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Time To Cast Your Lines

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

You already know our “cover girl”, Margie Anderson (and thanks, John Anderson, for this great photo). She is the ultimate outdoors woman and an expert on fishing, hunting/shooting, hiking, wildlife (including birds), wild flowers, Arizona destinations — you name it. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have Margie as a regular contributor.

Besides our appreciation of her knowledge and talent, others have recognized her as well: three times “Outdoor Writer of the Year” from Arizona Game & Fish, and in previous years, she did the outdoor page for the *Arizona Republic* as well as being the fishing editor for *Arizona Hunter & Angler*.

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WOMEN: JUST DO IT!

There Is No Excuse Not To Fish

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

I never fished much as a kid — my dad would take us to the canal once in a while and we’d fish with hotdogs or baloney, but I don’t remember catching anything. Dad mostly took us camping, hiking, and hunting. His theory was to stay away from water, because that was where the crowds were.

It Began At The Verde

Once when we were hunting, we stopped by the Verde River to have a bite of lunch. We always kept these little 4-piece travel rods in the camping gear, so I got one out. I didn’t have any bait, so I put a leaf on the hook, through the stem — and I caught a trout on it! Dad went around telling everyone I was such a good fisherman that I could catch them on plants.

Then I Met John

Then I met John. When my birthday came up, he asked me if I’d rather have diamond earrings or a fishing trip. Of course I chose the fishing trip, and we went up to the Rim and fished in streams and little lakes for trout. I had a blast! John is a total outdoorsman, so we’re a perfect match, and we’ve been fishing and hunting together ever since.

When we got married, we bought a little boat and joined a club for married couples: Central Arizona Spouse Teams. We had such great times in that club — the entry fees for our bass tournaments were only about \$40, and most of our events were two days, so we got to camp with the other couples and talk fishing.

Obsession Turns To Writing

I became obsessed with bass fishing and started asking questions and reading everything



Margie Anderson

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DAY AT THE DOCKS: FUN FOR ALL

Favorite Annual Event Welcomes Women, Men, Kids

This is the 40th year the San Diego Sportfishing Council has sponsored its special showcase of San Diego sportfishing. We hope you’ll take this opportunity to join us and discover a bit more of what the Port of San Diego holds for you.

Now let’s get down to what’s happening. It runs Sunday April 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is absolutely free! You’ll find plenty to see and do while you visit the San Diego Sportfishing Landings. Here are some of the highlights:

Fishing Seminars

For the angler who wants to pick up a few tips for that next fishing trip, don’t forget to look for the seminar schedule. You’ll

learn the “how to’s” and get “insider tips” from the San Diego fleet skippers and other industry experts.

Kids’ Fishing Adventure

Sponsored by *Okuma Fishing Tackle & Everingham Bros Bait Company*. From 9 am-4 pm. For kids 4-12 years old. The Kid’s Fishing Adventure is made up of areas set aside and stocked with fish, providing kids with the chance wet a line and make a catch. Expert assistance is provided by members of the San Diego Rod & Reel Club and the San Diego Anglers. Don’t miss out — there just might be a tasty fish

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San Diego’s International Yellowtail Derby Begins Its Second Decade

Women anglers also are always welcome at this popular derby.

The 11th annual International Yellowtail Derby kicks off on April 27 and will continue through June 9. The 44-day tournament enters its second decade.

Anglers first participated in the derby in 2009 and only lasted nine days;

this year’s tournament is nearly five times longer. The largest fish, as in years past, wins the tournament. Yellowtail, white sea bass and halibut are all eligible for the tournament’s prizes.

Those participating in this year’s derby will certainly be angling to make history as the first fisher to reel in a 50-pound yellowtail. Such a catch would narrowly edge the tournament’s largest yellowtail — a 49-pound, 11-ounce catch by Harry Okuda in 2017.

The angler with the largest catch (and, hence, winner of the derby) would have



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April 2019 Events Calendar

BEYOND ARIZONA

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BOATING

Lake Havasu City

5-7 — Lake Havasu Marine Association 28th Annual Boat Show — Lake Havasu State Park. Hosts more than 140 exhibitors and vendors featuring boats and marine accessories. The largest boat show in AZ and NV featuring 60+ different brands of family runabouts, ski/wakeboard boats, fishing boats, cruisers, deck boats, pontoons, personal watercraft, kayaks, paddleboards and performance sport boats. \$8, 6 & under free. <https://golakehasvu.com/event/lake-havasu-marine-association-boat-show/>

24-28 — 21st Annual Desert Storm Poker Run & Shootout — One of the top five poker runs in the nation with world-class performance boats racing on Lake Havasu. Speeds upwards of 160+ MPH from high-performance boats are not uncommon. Wednesday night open house, Thursday street party, Friday boat parade and poker run, Saturday shootout with over 67 runs. Three-day beach party and banquet at Rotary Park. 623-238-13330 or <https://golakehasvu.com/event/desert-storm-poker-run-and-shootout/>

LEARN TO SAIL: Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



▲ Patagonia

6-7 — Arizona Family Campout — Patagonia Lake State Park. Arizona Family Campout Programs are designed for families who have little or no experience camping. We'll introduce you to the experiences you can share with your family and inspire you to continue to explore the great outdoors! Learn how to set up a tent and to cook outside, plus you will get to try some

fun activities you can do while camping! \$90 for a family of up to 4. <https://azstateparks.com/family-camp>

Prescott

12-14 — Becoming an Outdoors Woman - Camp Friendly Pines. Offers adventure and life skills, for women age 18 and older to learn to camp, fish, rappel, hike, cook with Dutch ovens, photograph wildlife & a range of outdoor recreation skills, "hawk talks" and nature hikes. \$235 includes meals, lodging and classes. 480-644-0077 or www.azwildlife.org or <https://www.facebook.com/Arizona-Becoming-an-Outdoors-Woman-295848287943/>

Show Low

13-14 — Arizona Family Campout — Fool Hollow Lake State Park. Arizona Family Campout Programs are designed for families who have little or no experience camping. We'll introduce you to the experiences you can share with your family and inspire you to continue to explore the great outdoors! Learn how to set up a tent and to cook outside, plus you will get to try some fun activities you can do while camping! \$90 for a family of up to 4. <https://azstateparks.com/family-camp>

Sedona

27-28 — Arizona Family Campout — Red Rock State Park. Arizona Family Campout Programs are designed for families who have little or no experience camping. We'll introduce you to the experiences you can share with your family and inspire you to continue to explore the great outdoors! Learn how to set up a tent and to cook outside, plus you will get to try some fun activities you can do while camping! \$90 for a family of up to 4. <https://azstateparks.com/family-camp>

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

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

Phoenix

10-14 — 44th Annual Maricopa County Fair - State Fairgrounds. An annual occasion to celebrate & pursue the traditional values of educational opportunity, agricultural prosperity & love of family, midway, commercial exhibits, hobbies, agriculture & youth exhibits, motorized events. \$9, children 7 & under are free. 602-252-0717 or <http://www.maricopacountyfair.org>

Forence

11-14 FLORENCE: 2019 Country Thunder — 4 days of the hottest country acts, this year headliners include in addition to 20 other national and local

country acts. 866-802-6418 or <http://www.countrythunder.com>

Tempe

27 — 15th Annual Pat's Run — Sun Devil Stadium. 4.2 miles run, .42 free kids fun run/walk. Finishes inside Sun Devil Stadium, camo race shirt & merchandise, new collector series medal for all 4.2 Mile finishers, post-race party with beer & music, new corral technology that validates corral assignments based on actual finish times, advanced Light Rail tickets for purchase with registration. \$40-50. 7 am. <http://pattillmanfoundation.org/pats-run/>

FISHING

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

SHOOTING SPORTS/ARCHERY



▲ Phoenix

5-7 — 2019 AAE Arizona Cup - Ben Avery Shoot Facility. The Arizona Cup is an annual outdoor target archery tournament held in April complying with USA Archery rules. It began in 1989 in Tempe at Arizona State University, moved to Tucson and returned to Phoenix, Arizona in 2001. The Arizona Cup is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2019. The 2019 AAE Arizona Cup is a USA Archery USAT Series Qualifier. Free. <http://arizonacup.net/>

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Cold Water Safety

The U.S. Coast Guard reports that cold water immersion and hypothermia can occur in water as cool as 70 degrees. Even in a healthy person, cold-water immersion can impact muscle movement, breathing and heart rate. Prolonged exposure to cold water can lead to hypothermia, cardiac arrest and death.

While life jackets are required for children 12 and younger, wearing a life jacket is a simple step that could be lifesaving. If you do fall overboard, stay calm, move slowly and don't try to take off clothing while in the water. And if the boat has capsized, it most likely will not sink and can be used as a platform. It's advised that boaters stay on top of the capsized vessel as much as possible in order to stay out of the water.

Register your Watercraft Online

Make sure your vessel's registration is current before heading out on the water!

Skip the line and renew your watercraft registration online at www.azgfd.gov/boating.



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The Largest Boat Show In The Southwest To Kick Off Boating Season

New powerboats will be unveiled, plus expanded in-water demos and a cool corn-hole competition.

The largest boat show in the Southwest is gearing up to kick off the summer boating season in the middle of the desert by featuring a floating tiki bar that is expected to make a huge splash this summer in Lake Havasu.

The return of the 28th Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show to the Colorado River is scheduled from April 5-7 at Windsor Beach located in Lake Havasu State Park at 699 London Bridge Road in Lake Havasu City, Ariz. (lakehavasubootshow.com)

Doubled Demonstrations

“We have nearly doubled our in-water demonstrations this year from high-performance sport boats to flashy wake boats,” said Bob Brown, president of Media Direction and co-organizer of the boat show. “This is definitely the best event



The 28th Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show has doubled its in-water demonstrations for its 2019 show.

to start shopping for a boat in the Southwest. With temperatures already settling into the 80s and 90s in early April in Lake Havasu City, it's basically a kick-off summer party.”

The boat show will feature up to 250 boats from luxury high-end performance boats, including the new 35-foot Nordic flat deck with twin Mercury Racing Verado 400R outboards, family pontoons, sporty wake boats, high-tech fishing boats and speedy jet boats, along with personal watercraft (PWCs), kayaks and paddleboards. The event will also showcase 150 exhibitors and vendors that will feature hundreds of marine accessories.

