.com/seaworthy.

Safety Zone Established On Colorado River at I-40

The Lake Havasu National Refuge Complex has created a safety zone that is anticipated to reduce the likelihood of boat collisions in the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge at the Interstate 40 Bridge on the Colorado River.

The expansion of commercial development at the Topock 66 Marina is expected to greatly increase boating traffic in the area. Safety concerns had been expressed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Lake Havasu Marine Association.

A No Wake Zone has been created with two boundary lines of regulatory buoys approximately 700 feet north and 900 feet south of the I-40 Bridge. Watercraft operators are required to be at wake-less speed throughout the zone, which includes the waterway to and around the Topock 66 Marina.

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IT'S WHAT WE CAN DO NOW

Honor, Remember, Thank, And Help Those Who Grieve To Go On

The 'Last Alarm' sounded for 19 fallen Granite Mountain Hotshots on June 30, 2013.

Most of us have followed the recent news from Prescott/Yarnell, Ariz., and have undoubtedly heard about the Yarnell fire and the tragic loss of the group of 19 elite firefighters. Flags have been flying at half-staff to honor these selfless, model citizens.

We also remember the lone survivor of the Granite Mountain Hotshot Crew: Brendan McDonough, 21. At the time of the tragedy, he was acting as a lookout at a higher location so he could be in both radio and visual contact with his brothers.

On a hillside within a mile or two away from the others, McDonough warned his colleagues to get out. But, it was too late. This young man also needs our thoughts and prayers as he deals with the loss of 19 of his best friends, his brothers.

As we think about and pray for the families, friends and colleagues of these fallen heroes — as well as those who have been displaced from their homes — below please find some charities to help if you are so moved.

Some Ways To Help

- The 100 Club's Survivor Fund (www.100club.org/web/100Club)
- American Red Cross Grand Canyon Chapter (www.redcross.org/az/phoenix)

Wildland Firefighter Foundation (www.wffoundation.org)
 Prescott Firefighter's Charities (www.prescottffcharities.org/how-you-can-help)
yarnellfallenfirefighters.com

During the month of July, cash donations can be made at any Credit Union West branch location — account #121734-12 Granite Mountain Hotshots Charity Fund

If you'd prefer to donate by mail, make checks payable to the 100 Club of Arizona and mail to —
 100 Club of Arizona
 5033 North 19th Avenue, Suite 123
 Phoenix, AZ. 85015

To Donate Directly To The Families

For donations that go directly to the families, lease use the Phoenix Firefighters Union Relief Fund: Online: www.1493.org or by mail, make checks payable to the Phoenix Firefighters Union Relief Fund and mail to —

UPFFA
 61 E. Columbus
 Phoenix, AZ 85012
 Remember, when donating to any charity or cause, always make sure to do your research and be informed about where and how your money will be used.

A Letter From The Fire Prevention And Outreach Program Manager

Just an FYI to let you know that we have closed down the Joint Information Center here in Prescott and turned off the phone lines [we have been using during this tragic time.]

For issues regarding the fire, the fire investigation and donations, please call me

IN THE MEMORY OF

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Anthony Rose, 23	Eric Marsh, 43
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R.I.P. TO PRESCOTT FIREFIGHTERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN YARNELL ARIZONA SUNDAY 6/30/2013

at 505-690-8210 (until Wednesday, July 17 only) or Carrie Dennett 602-399-3078.

I will be relocating to Phoenix for the next several days to assist Arizona State Forestry with information distribution.

One of the biggest issues we're dealing with right now is the continued outpouring of donations for the victims of the fire in

the public may call: (928) 771-3321 – (8:00 am-5:00 pm).

Dan Dan Ware
 Fire Prevention and Outreach Program Manager
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Yarnell who have lost their homes.

At this point, the Salvation Army is asking that material donations such as clothing and household goods be taken to one of several Salvation Army locations around the Phoenix area. At this time, they are asking that furniture not be donated.

One of the biggest needs for residents in Yarnell are refrigerators, so financial donations to the Salvation Army are being taken for that purpose. Anyone wishing to make financial donations for this purpose are asked to specify "Yarnell Fire Victims" when they make their contribution through the Salvation Army. Please do not donate used refrigerators.

There are some donation sites around Prescott that are still taking clothes and other items, but they are also filling up fast.

The previous number for the public to call at the Yavapai County Call Center will be discontinued. Starting Monday, July 14,

AHS Cleared To Begin Wildfire Rescue Efforts

As the state's designated responder for animals in distress during natural disasters, the Arizona Humane Society was deployed to the Yarnell Hill Fire and was cleared to go behind the fire line to begin rescuing companion animals in need.

AHS currently [as of press time] has a team of 13 staff members, including one veterinarian and two Emergency Animal Medical Technicians™, as well as our 60-foot mobile clinic, on hand to help provide rescue assistance, temporary animal shelter, care and support to the Wickenburg Humane Society and pet owners who have been displaced during this extremely emotional, chaotic and heart-wrenching time.

We already have a handful of pets in our care and expect that number to grow as we search the homes of those evacuated from the fire. If you have been displaced and need help locating your pets, please contact (602) 390-6429.

Many of you have contacted us asking how to donate to our Disaster Relief Fund. You can do so by visiting our Web site: www.azhumane.org or for more information, call (602) 997-7586.

Thanks to generous donations from Hill's Science Diet, PetSmart Charities and thoughtful individuals, we thankfully have all the food, crates and supplies we currently need. However, we will continue to assess the situation and let you know if need arises.

Please keep those impacted by the fire — both two- and four-legged — in your thoughts, including the friends and family of the 19 brave firefighters who died heroically battling the blaze Sunday night.

For the most up-to-date information on AHS' rescue efforts, visit our blog, Facebook and Twitter pages. You can also visit inciweb.org for daily fire updates.

