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# Southwest Scenery: Seasonally Spectacular!

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## And Color Them Crimson, Green, Yellow, Gold

After what sometimes seems an interminable summer, Arizonans welcome autumn with great enthusiasm. They join others across the country in celebrating the colors that signal the freshness of fall. The vibrant aspens, maples and oaks of Arizona's outdoors comprise a wonderful palette of color.

Many have offered their opinions about the ideal times and places to view the kaleidoscope of colors, and here are some of the favorites — road trips that take you through the grandeur of a Southwestern fall from now through, in many cases, December.

There may be other "leaf-peepers" in

these areas, but if you can get away during the week, you might find the viewing less crowded. Here are some of our favorites.

### Prescott Area

If you start your tour of colors here, you won't be disappointed; instead, you will be mesmerized by the beauty of an Arizona fall.

From Whiskey Row, drive south on Montezuma to the turnoffs for Ponderosa and Crown King. Turning east onto Indian Creek Road, you will see the gorgeous blend of gold canyon grape vines with crimson Virginia creeper.

Now, drive on through Ponderosa Park,

through Wolf Creek campgrounds and then turn south on Senator Highway. Be ready for a blaze of red as the big-tooth maples almost jump out from the canyon walls. Gorgeous!

As you come to Walker Road, be entranced by more maples, then turn around and go back to Prescott. At State Route 69, go west about three miles to State Route 89, and then turn north.

Now, look for state Route 89A, which will take you to the old mining town of Jerome via Mingus Mountain. The eight miles you'll travel are filled with gold and red, a view of absolute splendor before you

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Photo by John Menard, Phoenix

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# First-Ever 'Sand And Water Expo' Coming To Lake Havasu City

Outdoor recreation enthusiasts to see it all this fall.

Lake Havasu City, Ariz., a recognized mecca for outdoor enthusiasts of off-roading, RVing, and boating is about to add another accolade to its resume with the announcement of the first-ever "Sand and Water Expo" coming to Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 special-event venue, Oct. 27-28.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have the opportunity to bring this level of event to Lake Havasu City," commented Bob Brown, president of Media Direction, the producer of the exceptionally successful 2012 Lake Havasu Boat Show in April.

### A Close Relationship

"There has always been a close relation-



ship between individuals who enjoy off-roading, RVing and boating; it's just a matter of the time of year. Southwest off-roading and RVing are the recreations of choice in fall and winter that give-way to boating and watersports in spring and summer, and no where in the country is that fact more evident than Lake Havasu City.

"It's a natural cross-over blend of similar interests. Because of that, we plan to capture the spirit of these complementary markets by offering an opportunity to browse, compare



and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, Jeeps, sand cars, ATVs, UTVs, 4 X 4s, buggies, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats and all related accessory products and services in one convenient place.

### Room For Everybody

"We expect our exhibitor list to represent a mixture of local, regional and national brands, dealers and manufacturers," continued Brown. "There's room for everybody at

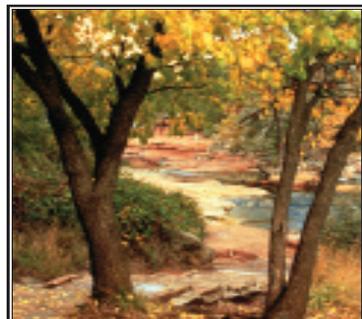
this Expo, no matter how big or small. And, what's so appealing about the Windsor 4 venue is that it affords an enormous space to properly display these extraordinary products. It's the perfect environment at the right time of year for an outdoor Expo of this kind."

The Sand and Water Expo will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 and on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. Adult admission is only \$2.00; children 6 and under are free, and on-site parking is also free. Food, beverage and beer garden concessions are on-site.

The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge.

For additional information and the latest updates on Expo exhibitors and special attractions/entertainment, please visit <http://www.sandandwaterexpo.com> or email

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### ON THE COVER

Follow fall through Arizona's high country and then south to Mt. Lemmon. The gorgeous golds, crimsons, greens, and yellows create a veritable palette of color that can be enjoyed from September into December. This photo of West Fork in Slide Rock State Park is an example provided by Arizona State Parks.



## We're Doing It Bigger, Better For 2013

It's official — the Lake Havasu Boat Show is the largest consumer boat show in Arizona in terms of attendance, physical size, and number of exhibitors. But, this is just the beginning.

For our 22nd consecutive year, our advertising and promotion out-reach is stepping up to another level, focusing not just on local markets but also effectively tapping the Southern California, Las Vegas, and Phoenix areas as well.

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We'll also make sure that everyone in attendance will be entertained and energized.

For the 2013 Lake Havasu Boat Show has more special attractions planned than ever before: A new watersports stunt show featuring some of the most talented and extreme skiers, wakeboarders, Sky Skiers, barefooters, etc., in the country.

Also returning are Legends by the Lake

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Photo courtesy of Bob Brown, Sand and Water Expo  
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## Watersports

### Local Swimmer Wins Three Golds

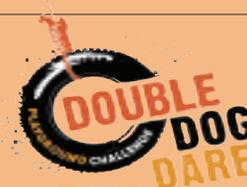
Olivia Ekberg of Arizona's Desert Dolphins is most-decorated 14-year-old swimmer. See story Page 6.



## Events

### 'Double Dog' Dare Challenges All Ages

'Double Dog Dare,' a fun event for both adults and kids comes to Lake Pleasant in early November. See story Page 6.





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Dan and Jon Turner at Sun Valley Fiber-Glas are still hosting our original 1952, 43' Chris-Craft as well as one of the 21' Chris-Craft Scorpions.

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October 2012				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 6 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 555 N. Greasewood Rd. Tucson	\$0	(520) 429-6106
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 13 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Rd. Tempe	\$8 per family	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 20 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contct Point 1801 Hwy 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 916-2004
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 23 & 25 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 7200 E. University Ave. Mesa	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 27 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

### Falling Overboard

- ◆ **To prevent persons from falling overboard:**
  - Don't sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or any other area not designated for seating.
  - Don't sit on pedestal seats when underway at greater than idle speed.
  - Don't stand up on or lean out from the boat.
  - Don't move about the boat when underway.
- ◆ **If someone on your boat falls overboard:**
  - Reduce speed and toss the victim a throwable 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 victim on board over the stern, keeping the weight in the boat balanced.

### Hypothermia

- ◆ **If you are boating in cold water:**
  - Dress in several layers of clothing under your PFD or wear a wetsuit or drysuit.
  - Learn to recognize the symptoms of hypothermia. Symptoms begin with shivering and bluish lips and nails, and progress to a coma and, ultimately, death.
- ◆ **To reduce the effects of hypothermia:**
  - Put on a PFD if not wearing one. It helps you to float without excessive movement and insulates your body.
  - Get as much of your body out of the water as possible.
  - Don't take your clothes off unless necessary — clothes can help you float and provide insulation.
  - Don't thrash or move about. Excess motion consumes energy and increases loss of body heat.
  - Draw your knees to your chest and your arms to your sides, protecting the major areas of heat loss.
  - If others are in the water with you, huddle together with your arms around their shoulders.



### Diver-Down Flags

- ◆ Scuba divers and snorkelers must display a diver-down flag to mark their diving area. The flag must be displayed whenever some one is diving below the surface.
- ◆ A vessel should stay as far away from a diver-down flag as is reasonable and prudent for the circumstances. The suggested safe distance from a flag is 100 yards.

 A rectangular red flag with a white diagonal stripe is used on inland waters, including the Colorado River and Lake Systems.

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### Towing Skiers

Vessel operators towing a person(s) on water skis or a similar device have additional laws.

- ◆ A vessel towing a person(s) on water skis or any other similar device must have at least two persons on board — one to operate the vessel and a second person to observe the towed person(s). The observer must be at least 12 years old and be physically capable and mentally competent to act as an observer of a water-skier.
- ◆ Each person being towed behind a vessel on water skis or a similar device **must wear** a life jacket (PFD) or buoyant belt. Note, however, the buoyant belts are not

approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. The AZGFD recommends the use of a U.S. Coast Guard-approved, brightly colored Type III life jacket (PFD). The brightly colored life jacket (PFD) aids in making a skier more visible to other vessels.