Floating Tiki Bar

New this year is a floating tiki bar you can rent for 90-minute periods — the first in the state. They come with a licensed captain, ice chests, and padded bamboo chairs. Local owner Greg Licht will be offering inaugural demo rides right from the boat show dock.

Nordic Catamaran

The Nordic catamaran, manufactured in Lake Havasu City, can reach speeds of 117 mph featuring all-composite construction to make it lighter than conventional fiberglass materials.

Speedster

Eliminator Boats, of Mira Loma, Ca-



Floating tiki bar is the first in the state.

lif., will be introducing a new 30-foot Speedster which is more than a foot wider than the previous 30 Daytona model. The 30 Speedster is also destined to see lots of outboard power options with a fresh new interior design. Although still a few weeks away from water testing, the 30 Speedster is anticipated to reach top speeds of around 120 mph with twin Mercury Racing 400R outboards.

Barron Boats

A new name in the performance boat market on display at the Lake Havasu Boat Show is Barron Boats from Azusa, Calif. Jerry Barron, son of Nick Barron, who owned Hallett Boats for 50 years, has embarked on his own venture, developing a new model line of distinctive boats.

Barron's first offering is the 290 Sport, a sporty and roomy performance deck boat powered by a Mercury Racing 540 stern drive package that is sure to appeal to boaters looking for comfort and functionality, as well performance and quality.



The return of the 28th Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show to the Colorado River is scheduled from April 5-7.

Cornhole Championships

In addition to all of the speed on display, the Lake Havasu Cornhole Championships will be held and prepared to hand over cash prizes in excess of \$2,500. Sponsored by the Havasu Community Credit Union, the competitions will

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Check This Out: BoatUS Spring Commissioning Checklist

With boatyards, backyards, marinas, and clubs now coming to life, spring commissioning time has arrived. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has a Spring Commissioning Checklist to help boaters start the season right:

Before You Launch

1. Inspect and replace hose clamps as necessary. Double-clamp fuel lines and exhaust hoses with marine-rated stainless steel hose clamps. Keep seacocks closed when you are away from the boat.
2. Inspect all hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking, and replace any that are faulty. Make sure they fit snugly.
3. Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure.
4. Grip the prop (on inboard drive systems) and try moving the shaft up and down and side to side. If it's loose and can be wiggled, the cutless bearing may need to be replaced.
5. Check the rudderstock to ensure it hasn't been bent. Operate the wheel or tiller to ensure the steering works correctly.
6. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
7. Make sure your engine intake sea strainer (if equipped) is not cracked or bent from ice and is free of corrosion, clean and properly secured.
8. With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for correct adjustment. A stuffing box should leak no more than two drops each minute when the prop shaft is turning.
9. Inspect and lubricate seacocks.
10. Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
11. Inspect the bilge pump and float switch to make sure they're both working properly.
12. Check stove and remote LPG tanks



IMPORTANT CHECK
— As part of spring commissioning, boaters should check their boat's fire extinguishers to see if they were included in a 2017 product safety recall of more than 40 million Kidde fire extinguishers.

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(B78866283)

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(14116)

for loose fittings and leaking hoses.

13. Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafe and wear.

14. If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.

15. After the boat is launched, be sure to check all thru-hulls for leaks.

Engines And Fuel Systems

1. Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks, and make sure all lines are well supported with noncombustible clips or straps with smooth edges.

2. Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and

filters for leaks. Ensure portable tanks and lines are completely drained of stale fuel before filling with fresh fuel. Clean or replace fuel filters and/or fuel-water separators.

3. Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifolds for corrosion (for inboard-powered and inboard/outboard boats).

4. Charge battery.

5. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Use a wire brush to clean battery terminals, and top up cells with distilled water (if applicable).

6. Inspect the bilge blower hose for

leaks and run the blower to confirm correct operation.

Engine Outdrives And Outboards

1. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds) and replace if suspect.

2. Check power steering and power trim oil levels.

3. Replace anodes that are more than half wasted away.

4. Inspect the outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.

5. Inspect lower unit oil level and top up as necessary.

Sailboat Rigging

1. Inspect swage fittings for cracks and heavy rust (some discoloration is acceptable). Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for “fishhooks” and rust.

2. Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape.

3. If you suspect the core around a chainplate is damp, remove the chainplate to inspect and make repairs.

Trailers

1. Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air pressure; don't forget the spare.

2. Inspect wheel bearings and repack as necessary.

3. Test all lights and replace any broken bulbs or lenses.

4. Inspect winch to make sure it's working properly. Inspect hitch chains.

5. Inspect trailer frame for rust. Sand and paint to prevent further deterioration.

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NWSA Women's Sailing Conference Slated for June 1

Educational opportunities from some of the country's most experienced and exceptional sailing women come to Massachusetts.

Beginning and experienced woman sailors can jump-start their sailing lives by heading to the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) 18th Annual Women's Sailing Conference slated for Saturday, June 1 at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass.

The event, which features hands-on land- and water-based workshops and seminars, offers women a fantastic opportunity to learn or hone sailing skills, network with other women sailors from all over the United States, and gain the confidence necessary to become a valuable crew member or knowledgeable skipper.

Something For Everyone

"Women of all sailing abilities are encouraged to attend," said event Chair Joan Thayer. "By sharing experiences, women leave with improved skills and knowledge that contribute to better days on the water. There is something of interest for everyone in the 20 different workshops."

Financial support from major supporters, including Black Rock Sailing School and Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), enable NWSA to meet the educational needs of women sailors and continue to provide one of the

top women's sailing conferences in the nation.

On the water, women can take the helm for the first time or improve their sail trim and boat-handling skills in a Sonar 23-foot keelboat. "Learning on these one-design boats is easier to understand than on big boats. It's an instant reaction to your action," added Thayer.

New Workshops

New workshops this year include Experiencing Your Ability to Swim, Wearing Foul Weather Gear, Suddenly Alone, How to Use the VHF for Clear Communications, What You Need to Know to Campaign Your Boat, Avoiding Mayhems and Missteps, What Do You REALLY Need in Your Medical Kit for First Aid?, and Boating Skills Virtual Trainer. Repeat conference workshops include Anchoring, Diesel Engine Maintenance, Hands-On Flare and Fire Extinguisher Demon-



HANDS ON — Women get hands-on sail reefing experience at the NWSA Women's Sailing Conference.

strations, Racing Basics, Sailing 101 and 102, Knots, How to Read a Navigational Chart, Plot Your Course, and Basic to Advanced On-the-Water Sailing.

NWSA is proud to offer educational opportunities from some of the country's

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Visiting Boaters: Schedule Your Free Watercraft Inspections

Visiting winter boaters: It's time to schedule your free watercraft inspections and decontaminations before heading home. In order to avoid fines, quarantines and even impoundments when traveling across state lines, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has authorized providers to perform inspections and decontaminations for boats traveling from waters designated as having aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Most Effective Way

"Watercraft inspection and decontamination is the most effective way to prevent the spread of AIS and we are asking the boating public to do their part in calling and scheduling a no-cost inspection and decontamination," AZGFD Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Erin Raney said. "It is absolutely essential to have your boat inspected and if necessary, decontaminated, to prevent the spread of mussels and AIS into other waterbodies."

Aquatic Invasive Species are non-native species that are often unintentionally introduced by human movement. They do not have predators outside of their native range, and are able to outcompete native species.

Damage To Boats

They can be animals, plants and even pathogens that cause disease in native wildlife. They can often be invisible to the naked eye, making them even more difficult to control. Once introduced, they can alter ecosystems by interrupting food chains, cause damage to boats and other recreational gear, clog up water and power infrastructure and pose safety hazards.

Appointments fill up fast, so be sure to call the Arizona Game and Fish AIS Program (623) 236-7608 with plenty of time ahead of departure.

Stop The Spread

Stop the spread of AIS and keep our

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~ 11th Annual ~

SD Blood Bank

Yellowtail Derby 2019



April 27 to June 9

Entry Fee \$100 for all ~~44~~ days
Juniors \$50 (8 to 14)

Private Boater -- Open Party -- Kayaks

IGFA Rules will apply to all fish caught

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at the Bali Hai Restaurant

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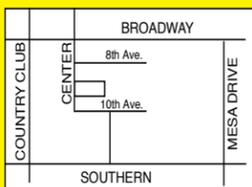
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Seasucker Party Barge Is A Cup Holder On Steroids

The anchor's dropped, music cranked, LEDs are pulsing—it's party time. Whether in the cockpit or attached to the outside of the hull, SeaSucker's Party Barge is the ultimate portable bar. It holds it all: beer, liquor and mixer bottles, cans, wine glasses, koozies, and even salt, limes, olives and cherries. It's a cup holder on steroids.

Made in the USA, the Party Barge features five deep 3-1/2" cup holders, a center 4-3/8" hole for a standard two-liter bottle and two outer 5-1/8" round or square holes with adjustable arms that lock a bottle—and its valuable contents—into place. A raised ring is the ideal spot for garnishes.

At 22" L x 16" W, Party Barge has the



capacity to keep the party going for hours. And because it's made with stainless steel and UV-resistant materials, it's built to last, even in extreme environments.

A fully stocked Party Barge is heavy, but no match for a 6" SeaSucker Vacuum Mount. Unlike a suction cup that loses its holding power as soon as it's applied, the SeaSucker Vacuum Mount holds an astounding 210 lbs. on a wide range of surfaces without leaving a mark. The Horizontal Party Barge uses one 6" SeaSucker Vacuum Mount and costs \$200; the Vertical version has two mounts and costs \$300. Both are available in black or white.

Contact local dealers or SeaSucker, LLC, 1912 44th Ave E., Bradenton, FL 34203. 941-900-1850. info@seasucker.com; www.seasucker.com; www.facebook.com/SeaSucker; www.instagram.com/seasucker; www.youtube.com/user/SeaSuckerVideos. ■

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SAVE NOW

Safe boaters know that keeping equipment in top working order is the best way to avoid potential problems on the water. Just in time for spring launch, a new rebate from Hubbell Marine allows owners to upgrade shore power cable sets and save money in the process.

Those who purchase a 50' Hubbell 50A, 125/250V cable set between now and June 30 qualify for a \$50 cash rebate. An additional \$25 rebate on the companion YQ230 Intelligent Y Adapter allows boaters to enjoy enhanced compatibility while saving even more money. Owners simply click on the Hubbell Marine logo at www.marinerebates.com to print the mail-in form for sending in with the original sales receipt and UPC.