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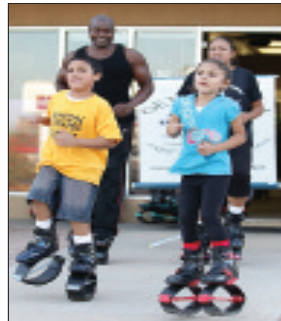
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Grants Now Available To Expand Participation

Programs that feature hunting, fishing, shooting sports, and trapping are in focus.

Local sportsmen's groups can apply now for grant funding for programs that promote activities and events for hunter, angler, shooter and trapper recruitment and retention. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is offering \$75,000 in grant funding this year. Applications must be received by the department by 5 p.m. (MST) on Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.

Examples of projects eligible for the Arizona Game and Fish Department grants include —

Hands-on mentored hunting events:

- Small game hunting camps - quail, squirrel, rabbit
- Migratory bird hunts - dove, duck, and geese
- Predator hunts - coyote, fox and bobcat
- Big game hunts - javelina, turkey, deer and elk
- Bowhunting - small and big game
- Trapping and fur harvesting

Fishing events and camps:

Marketing and educational outreach projects promoting hunter, angler, shooter and trapper (HAST) recruitment and retention, the North American Model, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and activities highlighting the next steps for newcomers to the shooting sports, hunting, fishing and trapping.

"The Local Sportsmen's Group Grant is perfect for organizations that are looking to start up or expand introductory programs in their communities, but lack the funding they need to make it happen," said Doug Burt, hunting and shooting sports program manager. "This grant program is an investment in the local organizations that, day-in and day-out, are teaching people how to be safe, ethical, and responsible participants in these important American traditions."

Funds will be awarded through a competitive application process. Projects funded by the grant must be open to the public and conducted in Arizona. Multiple grant awards may be made.

To be eligible, applicants should —

- Be local, Arizona-based, or an Arizona-chapter sportsmen's/outdoor development organization with a focus on hunting, fishing, shooting or trapping;
- Propose a project that fits the eligibility criteria; and
- Complete the project before June 30, 2014.

"There is plenty of public interest in hunting and fishing, but many folks are from families that did not grow up with this type of recreation and need an experienced mentor to show them the way," Burt said. "Local sportsmen's organizations

KeepAmericaFishing™ Announces 1 Million Supporters, Changes

KeepAmericaFishing™, (KAF) the industry's angler-advocacy program, is pleased to announce several ground-breaking developments. These changes will enhance interaction with anglers on issues and provide a more engaging experience across the board.

As of late June 2013, KeepAmericaFishing supporters number over 1 million. That is over 1 million anglers advocating for recreational fishing — an army of angler advocates.

It started July 1; now you can join KeepAmericaFishing as a member for only \$20. Anyone can continue to participate for free as an advocate, but there are benefits to membership such as discounts, special products, a member packet, an annual report and more.

Visit the NEW KeepAmericaFishing.org — on any device! Launched in early July, KAF's new Web site is more visual, more actionable and more accessible on your mobile device. Check it out at KeepAmericaFishing.org.

"These are exciting milestones for KeepAmericaFishing™. Our new membership program and website will help us reach the next million anglers and increase angler influence on policy issues affecting sportfishing," said Gordon Robertson, vice president of the American Sportfishing Association.

Kathryn Powers, director of KeepAmericaFishing noted, "We are looking forward to providing our members and advocates with useful policy tools and benefits that will create a fun experience and inspire them to take action on policy issues. Launching the Membership program and new Web site is just a first step. Look for great things to come."

See the new website and learn more about KeepAmericaFishing, the issues and new membership program at KeepAmericaFishing.org.

About KeepAmericaFishing™

KeepAmericaFishing™ is the American Sportfishing Association's angler advocacy campaign. KeepAmericaFishing gives America's 60 million anglers a voice in policy decisions that affect their ability to sustainably fish on our nation's waterways.

Through policy, science and conservation, KeepAmericaFishing works to minimize access restrictions, promote clean waters and restore fish populations. For more information or to get involved today, visit www.KeepAmericaFishing.org.



Bill Roecker

About The American Sportfishing Association

The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) is the sportfishing industry's trade association committed to representing the interests of the entire sportfishing community. We give the industry a unified voice, speaking out on behalf of sportfishing and boating industries, state and federal natural resource agencies, conservation organizations, angler advocacy groups and outdoor journalists when emerging laws and policies could significantly affect sportfishing business or sportfishing itself.

ASA invests in long-term ventures to ensure the industry will remain strong and prosperous, as well as safeguard and promote the enduring social, economic and conservation values of sportfishing in America. ASA also gives America's 60 million anglers a voice in policy decisions that affect their ability to sustainably fish on our nation's waterways through KeepAmericaFishing™, our angler advocacy campaign.

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Two Public Meetings Remain On Proposed Fishing Regulation Changes

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is considering changes to the fishing regulations and is continuing its series of public meetings to provide information. The remaining meetings are —

July 19, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Kingman regional office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road.

July 19, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Pinetop regional office, 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd.

Meetings were previously held in Flagstaff, Mesa, Yuma and Tucson.

In addition, the public can also submit written comments via email to fishregscomments@azgfd.gov or by mail to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Fisheries Branch, c/o Chris Cantrell, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

The Proposed Changes

Change the statewide possession limit to twice the daily bag limit. This possession limit will apply to all statewide and special regulation seasons.

Reduce the crappie daily bag limit



from unlimited to 15 per day at Bartlett Lake and Roosevelt Lake.

Establish special regulations for daily bag limits at all newly designated Community Fishing Waters.

Make all catch-and-release trout waters artificial fly and lure only, single barbless hooks.

Simplify artificial fly and lure regulations at waters with reduced trout harvest to "artificial fly and lure only, two trout daily bag limit."

Create special regulations for bass at Goldwater Lake of one bass, minimum size of 13 inches in total length.

Allow bow and arrow fishing for cat-

fish at Roosevelt, Apache, Canyon and Saguaro lakes.

Allow spear and spear gun fishing for striped bass in the Colorado River and associated backwaters from Headgate Rock Dam (upstream of Parker) to the Southern International Boundary with Mexico.