- ◆ Water-skiing is restricted to daylight hours only. It is illegal to tow a person(s) on water skis, surfboard, or other similar device from sunset to sunrise.
- ◆ Both the operator of the towing vessel and the skier must operate in a safe manner. A reasonable distance from other vessels, people, and property must be maintained so as not to cause danger to the life or property of others.

- ◆ State law makes the person being towed (the skier) responsible if he or she behaves in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner.



- ◆ Vessels towing person(s) on water skis or a similar device must carry and use a bright red or orange skier-down flag that is at least 12 x 12 inches in size and mounted on a handle. The observer must continuously observe the skier(s) and display a skier-down flag whenever the skier is in the water after falling or while preparing to ski.

- ◆ If towing a skier with a PWC, the same water-skiing laws apply. **Do not exceed the carry capacity of the personal watercraft.**





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### MONSOON SEASON MAY BE ENDING, BUT —

# The Southwest Can Still Have Storms In Store

By Ron and Rose Werner  
USPS

As we make plans to go out to the lake, we have listened to the weather forecast and storms are either not identified or most often not talked about because the chance is slight.

As you go about your day on the lake, be vigilant of those storm cells that are small and fast moving. Most often, you will have a great amount of wind blowing through the area prior to the rain.

If you were paying attention to the weather (and it gets stormy) then the best thing to do is to move to a sheltered cove and just wait for it to pass. This is a good time to just relax and see what the weather will bring.

And, if you're a photographer, often you can get your best camera adventures just after the storm. In other words, make the bad weather work in your favor and you will see things that you would not normally see.

If you happen to get caught in the storm, do not attempt to beat the storm because all your fellow boaters are thinking the same thing. This makes the ramps congested and, consequently, many people get irritated, making for more stress than you need, especially at this time.

If you see potential storm clouds forming on the horizon, but you do not yet feel the effects, you may cut your outing short and head back to the marina early. However, if you do get stuck out in the weather, do not panic.

Put on your life jackets and look for a sheltered area. Be vigilant of changing conditions. Set an anchor and maintain an anchor watch.

Whatever you do, stay calm and enjoy the end of the day just as you enjoyed the beginning.

For additional information, Phoenix Power Squadron (along with Arizona Game & Fish, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club) on any of the above skills there are great



**"STORMY WEATHER"** — Even though Arizona's monsoon season is nearing an end, stormy weather is still — and always — a possibility. Ron and Rose Werner of the Phoenix Power Squadron advise putting on PFDs, getting to a sheltered area, dropping anchor, remaining calm, and enjoying the "fireworks." As photographers, they also welcome the chance for some great photo-ops, as seen here.

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Also, see page 3 of this issue for a list of classes.



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From Jim Nichols  
LakeRacer LLC

In 2009 LakeRacer took us back to the early days of Arizona Hot Boats and the Fall Heatwave series poker runs by hosting the Monster Bash Poker Run. It was back to a little smaller and easier going event with a fun theme and costumes encouraged.

In 2010 we again held this late season event and added a Friday Morning Shootout, and 2011 was again a favorite of our long-time participants and bigger than ever!

So here we go again!! Welcome to the 2012 Monster Bash Poker Run on Nov. 1-3. Once again, we're supporting the Lake Havasu Food Bank as our designated charity so a percentage of the poker run jackpot will be donated, and you are encouraged to make any other donations of non perishable food at the event.

This event is limited in number and size of boats. For boats 35feet and under, with a special invitation to larger boats that have provided special support to our events. We want to encourage those who feel the Desert Storm event no longer accommodates their boat.

Our Title Sponsor Teague Custom Marine plus the Nautical Resort, Nordic Boats, ILMOR, IMCO, Prestige Marine, Pirate Cove Resort and Domn8ter Powerboats have encouraged us to organize this event with their major sponsorships, so make sure and thank them!

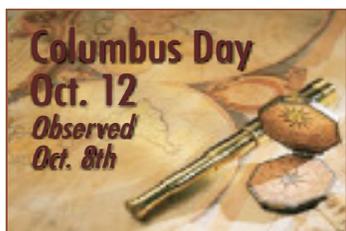
This Poker Run is themed for Halloween to make it fun for the whole family. Included in this event is an opportunity for a holiday photo of each boat in front of the London Bridge. These will be included on an event photo CD to be mailed out after the event.

Last year we added an open house and welcome party at Vern Gilbert's West Coast Drives facility on Thursday night (Sponsored by Romer Beverage, West Coast Drives, and Lake Havasu Marine Association) and a Friday shootout down at Havasu Springs. These proved so popular we're doing them again!

In addition, we're hosting a reception and registration party Friday night on the Nautical Resorts! Then we top off the event with an awards costume party Saturday night in the Nautical Conference Center.

Also, we brought back the Friday Lunch Run to Havasu Springs, reserved only for those who register before Oct. 15, you will receive the special wrist bands by mail in advance.

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at the World Finals that will further enhance their relationship with watercraft.

Spectators and participants can find all of the information they need for attendance at the 2012 World Finals by examining all of the links at [www.ijsba.com/wf](http://www.ijsba.com/wf).

Questions regarding the event should be directed to the International Jet Sports Boating Association by e-mailing [info@ijsba.com](mailto:info@ijsba.com) or by calling +1-714-751-8695.



**CONGRATULATIONS!** — With the final day of competition at the Paralympic Sailing Regatta cancelled due to lack of wind in Weymouth and Portland, racing results, to date, stood as final. The U.S. Paralympic Sailing Team's Jen French and JP Creignou collected a silver medal in the SKUD-18 event (Two Person Keelboat). Final standings for Team USA include Mark LeBlanc 6th in the 2.4mR (One Person Keelboat) and Paul Callahan, Tom Brown and Bradley Johnson 7th in the Sonar (Three Person Keelboat).

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# Playground Challenge Dares You To Jump Outside Your Comfort Zone

On Nov. 3-4, the exciting 5k obstacle course event DOUBLE DOG DARE – Playground Challenge kicks off its national tour right here in Phoenix at Lake Pleasant.

With a portion of the proceeds going to benefit Banner Health Cardon Children's Medical Center, the event features playground-inspired obstacles of varying difficulties and is meant for adults and for kids over 10 years of age. Registration costs are \$55 per person and groups are encouraged to apply together to participate in the same heat at [www.DDDchallenge.com](http://www.DDDchallenge.com).

The DOUBLE DOG DARE – Playground Challenge is "An edgy, playground-inspired, 5K obstacle course for everyone that dares you to jump outside your comfort zone — just for the fun of it."

For adults, the playground-inspired ob-

stacles hearken you back to carefree days of dodge ball and monkey bars. For kids, it's a chance to show the world your skills.

Three challenge levels make this course ideal for all participants. The "Double Dare" obstacles are challenging enough for kids and adults looking for some outdoor fun. The "Double DOG Dare" obstacles are more challenging for serious participants and the "Triple Dog Dare" is a nearly impossible obstacle, for adults only, designed to make even the most athletic thrill-seeking individual think twice.

Outta Town Productions (OTP), the company behind DOUBLE DOG DARE, has developed outdoor/adventure events all over the world for more than 20 years. "This time we wanted to design an event for everyone, regardless of age or skill level. We wanted an event where college students and athletes will have as much fun and feel as challenged as families and

church groups" said Luis "Luie" Garrido, OTP president, "so everyone can participate."

The event is being held at Lake Pleasant, which allows for some interesting water-related challenges. It's also a good place to rinse off the dirt when you're done. There's even an obstacle for that. Participants should expect to get muddy and are encouraged to wear old shoes. You might want to bring a towel too, just in case.

There are a total of 19 different challenges with names like Dodgeball, Mr. Ed, Hopscotch and Fire Drill. One obstacle called Frisbee has participants swinging from one suspended disc to the next; another called Skipping Stones has you walking, crawling or otherwise traversing a series of inner tubes across the water.