Lanterns at the Lake

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COMPILED BY MARGIE ANDERSON

You must have a valid hunting license for all hunts, and permit tags for some. You must read the regulations. You can pick up a hard copy at many outdoor stores and all Game and Fish offices. You can also read and/or download all the regulation booklets at www.azgfd.gov.

Application Deadlines This Month: None

Bear: Bear hunts continue this month. Some run through July. You must have a valid hunting license as well as a hunt permit tag obtained through the draw – *except* for a general nonpermit or archery-only nonpermit, obtainable from a Game and Fish office or a license dealer. The nonpermit tag hunts run March 22 to July 31. Check the regulations for details. Limits are set for different areas for the nonpermit tag hunts. When the limit is reached, that area is closed to bear hunting. The limits are low – 1 to 3 bears per area. You must call to see if your area is still open to hunting, and you must call to report when you have killed a bear.

Mountain lion: Buy a non-permit tag

from a dealer. Season runs from Aug 24, 2018 – May 31, 2019. There is an annual harvest limit for each zone. Once that limit is reached in a zone, that zone will close to mountain lion hunting. If you harvest a mountain lion, you must contact Game and Fish and report the information in person or by telephone within 48 hours. Read the hunting regulations for details.

Spring turkey: Turkey permits are \$38 for residents, and \$105 for non-residents. Archery hunters can get a non-permit tag for \$25, \$90 for non-residents. Check the Game and Fish website for information on archery turkey hunting with a non-permit tag. Permit applications were accepted last fall, so get ready to apply this fall for next year if you'd like to hunt turkey with a shotgun. Deadlines for online and paper applications are different. You need to check the regulations carefully. Keep an eye on azgfd.com for online regulations, and visit your local outdoor store often and check for paper copies.

Other birds and mammals: No permit required for the following hunts in most cases. Check regulations to be sure. *In most cases, open areas do not include National Wildlife Refuges.* Be sure to check the regulations.

House sparrows and European starlings: season is open all year (Jul 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

Predatory and Fur-bearing mammals: there are many different seasons for different areas and animals. Please read the regulations carefully.

Predators: coyote, skunk: Open year-round (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019) except for National Wildlife Refuges. Check regulations for additional information on open areas and dates.

Mammals EXCEPT game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine, and wolves: all year (July 1, 2018-June 20, 2019). There are also separate seasons for shotgun for these animals – read the regulations.

Note: Hunters 18 and older who want to hunt ducks, geese, coots, snipe, common moorhens, doves, and/or band-tailed pigeons must buy a 2018-2019 Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp (it is included with a Youth Combo Hunt/Fish license). You can buy them at any license dealer, Game and Fish office, or online at www.azgfd.gov.

gov.

Eurasian-Collared dove: Sept 1, 2018-Aug 31, 2019. Unlimited daily bag and possession limit. You will need a migratory bird stamp and a license.

Rabbits: The season is open all year for most areas except wildlife refuges. Check regulations for dates. You need a valid license. Read regulations for details on areas, limits, weapons, etc.

Phone Numbers:

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Lion 1-877-438-0447

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*A nonpermit tag is one that you simply purchase without having to be drawn. ■

NON-LEAD AMMO

Lead The Way In Getting The Lead Out

BY JOHN ANDERSON

For quite a while now, waterfowl hunters have been required to use shotgun shells that do not contain lead. Seems the lead pellets in the water get ingested accidentally by waterfowl and it is toxic to them if it builds up.

In Arizona, the Game and Fish Department encourages hunters who hunt in Arizona's condor ranges to use lead-free ammo or to remove gut piles if they are shooting lead. The condors eat the remains and get lead poisoning from the tiny lead fragments. If you do use non-lead ammunition, leave the gut piles —



This little hunter was successful, even without lead. This is Casey Benevidez.

they are an important source of food for the condors.

Performance Not An Issue

Lead also affects other birds of prey besides condors. We hunters have a long history of being the first and best conservationists, so we should lead the way in getting the lead out. A lot of sportsmen

are worried about non-lead ammo's having performance issues compared to lead, but nowadays that just isn't the case.

Non-Lead Shotshells

When it comes to shotguns, there are a variety of metals used for shot. Steel is great, but for long range, like geese, for example, you need something like bis-



Mallard



Many waterfowl hunters swear by Kent Fasteel shot shells.

mut or tungsten. Tungsten is incredibly pricey, though. Kent Fasteel 2.0 shotshells are made with precision ground zinc-plated steel shot, custom-blended powders, and high-performance base wad for uniform patterns and maximum performance.

A case will run you \$135 to \$210 at Cabelas, or \$16 to \$23 per box. Quite a bit more than lead, but hopefully you're not such a bad shot that you need a hundred bucks worth for a limit of ducks!

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Conceal yourself well, camouflage yourself, and wait until the birds are close enough — that's the secret to waterfowl success no matter what shot shells you are using.

AMMO

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It Can Be Pricy

Price is the issue with most non-lead products. Kent Bismuth Waterfowl and Upland Shotshells are \$29 to \$42 per box at Cabelas, and that's for a box of 10. That's a chunk of change. Bismuth performs beautifully, almost as well as lead, but it sure is expensive.

Tungsten is super pricey as well — Hevi-Shot Hevi-X Tungsten Shotshells are \$25 to \$50 per box of 10. Tungsten is great because it is dense — it has a higher pellet count than steel, and up to 50 percent more knockdown power.

This is important because nobody likes to cripple a bird, but most guys I know shoot at things that are way too far away. I'd bet the average is a bird down for every four or five shells, and when the price of your shotshells is approaching \$5 per round, that makes duck hunting a rather expensive sport.

Problem Not With The Ammo

The problem here lies not with the ammo, but with the hunter. If you spend some time at the sporting clays range, you'll soon discover how far you can shoot effectively, and the practice will improve your success ratio. You can use lead shot at the range, but when hunting season approaches, shoot a round of clays with your steel shot to get some practice. See if it makes a difference in your score.

When you're out on the water watching those ducks fly in, make sure you're well-hidden and camouflaged, and let them get in a bit closer before you fire. Actually, that's the advice I was given even when we could still shoot lead.

Rifle And Pistol Ammo

Federal Ammunition's Power-shok Copper comes in a wide range of both rifle and pistol ammunition. The loads have



Barnes Copper Bullet

a copper-alloy construction and a hollow point design that expands consistently for accurate, reliable performance. The 130 grain 270 Win load has a muzzle velocity of 3060 and at 400 yards it retains 1006 foot pounds of energy — more than enough for a deer hunter.

Power-Shok

If you routinely leave your gut piles, you might want to consider switching to Power-shok when you are hunting. At \$33.95 for a box of 20, it's a bit steep for target practice, but a box of twenty will give you enough to sight in your gun and have enough left for the hunt.

Federal Offers

Federal offers centerfire cartridges made with Barnes Triple-Shock X bullets, which are all-copper hollow points that retain nearly 100 percent of their weight on impact. Also, the grooved shank cuts down on barrel fouling. These bullets are highly accurate and effective, and have been very popular with hunters for years.

CCI

CCI makes a .22 round in copper. Their Copper-22 is just \$9 for a box of 50 at Bass Pro Shops — which is about twice the price of the lead version. You can get 100 rounds of Remington .22 ammo for ten bucks. The bullets in these rounds are made by high-pressure injection molding of polymer binders and copper-alloy dust. Muzzle ve-



Federal Power-Shok Ammunition is great for hunting.

locity on this rounds is 1850 fps.

The bullets are lightweight, so they are great out to about 50 yards, after which they start to lose energy pretty darn quickly because of their light weight. They are great for steel targets because they fracture when they hit hard stuff, which really cuts back on ricochets. The longer your barrel, the more you'll get out of this round.

Load Your Own?

For those who load their own ammu-

munition, there are lots of great non-lead bullets available, like the Barnes Triple-Shock X mentioned earlier, and the Hornady GMX, which is a copper alloy that retains 95 percent of its weight. It features a hard polymer tip that drives into the hollow cavity at the front of the bullet, making a mushroom-like shape on impact. Hornady makes these bullets in sizes ranging from .224 to .375. Loading your own ammunition is a great way to save money, after the initial cost of equipment.

If You Hunt In Other States —

If you hunt in other states, be aware that laws about shooting lead vary from state to state, so make sure to check on that before you travel. Also, check the Arizona Game and Fish Website for a comprehensive list of non-lead ammo, as well as information about condor ranges. Arizona Game and Fish is at www.azgfd.com. ■

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April At Alamo Should Be Great

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Alamo Lake can be dynamite in April. The average high temperature is 79 degrees and the average low is 44 degrees. Bass may be spawning, and crappie fishing will be great. With all the rain we've had, the ramps are open now and it's a great place to go.

One of the reasons I like Alamo so much is that it's far from anywhere and it's not on the way to any place either — you have to *want* to go to Alamo, and it's a pretty good drive no matter where you live, so the lake is usually not too crowded and not overrun with jet skis and skiers. It's a great place to fish.

When we first started going to Alamo there wasn't much there, but now there are cabins to rent, a great little store, and lots of improved campsites, many with

electric, and there are nice restrooms scattered around. Rates for camping are \$15 to \$25, depending on amenities. The cabins are great — we stayed there and they are like the ones at Lyman Lake State Park — a small front room with a table and chairs and a little bookshelf, and a back room with bunk beds and a double bed — and AC!

You can't cook (or smoke) in the cabin, but there is a picnic table out front and a grill, plus a fireplace. The covered porch is a great place to sit and take in the view. There is a nice restroom between the cabins, and it also has showers. The cabins are \$65 per night, and it's an extra \$5/night for a pet, and a limit of two pets per cabin. You need to tell them about the pet when you call to make a reservation. To make reservations, call 1-877-MYPARKS.

This time of year the bass fishing should

be great. We fished Alamo with Bob Mallory in April one year, and we started with spinnerbaits early in the day. The fish were right on the bank, and the best areas had sticks and rocks on them. Fishing buzzbaits in those open bays with stick-ups is fantastic in the spring. Later in the day we threw smoke/sparkle twin-tail Yamamoto Hula

Grubs, and blue/black worked too. In any muddy areas, go chartreuse and the dark blue/black. When the fish are up shallow like they are in the spring, Bob uses a 1/4-ounce weedless jighead for the Hula Grubs. Cast it right to shore and swim it back — the fish will absolutely slam it.