Reduce the general statewide daily bag limit for white amur (grass carp) from unlimited to one white amur, minimum size of 30 inches in total length.

Reduce the statewide roundtail chub daily bag limit from one fish to catch-and-release only.

Consolidate regulations on the Colorado River from the I-40 Bridge to the Southern International Boundary including Lake Havasu, Martinez Lake, Mitty Lake and associated backwaters.

The changes are scheduled to be presented to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission at its meeting scheduled for Sept. 6-7.

View the full details of the rationale behind each regulation at www.azgfd.gov/h_f/regChanges/130614_Fish_Regs_Full.pdf.

AZGFD Among Recovery Champion Award Recipients For Gila Trout Protection

The collaborative efforts of multiple natural resource agencies to protect Gila trout and other native fish populations

after last year's devastating Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire in New Mexico were recognized with the 2012 Region 2 Recovery Champion Award.



Gila Trout

Recovery Champions are U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff and their partners whose work in advancing the recovery of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals.

The award was presented to the Gila trout and Chihuahua Recovery Team of Julie Carter, Arizona Game & Fish Department's Conservation & Mitigation Program supervisor; Jim Brooks of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Jerry Monzingo of the Gila National Forest; Kirk Patten of

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offer a perfect solution because they can give future hunters and anglers the kind of introduction they need."

To apply for a grant, download an application packet from www.azgfd.gov/i_e/local_sportsmens.shtm. Packets are also available upon request from Grant Coordinator Robyn Beck at (623) 236-7530. The deadline to submit applications for Local Sportsmen's Group Grants is 5 p.m. (MST) on Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.

Applications can be submitted by email to RBeck@azgfd.gov or sent by U.S. mail to:

Arizona Game and Fish Department, DOFP

Attn: Robyn Beck
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000

Join the fun and participate in activities funded by the Local Sportsmen's Group grant program. Visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills for a complete listing of current events scheduled.

Note: There is no cost to Arizona taxpayers for this grant program. The Arizona Game and Fish Department does not receive any of the state's general funds, and operates under a user-pay, public-benefit model. The Local Sportsmen's Group Grant Program is an investment in the continuance of wildlife conservation efforts and outdoor recreation participation in the state of Arizona.

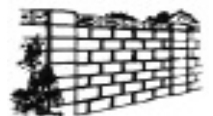
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BY JULY 31 — The public still has the opportunity to provide comment, either by e-mail or regular mail, on the revised draft of the hunt guidelines for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 hunting seasons. The AZGFC will take final action on the guidelines at its Sept. 6-7 meeting.

Public Can Still Provide Comment On Proposed Revisions To Hunt Guidelines

The public still has the opportunity to provide comment on the revised draft of the hunt guidelines for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 hunting seasons.

The revised draft can be viewed at www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines. Comment can be submitted through July 31 by e-mail to azgamebranch@azgfd.gov, or by mail to Hunt Guidelines, Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

The draft was developed based on prior input from the public this year and was shared with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission on June 15. The department would like to hear from constituents on how this revision may be further improved.

The hunt guidelines provide the biological and social parameters (or "the recipe")

used by wildlife managers to formulate annual hunt recommendations (season structures, season lengths, season dates, permits allocated) and results in the hunts that we offer to hunters.

While hunting opportunity is important, wildlife is held in the public trust, and using science-based principles in shaping the guideline process remains paramount to assure healthy, sustainable and diverse wildlife populations for future generations.

The commission will take final action on the hunt guidelines at its Sept. 6-7, 2013 meeting in Show Low. A commission meeting agenda will be posted at www.azgfd.gov/commission in advance of the meeting.

For more information on the hunt guidelines process, visit www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines.

Public Invited To Open Houses Re: 2014 Spring Hunt Recommendations

The Arizona Game and Fish Department will host six public open houses where constituents may review and ask questions about the 2014 spring recommendations for turkey, javelina, buffalo and bear. The proposed recommendations are anticipated to be posted online on July 19 at www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines.

Each year, the department makes recommendations to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding the management of game species, which establish the seasons, dates, bag limits, open areas, and hunt permit-tag allocations based on the framework of the hunt guidelines set by the commission every two years.

The open houses will be held at Game and Fish regional offices as follows:

Wednesday, July 24 from 3-5 p.m. at the Kingman regional office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road

Tuesday, July 30, from 3-5 p.m. at the Pinetop regional office, 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd.

Tuesday, July 30, from 3-5 p.m. at the Yuma regional office, 9140 E. 28th St.

Tuesday, July 30, from 3-5 p.m. at the Tucson regional office, 555 N. Greasewood Road

Wednesday, July 31, from 3-5 p.m. at the Flagstaff regional office, 3500 S. Lake Mary Road

Wednesday, July 31, from 3-5 p.m. at the Mesa regional office,



Javelina

7200 E. University Drive

Constituents who are interested in particular game management units within those regions will have the opportunity to review the hunt recommendations and ask questions. There will not be a formal presentation at these open houses.

"The meetings allow sportsmen and other members of the public to ask questions of knowledgeable staff and discuss the direction for the recommendations based on survey data, harvest rates and the hunt guidelines," said Game Chief Brian Wakelining.

The proposed 2014 spring hunt recommendations will be presented to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for consideration during its August 3 meeting in Flagstaff.

To learn more about the hunt recommendations and hunt guidelines processes, visit www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines.

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Western Wildlife



Learn About High Country Hummingbirds At July 27 Festival

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is again offering a unique opportunity for people to learn more about Arizona's colorful forest hummingbirds at the 10th annual High Country Hummers



Broad-Tailed Hummingbird

Festival on Saturday, July 27, at the department's Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area located near Eagar in eastern Arizona.

Up Close And Personal

"This is a fantastic opportunity for people to get up close and personal with these



Calliope Hummingbird

flying jewels," says Bruce Sitko, spokesman in the department's Pinetop office. "We are quite fortunate to get Sheri, who is the author of the *Peterson Field Guide to Hummingbirds of North America*, to come with her staff of dedicated volunteers and demonstrate her research."