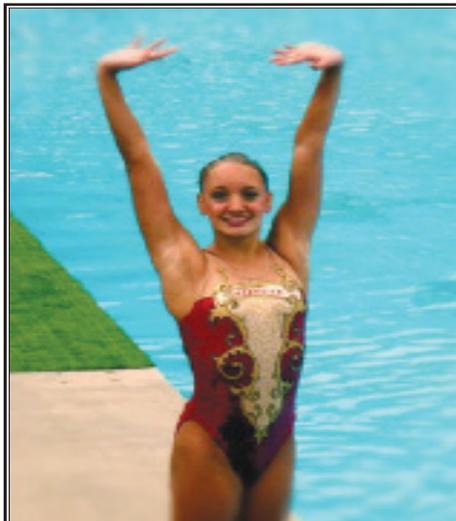
For more information about each of the challenges, except for the super-secret



"Triple Dog Dare" visit [www.DDDchallenge.com](http://www.DDDchallenge.com).

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Visit OTP online at [www.outtatown-productions.com](http://www.outtatown-productions.com).



**STAR SWIMMER** — Olivia Ekberg, 14, of Gilbert, represented her local synchronized swimming team, and Team USA by competing in the Pan American Games in Cali, Columbia, last week. Ekberg stomped the competition, bringing home gold in the team competition, gold in the duet competition, and silver in the figure competition. She is the most decorated 14-year-old athlete in USA synchronized swimming today. After training at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, and also in Connecticut, she has been gone for over six weeks. For more information, or for interview opportunities, please contact Coach Becky Thompson of Arizona Desert Dolphins at (480) 313-4350 or [becky@azdolphins.com](mailto:becky@azdolphins.com).



**LET'S CURL!** — with the Coyotes Curling Club. Our favorite "frozen watersport" begins again on Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29. We are still accepting registration forms and have extended the early cut-off date. If you have not yet sent in a form, please get it in as soon as possible. We are also still accepting registration forms for the golf tournament at Troon Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 22. It will be a fun event and is a good fundraiser for the building fund. Forms can be found at [www.coyotescurling.com](http://www.coyotescurling.com). Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter.



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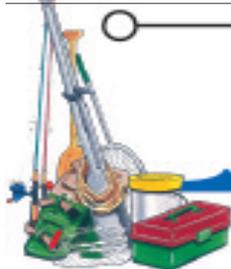
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## LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

# If You Like To Fish, Now Is The Time

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

Good fishing success we have enjoyed for a while continues and is perhaps even better than last week. The main factor is falling lake level.

Shad have been hiding in the brush line surrounding the lake all summer long. Now water level is declining, leaving the brush high and dry and shad without a good hiding spot. Shad are exposed and all game fish are taking a swipe at them every chance they get.

Scattered splashes mark the action punctuated by diving seagulls and terns, with shore-bound ravens, coyotes and herons waiting for their turn. Cast surface lures and shallow diving crankbaits near diving gulls and splashes. When surface splashes cease look at the graph for more action.

The brush line is in shallow water from 12-20 feet. When fish leave the surface, graph the sloping bottom from 35-60 feet for striper schools. When found, drop spoons to the waiting, hungry fish for quick results.

It is common for all who drop heavy slab spoons into an active school to catch fish at the same time. Make sure to mark the spot of first encounter so it is easy to return to the same spot after the school leaves the boat and returns to their resting spot.



Wayne Gustaveson

**A FAMILY AFFAIR** — Rob Young, sons Cole, Mike, Brad, Tim and sister Lyndi, caught striped bass at will on a family vacation from their home in Monticello Utah, to Good Hope Bay on beautiful Lake Powell.

Lake Powell's shoreline is not completely brush lined. It is hard to find boils in canyon areas with steep cliffs and no brush. Here, trolling while graphing is the best way to find striper schools.

Spoons work just as well with the deep, hungry fish as they do with surface feeders. Find a school in 50-100 feet of water and catch them by down-rigger trolling, with spoons on bottom or on bait with copious chumming.

Smaller fish are more likely to be close

to the surface while bigger fish are in the depths. Use your favorite technique but, if at all possible, come now. Fishing is at the fall peak.

Some of the best splash-and-graph shallow areas are Warm Creek channel from Castle Rock to twin islands, Warm Creek Haystacks (Cottonwood Arm), islands in Padre Bay, West Canyon mouth to Dove Canyon, Last Chance coves with

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**SAVE THE DATE** — Be sure to put Monday, Oct. 1 on your fishing calendar. That is the opening of the seasonal catch-and-release fishery at Silver Creek in the White Mountains on our Silver Creek Hatchery property just outside Show Low (not far from the airport). You can even watch as many of the fish — rainbows and Apache trout — are stocked that opening day. There will be some nice 3-plus-pounders to catch. This has really become a mini-event for anglers. Also once again this year, the Wounded Warriors from Ft. Huachuca will be there.

## Autumn Angling Gets Active In Arizona

By Rory Aikens  
AZGFD

Even though each night is two minutes longer, the nighttime temperatures still remain in the upper 70s and 80s, so our larger desert impoundments are experiencing a slow cool down this season so far.

However, in the high country the nights are into the 50s or cooler, so the transition to fall conditions will be more pronounced and the fish should be getting increasingly active.

### Transition Time

This is really a transition time of year from summer to autumn conditions. As the water cools, the different predatory fish species get more active, in part to improve their body condition before winter conditions arrive.

What we can expect to see is high country trout fishing start getting better — trout should be moving into the shallows and getting more active any time.

The same is true of the desert impoundments. When our nighttime temperatures drop into the 70s and below, the lake-cooling effect will accelerate and the fish should get correspondingly more aggressive in their feeding patterns. So, watch those nighttime temperatures for an indication of what is likely happening at the lakes.

The cool-down effect of storms can also help.

### Resuming Rainbows

This week we are resuming our stocking of rainbows into Lynx, Fain and Goldwater lakes near Prescott, so it might be a good time to make that Prescott fishing connection.

According to my old friend Wayne Gustaveson with the Utah Division of Wildlife, the fishing in the San Juan and Escalante arms of Lake Powell is "off the



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## Tight Lines

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# 'Don't Move A Mussel; It's The Law'

From AZGFD

Recently, "about a quarter of the boats showing up at Lake Powell with quagga mussels have been in violation due to mussels' being attached to the anchor," Tom McMahon, invasive species coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, said.

McMahon added that boaters coming from lakes such as Pleasant, Mead, Mohave, and Havasu that are infested with quagga mussels need to be conscientious about taking legally required proper precautions so they don't move these invasive mollusks to an unaffected water, such as Powell or Bartlett Lake.

"It's essential that boaters clean, drain and dry their boats each and every time they go boating anywhere, any time. Unfortunately, there are lots of aquatic invasive species that might hitchhike to another water on your boat or trailer," McMahon said.

However, he added, those boating in waters listed as having aquatic invasive



Zebra Mussel



Quagga Mussel

species, such as quagga and zebra mussels, by law must follow the prescribed decontamination procedures.

"Quite simply, it is against the law in Arizona to transport quagga or zebra mussels and those found doing so can and probably will be cited," McMahon pointed out.

For the most part, those legally required procedures are simple and straightforward.

### Three Steps To Clear

Before leaving the vicinity of an aquatic invasive species listed water, such as Pleasant, Mead, Mohave or Havasu, the law requires that you —

**Step 1:** Clean and remove any clinging material such as plants, animals and mud

from anchor, boat, motor and trailer.

**Step 2:** Pull your plug and drain the water from the bilge, livewell and any other compartments that could hold water. Also be sure to drain the water from the engine and engine cooling system.

**Step 3:** Ensure your watercraft and equipment are allowed to dry completely and out of the water for a minimum of seven days.

For more detailed information, check out [www.azgfd.gov/ais](http://www.azgfd.gov/ais).

"We've been asking boaters to clean, drain, and dry their boats for years. It's just a good practice to not only protect our precious water resources, but also to protect your own boating investment. Most boaters have been pretty understanding and cooperative," McMahon said.

Now when they boat at waters listed as having aquatic invasive species, such as Mead, Mohave, Havasu, and Pleasant, this is required by law. As McMahon tells everyone he contacts to remember, "Don't Move a Mussel — Now It's the Law."