I've always had good luck with white baits at Alamo too. The river end has tons of stick-ups that are incredibly fun to fish, especially pitching and flipping. For crappie, use small grubs and light dart head



Alamo Lake

jigs, and fish them through the sticks on the shoreline, or dangle minnows under a bobber.

To get the latest fishing reports on Alamo, go to www.fishaz.azgfd.com and look for the Alamo report. As of right now (early March) the water is muddy and fishing is slow, but I'm betting that by April it will be great. Alamo is also a fantastic place for bird watching and they have tons of burros and amazing sunrises and sunsets. I just love it there, and I think you will too. ■

Leftover Hunt Permit-Tags Remain For 2019 Elk Hunts

Arizona hunters still have an opportunity to receive a hunt permit-tag for select 2019 elk hunts. There are 744 leftover hunt permit-tags — 668 for the minimal occurrence zone/low density (general) hunt in game management units 12A, 12B, 13A and 13B. All remaining hunt permit-tags will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis as follows:

- **By mail:** Paper applications began being accepted on March 18, and must be addressed to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn.: Draw/First Come, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. Note: There is no "mini" draw.



Allow 10 to 15 business days to receive a hunt permit-tag by mail.

- **In person:** If any leftover hunt permit-tags remain, they will be available

for purchase at any of the department's regional offices statewide.

For a complete list of leftover hunt permit-tags, visit <https://www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Draw/>.

Some of the leftover hunt permit-tags are for Hopi hunt open areas and are available to everyone, both tribal members and non-tribal members, through the first-come, first-served process.

A number of leftover hunt permit-tags remain for military hunts at Camp Navajo, for those who qualify. For more information, call (928) 773-3225 or visit <https://dema.az.gov/army-national-guard/camp-navajo/garrison-operations/>

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For more information, including license and hunt permit-tag requirements, view the "2019 Pronghorn Antelope and Elk Hunt Draw Information" booklet online, or call (602) 942-3000.

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OHV Riders: Protect Fish, Wildlife, Habitat

Stay on trails and avoid wet, muddy areas.

While it's tempting to head out on an off-highway vehicle (OHV) following rain or a snowstorm, soggy trails quickly turn muddy, and riding on them can create long-lasting damage that negatively impacts wildlife habitat.

Turn Around

The Arizona Game and Fish Department advises OHV riders that come upon wet and muddy roads to resist the urge to hit the gas and instead turn around or avoid the area. Splashing or mudding straight through can tear up roads and trails, making them impassable for others and causing serious damage to meadows, streams and other areas important to wildlife and Arizona's water supply.

Even a lighter-weight OHV with low-pressure tires can do lasting damage.

Mudding

While the practice of "mudding" — purposefully driving through wet areas, whether it's a meadow, lakeshore or water tank for wildlife or ranchers' animals — may be touted as fun on places like social media, it can cause long-lasting damage to the habitat and forest roads.

OHV riders can be issued citations and be held liable to fix the damage caused. It can cost tens of thousands of dollars to repair an area and an untold amount of time for a habitat to recover.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, mudding has many negative impacts, including —



- Rips up native plants — When plants are gone, soil washes into nearby streams and lakes, and it creates the opportunity for noxious weeds to move in.

- Compacts soil — Tire tracks create hard soil that keeps water from moving into the ground and they make it difficult for plants to grow.

- Harms wildlife — When vehicles tear up meadows and wetlands, it removes nesting and hiding cover, interferes with feeding, and may push animals out into areas where they may not survive.

- Smothers fish — Many species of fish and amphibians use gravel to build nests and bury their eggs. Driving through streams destroys these gravel areas.

Also A Safety Issue

It's also a safety issue for riders. OHVs handle differently on wet roads than they do on dry ground, so use caution and drive at slower speeds when roads and trails are wet.

OHV riders are also reminded to wear a helmet at all times while on the trails.

If you see someone mudding, call 1-800-VANDALS. It's helpful if you can

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LAKE POWELL REPORT (3/13)

The Best Is Yet To Come

Quality of life is measured by amount of time spent fishing.

BY A. WAYNE GUSTAVESON
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The snow and rain continue providing the moisture, and eventually the runoff, needed to allow the lake to rise back to the levels that enable safe passage and enjoyable fishing trips over the length of the lake. The Lake Powell water level is slowly declining due to the continued stormy and cool weather that we all have experienced lately.

Hope For A Large Rise

The lake has been holding near 3571 feet (mean sea level) during March. In mid-March, it dipped down to 3570.90. The lake level will slowly decline until the runoff starts with melting snow and more rainstorms. That's good news for those planning to come to the lake this year. We hope for a large rise in lake elevation when the weather warms.

On A Rare, Calm, Sunny Day

My weekly trip was on a rare calm, sunny day. The water temperature was 47°F at launch and did not change much until the afternoon with a high near 53°F. Last week, I only got one bite in Navajo Canyon so this time I went all out: to the back of Last Chance. The water was clear on the way into the canyon. The visibility in the water was over 10 feet deep at most main channel locations.

Near the back of Last Chance, there is a distinct color change from clear to



murky. Visibility changed from 10 feet to two feet. In Navajo, the back of the canyon was muddy because of an inflowing stream. Visibility there was only a few inches. Last Chance only gets storm runoff, so it is not as murky. This concept is the same over the length of the lake. Canyons with inflowing streams have lower visibility.

Two Striper Catches

In most years, I fish in the last arm on the right. This time that arm was very shallow due to low water levels. In February, I found striper schools on the bottom at 60 feet or deeper. After graphing for a while and not seeing any deep schools, I switched to trolling with a Lucky Craft XD pointer (chartreuse-shad color). It took about 20 minutes before I hooked the first striper. It was gratifying to land that fish after being skunked the week before. It took another 30 minutes to catch striper number two. It was disappointing to get one more bite and have that fish just rattle the lure but miss the hook. In two hours of trolling, I caught two stripers which was 200 percent better than last week.

Switch To Bass Fishing

The water temperature increased so I switched to bass fishing. This time of

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Pleasant Harbor Hosts Second Annual Lanterns At The Lake

Thousands of lanterns return to illuminate skies above Lake Pleasant.

Soon after sundown, on Saturday, April 6, friends, family and thousands of event goers will come together to share personal thoughts, wishes and goals as they set free lanterns on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant. A long-standing tradition, the lighting of (biodegradable) lanterns is a way of marking milestones, offering up wishes and goals, while celebrating in a festive, picturesque atmosphere.

Last year's inaugural Lanterns at the Lake event attracted more than 10,000 visitors. The event runs from 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m. (lanterns to be released after sundown) and features live music, food trucks, kids' events and some of the most amazing views that the greater Phoenix area has to offer.

Tickets are \$30.00 per lantern and can be purchased online at www.pleasantharbor.com. Ticket prices *do not* include entry into Pleasant Harbor which is an additional \$10 gate fee per vehicle for this

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Enjoy The Farmers' Market And Dining At Singh Meadows

This Tempe destination is a memorable outdoors attraction with fresh produce and a delightful on-site restaurant.

BY LAUREN SARIA AND RACHEL SEMIK

From: Tempe Tourism Office [alicia@tempetourism.com]

On a crisp, cool Saturday morning, farmer Ken Singh chats with a family enjoying breakfast at Singh Meadows in north Tempe. In the distance, a fire pit puffs smoke into the pale, blue sky and steam rises from a clear, chemical-free pond.

For 30 years, this was Rio Salado Golf Course, maintained in pristine condition through the use of pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals. It's taken years for Singh to scrub the unwanted additives from the land and water — to create Singh Meadows, a 72-acre oasis where he hopes the community can come reconnect with nature.

'A Richness Money Can't Buy'

"There's a richness that money can't buy," he says. "That's why we're here."

Singh can't farm here due to the fact that the land is also a levee, but instead he's built a spacious indoor farmers mar-



PHOTOS BY MARK LIPCZYNSKI

ket where shoppers can buy organic produce, honey, fresh baked bread, and other local products.

Most of the vegetables for sale are grown at his farm in Scottsdale, and even the honey comes from his bees. Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday through Sunday, shoppers can reserve weekly baskets in advance that include a bounty of produce ranging from Asian pears and golden beets, to sweet potatoes and Medjool dates.

Restaurant Highlights Market Produce

For visitors who want to dine at Singh Meadows, the onsite restaurant and juice bar highlights the culinary talents of chef Sasha Levine, formerly of The Ocotillo in Phoenix and new owner of the In Betweens, which holds pop-up dinners throughout the Valley.

Open for breakfast and brunch, menu items have included a smoked salmon

tartine with Meyer lemon herbed cream cheese, soft cooked egg, tomato, caper and red onion; Indian breakfast tacos with scrambled eggs, flatbread, dal, labne and cilantro; and a Thai curry bowl featuring market vegetables, basmati rice, herb salad, toasted coconut and cashews.

Breakfast and brunch offerings are designed to spotlight produce available at the market. For example, the Meadows Picnic Basket is an ever-changing basket stuffed with toasted Noble Bread, pickled duck eggs, tender roasted beets and thin slices of fennel. The Taste of the Meadows elevates an average fruit salad with assorted fruit served over delicate ricotta cheese and sprinkled with pistachios.



On The Patio, In The Meadow

Diners are welcome to enjoy their food, along with a cup of locally roasted Press Coffee, on the patio or out on the Meadow, where daybeds, picnic tables

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FOR APRIL: A HIKE, A RIDE, AND A DRIVE

It's A Perfect Month To Explore This Trifecta

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

April is a great month to explore the Arizona desert. It isn't too hot yet, not too cold, and there are still wildflowers and cactus blossoms to be found, not to mention the masses of yellow palo verde blossoms. To help you enjoy some of the prettiest places I know of in the desert, I've compiled three adventures for you: a walk, a ride, and a drive. No matter what your fitness level is, one of these will work for you this April.

A Hike: Badgers Springs

If you've driven on I-17 between Phoenix and Camp Verde, you've passed Badger Springs Road. However, you may not know that there is a great little hike near the end of the road. Just take Badger Springs Road east for just over three quarters of a mile and you'll find a restroom and parking. It's a dirt road, but passenger cars should do just fine.