This free, one-of-a-kind program will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at noon. Costs are underwritten by the department's Heritage Fund. Supported by Arizona lottery dollars, the Heritage Fund is dedicated to the education, conservation and enhancement of Arizona's wildlife, biologi-

cal diversity, scenic wonders and environment.

'But Wait; There's More'

Other fun programs will also be offered at the wildlife area that day. There will be educational exhibits featuring live hawks and owls. You can even get your photo taken with one. Visitors can view a presentation on hummingbird natural history.

At 8:30 a.m., department staff will discuss and instruct on how to photograph hummingbirds. Be sure to bring your camera and a tripod for this hands-on activity. Staff will also lead a "birding basics" program, including identification tips and technological tools available to aid in learning about our avian visitors.

People are welcome to explore the visitor center's interpretive displays on wildlife conservation, habitats and prehistoric culture. Breakfast and lunch concessions will be provided by the Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"We encourage visitors to come prepared to spend most of the morning out-

doors with potential of some summer rain," says Sitko. "It's a good idea to bring a camera, as there will be plenty of great photo opportunities. We also require that pets be kept on a leash."

The SABO Mission

Williamson, together with her husband Tom Wood, founded and operate the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO), which is a non-profit scientific and educational organization based in Bisbee. SABO's mission is to promote conservation of birds, their habitats and the diversity of species that share those habitats through research, monitoring and public education.

To get to the wildlife area, take Highway 191 from Eagar toward Alpine two miles to the signed turnoff at the top of the first hill. Drive south five miles to the property on a gravel road suitable for cars. For more information, visit the High Country Hummers Web page at www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/hummingbird.shtml.

AZGFD Co-authors Unprecedented International Recovery Plan

The endangered thick-billed parrot will benefit from plan.

One of only two species of parrots historically found in the United States, the thick-billed parrot, will benefit from a recovery plan coauthored by the Arizona

Game and Fish Department. The plan aims to grow the bird's numbers by focusing recovery on protecting, managing and restoring mature and old-growth conifer forests in Mexico.

The plan was published today by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and represents the first time that the U.S. has adopted another country's endangered species recovery plan. The U.S. recovery

plan closely follows the Mexican thick-billed parrot recovery plan with additional required elements added by the Service because the parrot is now found only in Mexico.

Concentration On Core Range

Species experts recommend that recovery efforts concentrate on those populations already established in Mexico, where relatively large contiguous parcels of suitable habitat still exist within the birds' core range. Potential habitat in the U.S., once part of the northern edge of the parrot's historical range, is more fragmented and less suitable.

"After extensive review, it was apparent that we had a better chance of restoring populations of thick-billed parrot in Mexico rather than attempting to reintroduce the species with a cost-prohibitive captive breeding program in the U.S. and where habitat is more limited," says Larry Voyles, director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department and co-signor of the plan.

In developing the plan, biologists considered a captive breeding program in the U.S. that would provide birds for release. However, the estimated initial cost of \$25 million over 15 years was determined to



PARROT PLAN — The endangered thick-billed parrot will benefit from an international plan that focuses on recovery on protecting, managing, and restoring mature and old-growth conifer forests in Mexico.

be prohibitive with little chance of success. Attempts to re-establish the bird in Arizona between 1986 and 1993 were unsuccessful partially due to the captive-

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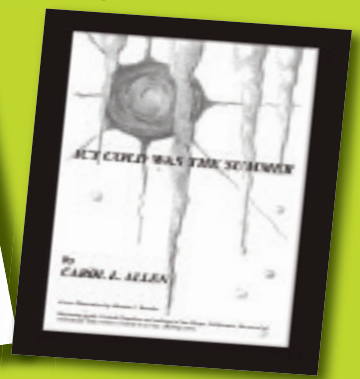


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Grand Canyon Assn. Presents Its Fifth Grand Art Collection

The Grand Canyon Association and Arizona Public Service are pleased to announce the 5th Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art at Grand Canyon National Park Sept. 14, 2013- Jan. 20, 2014. This event features twenty-six artists from around the country who have created a studio piece for the exhibition and will paint plein air during the week before the exhibit opens.

Visitors to Grand Canyon National Park will have the opportunity to watch the artists paint as they seek to represent the shifting light and shadow, amazing land forms, and vibrant colors of this vast landscape. Artists will be at the North and South Rims and, again this year at Phantom Ranch and Indian Garden Sept. 14-20.

Long before there was color photography, artists like Thomas Moran and Gunnar Widforss contributed to capturing the beauty and mystery of Grand Canyon through art. It was their paintings that helped communicate to the world the need for preservation of such a special place.

In 2009, the Grand Canyon Association rejuvenated this idea and brought artists to the South Rim for a week of painting and appreciation of art in the canyon. Today, Celebration of Art exposes tens of thousands of people to live artist renderings at Grand Canyon. It has become the model for outdoor art events in National Parks.

Event Schedule

Plein Air at Grand Canyon
Sept. 14 – 20, 2013
North and South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park

Quick Draw and Auction
Friday, Sept. 20, 2013
9:00 am – noon

Buyer's Preview and Reception
Friday, Sept. 20, 2013
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
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Exhibit and Sale
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Exhibition and Sale At Kolb Studio
Kolb Studio is located along the Rim Trail in Grand Canyon Village, 200 yards
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'Suvoyuki Day' Celebrates Hopi Partners

Dancers, traditional food and tours are on Aug. 3 agenda at Homolovi State Park.

"Suvoyuki" translated in the Hopi language means to accomplish work through a "joint effort." "Suvoyuki Day" is an open house on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Homolovi State Park that celebrates the partners who have helped to protect and save Homolovi area archaeological and cultural sites from destruction.

There will be activities throughout the day including special archaeological site tours held at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cultural artists and demonstrators will also be on hand. The Homolovi Dancers will perform two dances at the event. The corn-roasting pit will be opened at 8 a.m. and will start the day's activities.