**NINE-TIME JUNIOR ANGLER CHAMPION** — Thomas Orozco, 12, of Union City, Calif., placed first in his age division and was also the overall tournament winner at the International Game Fish Association Young Anglers Tournament held at Shelter Island Pier in San Diego on Aug. 11. Young Orozco has won his age division at IGFA tournaments nine times. He caught and released kelp bass, sand bass, California scorpionfish and California lizardfish during the three-hour tournament in which 170 kids, ages 6-15, participated.



Bill Roecker  
For FishingVideos.com & San Diego Sportfishing Council

**PEI PRIZE** — Contractor Ken Cirks spends a few days each fall fishing up in the Northeast. This year he was fishing out of North Lake, Prince Edward Island. I talked with Basil Pappas via telephone a few days ago, on September 7. Pappas remarked that Cirks was tucked into the corner of the boat at that very moment, working on a tuna of over 800 pounds. I'm assuming that the fish you see here is the same one. Here's what Cirks sent along to me: "Hey guys, I'm just got back from another unbelievable trip to Prince Edward Island. This one was about 900. We fished with Gregg Norton with Tight Lines Charters again and he put us on the fish every day. A quick note to the success of the Mustad 39943 hooks; in the two years we fished them, out of 25 hook ups, we boated 22 fish. The three we lost got chewed off; all the rest were right in the corner of the mouth. I will take those odds on giant bluefin any day."

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# Tight Lines

## 2012 BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship

Television series continues on NBC Sports network.

Fans of collegiate bass fishing have been getting a look at the 2012 BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship Series when the television series debuted on NBC Sports Network Aug. 14.

Programming started with the Day One



**ZOOQUARIUM** — The American National Fish and Wildlife Museum, doing business as Wonders of Wildlife Museum & Aquarium, also known as Wonders of Wildlife Zooquarium or just Wonders of Wildlife in Springfield, Mo., showcases more than 225 species of live animals, fresh and salt-water aquariums, interactive displays and educational programs. The 92,000-square-foot (8,500 m2) facility, designed by Cambridge Seven Associates, opened on Nov. 2, 2001. The attraction closed in December 2007, with the announcement of a planned expansion that would have increased the square footage of the facility by 58 percent, at a cost of \$25 million. Subsequently, museum representatives have announced a much more ambitious expansion, at a cost of about \$80 million. They opened the Conservation Education Center at the end of December 2011, with the rest of the museum planned to be open by December 2012.

coverage of the Cabela's Collegiate Big Bass Bash and will continue to follow the anglers through the season, including the BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship, as well as the Collegiate Bass Fishing Open, presented by Pepsi.

Original airings are Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. EST, repeating on Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. EST, with the series to conclude on Saturday, Oct. 6.

"The Association of Collegiate Anglers and the BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing

Championship Series has just wrapped up another year of record-breaking numbers, and we are thrilled with what we were able to capture on the water this year. We'll be showcasing collegiate anglers from across the country during this season's action, which documents their passion, dedication, skills and achievements both on and off the water," stated Wade Middleton, tournament director and president of CarecoTV, LLC.

Airing on NBC Sports Network, fans

will have had access to 16 half hours of programming dedicated to the BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship Series.

### Remaining Schedule

Sept. 18 & 22: BoatUS Collegiate Championship - Day Two  
Sept. 25 & 29: Bass Fishing Open - Day One  
Oct. 2 & 6: Collegiate Bass Fishing Open - Day Two

## American Sportfishing Association Asks Anglers For Support

### Dear Members of the Sportfishing Community:

Please join me and help spread the word about our newest Ambassadors of KeepAmericaFishing™, the American Sportfishing Association's (ASA) angler-advocacy campaign.

Legendary professional anglers from across the country recently gathered at the 2012 International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades, better known as ICAST, to show their support for KeepAmericaFishing.

Fishing legends such as Kevin Vandam, Mike Iaconelli, Chris Lane, Shaw Grigsby, Lefty Kreh and Mark Sosin shared what fishing means to them and how supporting KeepAmericaFishing helps ensure that our nation's waters re-

main open, clean and abundant with fish.

I am asking every member of the fishing industry to help me spread the word about KeepAmericaFishing by sharing these videos with their customers, vendors and partners. Videos are available for use at —

<http://www.keepamericafishing.org/ambassadors.html> or at

<http://www.youtube.com/keepamericafishing>.

I encourage you to use these videos on your company Web site, in your e-mail communications and through your social-media campaigns.

Do your part today. Let your customers and associates know that KeepAmericaFishing is working hard on behalf of all anglers — from novice to professional —

to support fisheries' conservation and keep our public waters open to recreational fishing.

Together, we can promote our industry, ensure the future of recreational fishing for generations to come, and keep America fishing.

Gordon Robertson, vice president, American Sportfishing Association



# Game Bag Write On Target

## List Of Sponsors For National Hunting And Fishing Day Continues To Grow

The North American Fishing Club is set to sponsor National Hunting and Fishing Day, the official federal commemoration of hunters, anglers and conservation.

The club is a part of North American Membership Group, the premier special-interest lifestyle membership club.

"Our contributions each year to National Hunting and Fishing Day represent our efforts to get members more involved in the outdoors," said Kurt Beckstrom of North American Fisherman. "Our members attend the various NHF Day events throughout the U.S. and tell us of how rewarding it is."

### NHF Day: Sept. 22

NHF Day continues to grow and reach new outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen each year with the continued support of generous sponsors. Through licenses, permits and special taxes, hunters and anglers generate \$100,000 every 30 minutes—totaling more than \$1.75 billion per year—for fish, wildlife and habitat. No one contributes more for conservation. NHF Day is set to take place Sept. 22.

### Wonders Of Wildlife Museum

The sponsorship by the North American Fishing Club and others supports the Wonders of Wildlife museum — the official home of National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Springfield, Mo., facility oversees educational initiatives to help the American public understand the indelible relationship between hunting, angling, healthy habitat, and wildlife and fisheries conservation.

"We are excited to have North American Fishing Club on board as a sponsor this year," said Misty Mitchell, Director of Wonders of Wildlife. "With their help and our other sponsors, we're reaching out to America with a message that healthy fish, wildlife and habitat depend on funding and leadership from hunters and anglers."

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charts."

Sounds like a decent topwater bite for strippers at Havasu is underway — and should just keep getting better as we flip through the calendar pages of September. The recreational boating hordes have likely left, so you shouldn't see congestion on the water.

### October 1

Be sure to put Monday, Oct. 1 on your fishing calendar. That is the opening of the seasonal catch-and-release fishery at Silver Creek (see photo with this story) in the White Mountains on our Silver Creek Hatchery property just outside Show Low (not far from the airport). You can even watch as many of the fish — rainbows and Apache trout — are stocked that opening day. There will be some nice 3-plus-pounders to catch.

This has really become a mini-event for anglers. Also once again this year, the Wounded Warriors from Ft. Huachuca will be there. It will be my first day of retirement, but I'll try to make it as well.



Wonders Of Wildlife Museum & Aquarium

### Tony Stewart Chairs

Each year National Hunting and Fishing Day chooses an honorary chairperson, and this year NASCAR Sprint Cup driver/owner Tony Stewart is serving in that capacity and will deliver the message of NHF Day.

As the driver of the No. 14 Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, Stewart has won 12 driving championships, including three Sprint Cup Series titles, in a career spanning more than three decades.

Stewart is a champion off the racetrack as much as he is on, and has been recognized for his philanthropic efforts via his Tony Stewart Foundation, which raises funds for distribution to three specific groups — chronically ill children, drivers injured in motorsports activities, and organizations dedicated to the protection of various animal species.

### Since 1972

In 1972, Congress formalized NHF Day to remind the public that conservation depends on funding and leadership from hunters and anglers. Every president from

### For Wounded Warriors

Speaking of Wounded Warriors, the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club, Troops First and the Wounded Warriors Foundation will host five former Iraq and Afghanistan wounded warriors from around the United States, on a guided fly-fishing trip to the San Juan River in New Mexico during October.