The trail begins a little way past the restroom, and heads down into Badger Springs wash. When we were there, Badger Springs creek was running — not enough to hinder, just enough to be pretty. We were easily able to avoid walking in the water.

Petroglyphs

The wash itself is very pretty, with steep walls and lots of vegetation and shade. There is a spring in the wash, and there is almost always water around it, making a very picturesque little area. The wash goes down to the Agua Fria River in a very short time — it only takes about a 20 minute walk to get there. But before you hurry out of the wash to the river, take a little side trail to your left and you'll find



Petroglyphs are on the left side of the bank where Badger Springs creek joins the Agua Fria. Be sure to climb up and see them.

a bunch of very nice petroglyphs.

Where the wash meets the river, there is a great little pool with sandy beaches and plenty of trees and shade. Both upstream and down the river flows over big rocks and boulders, making little waterfalls and pools. The trail officially ends at the river (it's only about a mile and half there and back), but you can explore upstream or downstream.



There is a nice pool where the trail ends at the river.

Downstream

Downstream is really beautiful, with some more good pools and plenty of places on the shore to have a picnic or just sit and watch the kids splash in the water. You can't really swim, but you can have a good time wading and playing.

A Ride: Tiptop Ghost Town

Tiptop was one of the first rides that John and I ever took when we first got our OHV. This was even pre-Mochi (our French Brittany), when we still had the two-seater Arctic Cat Wildcat Trail. Plan to spend most of the day, because the trip is out and back, about 25 miles total, plus there is lots of exploring to do when you get there. It's a fairly well-traveled road, but you do definitely need a 4WD vehicle to do this trip.

Deciphering The Route

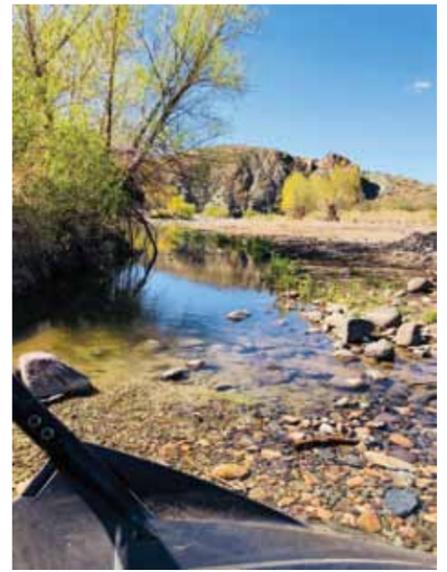
This area is constantly going through changes, and in November of 2018, a gate



Tiptop was a bustling mining town at one time. Now all that is left is ruins scattered two miles up and down Cottonwood Creek.



Some of the walls are still in pretty good shape. My map app told me there was a cemetery nearby, but we never did find it. However, several people are buried around there somewhere, some died from disease, some from mining accidents, and some were murdered. Tiptop history is fascinating.



The trail crosses many washes and streams. Beware after the rains -- banks may be washed out.

helps — you can see where you are, and where you want to be, so you can decipher the route on the fly.

Old Native American Fort

One of the fun things you'll pass on the way to Tiptop is an old Native American fort on a little hilltop. It's less than half a mile detour, so be sure to check it out. You can hike up to the top (it's pretty short and easy), and there's a great view from up there.

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The road is rough and rocky, with many creek crossings — make sure your vehicle is in good condition and bring plenty of water and supplies. Most of the time you won't have cell service. Tiptop was a rough and tumble mining town, and at one time they even had a post office. Lots of silver and other ores came out of the mines, and there are a lot of old ruined buildings and foundations to see.

A Drive: Chino Valley To Perkinsville To Jerome

We took the Verde Canyon Railroad from Clarkdale to Perkinsville last fall, and the area around there is so beautiful that we decided we needed to find out if there was a way to drive in. Perkinsville at one time boasted ten to twelve families, but it is now a ghost town. You can't get to Perkinsville any more — a ranch has closed the gate, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't drive the Perkinsville Road.

Verde Canyon Railroad

If you take the Verde Canyon Railroad you can actually see what's left of Perkinsville, but you don't get off the train. It just stops there, then heads back the way it



A single-lane bridge crosses the Verde at the turn off to Perkinsville. The gate is locked, but there is plenty of room to park and picnic along the river.

came. That train ride, by the way, is awesome and you should do it.

For the drive, start in Chino Valley and take the Perkinsville road northeast. The pavement ends not too long into the trip, but it's a very good road and you should have no trouble with it. There are lots of little side roads and we visited several pretty water holes.

Epic Scenery

The scenery is epic — views of red rock canyon walls with the San Francisco Peaks behind them were breathtaking — the peaks were covered with snow. You get to see that amazing view for quite a long time before you drop down too low to see the peaks, but they show up again after you head back down to Jerome.

At one point on the way in, there is an overlook with an information kiosk and a bench where you can enjoy that glorious view of the red rocks and the peaks. This

is where we had lunch.

Jerome and Perkinsville

About twenty miles in, you'll reach

a T — Jerome is to the right, and Perkinsville is to the left. Go left at first and you'll cross a great one-line bridge over the Verde River. Just past the bridge, turn right and you'll find lots of room for parking and picnicking.

Several footpaths lead to the water's edge and the river is beautiful here. We explored and hiked around for quite a while. There were lots of birds, too.

To get to Jerome, head back over the bridge the way you came, and just follow the road past where you came in. There are incredible views from this part of the road as well. The road is a bit twisty in places, but not scary, and you don't need 4WD to do this drive.

A Must-Do Drive

Although I was born in Arizona, I had never been on this road before, and I couldn't get over how gorgeous it is. It took us all day because we stop and get out constantly. I think you could do it in just a few hours if you didn't explore, but where's the fun in that?

As far as I'm concerned, this is a "must-do" drive for anyone who is in love with Arizona. ■



The Verde River at Perkinsville is beautiful, and there are several paths leading to the shore.



A turn-off with an information kiosk and a bench is a great place to take a break and have a cup of coffee and a sandwich and enjoy the view.



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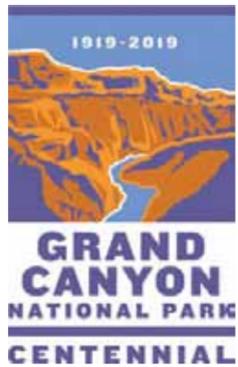
On February 26, 2019, the Grand Canyon celebrated 100 years since its designation as a national park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Grand Canyon welcomes approximately six million domestic and international visitors each year.

After 100 years, whether its hiking a corridor trail, taking a stroll on the rim or enjoying the landscape from an overlook, Grand Canyon continues to provide a space for all visitors to connect with the outdoors.

This 2019, Grand Canyon National Park will commemorate the past and inspire future generations to experience, connect with, and protect the park's unique natural, cultural, and historic resources.

Go Grand

Whether you are a regular visitor, a national park traveler or virtual explorer, Grand Canyon National Park hopes that you are inspired to experience and connect with a park that has inspired 100 years of stewardship and will continue to delight visitors and stewards for another 100 years! Come. Be Inspired. Go Grand.



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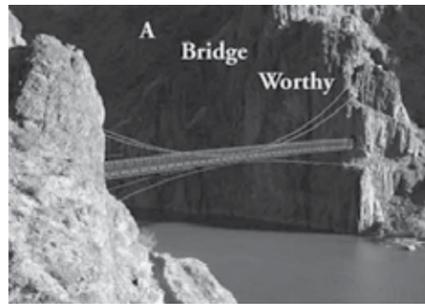
Every Grand Canyon experience is its own grand adventure and in 2019, it's bigger than ever. Join canyoneers from around the world in celebrating Grand Canyon National Park's centennial anniversary with special events and programs at the park and throughout Arizona Visit



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Participate Online; Take The Pledge!

Grand Canyon National Park staff are dedicated to protect Grand Canyon resources and help visitors have the best experience possible. But we need your help, find out more at A Grand Pledge: <https://www.nps.gov/grca/getinvolved/grand-canyon-pledge.htm>

In 2017, Grand Canyon National Park received over 6.2 million visitors from all over the world. As National Park staff, we are thrilled that you share the same passion we do for this incredible landscape. But we need your help! The choices you make while visiting Grand Canyon National Park are important and affect the park's overall well being. Help Grand Canyon become a better place for all:

1. Read the pledge, understand what each action means, and think about how you can incorporate them to your next visit to public lands.
 2. Have fun! Make sure to share a photo or video of yourself taking the pledge on social media using #GoGrand and #GrandCanyonPledge.
 3. Teach others. Tell your friends and family about the actions they should take while visiting Grand Canyon and other public lands.
 4. Park staff will repost their favorite Grand Canyon Pledge posts to the park's instagram page throughout the year.
- I pledge to honor, respect, and protect Grand Canyon National Park for the next 100 years!

What The Grand Pledge Means

- I pledge to carry plenty of water, salty snacks, sunscreen, and wear the proper clothing while hiking anywhere in Grand Canyon National Park.
 - I pledge to stay a safe distance away from all wildlife and never to feed a wild animal, especially the rock squirrel!
 - I pledge to never take anything from the canyon except for selfies and never leave anything on trees or rocks like graffiti. I will Leave No Trace of my visit so that the next person can experience the same beauty as I did.
 - I pledge to know where I can go with my pet, to always keep it on a leash, and to clean up after it.
 - I pledge to travel green by carrying a reusable water bottle, recycling my trash, riding the park shuttle buses, and being conscious of my water use while visiting Grand Canyon.
 - I pledge to carry my patience during busy times and take advantage of all the opportunities to learn more about Grand Canyon National Park.
- Thank you for taking the pledge and showing your commitment to Grand Canyon National Park.

Looking For More Ways To Participate?