Hosted By Old Trails Museum

This year, "Suvoyuki Day" is part of the closing events for the Smithsonian's Journey Series traveling exhibition, hosted by the Old Trails Museum at La Posada Hotel that runs through August 4, 2013.

The exhibition shows how our evolving mobility changed a young nation and how transportation made us grow. The accounts of travelers themselves express the hopes and promises of fresh starts, the grim realities of forced migrations and difficult journeys, and the thrills of personal travel.

Homolovi, one of a series of many ancient Hopi pueblos found in the Southwest, offers the public the opportunity to



Courtesy Of Arizona State Parks

OPEN HOUSE — "Suvoyuki" translated in the Hopi language means to accomplish work through a "joint effort." "Suvoyuki Day" is an open house on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Homolovi State Park that celebrates the partners who have helped to protect and save Homolovi area archaeological and cultural sites from destruction. There will be archaeological site tours, cultural artists and demonstrators, and the Homolovi Dancers will perform two dances at the event.

begin their journey into Hopi life and culture. As the modern visitor making their way to Hopi, Homolovi was a stop for the ancestral Hopi people along their migration route, eventually moving on and settling at one of the current Hopi villages.

For More Information

For more information about Homolovi State Park call (928) 289-4106. Homolovi State Park is located five miles northeast

of the city of Winslow in northeastern Arizona. The park campground is convenient to 1-40 and accommodates large rigs, as well as tent camping. Tent camp sites to full hookup camping sites are available at a fee of \$15 to \$25 depending on the type of camping site needed.

Reservations for camping can be made 24-hours-a-day at AZStateParks.com or

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GOOD NEWS FROM STATE PARKS

Kartchner Caverns Offers Volunteer Opportunities, Summer Specials

Escape The Heat! On-Site Volunteers Needed At Kartchner Caverns State Park

On-site park volunteer opportunities are available at Kartchner Caverns State Park. Bring your RV and live at the park while volunteering this summer, 2013. The weather at Kartchner Caverns State Park is 15 to 20 degrees cooler than Phoenix and 5 to 10 degrees cooler than Tucson because of the 4,600 foot elevation.

Volunteers are a vital and integral part of the programs at Kartchner Caverns State Park. Volunteering at the park is a unique experience because of the variety of service positions available and the opportunity to connect yourself and the visitor to a rarely seen environment. Kartchner Caverns is a magnificent cave with many different types of formations. Whether you are in the cave or campground, hummingbird garden or Discovery Center, there are many ways to help the visitors enjoy their experiences while on the park.

Some of the available positions include

- Visitor Services (Gatehouse, Front Desk, Discovery Center, Cave Portal) Campground Host
- Maintenance Services (Miscellaneous Maintenance, Tram Driver, Trail & Garden Maintenance)
- Interpretive Services (Lead cave guides, Trail cave guides)

For more information about our volunteer positions at Kartchner Caverns State Park contact the Volunteer Coordinator (520) 586-4121. For information about all of Arizona State Parks' volunteer opportunities, visit AZStateParks.com/volunteer.

Kartchner Caverns State Park (near Benson, Arizona) is a wet, "live" cave with stunning limestone in Southeastern Arizona. On the guided cave tours, visitors view dynamic structures such as stalactites



BIG AND BEAUTIFUL — The Big Room at Kartchner Caverns State Park is just one of the many magical formations within the caverns. Arizona State Parks hopes you will visit this state treasure during the summer — either as a volunteer or as a camper.

and giant stalagmites, sometimes meeting to form a massive column. There are also many hiking trails, a Visitor Center, gift shop and café.

Summer Getaway Special At Kartchner Caverns — Free Campsite With Purchase Of Two Adult Cave Tour Tickets

Kartchner Caverns State Park (near Benson, Ariz.) is a unique cave with limestone minerals and formations that continue to grow with stalactites dripping down like icicles and giant stalagmites reaching up from the ground. Bring your family to see these formations in person and when you purchase two adult cave tour tickets from now until September 30, 2013, receive one night campsite free.

Enjoy a low-cost summer getaway in southeastern Arizona while staying in the campground. There are many things to do

at Kartchner Caverns State Park including touring the cave, visiting the Discovery Center and exploring the hiking trails, including one that leads into the Coronado National Forest. Other nearby attractions include Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park, The Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee and Chiricahua National Monument in Willcox. The free campsite must be used on the same visit as your cave tour and must be purchased through the reservation line at (520) 586-2283 between 8am and 5pm (Mountain Standard Time) seven days per week. The Rotunda/Throne Room tour is \$22.95 for adults aged 14 and older, \$12.95 for children aged 7 to 13 and free for children younger than 7.

During the summer, there is one guided tour offered inside the cave at Kartchner Caverns. The Rotunda/Throne Room Tour is half of a mile in length and takes approximately an hour and a half to complete.

On this tour, visitors will discover the role that water plays in creating the caverns. You will see the discoverers' original trail, 45,000-year-old bat guano, delicate formations and "Kubla Khan," the largest column formation in Arizona. The Big Room Tour is not open to visitors in the summer because it serves as a nursery for around 1,000 female cave myotis bats (scientific name *Myotis velifer*).

Kartchner Caverns State Park also offers a large, modern campground adjacent to the Whetstone Mountains with views of the entire San Pedro Valley. The camping sites are equipped with electricity and water. NO sites have been developed or designated for basic "dry camping" however, non-electrical and tent campers are welcome to use these sites. A camping permit entitles the holder to use of the shower/restroom, water, electrical and dump station facilities.

The Discovery Center facility contains exhibits on cave formations, cave life, hydrology and history. In the Tenen-Tufts Theater, a video presentation (15 minutes long) plays twice an hour. The program highlights the discovery aspect of the cave. The Gift Shop offers a wide array of cave related and southwestern themed souvenirs, gifts and practical items to meet the needs of travelers. The Bat Cave Cafe is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for dining while at the Park.