The Fly Fishing Club is seeking tax-deductible donations to offset the expenses of this wonderful healing experience for the troops.

To assist in the funding for this trip, Torreon Country Club is hosting a special event fundraiser on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m.

To make a reservation for the event, donate a raffle item, or make a cash donation to these worthwhile endeavors, contact Michael Smith at (602) 316-0948 or Barry Curseaden at (623) 398-5242 or e-mail azsunrise47@yahoo.com. The WMFFC Web site address is: www.wmflyfishing.com.

Being a Viet Nam vet myself, it's especially gratifying to see these types of activities to support our troops.

Good luck and good fishing, maybe I'll see you out there.

Richard Nixon through Barack Obama has issued official proclamations of support for the annual commemoration, now recognized as one of the most effective grassroots campaigns ever undertaken to promote traditional outdoor sports.

### About North American Fishing Club

North American Fishing Club is the largest fishing organization of its kind, and through its official publication, *North American Fisherman* magazine and TV show, *North American Fisherman*, has been educating, encouraging and entertaining anglers since 1988.

The NAFC's mission is to help fishermen of all types improve their fishing skills, catch more and bigger fish, and thus enjoy their sport more. The Club also acts as a vehicle through which anglers from all points of the compass can communicate — sharing success stories, photos and videos through the magazine, Web site and the social network.

For more information on the NAFC, visit: [www.fishingclub.com](http://www.fishingclub.com), follow us on Twitter @nafishclub and on Facebook at

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### North American Hunting Club Joins Sponsors

The North American Hunting Club has joined the sponsors of National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Club is a part of North American Membership Group, the premier special interest lifestyle membership club.

"It's important to us and our members to be a part of this special day in order to continue to pass along the traditions of hunting and shooting; just like they were passed along to us," said Gordy Krahn, editor-in-chief of *North American Hunter* magazine and co-host of *North American Hunter* TV.

"We are excited to have North American Hunting Club on board as a sponsor this year," said Misty Mitchell, director of Wonders of Wildlife. "With their help and our other sponsors, we're reaching out to America with a message that healthy fish, wildlife and habitat depend on funding and leadership from hunters and anglers."

### About North American Hunting Club

With 750,000 enthusiastic members, the North American Hunting Club — through its official publication, *North American Hunter* magazine and TV show, *North American Hunter* — strives to increase the hunting skills and enjoyment of Club members.

The NAHC's mission is to serve as a one-stop source where avid hunters from across North America can satisfy all their hunting needs. The Club also acts as a vehicle through which hunters from all points of the compass can communicate — sharing success stories, photos and videos through the magazine, Web site and the social network. For more information on the

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## Online Application Service Now Available

**Deadline to apply is Oct. 9; printed regulations available at Game and Fish offices.**

### From AZGFD

The online application service for Arizona's spring 2013 hunt permit-tags issued through the drawing process for turkey, javelina, buffalo and bear is now available at <https://phx.az.gov/app/huntdraw/home.xhtml>.

The online service allows payment with a credit card (VISA and Mastercard only). The cost of the hunt permit-tag won't be charged unless the applicant is drawn.

The online service works with the following browsers: Microsoft Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome and Safari (It is recommended that Safari users upgrade to the latest version of the OS and Safari browser; a few problems have been reported with older Safari versions). The service currently does not work with mobile devices such as iPad, iPhone or other Smartphones.

### Requirements

People applying online will have to pay the non-refundable \$7.50 application fee (which is charged as part of the tag fee whether applying online or with a paper application). Also, a 2013 hunting license is required to apply in the draw. Those who haven't already purchased their 2013 license can do so through the draw application process. People purchasing their license online must have a working printer handy to print the license out at the time of purchase. The department does not mail



out licenses that are purchased online.

People who prefer submitting a paper application can mail it to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Drawing Section, PO Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052, or the application can be hand-delivered to any of the seven department offices located in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and Phoenix. Remember, paper applications must be received by the department by the deadline; postmarks don't count.

Whether applying online or with a paper application, the application deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, by 7 p.m. (MST).

### Apply Early

Those who submit a paper application are encouraged to apply early and take advantage of the correction period. If your paper application has a mistake and is received by 5 p.m. on Sept. 21, Game and Fish will attempt to call you three times in a 24-hour period and give you the opportunity to correct the mistake. After that date, mistakes can cause your application to be rejected.

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# Western Wildlife



## Arizona Receives Federal Approval Of Revised Wildlife Plan

From AZGFD

Arizona's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) revision guiding wildlife conservation for 2012-2022 was recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The plan's revision considers many of the changes that Arizona and its wildlife have experienced since the original plan was created in 2006.

Some of the more significant changes that impact wildlife conservation and were addressed in the plan include the state's above-average human population growth; increasing demand for renewable energy sources; emergence of new wildlife diseases; and, the growing number of new invasive species.

"Arizona's State Wildlife Action Plan is more than just a planning document. It is a user's manual for one of the greatest collaborative conservation efforts ever completed in our state that will provide direction in the coming years as Arizona continues to change," says Larry Voyles, director for the Game and Fish Department.

### HabiMap™

One of the most notable actions to come from revising the plan is the Arizona Game and Fish Department's HabiMap™ Arizona, an innovative new tool that utilizes the latest mapping technology to provide wildlife data to help conservation partners make informed planning decisions that consider wildlife's needs. HabiMap™ Arizona is a user-friendly, Web-based data viewer that allows users

to visually explore the distribution of the state's wildlife, wildlife conservation potential and stressors to wildlife.

Information available through HabiMap™ Arizona is non-regulatory and may be useful in making decisions about our state's future growth by considering wildlife early in the planning process.

The Arizona SWAP is a thorough statewide look at wildlife and their habitat, and the actions needed to ensure species survival. The plan aims to protect species with the greatest conservation need and manage those species to prevent them from becoming threatened or endangered.

### Federal Grants

Having an approved SWAP in place allows Arizona to continue to receive federal grants through the State Wildlife Grant program created under bipartisan legislation established in 2001. Since then, the Fish and Wildlife Service has provided more than \$17 million in grants to Arizona for its conservation efforts.

Each state's or territory's plan must contain information on low and declining populations of wildlife and the habitats they require, identify problems that affect these populations, identify research and survey efforts to improve their conservation efforts, and determine actions and priorities. Once a state's plan is approved, agencies will revise and update their plan at least once every 10 years.

To learn more about Arizona's SWAP and HabiMap, visit [www.azgfd.gov/swap](http://www.azgfd.gov/swap) and [www.habimap.org](http://www.habimap.org).

## Take Advantage Of Book Bargains At AZGFD Dollar Days

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has a bargain offer for anyone interested in learning more about Arizona's wildlife, in fishing, and eating wild-caught foods. From Sept. 17-21, the department will be selling four of its most popular books (that normally retail from \$5 to \$8) for just \$1 each (while supplies last) at the Game and Fish offices in Phoenix, Mesa, Tucson, Flagstaff, Pine-top, Kingman and Yuma; available are the following:

**Arizona Wildlife Views Special Edition** — This 155-page collection of *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazine's special editions explores the natural history of the state's birds, reptiles, amphibians, bats and game species.

**Amphibians and Reptiles of Maricopa County** — This illustrated guide to the 82 species of amphibians and reptiles found in Maricopa County is a collaborative effort between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Arizona State University. The 68-page book is a practical tool both for frequent wildlife watchers and for county residents who encounter snakes and lizards once in a while.

**Arizona Fishin' Holes** — The 2010 edition is a "glovebox-ready" guide to the state's best fishing. Find out which fish swim where, and learn about amenities such as boat ramps and campgrounds at fishing holes. The booklet includes GPS coordinates for each lake and up-to-date resource telephone numbers and Internet addresses.

**All Things Edible** — After a good day at the lake or in the field, it's time to turn that fish or game into a tasty meal. This is a collection of recipes featuring wild-caught fare.

Game and Fish offices will be open normal hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) during Dollar Days. For addresses, visit [www.azgfd.gov/offices](http://www.azgfd.gov/offices) or call (602) 942-3000.