Participate in Grand Canyon Conservancy's "A Grand Vision" campaign! This campaign has four priorities: Trails Forever, Dark Sky Preservation, Discovery and Exploration, and Desert View Inter-tribal Heritage Site. Visit <https://www.nps.gov/grca/getinvolved/grand-canyon-pledge.htm> for more information or mail to PO Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023, or call (928) 638-7888. ■



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Boboo (Ba-Boo) has a new home: The Phoenix Zoo. He arrived on March 10 from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in Ohio. Boboo is a brother of the late Kitambi, both offspring of Tomo and Asali, also at the Columbus Zoo. For details, photos and video: phoenixzoo.org/2019/03/11/boboo-arrival

AZGFD Program Delivers Culturally Significant Wildlife Items To Native American Tribes

Whether it's the full hide of a fallen bear, an empty tortoise shell, antlers shed onto the forest floor or a found eagle feather, wildlife binds Arizona's Native American tribes to the world around them.

Recognition Of Rich Cultural History

In recognition of that rich cultural history, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) formalized a repository program that allows wildlife managers and staff to collect, inventory and properly store items found in the field that can be donated to and used by the state's tribes.

A Critical Role

"Wildlife plays a critical role in Native American culture and the Arizona Game and Fish Department is pleased to honor these multi-generational traditions by forming the Non-Bird Wildlife Repository," said Jim deVos, AZGFD assistant director for wildlife management. "This program allows the department to honor our state's Native American traditions and further the appreciation for Arizona's wildlife."



Flag Of The Navajo

AZGFD partnered with the non-profit Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, an organization that represents professional wildlife managers on tribal lands, to purchase four freezers for the department to store carcasses and other items found in the field or confiscated after being illegally harvested.

Requests Received

"We receive requests for full bear carcasses, mammal skins and tortoise shells fairly regularly," said Jon Cooley, AZGFD endangered species coordinator who began developing the the department's Non-bird Wildlife Repository in 2015.



Flag Of The Hopi

"We've also received requests for full deer pelts with antlers, antelope and badger carcasses among other wildlife remains — all of which are ultimately used by tribal members for ceremonial purposes. Repository items can also be directed to support public outreach and to educate children about Arizona's wildlife. These are all items that may have otherwise been discarded, if there was no other use found for them."

AZGFD has worked with and given items to the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe after receiving requests seeking specific items.

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Our Home Is Not Their Home

FROM WORLD ANIMAL PROTECTION

Do you know anyone who owns a tiger? How about a lion? An otter? An African grey parrot? These animals all have something in common: they are all wild animals that aren't meant to be kept as pets.

Every day, thousands of wild animals are poached from the wild or bred in captivity and sold into the global multi-billion-dollar exotic pet trade. Regardless of whether this trade is legal or illegal, these animals suffer terribly.

The Deadly Road To Captivity

Our research and investigations teams have extensively looked into the journey that animals such as African grey parrots make, from flying up to 10 miles a day in the wild to being poached and then sold as pets in a store.

Whether being poached or captive bred, exotic pets are shipped very long distances in terrible conditions before being sold as pets. Sadly, many don't make it that far. Up to 66 percent of African grey parrots die before starting their life as a pet, and the ones that survive often suffer chronic stress in captivity.

These types of animals often die quickly as pets because the extraordinary

care they need in captivity simply cannot be provided. Many end up being given away or abandoned.

Putting An End To The Trade

We are desperate to put an end to the cruel trade of exotic pets like African grey parrots. And we are already making strides! With your support we have quickly moved Turkish Airlines to issue a global embargo to stop the transport of African grey parrots.

But we won't stop there. We will continue to put pressure on other corporations who make money from the transport and sale of exotic animals, and shine a light on these issues.

Remember, our home is not their home. Will you stand with us as we campaign to disrupt this trade and keep wild animals in the wild, where they belong?

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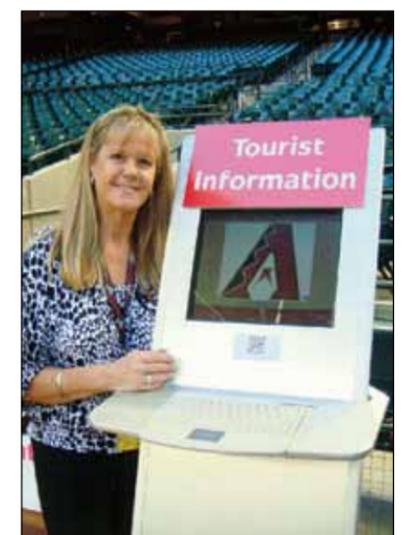
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Nominations Sought For Arizona Outdoor Hall Of Fame

Deadline to submit nominations is April 30.

The Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation is soliciting nominations for this year's inductees into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame.

The Outdoor Hall of Fame annually recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions toward Arizona's wildlife, the welfare of its natural resources, and the state's outdoor heritage.

Nominations will be accepted through April 30. To submit a nomination, download a form (also found on the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame web page), complete it and return a scanned copy along with all supplemental materials to —

• Rebecca Bouquot, wildlifefortomorrow@gmail.com

• Or, you can mail the completed form and materials to Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation, c/o Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Rebecca Bouquot, Outdoor Hall of Fame Nominations, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

This year's inductees will be honored in August at the annual Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet.

Past Inductees

Past Outdoor Hall of Fame inductees have been individuals with backgrounds

in wildlife volunteerism, corporate leadership, politics, wildlife and the media, including Ben Avery, Barry Goldwater, Morris Udall, John McCain, Bill Quimby, Tom Woods, Steve Hirsch, as well as groups and organizations such as Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Volunteers, Arizona Antelope Foundation, Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Arizona Deer Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, Safari Club International, Audubon Arizona, Arizona Public Service and Salt River Project.

Created In 1990

Wildlife for Tomorrow was created in 1990 to enhance the management, protection and enjoyment of Arizona's fish and wildlife resources. The foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide additional support for projects and education activities where traditional resources are not adequate. For more information, visit www.wildlifefortomorrow.org.

Did You Know?
The Arizona Game and Fish Department conserves and protects Arizona's 800+ wildlife species but receives NO Arizona general fund tax dollars. Contribute to our on-the-ground conservation efforts at www.AzWildlifeHero.com. ■

SAILING

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most experienced and exceptional sailing women, including American Boat and Yacht Council Master Marine Tech Beth Burlingame.

The event begins with a continental breakfast and includes raffles and a silent auction throughout the day. Participants wind down as the evening progresses with cocktails, dinner, keynote speaker Haley Lhamon of the winning boat Sail Like a Girl in the June 2018 Race to Alaska (R2AK), and the presentation of the 2019 Leadership in Women's Sailing Award.

Conference registration includes a

continental breakfast, buffet lunch, dinner, workshops and a raffle ticket. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and will open in the spring at womensailing.org.

Raffle ticket sales and silent auction proceeds will benefit the Women's Sailing Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization that funds the AdventureSail program for underserved girls ages 9 to 14 and provides scholarships for AdventureSail participants via community learn-to-sail programs.

The Sue Corl Youth Sailing Scholarship provides funds for teenage programs for underserved girls. For additional information, contact Joan Thayer at joan_thayer@comcast.net. ■

REPORT

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year, bass fishing is better in the afternoons with warming water. There are some great bass spots in the back of Last Chance. I went to a few of my favorite spots and fished rocky structure, sandy flats and tumbleweed piles.

Despite my expertise, warming colored water and calm conditions, neither bass, nor crappie, nor bluegill responded. I finally got the message and departed

back to Wahweap. Two hours later, I was safely off the lake. I am sure the fish were giddy with excitement as they saw me leave, but I will be back. Fishing will be a lot better as the water warms into the 60s.

Warming Means Better Catching

The best is yet to come! Significant warming will result in much better catching results. Watch the weather and plan future trips during calm warming periods that continue for at least three days.

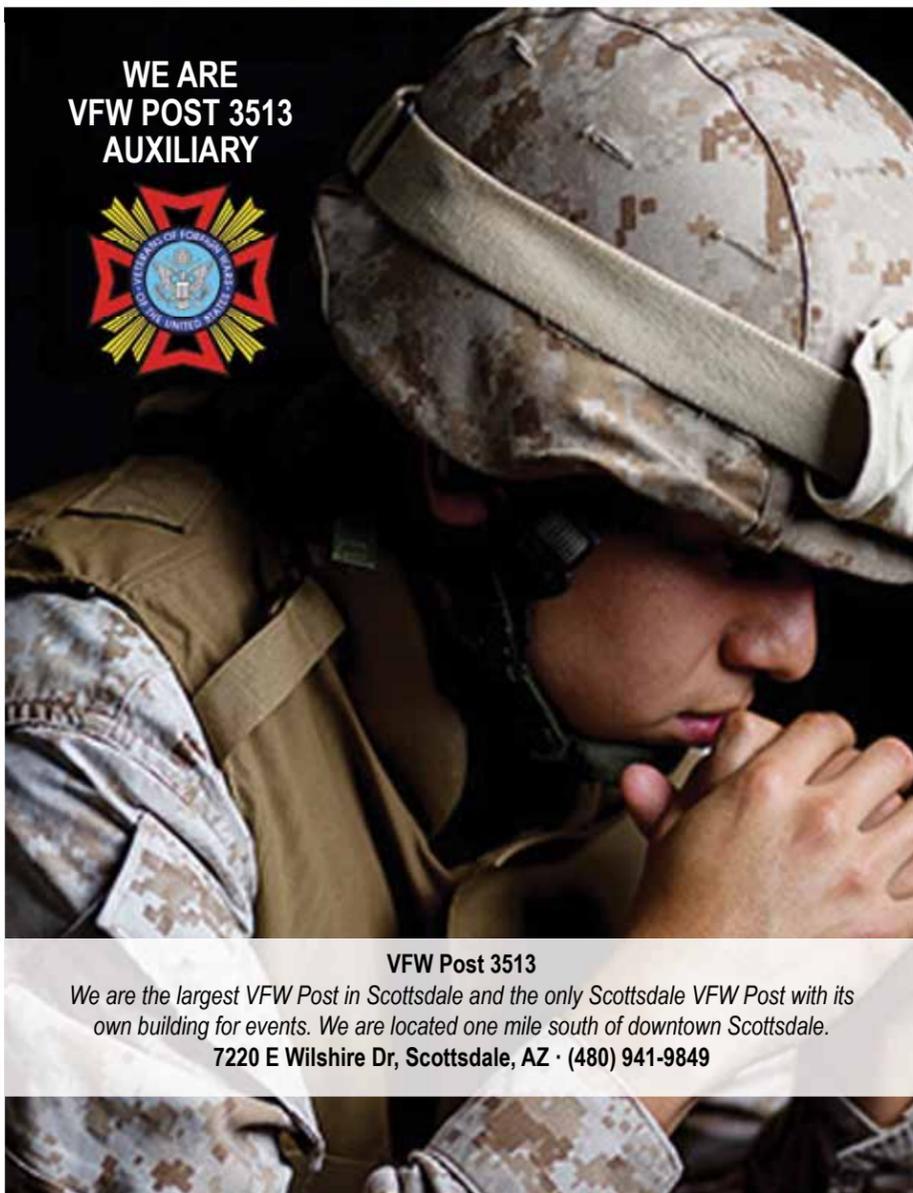
At press time, lake elevation was 3,570 feet and water temperatures were 47-53F. ■

RIDERS

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get a license plate number and description of both the OHV and the operator as well as a location of the activity so law enforcement personnel can follow up on the information. ■

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• Drain all residual water from engines and motors, ballast tanks, live wells and bait wells. Pull your bilge plug and leave out during transport. Store with boat keys or in a location where you will remember before launch.