Reservations for camping and/or cave tours can be made 24-hours a day at AZStateParks.com (please note: the summer getaway is not available for purchase online) or by calling (520) 586-2283 between 8am and 5pm (Mountain Standard Time) seven days per week. Reservations are highly recommended for all cave tours. You will need to pick up your tickets at the park on the day of your tour; tour tickets are not mailed out. Bring your reservation receipt with you to the park. Cave Tour tickets must be picked up at least one hour prior to your scheduled tour time. Late arrival may result in the forfeiture of your reserved tour time. Kartchner Caverns State Park is located on Highway 90, nine miles south of I-10 near Benson, Arizona.

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bon fishing lines in lighter test weights to make your line practically invisible; or try fishing without weights and let your bait flutter to the bottom.

For more bites, fish with 4-6 pound test line and keep your weights to a minimum. Keep trying new things, keep at it and have fun learning more about fishing this summer.

Bluegill Basics

Bluegill fishing is fair for anglers using worms and mealworms fished under a small bobber set at 4-6 foot depths or fished on the bottom. For more bluegill success, use 2 pound line, size No. 12 hooks, and just enough bait to cover the hook. Action for largemouth bass is fair with the best baits finesse plastics fished in the early morning hours.

At Green Valley

At Green Valley lakes (Payson) fishing is best for bass, bluegill and crappie. Anglers using worms and mealworms under a small slip bobber are enjoying plenty of action, especially when fishing the outside edge of the weed-lines. Also try small curly tail grubs, marabou jigs or Trout Magnets for crappie. Fishing is poor for trout and catfish.

Your Comments Invited

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking public input on proposed changes to the hunting and fishing license structure and fees. We want to hear from you.

For information on the draft license structure and fees, go to www.azgfd.gov/licensesimplification. This site has infor-

mation on the proposed changes and explains how to provide your comments and input. The goal is to have all new licenses and fees available by January 1, 2014.

Some of the changes anglers are sure to like are that fishing licenses (and hunt/fish combo licenses) would: 1) be valid for 365 days rather than just for the calendar year, 2) include all trout stamp and urban fishing privileges, and 3) include two-pole stamp privileges.

Under the proposed changes, youth from ages 10-17 may fish anywhere (urban lakes included) for \$5. There would still be the option to purchase an Urban (Community) Fishing License specifically for designated urban waters that, in addition to the current 21 Urban Fishing waters, will be expanded to include up to 15 additional waters such as Tempe Town Lake and new lakes in Peoria and Maricopa.

Priced at \$24, the new Community Fishing License would include the two pole privileges and be valid 365 days from date of purchase.

For More Information:

Remember the Web... www.azgfd.gov updated stocking schedules, fishing clinics, public events, and other great fishing and outdoor information. Also check out the web for Weekly Fishing Reports, to submit your fishing photos or to send AZGFD your latest fishing report. They are also on Facebook. Two other great resources are Urban Fishing Program Manager: Eric Swanson or Urban Fishing Program Specialist: Joann Hill (623) 236-7268

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BITE

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morrow."

Yellowtail fishing at Cedros Island was varied, with some boats saying they encountered few biters and others coming up with three per rod right off the bat. Both bluefin and yellowtail are known to produce good bites for several days and then take a breather.

Yellowfin Samples, Too

"Captain Justin Fleck called in," reported Excel's office July 11, "with a wrap up from yesterday. We saw excellent sign of bluefin. We saw more schools than we have seen in many years. We also caught a good sampling of yellowfin tuna.

"We ended up with 59 bluefin tuna (up to 65 pounds), 16 yellowfin tuna (20 to 25 pounds), and couple of Dorado and a few yellowtail. We are now at Cedros fishing yellowtail. They are biting [well]. We have 75 this morning. They are biting everything. The weather has been beautiful. Guys are doing excellent on Excel."

Weather's Right

"Our weather today was just beautiful," reported Royal Polaris July 11, "with flat seas, sunny, and warm. We did have some early morning fog, but by 10:30 hours, it was clear skies. Our fishing was good for those who fished.

"Most of our anglers are still recovering from the excellent bluefin bite. Most of the yellowtail were in the 18 to 25-pound range, with a few going over the 30-pound mark. Our afternoon was spent catching calico bass. We did make a tank of bait last night and we will give this a try again tomorrow, then take off for points north of here."

Local Fishing Steady

Sand bass fishing remains very good for local boats, with some calico bass, barracuda and other species providing variety. Day and a half boats are getting a few bluefin. Yellowtail fishing remains quite good for paddy fish and some from coastal areas. Summer peak fishing is beginning, and keeping up bait supplies with increasing demand means the bait boats are out hustling every day.

You know fishing's good when you have to leave 'em biting! Join Bill Roecker and Matt Salas as they fish with skipper Bruce Smith aboard the 90-foot sportfisher *Shogun*, on a four-day summer trip that visits the Benitos Islands and Cedros Island. Whopper homeguard yellowtail load up rods and snap any line not up to the task. They're biting on surface iron, yoyo iron, and live sardines. See 'em bite right next to the boat!

Top off two days of fantastic fishing at Cedros/Benitos with a morning of angling like it used to be, at Sacramento Reef, near Jeronimo Island. Bass, bonito, rockfish, lingcod and yellowtail jump on jigs as fast as the guys can chuck 'em! Rapid-fire fishing, good food and long rod demonstrations from skipper Smith and jig maker Salas make this DVD special for all anglers who love to fish for hard-slugging yellowtail.

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And how about this feat from a young,

precocious angler: On July 5 at Parker Strip on the Colorado River, this young man was catching and using crawdad, goggles and all, eventually landing this 14-inch smallmouth bass. Good to see enthusiastic young anglers.



Anglers' Reports

Angler's reports that have been emailed to BFishing@AZGFD.gov have been pouring in. At Willow Springs, one angler had a great tip: He noticed that too many anglers last weekend were trolling too fast, which was keeping their rig too high in the water column. Great tip, Todd, and thanks.