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are now available at Game and Fish offices and are being shipped to license dealers. Most dealers either have them by now or will receive them in the next few days. The booklet and form can also be downloaded online at [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw).

Some of the spring hunts are not limited to tags issued through the draw process. For those hunts, a non-permit-tag may be purchased over-the-counter at Game and Fish offices or at license deal-

ers. Non-permit-tag hunts are area specific and include some archery-only spring turkey, juniors-only shotgun spring turkey, archery-only spring javelina, general javelina, general spring bear, and archery-only spring bear hunts.

### One Significant Change

One significant change for 2013 is that

the statewide bag limit for javelina is now two javelina per calendar year, with no more than one taken per open area as defined in each hunt number. The bag limit may be filled in any combination of permit-tags (draw tag or first-come leftover draw tag as long as they have differing hunt numbers) or nonpermit-tags (over-the-counter tag).

No more than one permit-tag shall be issued per hunter through the initial draw. Hunters can refer to Commission Order 6 (spring javelina) on pages 15-18 of the hunt draw information booklet.

A full listing of all the spring hunts is available in the 2013 Arizona Spring Turkey, Javelina, Buffalo and Bear Hunt Draw Information booklet.

## SPONSORS

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NAHC, visit: [www.huntingclub.com](http://www.huntingclub.com), follow them on *Twitter* @nahuntingclub and on *Facebook* at <http://facebook.com/huntingclub>

### Most Recent Returning Sponsor: GunBroker.Com

GunBroker.com is once again rallying to sponsor National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day).

"GunBroker.com has proudly sponsored NHF Day for the last six years because we passionately believe in the importance of habitat and wildlife conservation, as do many of our 2 million registered users," said Don Hall, GunBroker.com chief operating officer. "It is extremely rewarding to play a role in the work and contributions by hunters and anglers to preserve outdoor heritage, not only on this one day, but all year round."

Misty Mitchell, director of Conservation Programs, Wonders of Wildlife, said, "National Hunting and Fishing Day is thrilled to have GunBroker.com as a sponsor. They have proven themselves as strong advocates for conservation and their support for NHF Day reinforces these beliefs. We look forward to working with them in years to come."

The growing list of sponsors for NHF Day 2012 includes Wonders of Wildlife, NSSF, Bass Pro Shops, Smith & Wesson, Sportsman Channel, Realtree, GunBroker.com, Yamaha, Pope and Young Club, Ducks Unlimited, North American Hunting and Fishing Club and the Izaak Walton League of America.

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## SCORP Is Ready For Public Review

The Arizona State Parks department is responsible for writing Arizona's Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every five years. This plan sets the evaluation criteria to allocate the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, along with other applicable grant programs consistent with the state's outdoor recreation priorities as identified by public participants in the research.

This policy plan is now available online in a draft format for public review at AZStateParks.com and will be available for comment through Oct. 7. The final plan will be implemented starting Jan. 1, 2013.

Citizens interested in outdoor recreation in Arizona have participated with State Parks staff in the collection of recreation data since last May to build this first draft of the 2012 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). For more than 47 years, this offshore oil and gas leasing revenue fund, passed by Congress in 1965, has been used to plan, develop and expand outdoor recreation throughout America.

Arizona has received \$60 million dollars from this fund toward the enhancement of outdoor recreation for Arizona communities and those monies were distributed through 728 grants administered by State Parks.

Arizona State Parks is committed to

preparing a highly integrated outdoor recreation system for the future. This plan balances the recreational use and protection of natural and cultural resources. It also strengthens the awareness of the public between outdoor recreation with health benefits while also producing opportunities to enhance the economics and quality of life for residents.

Recreation managers of cities, counties, the state and Federal government organizations in Arizona use this information for more specific recreation planning and budgeting. The plan also offers leadership opportunities to make decisions about the State's enhancement of outdoor recreation sites, programs and infrastructure.

For more information call the Arizona



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State Parks department headquarters at (602) 542-4174 or go to AZStateParks.com. If you would like to e-mail program managers about this draft plan use [aspreply@azstateparks.gov](mailto:aspreply@azstateparks.gov). Feedback on the plan can also be submitted by mail at Arizona State Parks, 1300 W. Washington Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85007 (Re: SCORP draft plan).

## Arizona OHV Fatalities More Than Tripled Last Year

### Game and Fish urges riders to ride safely, responsibly.

According to The Arizona Game and Fish Department, off-highway vehicle fatalities jumped from 8 in 2010 to 29 last year – serving as a stark reminder for OHV enthusiasts to exercise safe, responsible riding practices.

According to statistics from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), there were also 409 non-fatal inpatient hospitalizations and 1,611 non-fatal emergency room visits due to OHV



injuries in 2011.

"The increase in the number of fatalities and injuries is most likely related to the increase in inexperienced ridership and OHV activity," stated Tomi St. Mars, chief of injury prevention with ADHS.

This increase coincides with the heightened number of registered OHVs during the same time period. In FY2010, there were 330,083 ATVs and other off-highway vehicles registered. In 2011 that number

jumped to 339,244.

"What we tend to see in the emergency departments statewide are the inexperienced riders [who] put two people on single-seat ATVs and those who don't use helmets," said St. Mars.

"There is no substitute for not riding safely and responsibly," said Jimmy Simmons, OHV law enforcement program manager for Game and Fish. "The increase in injuries and deaths is primarily a result of improper equipment use or negligence by riders. We want people to enjoy their OHV experience, but we will be ticketing those who choose to operate unsafely ..."

Simmons encouraged all OHV enthusiasts to "Ride safe, ride smart, ride responsibly, and always wear a helmet."

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**ADVISORS SOUGHT** — The Arizona State Parks Board is seeking non-motorized recreation enthusiasts from throughout Arizona to serve as volunteer advisors. The Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) represents non-motorized trail interests and serves in an advisory capacity to the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and the Parks Board. The overall mission of the State Trails Program is to promote, develop, and preserve non-motorized trail opportunities throughout the state for mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, and water trail users. The Parks Board appoints ASCOT members to three-year terms and there are five (5) openings on ASCOT.

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*Editor's Note: Recently our publisher Jim Allen and editor Carol Allen visited this remarkable animal haven in western New Mexico. We spent nearly two hours with the wonderful, committed volunteers there plus approximately 100 delightful dogs and 150 beautiful and affectionate cats — all friendly, happy fur-kids who, if it were not for Fur and Feather, might not have a home, or, sadly, even a life. Please read this incredible story of a caring rescue home and see if there is a way you can help our friends.*



Puppy



Shadow



Happy Hour At Fur And Feather

### Our Mission

Fur and Feather Animal Assistance is located in a very rural county in western New Mexico. This county, the largest in the state, has no animal control, so unwanted pets are often abandoned to fend for themselves in the wild.

In the fall of 2003, we took it upon ourselves to do something to help these homeless pets. Animals are housed at our own homes, kennels, and foster homes. Early in the spring of 2006, we became incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

We concentrate on rescuing lost and abandoned animals and helping out when people die and leave their pets behind. We also neuter every dog and cat that passes through our hands. We have been able to spay, neuter, and place over 1,200 pets.

### About Fur And Feather

We are in a very rural county in western New Mexico that has no animal control at all until we started trying to make a difference here in the fall of 2003. Early in the spring of 2006 we became incorporated as a non-profit facility. We concentrate on rescuing lost and abandoned animals and helping out when people die or become incapable of caring for their pets.

We are proud of our senior program, helping elderly people with unforeseen expenses and care.

Our biggest focus is neutering everything that passes through our hands. By the end of 2006, we had been able to spay, neuter, and place over 330 animals. As of winter 2011, our numbers are more than 1300 animals spayed and neutered.

We have puppies, kittens, adult dogs and cats — all spayed, neutered and ready to go. Here at Fur and Feather you will find that we pride ourselves in rating these animals for their ability to be with children, cats, horses, other dogs and poultry.

### The Biggest Hurdle

The biggest hurdle we are always facing is getting enough funding to keep things going to take care of the nearly 300 dogs and cats in our care. We gratefully accept donations of food, bedding, toys, fencing materials and cash.