• Dry all equipment that comes in contact with water, such as life jackets, ropes, buoys, tubes, etc.

Required by Many States

Many states require that watercraft must stop for inspection, which includes both motorized and non-motorized boats. If you see signs that indicate that an inspection station is open, please stop and have your watercraft inspected by the state in which you are traveling.

Quagga mussels are extremely small and are excellent at hiding in places that are hard to inspect. So the more eyes looking over your watercraft, the better chance of preventing these hitchhikers from entering a new waterbody.

Boaters are required to comply with all AIS regulations of the respective states where they are traveling, as well as those of their final destination. Be sure to contact your local state AIS authorities for any additional questions on local regulation compliance. ■

CHECKLIST

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6. Inspect brakes and brake fluid reservoir.

Safety

1. Check expiration dates on flares.

2. Inspect fire extinguishers. Replace if over 12 years old or if age is unknown. More than 40 million Kidde extinguishers with plastic handles were recalled on Nov. 2, 2017.

3. Ensure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids. Check inflatable life jacket cylinders and dissolvable "pill" bobbins in auto-inflating models.

4. Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.

5. Check running lights for operation and spare bulb inventory.

6. Update paper charts and chartplotter software.

7. Replenish first-aid kit items that may have been used last season.

8. Check the operation of VHF radio(s) and that the MMSI number is correctly programmed in. (BoatU.S. members can obtain a free MMSI number at BoatUS.

com/MMSI.)

9. Get a free vessel safety check from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons. Find out more at SafetySeal.net.

For The Dock

1. Check both ends of the shore power cable connections for burns, which indicate the cable and/or boat's shore power inlet or the dock's receptacle must be replaced.

2. Test ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock, and know how to prevent Electric Shock Drowning.

The Paperwork

1. Make sure your boat registration is up to date. Don't forget your trailer tags.

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FISH

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I could. John and I fished every weekend, and we also fished the Wednesday night tournaments at Pleasant. We got pretty good at night fishing, so one day while John was at work, I sat down at my typewriter (yup, no computers back then!) and wrote a story titled "Night Fishing on Lake Pleasant".

I sent that story to Tom Stiles at *Arizona Hunter and Angler*, and he bought it. I was so excited that when I called John at work to tell him, he thought I had crashed the car or something. Pretty soon I was writing for all kinds of magazines, and then Tom asked me to be the fishing editor of *Arizona Hunter and Angler* and for years I got to go out fishing with the best fishermen in Arizona and ask them questions and write about them. I hope my readers learned as much as John and I did from all those great guys.

Fun And Relaxing

Fishing is so much fun and such a great way to relax – I love it. It's one of the few sports where women can compete head to head with men – it doesn't require a lot of strength, just knowledge and technique. Anyone can learn to fish, and I've known

a lot of really good female bass anglers. John and I used to go back east and referee the Lady Bass Classic every year, and I'm telling you, those ladies were every bit as good at fishing as the men are.

Fishing Together

I particularly like fishing as a couple or a family. When I do stories, John and I always go out together. We're a good team: he fishes with the guy and plies him with questions, while I take notes and pictures and ask a few questions myself. It's always fun, and fishermen are seriously the nicest guys out there.

In the 30+ years that I've been fishing and writing, I've met some really big names in tournament bass fishing, and without fail they have all been great – never once did I feel that they thought I was a second-class citizen because I wasn't a man.

The most fun was back when Operation Bass held the All American. There would be 50 anglers who had competed all year to win a spot, and Operation Bass would invite Press Anglers to come out and ride with them. They'd pay our way, put us up in a nice hotel, and we'd get to go out with a different guy every day. It was a blast.

On practice days, the press angler who caught the biggest fish would win a reel.

John has won it twice! We got to see fantastic lakes and rivers, meet awesome people, and just generally have the time of our lives. I miss those days!

Granddaughters Become Anglers

Of course, we have introduced our granddaughters to fishing. By the time she was ten years old, Trinity could run the trolling motor, fish, and read the depthfinder simultaneously. She and Emily love to fish for both bass and crappie. Even our dogs love to go fishing with us!

One of the best things about fishing is that when you are out on the water, you are away from distractions and can really talk to each other. The only time any of us ever takes out a phone is to snap a photo.

My Advice To Women

My advice to any lady who would like to learn to fish is to just do it. Buy a rod and reel. You don't have to have a boat – you can catch a lot of fish from shore. Read as many things as you can about fishing. There are plenty of good websites just packed with information about any kind of fishing you can think of.

If you'd like to really learn a lot about bass fishing, join a bass club that has draw tournaments. This means that as a non-boater, your entry fee is lower than the

guy (or gal!) with the boat. The night before the tournament, names will be drawn to determine who fishes with whom. I guarantee you will learn from every tournament.

Generally, the weights are separate, so if you don't catch a bunch a big fish, it's not going to affect the boater at all. Just make sure you give him some gas money – running a bass boat isn't cheap. There are even clubs for kids in junior high and high school, and anyone can join – boys or girls. Adult volunteers captain the boats, so there is nothing to worry about.

More Woman Fishing Now

More and more women are getting into fishing these days, and I think it's great. Opportunities to fish are everywhere – even in town you can fish community lakes. If your husband or boyfriend already fishes, ask him to take you with him. Be teachable, and also learn all you can on your own. I know a lot of husband and wife team bass anglers who do really well.

If you're worried about killing and cleaning fish, then don't kill them – catch and release is what most bass anglers practice anyway. Seriously, there is no excuse for a woman not to fish. Just get out there and do it. ■

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- www.arizonaoutdoorwomen.com

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woman recommends that we ladies get out fishing, she knows what she is talking about. Certainly she applauds men's continuing enjoyment of the sport, but Margie also urges women to join in the popular pastime, perhaps more so than

they have in the past.

Gals can enjoy solo fishing, couples' fishing, family fishing — with or without a boat, out of town or in the Valley at community lakes. As Margie says, "Just get out there and do it!". We at *Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times* agree and say to the gals: "It's time to cast your lines." ■

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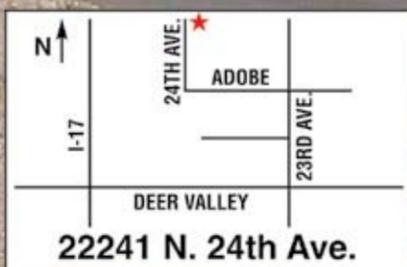
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DOCKS

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biting at the end of the line.

Catch, Prep, Cook Center

Sponsored by Catalina Offshore Products and Specialty Produce. Throughout the day on April 15th, our **CATCH, PREP & COOK DEMOS** will provide ideas and techniques to improve the enjoyment of your catch. There will be presentations on proper handling, storage and preparation of fresh fish to ensure that every fish caught and kept is fully enjoyed. Recipes and samples will be available at the seminars.

Casting Contests

Sponsored By Seeker Rods & Avet Reels You've got to try your hand at this true test of an angler's skill. If you have never cast a line in your life, don't worry. This competition is for everyone, pro and novice alike. Competition is set for 11 am and 2 pm. Points are awarded for distance and accuracy. Fishing trips and tackle awarded to the winners!

Izorline Knot-Tying Competition

Young and old alike can try their hand at tying the strongest fishing knot with assistance from the pro staff at Izorline. Knot tying demonstrations will be followed by hands-on competition in which individual knots will be tested against the Izorline Knot Gauge, a device that measures a knot's breaking point by pressure. Competition will take place in three divisions: Small fry (up to 10 years old), Juniors (11-16 years old) and Adults. A voluntary donation of \$1-5 to enter the

competition will benefit the The Friends of Rollo a non-profit organization that takes kids fishing. The contest runs all day at the Izorline exhibit booth. Winners in each division will be announced at the end of the day. Prizes include ½ day and full day fishing trips.

Fishing Videos

Look inside the Sportfishing Landings for continuous showings of dramatic sportfishing videos. From San Diego to Baja, Clipperton Island and Costa Rica ... get a glimpse of the sportfishing adventures and action that are available on the San Diego fleet.

Boat Rides Around The Bay

The whole family will want to take a boat ride around San Diego Bay and it only costs \$3. Trips run continuously throughout the day from the three sportfishing landings.

Gourmet Galley

There is great variety to choose from... Seafood, Thai, Chinese, Mexican and more. Many local restaurants around the harbor will also be serving up DAY AT THE DOCKS specials.

Hot Tackle

Find out what's hot on the fish equipment market. The top manufacturers will be there to show off their latest. Some really new technology has hit the scene. Be prepared this season with the latest and greatest! You'll find some great bargains on fishing tackle from exhibitor retailers and in the landing tackle shops.

Lots Of Boats

You'll find boats of all shapes and

DERBY

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his or her names etched on the Perpetual Trophy and receive his or her weight in beer from Ballast Point.

This year's derby will also feature two

"side contests" — guess the weight of the winning yellowtail and number of blood donations by group. San Diego Blood Bank is one of the charities benefitting from the International Yellowtail Derby competition. (The International Game Fish Association's Junior Fishing Program is the other event beneficiary.)

sizes. The modern sportfishers in the San Diego fleet will be hosting a grand open house. You are welcome to climb aboard and look around. Joining the fleet for the day will Thresher Boats and other local boat dealers.