Also, if you have any questions in regards to fishing, send your question to the same address, BFishing@AZGFD.gov, and we might feature your question, and our answer, in the "Q & A" section. Regardless, we will answer your question.

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The standard hotspots continue to produce. The dam is good early and late each day. The power plant intake has hot striper fishing at mid day. Slick rock covers in Padre Bay are good all day long, but now you must try a few spots before locating a school. Once a school lights up on bait strippers can still be caught in huge numbers.

From the mouth of the San Juan to Trachyte Canyon slurps and boils rule. Surface feeding action is strong each morning and evening when weather permits. Cast surface lures, rattletraps and spoons to feeding fish for instant hookups.

Repeat until the school dives and then find a new school and cast some more. Many have caught over 100 fish per day exclusively fishing for surface-feeding strippers.

Smallmouth Bass

Smallmouth bass are the next most commonly caught fish. They are near broken rock and easiest to find on steep rocky slopes. Work drop shot rigged plastic worms progressively deeper down a slope until a bass hits.

Remember the depth where the first fish is caught, then drop to that depth on similar habitat. Depth and structure are the habitat keys that make a successful bass fishing day. Luckily, smallmouth bass are quite willing to hit bass lures and baits in the current low forage conditions so bass fishing is great.

Catfish

Catfish are the next most active fish. Evening finds them cruising shallow beach areas looking for food. They will come to areas where boats and camps are common looking for table scraps or other food items left on the bottom.

When swimming and wakeboarding are done for the day the Lake Powell adventure can be extended into the cool evening by fishing on the beach for catfish. Houseboats parking spots in the backs of canyons provide the perfect habitat for catfish.

Fishing at Lake Powell remains great for a variety of species.

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SAIL ABOARD TALL SHIP CALIFORNIA: Oct. 11-14 — Contact San Diego's Maritime Museum for more information.

MUSSEL-PREVENTION OUT-REACH: July 27-28, Aug. 10-11; AZGFD

BIG CAT POKER RUN: Aug. 16-17 — Teague Marine sponsors the California Delta event; presented by Discovery Bay Lions Club; all boaters welcome to participate; benefits local charities: www.BIG-CATPOKERRUN.COM

ASF SAILING CLASSES 2014: arizonayachtclub.org.

AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.usailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

SUPERIOR: Prickly Pear Festival: Aug. 24— Boyce Thompson Arboretum, includes a "prickly pear IPA" homebrewing class again this year — and (NEW!) a lecture about prickly pear winemaking by globe vintner Jerry Temanson, who fermented 50 gallons of the unique magenta beverage last year, a half-dozen local restaurants will feature prickly pear dishes, <http://www.superiorazchamber.net>

FLAGSTAFF: Aug. 24 and 27 — 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, walks are limited to 20 participants, 9:30-11:30 am, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

SUVOYUKI DAY: Aug. 3 — Arizona State Parks; see story on page 11

FOOL HOLLOW LAKE: Through Aug. 31 — Interpretive programs offered by Arizona State Parks

LYMAN LAKE STATE PARK: Through Dec. 3 — Camping reservations accepted; Arizona State Parks

GRAND CANYON: Through Jan. 20, 2014 — Celebration of art; see story on page 11.



Air Force Day: August 1

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

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MORMON LAKE: Aug. 24 — Watchable Wildlife! — Mormon Lake Lodge, program about wildlife presented by famed naturalist Joe Yarchin, Arizona Game and Fish Dept. Watchable Wildlife Project Coordinator, Joe shares secrets regarding how, where and when to view Wildlife in a responsible manner with good results, free, 9:30 am, 928-354-2227 or <http://www.MormonLakeLodge.com>

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PRESCOTT: July 22 — Zoo by Moonlight - Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, visitors are encouraged to bring their flashlights and see the nocturnal animals of the Zoo, 6-9 pm, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

PRESCOTT: Nocturnal Nature Nights: Through Aug. 31 — Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, enjoy the Zoo in the cool of the evening, open Saturdays until 8 pm, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

WILDLIFE CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST: Through Aug. 2 — Arizona Game & Fish Department

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The package includes a 1.25 acre lot in cool Alpine, Ariz., a 40-foot Columbus Fifth Wheel, and a 2013 Ford F250, four-wheel drive truck, to help tow your new trailer around town.

The Ultimate White Mountain Get Away Raffle is sponsored by the Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce and all the proceeds go to non-profits of Apache County.

Draw On Sept. 7

One winner will be drawn on Sept. 7, at 2 p.m., at the ATV Jamboree at the Round Valley Rodeo Grounds in Eagar, Ariz., and drive away with all three prizes! The winner does not need to be present to win.

If you love spending time in the great outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping or just

watching Arizona wildlife, this raffle is for you. These prizes are top of the line, with all the bells and whistles!

With Phoenix temperatures hovering in the three digit temperatures for the duration of the summer, it would be refreshing to have an escape in Alpine with 80-degree days, and cooler nights, with elk and other wildlife in your own backyard.

Just think: You could win a rugged truck, luxurious RV and calming vacation property, as a handsome reward for helping out local charities.

Raffle tickets are selling for \$100 each or a three-pack for \$250. Each ticket is individual, giving friends or family members the opportunity to pitch in on raffle tickets together.

Better Odds

The odds are better than buying a winning lottery ticket and every penny raised from the Ultimate White Mountain Get Away Raffle will go to non-profit organizations and charities located in Apache County, Ariz. Any non-profits in this country are welcome to apply.