We are always happy to make appointments for visitors as we love for people to see our facility and meet our animals. Happily, we are making a difference one little being at a time.

Come out and see us in 2012!

### Spaying/Neutering Is Making A Difference

Weekly, we make the trip to the Ark of Soccro Animal Hospital with a carload of dogs and cats to be altered. Sometimes it doesn't seem like enough, but this spring we saw a noticeable decline in the numbers of kittens and puppies that have come across our doorstep needing homes.

We want to thank the veterinarians and staff at the Ark for their caring generosity in this effort.

### One Of Our Most Important Jobs

Adopting dogs and cats to good homes is obviously one of our important jobs. We've had great luck in finding perfect homes for the endless lines of pets waiting for a family of their own.

We ask only for a donation to help cover the cost of altering and are grateful

for anything extra to help in feeding and housing all the rest that weren't so lucky that day.

Many times just realizing that we have contributed to the happiness for both the animals and their new families can be rewarding enough.

We at Fur & Feather want to thank the many good residents of Catron and surrounding counties for their generous donations, volunteer help, and for providing homes to these deserving dogs and cats.

With your help, we look forward to the rewards of helping animals, one at a time, this coming year.

### Visiting By Appointment

You can visit the Fur & Feather Farm by appointment. Please call Sharon @ (575) 772-2543 or e-mail to arrange a time to come out with your family.

The Fur & Feather Farm is located in Pie Town, N.M., and passes through gorgeous mountain ranges and New Mexico scenery and is nearby the Very Large Array. Visiting the Fur & Feather Farm can be a lovely family day trip and a great way to meet different types of dog and cat personalities at once to find the best fit for your family!

Most important, we do have a policy that assures you can return an animal to us if things are not working out. We want to make sure that all is a good fit. Since every situation is unique, we try to work with each individual to find a good match.

We ask for reimbursement of the regular veterinary expenses we have in the animal and that is what brings us to our adoption fees. Our primary goal is finding homes, but we really need the funding so we can continue on.

See **FUR AND FEATHER** on page 15

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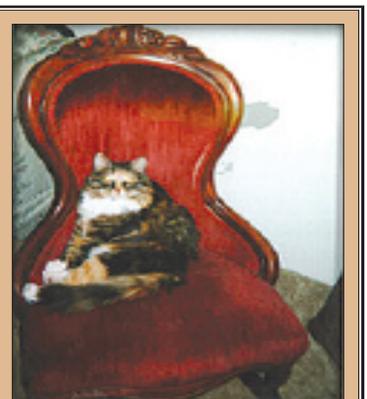
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### IN MEMORY

Azreal, the white boy, and Pandora, the calico girl, left us this summer after many wonderful years with their "mother" (and our daughter) Chelle Brookes. They went with us as far as they could and enriched our lives incredibly every step of the journey we shared. Although we miss these two fur-beings so very much, the memories we have of them and the gratitude we give them have helped with the healing. Thank you, Azreal and Pandora, from the Brookes, Haws, and Allen families and your many friends. From Chelle, "Remembering two dear cats, Azreal and Pandora, who were put to rest less than one month apart. They brought love, comfort and laughter into my life the last 13 years and they'll always hold a piece of my heart."

# DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid-Sept.



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## BEYOND ARIZONA

**CATALINA AIR SHOW 2012:** Sept. 29 and 30 — Visit [www.catalinaairshow.com](http://www.catalinaairshow.com), call (310) 510-2595, ext. 818, or e-mail [teckenoff@gmail.com](mailto:teckenoff@gmail.com) for more information.

## BOATING

**RACE CLINIC FOR CATALINA 22 FLEET:** Sept. 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. — Lake Pleasant; see story on page 5.

**TEMPE TOWN LAKE FALL SERIES:** Sept. 23, 3-5 p.m. — [www.arizonayachtclub.org/racing/](http://www.arizonayachtclub.org/racing/)

**ASF START SAILING RIGHT:** Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. — <http://arizonayachtclub.org/education/start-sailing-right/>

**INTRODUCTION TO SAILBOAT RACING:** Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. — <http://arizonayachtclub.org/education/introduction-to-sailboat-racing/>

**OPENING WEEKEND FOR LAKE PLEASANT FALL RACE SERIES:** Oct. 6-7 — <http://arizonayachtclub.org/racing/>

**PARKER: 8TH ANNUAL BLUE WATER RESORT & CASINO 300 ENDURO:** Oct. 27 — BlueWater Resort, (11222 Resort Rd. 85344), speed boat race, fifty six-mile laps will test the mettle and will power of the racers and their equipment, modeled after the original 1964 Parker Enduro, 10 am, 928-669-6511 or 310-318-4012 or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com> or <http://www.enduro300.com>

**LAKE HAVASU: IJSBA WORLD FINALS:** Sept 29-Oct 7 — Crazyhorse Campgrounds and Resort; [info@ijsba.com](mailto:info@ijsba.com)

**LAKE HAVASU CITY: SAND & WATER EXPO:** Oct. 27-28 — Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor; [info@sandandwaterexpo.com](mailto:info@sandandwaterexpo.com).

**TEMPE: 11TH ANNUAL HOT HEAD REGATTA:** Oct. 6 — Tempe Town Lake Marina, (1 E. Gilbert Dr., 85281), watch rowing teams from all over the Southwest compete, food and fierce competition, free, <http://www.temperowersassociation.org/>

**LAKE HAVASU CITY: 31ST ANNUAL JET SKI WORLD FINALS:** Oct. 1-7 — Crazy Horse Resort Aqua Stadium, competitors from more than 40 U.S. states and nearly 35 nations churn the waters to win a share of more than \$25,000 in prizes at the world's largest and most prestigious personal watercraft race, 8 am — 5 pm, 928-453-3444 or 714-751-8695 or <http://www.ijbsa.com> or <http://www.golakehavasu.com>

## FUR AND FEATHER

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### Take Time To See The Fur Kids

Browse the animals available for adoption on our Web site — View our available 'Dogs and Cats' section, [www.RescueMe.org](http://www.RescueMe.org), [Craigslist](http://Craigslist.com), and [Adopt-A-Pet](http://Adopt-A-Pet.com). We may have more animals available at the farm that have not been placed online yet.

We encourage you to bring your family and meet the animals in person before making a decision. We can also help you choose the perfect pet for your family, activity level, and lifestyle. We also welcome visits, volunteers, and donations to

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**SCORP READY FOR REVIEW:** through Oct. 7 — Outdoor recreation plans input welcomed at [aspreply@azstateparks.gov](mailto:aspreply@azstateparks.gov)

**SEDONA: COMMUNITY CAMPOUT:** Sept. 21-22 — Sunset Park, come set up your tent, enjoy a weenie roast, roast marshmallows, free continental breakfast, child's yoga and hike for kids 12 and older and adults, \$15/tent, 928-282-7098 or <http://www.SedonaAZ.gov/Parks>



## Come & Help Us Grow

Fall is in the air? Not quite, but it's time to start planting in the Escalante Community Garden (ECG). Find the most current information on our Facebook page and become a friend. The Escalante Community Garden has a great group of devoted volunteers who loyally tend to the garden. You can join too! For information on volunteering, please contact call (480) 350-5896.

## COMMUNITY

**AZGFD BOOK DOLLAR DAYS:** Sept. 17-21 — At Game and Fish offices; (602) 942-3000.

**LAKE PLEASANT: DOUBLE DOG DARE:** Nov. 3-4 — See story on page 6. [www.DDDchallenge.com](http://www.DDDchallenge.com)

## FISHING

**COLLEGIATE BASS FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP TV SERIES:** through Oct. 6 — NBC Sports Network; see story on page 9.

**SHOW LOW/SILVER CREEK HATCHERY:** Oct. 1 — Opening of the seasonal catch-and-release fishery at Silver Creek in the White Mountains near Show Low; see story on page 7.

## HUNTING

**ONLINE APPLICATION SERVICE AVAILABLE:** through Oct. 9 — The service for Arizona's spring 2013 hunt permit tags for turkey, javelina, buffalo, and bear is now available at <https://phx.az.gov/app/hunt-draw/home.xhtml>.