Marine Art

Glory Giffen showcases her marine watercolors, Peter J Galleries art features painting atop marine charts and *Gyotaku*, the traditional Japanese method of printing fish. Bill Boyce displays beautiful marine photography and Sharon Schmidt will be displaying her Oils By Sharon. And, there are many other marine artists on display.

Open House On Fleet Boats

Step aboard and meet the captains in the San Diego fleet. Have you never been on a San Diego Sportfisher before? Well now is your chance. You'll see that the accommodations are quite nice, with many of the comforts of home.

Entertainment All Day On Stage

On the Main Stage things get going at 9:00 AM. The day will also feature three raffles benefitting The Burn Institute. Raffles will be drawn at **12:00 noon, 2:30 PM and 4:15 PM** — all from the Main Stage. Great Prizes include fishing trips, tackle, tickets to area attractions and much more!

You're Invited

Come join in the fun and help us celebrate the season's official start! There's plenty more to see and do at The Port Of San Diego's Day At The Docks 2019. We hope to see you there on April 14th and often through the Year 2019 season. ■

Adults pay \$100 to enter the derby; young anglers between age 8 and 14 only pay \$50 to enter.

Prizes are awarded in every category; special prizes are granted for the largest catch made each week. Competition is open to private boaters, open parties and kayakers.

The "in-bounds" fishing area is 50 miles south and 50 miles west of Point Loma and north to the Orange County line.

Cash and prizes will be presented to the winners at an awards event on June 10. The award event will be held at Bali Hai restaurant on Shelter Island in San Diego.

Contact John Campbell at 619-991-5480 or johncinsd@gmail.com for more information. ■

WILDLIFE

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Veneration Of Animals

"The Hopi are a resourceful people," said Clayton Honyumptewa, director of the Hopi Tribe Department of Natural Resources. "The Hopi people harvest animals for their holistic and comprehensive use, ranging from consumption as food to assimilation in spiritual and ceremonial functions; no part of the animal is squandered or discarded."

For Hopis, Honyumptewa continued, "the ultimate veneration of any animal is through its use in ceremonies and prayers conducted for the renewal and continuation of life. The carcasses that the Hopi Tribe receives from the Arizona Game and Fish Department enable the Hopi people to honor these animals by offering them in our prayers to life's eternal cycle."

Model For Other States

The department continues to develop the program as a model for other state wildlife agencies. Tribes interested in partnering with the program can email jcooley@azgfd.gov for more information. ■




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CALENDAR

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WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

Yuma

2-7 — 67th Annual County Fair - Yuma County Fairgrounds. Entertainment, concerts, 4H & FFA exhibits, livestock show & auction, demolition derby, Yuma Gem & Mineral Society, carnival. \$ 8 am - midnight. 928-726-4420 or <http://www.visityuma.com> or <http://www.yumafair.com>

Phoenix

5 — 2019 FORE! Paws Golf Tournament pawsented by Possi Global - Camelback Golf Club. Registration will start at 6:30 am and a shotgun start at 7:30 am. Pet Therapy teams will be in attendance throughout the day and on the course to share their love to all golfers. Join us for a swinging time! <https://www.gabrielsangels.org/>



▲ Clarksdale

6 — Raptors on the Rails with Liberty Wildlife - Verde Canyon Railroad. As breathtaking as an eagle is in flight, a face-to-face encounter with a raptor is an equally astounding event. Our friends from Liberty Wildlife share the majesty of a rescued bald eagle with visitors at the depot and on the train on select days throughout the year. <https://verdecanyonrr.com/>

Chandler

13 — Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration - Environmental Education

Center at Veterans Oasis Park. Experience hands-on activities live animal presentations and discover ways to live a more eco-friendly lifestyle from on-site vendors and exhibitors. Free. 9 am - noon. 480-782-2890 or <https://www.chandleraz.gov/earth-day>

Mesa

13 MESA: Celebrate Mesa - Pioneer Park. A free family event that brings the community together to enjoy games, carnival rides, entertainment and more! Some of the fun family activities will include: AZ Raptor Experience 10:30am, live music from Freddie Duran Plan 11:30am, Living Green Village, toddler area, petting zoo, bounce houses and kids games, Life-like Dino Encounter, entertainment, contests and giveaways, and food trucks! 10 am - 2 pm. <http://www.celebratemesa.com>

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Cottonwood

24-28 COTTONWOOD: 19th Annual Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival - Dead Horse Ranch State Park. Field trips, local tours, workshops & seminars, educational activities for kids, exhibits, key-note speaker, entertainment. \$. 928-282-2202 or <https://verderiver.org/birding-festival/>

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LANTERNS

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event. The general public is encouraged to buy tickets in advance. Lantern tickets are expected to sell out. No coolers are allowed. However, blankets and lawn chairs are welcome.

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant is less than a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix and the closest entry to the lake for Phoenicians. Pleasant Harbor is open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information, please visit www.pleasantharbor.com or call the Pleasant Harbor events line at 623-203-5173.

Event Information

What: Lanterns at the Lake

When: Saturday, April 6, 2019, 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Where: Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant

8708 West Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383

Why: Memorable, fun lakeside event shared with family, friends and event goers

How: Purchase tickets online: www.pleasantharbor.com

Pleasant Harbor Event Line: 623-203-5173

Tickets: Lantern Ticket - \$30.00; \$10.00 Parking Entry (per vehicle)

Attendance: More than 10,000 attendees are expected to join in this unique event!



About Pleasant Harbor

Pleasant Harbor, located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, conveniently adjacent to the metropolitan Phoenix area, is open to the public 365 days a year. The full service marina, features Dillon's Bayou restaurant, boat and slip rentals, as well as fly boarding, Jet Ski, kayak, paddle boat, and sail boat rentals.

As well, the marina features H2-Whoa! - the world's largest floating water slide and is home to The Phoenix, a 150 passenger boat cruise providing tours of majestic Lake Pleasant. Pleasant Harbor also features an RV Resort with 253 full hook up sites, 60 partial hook ups and unlimited dry camping sites featuring amenities including a club house, pool and Jacuzzi, bocce ball, basketball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, laundry facilities, showers, convenience store and picnic grounds.

For more information about Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, visit www.pleasantharbor.com or call the Pleasant Harbor RV Park at 800-475-3272. ■

FARMERS

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and lounge chairs dot the rolling green grass.

Simply: Get More People Outside

For Singh, the main point is simply

to get more people outside. "When you come here and you roll around in the dirt, whether you like it or not, you'll leave a different person," Singh says. "Your demeanor will change."

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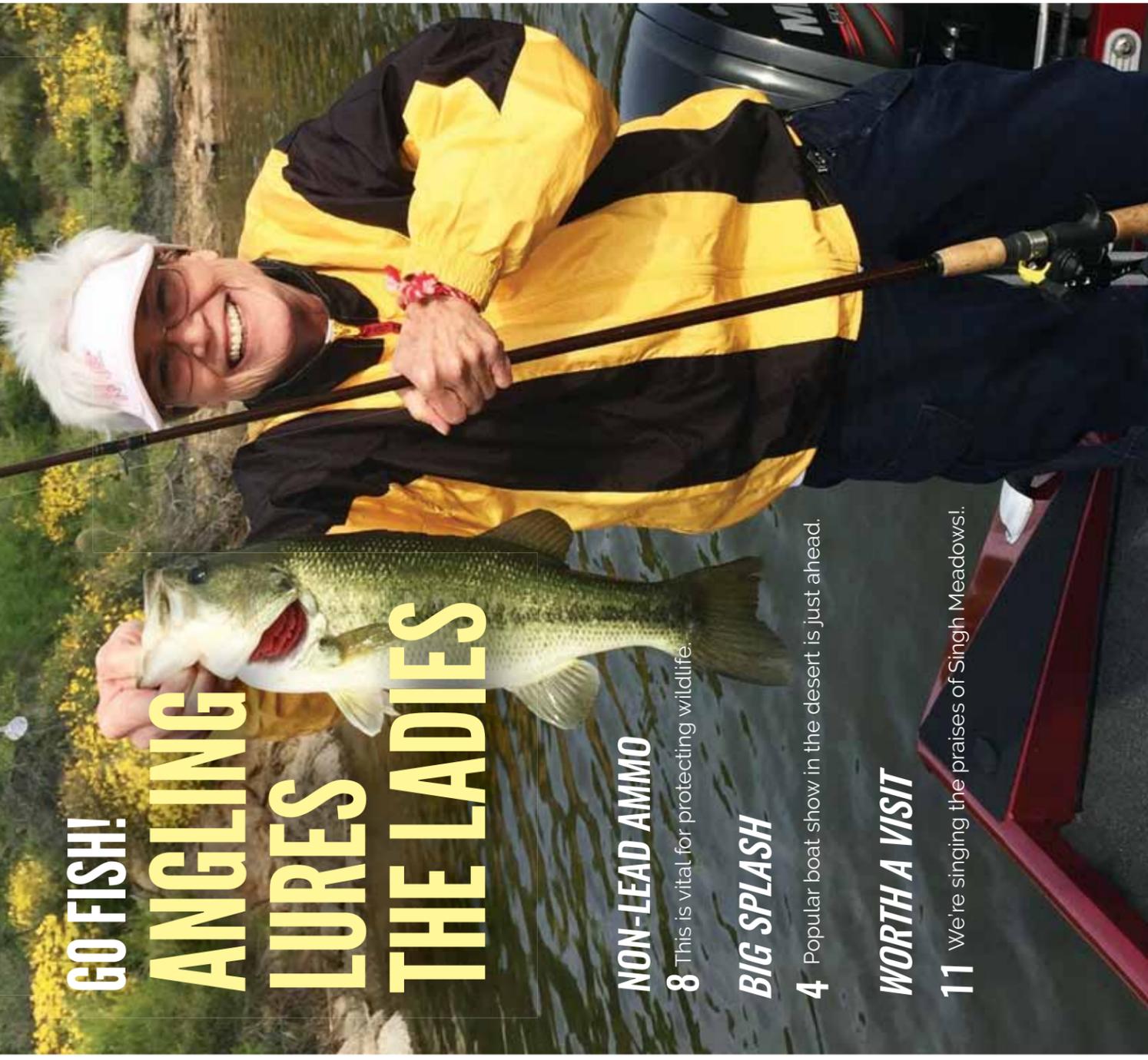
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