The raffle is already off to a great start, and only 3,500 raffle tickets are available. They will sell out, so don't wait to purchase your Ultimate White Mountain Get

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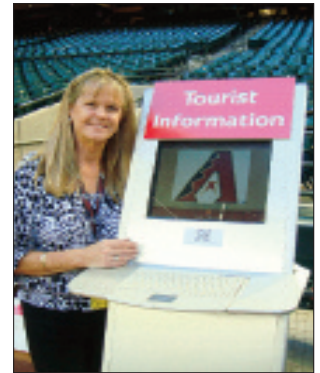
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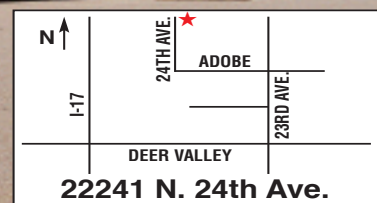
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Spotlight: Business

SUN VALLEY FIBER-GLAS

Dan Turner Established His Boating-Repair Business Nearly 30 Years Ago

By Carol L. Allen

Dan Turner came from the Arkansas/Missouri area in 1987. He had started there in fiberglass manufacturing, which he did for about 10 years. Turner made just about everything, including waterslides, and was one of a few not employed in a farm-related business.

That was Act 1. Setting the stage for Act 2 for Turner was a request for him to do some repair work back home. His normal fee for manufacturing fiberglass items in 1985 was \$12/hour, but he found that doing repairs was bringing some companies \$48/hour, four times what Turner charged for manufacturing fiberglass products. This got him to thinking about a change.

At about the same time, Turner's uncle crashed his race car. He asked his nephew if he could repair it. Turner said he could, but, in the meantime, the uncle had it fixed in Arizona for around \$6,000. Turner said

he would have done it for \$600. The lights of change were flashing.

Adding to this were his uncle's stories about the upcoming development of Lake Pleasant "out there" in Arizona and about the probability that there would be a huge increase in boating — and, of course, the need for repairs.

So, the Turners moved into Act 3: a move to Arizona and the beginning of Sun Valley Fiber-glas, Inc. nearly 30 years ago. Turner has never looked back.

Turner has some sound advice for boat owners. One is to consider what should and should not be "repaired."

Some owners will call him for just a minor scratch, something that is only a small cosmetic concern; Turner advises that the labor-intensive gelcoat repair is not needed for that. He suggests repair only when there is damage of some depth or a hole that could result in water entry.

Turner likens this reasoning to someone

who wants cosmetic surgery just because he or she has some natural wrinkling from aging. The "repair" is really not needed — just more surface care.

And, surface care for a boat is wax. Turner reminds boat owners that there is no such thing as "wax buildup" in Arizona; it melts too quickly in our heat and sun.

Therefore, maintenance can be done with the least expensive wax (e.g., a liquid spray wax); as long as three coats are applied correctly, it should last about three months.

The process Turner recommends is to apply a coat of wax, let it set for one hour, then take it off. This should be repeated for a total of three times.

He explains that, under a microscope, gelcoat looks like a sponge and takes in the wax accordingly. Using a heavy, viscous wax is not necessary and is even discouraging as it is so hard to remove in between

applications.

Turner also advises that there be UV protection within the boat cover itself. So, when a customer asks him how long will a boat's gloss last, Turner replies that it depends on whether or not the craft is kept in a garage out of the sun or on how well the wax-maintenance is kept up.

Sun Valley Fiberglass is a busy place, and the demand for Turner's services come from two distinct groups of boat owners: recreational boaters — who begin going to the lake with their families on Memorial Day weekend and put the boat away right after Labor Day when the kids go back to school — and the bass boat owners who ready for the fishing action just after Labor Day.

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New Mexico Department of Game and Fish; and David L. Propst, Ph.D. and Thomas Turner, Ph.D., of the University of New Mexico.

Carter said that before monsoons hit, and once it was deemed safe, ground crews in New Mexico horse-backed into the Gila National Forest to salvage the

Gila trout, with a helicopter standing by to transport the trout to hatchery crews in nearby N.M. towns. Arizona's assistance came into play when some of the salvaged Gila trout were transported to Ash Creek, in eastern Arizona.

"We had more than 25 people waiting to help backpack the fish into Ash Creek," Carter said. "This project and the salvage of other native fishes in New Mexico as a result of the fire were successful due to the

incredible coordination and dedicated biologists, especially ground crews in New Mexico that traveled on the forest immediately after the fire."

More information on the award is available at <http://www.fws.gov/engendered/what-we-do/recovery-champions>.

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raised birds' reduced ability to survive in the wild.

'It Makes More Sense'

"It just makes more sense to recover the birds in Mexico where we know they can exist and reproduce rather than try to establish a breeding population in Arizona where conditions are less suitable for the parrots," says Larry Riley, assistant direc-

tor for Game and Fish's wildlife management.

The thick-billed parrot disappeared from the U.S. more than 70 years ago. Historically, the species was known to visit southeast Arizona and possibly northwest New Mexico, but a breeding population of birds could never be confirmed. The most recent estimates indicate that at a minimum there are just over 2,000 thick-billed parrots, all in the states of Chihuahua and northwest Durango in Mexico.

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west of Bright Angel Lodge. For more information about Grand Canyon Association and its programs, go to www.grandcanyon.org.

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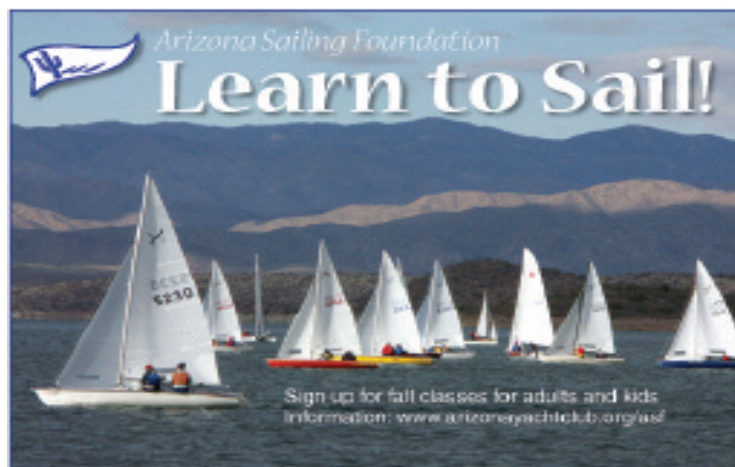
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