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### Wish List

While the members or our fur-family are with us before adoption, we want them to have good food and water, toys for play, comfortable shelters, and the many other items necessary to keep the dogs and cats happy, safe, and healthy.

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**Frozen:**  
**SCOTTSDALE: COYOTES CURLING:** Sept. 28 and 29 — First of curling season; Altel Ice Den; [www.coyotescurling.com](http://www.coyotescurling.com); see story on page 6.

**Swimming:**  
**TEMPE: 10TH ANNUAL SOMA HALF IRON MAN ARIZONA:** Oct. 21 — Tempe Town Lake, swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, run 13.1 miles, awards, medals, aid stations, relays, 6:30 am, 480-226-4729 or <http://redrockco.com/>

**TEMPE: 7TH ANNUAL NATHAN'S TRIATHLON (DUATHLON):** Sept. 23 — Tempe Town Lake, compete in either the Olympic, Sprint or Relay (Olympic AND Sprint) race, the fourth event in the Red Rock Co Arizona Triathlon Series, swim in the calm waters of Tempe Town Lake, followed by the best Olympic bike course in Tempe, and a run along the multi-use path around the lake, <http://redrockco.com>

**TUCSON: HOLUALOA TINFOILMAN TRIATHLON:** Oct. 14 — final race of the series, 825 yd pool swim, 12 mi bike, 3 mi run through UA campus, a USA Triathlon sanctioned event, \$60, 6:30 am, 520-670-0223 or <http://www.tritucson.com>

**PAGE: 6TH ANNUAL POWELL3 TRIATHLON:** Oct. 13 — Lake Powell Wahweap Marina, (86040), swim 1500 meters, bike 24 miles, run 6.2 miles or swim 750 meters, bike 12 miles, run 3.1 miles, USAT sanctioned, course covers a beautiful sand stone course with a great view of Lake Powell, \$90 early registration, 8 am, 801-355-4940 or <http://www.powell3.com>

**PHOENIX: ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES #3:** Oct. 13 — Saguaro Lake, events are officially sanctioned by USAS and USMS and are open to both registered age group and masters swimmers,

## CATALINA

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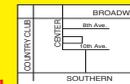
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## FISH

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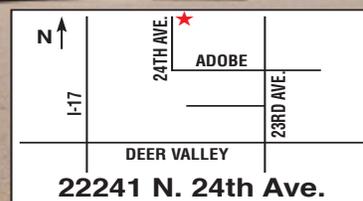
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drop into Jerome.

Next you could wander through Cottonwood, veering left onto State Route 260 that leads to Sedona.

"But, wait, there's more!" We recommend a detour on Page Springs Road, which wanders with Oak Creek past vineyards and golden banks. You might also stop for a refreshing break at one of the wineries or at the Page Springs Fish Hatchery.

Turning back then, retrace your steps to Route 89A and turn east toward the incredibly beautiful areas of Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon.

By the way, as you reach Slide Rock State Park, it would be a shame not to sample the fresh cider made from historic apple trees.

### Sedona And Oak Creek Canyon

Although this area offers incredible scenery throughout the year, even the beauty of a New England fall could find Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon competitors on a scale of autumn beauty. Not only are the fall colors gorgeous in themselves, but also they are intensified by the backdrop of scarlet rock.

Highway 89A is the route to take north from Sedona, following the creek line. Layers of color from the alder, big-tooth maples, cottonwood, sumac, sycamore, velvet ash, Virginia creeper, willow and others tantalize visitors and remind us of a many-layered, colorful tote.

This is only a sketch of the masterpiece; for more details, visit [www.redrockcountry.org](http://www.redrockcountry.org).

From the canyon floor, continue through numerous steep switchbacks on up to another favorite beauty: Flagstaff.

### Flagstaff

Want to lose yourself for a moment in deep conifer forests filled with colorful golden aspens? From the main part of

Flagstaff, drive about 12 miles northwest to Hart Prairie Road (Forest Road 151) along the west side of the San Francisco Peaks. Although a bit bumpy, FR151 is manageable in a passenger car.

To check on guided nature walks through the Nature Conservancy's Hart Prairie Preserve: [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org) or call (928) 774-8892.

Another aesthetically pleasing idea is to hike the Abineau-Bear Jaw Loop through the wooded canyons on the north side of the San Francisco Peaks. To access, near the end of FR151, turn right on FR418 and drive about 3 miles to the Abineau Trailhead turnoff. To check accessibility first, visit [www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino) or call (928) 526-0866.

### The White Mountains

Driving from Alpine to Springerville is a remarkable experience, especially during the fall in Arizona. For instance, taking Arizona 180/191 north from Alpine for about six miles and turning east onto Forest Road 56 will open your eyes to awesome beauty.

Terry Flat is a gorgeous destination: it's a meadow nestled up to Escudilla Mountain and swathed in golden aspen against green conifers. You are right at the door of Escudilla Mountain National Recreation Trail, a great hike.

After wandering zigzag up Profanity Ridge, hikers view open meadows with all the yellow and orange and gold hues of a perfect autumn painting. Alternating between forest and meadows, the trail ends at a fire tower after three miles. From Terry Flat, take the left fork past Toolbox Draw and go a half-mile to the trailhead. More information is available: (928) 339-5000, [www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf).

Another favorite drive is south on Arizona 191 to Hannagan Meadow where not only colors abound but also elk and other wildlife. Check out [www.hannagan-meadow.com](http://www.hannagan-meadow.com).



Mt. Lemmon from Oracle

### Mt. Lemmon

Although this is in a totally different direction and is no doubt a trip of its own, one of our favorite destinations in any season, but especially in the fall, is Mt. Lemmon above Tucson.

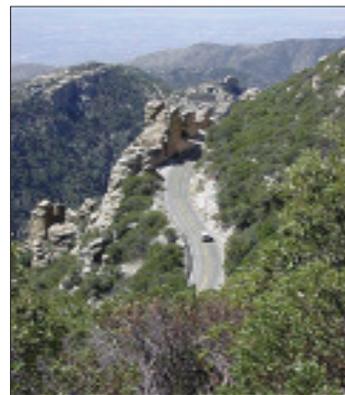
The highest peak in the Santa Catalina Mountains at 9,157 feet, Mt. Lemmon is in the Coronado National Forest. It was named in honor of botanist Sarah Plummer Lemmon who trekked to the top of the mountain with Native American guides by mule and foot in 1881.

Driving up the Catalina Highway brings you to the small town of Summerhaven, which has now rebuilt most of the small cabins lost in the Aspen Fire of July 2003.

Mt Lemmon Observatory is at the peak and its telescopes are used for astronomical research today by many educational institutions, including the University of Arizona. It is a unique research and teaching destination.

The Catalina Highway climbs up the mountain from the east side of Tucson to Summerhaven. The beautiful, curving road is a favorite drive for tourists, for locals escaping summer's heat and for cyclists; it has been designated as the Sky Island Parkway, part of the US National Scenic Byway system.

The backside of the mountain is visible from Oracle, Ariz., and from there one can travel to the summit on state highway 77, northeast of Tucson. It offers a secondary



Mt. Lemmon

route to the top.

This route is popular with off-road 4x4 drivers and with off-road or dual-purpose motorcyclists. This road ends at the Catalina Highway near Loma Linda. Before the Catalina Highway was built, it was the only route up the mountain.

These are only some of Arizona's incredible scenic destinations, and there is no better time than fall to explore the colors and beautiful leaf displays of the state.

Another resource: AAA's *Highroads* magazine often features these and other trips that explore the panorama of the Grand Canyon State. What better year to do so than during Arizona's centennial?

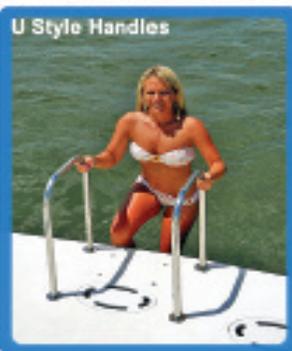


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