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## We Celebrate 'Spring-Into-Summer' Time!



**ON THE COVER**

### Happy First, Happy Fourth

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

Having lived in Canada for over two decades, I like to add its early July holiday (Canada Day, July 1) to the celebrations I enjoy for my native land on Inde-

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### A SALUTE FROM THE SHORES

## Come Watch Lake Pleasant's 2017 Fireworks Show

Pleasant Harbor Marina at Lake Pleasant will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks show on Monday, July 3.

Located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, conveniently adjacent to the Phoenix Metro area, Pleasant Harbor Marina, open to the public 365 days a year, will host food trucks, free activities for the kids, including water slides, bounce houses, Euro trampoline bungee, a live band, Boomer, and a boat raffle sponsored by KUPD, all leading up to the main attraction: a dramatic lakeside fireworks show.

Festivities begin at 3 p.m. with fireworks at 9 p.m. with activities running until 11 p.m.

### It's A Magical Sight

"This is a great family event and there's no better place to be than on the shores of Lake Pleasant," said Glen Vortherms, gen-

eral manager of Maricopa Water District (MWD), owner and operator of Pleasant Harbor Marina. "With the colorful reflections of fireworks over the lake, it's really a magical sight."

Admissions fee is \$15.00 per vehicle, with coolers and lawn chairs always welcome. Pleasant Harbor is the closest destination and entrance to Lake Pleasant, conveniently located off Carefree Highway and 87th Avenue (8708 W. Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383). Visitors exiting I-17, travel west on Carefree Highway, or take 99th Avenue North from Bell Road to Carefree Highway and then west to 87th Avenue to Harbor Boulevard.

"Our show just keeps getting better," said Deneen Ramirez, Pleasant Harbor Marina events coordinator. "Because we are always open to the public, we welcome

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### CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

## San Diego Lights Up For Its Big Bay Boom

One of the best fireworks-on-the-water shows in the West is, of course, in San Diego Bay. On July 4 at 9 p.m. the skies light up to celebrate our nation's birth.

With four locations, there are plenty of options where you can see the fireworks: Shelter Island, Harbor Island, North Embarcadero, South Embarcadero, Coronado Ferry Landing, and, of course, from private boats. Plan to get there early. Bring your lawn chairs and friends down to San Diego Bay to watch the show.

Boaters, remember "safety first" and please observe the 300-yard safety zones around the four fireworks barges. Please keep a lookout for boats around you. The Coast Guard, Harbor Police and special patrol

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## AZGF Director Larry D. Voyles To Retire

Arizona Game and Fish Department Director Larry D. Voyles has announced that he will retire from the state's wildlife agency this summer. Director Voyles, who first joined the Department as a wildlife manager in the Yuma region in 1974, will remain as Director until his replacement is named by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.



Larry D. Voyles

ways will be the foundation on which our Department is built."

### Wildlife Manager For A Decade

After a decade in the field as a wildlife manager, Voyles rose through the ranks serving as the Department's first Law Enforcement Training Coordinator, then Regional Supervisor and ultimately the position of Director, which he has held since 2008.

His term will be remembered for his embrace of technology to modernize the department, his national efforts to unite state conservation agencies to provide better resources for wildlife and habitat management, and his support of multiple-use public lands.

### His Legacy Will 'Shine'

"Director Voyles is a great leader and a

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### FOR DADS

## Hop On Board To Celebrate Fathers' Day



The Maritime Museum of San Diego invites you to a Father's Day celebration aboard the schooner *Californian* or 1542 galleon replica *San Salvador*.

Before the sail each adult receives a delicious bratwurst sandwich, chips and a cold beer. Hot dogs and soft drinks are available for the kids.

Food will be served from 10am-11:30am and the 3 hour sailing trip will begin boarding at 11:30 and returns approximately at 3:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to enjoy the museum before and after the sail.

Our experienced crew will make your Father's Day celebration unforgettable while working the lines and handling the sails; as you sail around the beautiful calm waters of San Diego Bay.

For more information, visit <https://sdmaritime.org/> or call (619) 234-9153.

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### Land Cruising

#### Outdoor Dads Will Enjoy These

If your dad is outdoorsy, Margie Anderson says here are some gift ideas that are sure to make his day this June 18/Page 14



### Tackle & Target

#### Dads Who Shoot Will Enjoy These

John Anderson gives a few gift ideas for any dad who loves guns and says, "I'll bet he didn't even know about these, or he'd have gotten one!"/Page 10







# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## Update your boating safety knowledge

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

June 2017				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 10 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 17 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Fool Hollow Lake 1500 Fools Hollow Road Show Low	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility – Green Bldg. 2176 McCulloch Blvd. N. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-08	June 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(510) 386-2356
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-07	June 24 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bell American Plaza 7121 W. Bell Road Glendale	\$30	(928) 310-4603

July 2017				
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### Registration Decal



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### Register your watercraft

Make sure the vessel's registration is current before heading out on the water. It's one of the most important boating requirements needed to operate a watercraft on Arizona waterways.

The registration fee is determined by watercraft length and ranges from \$20 to \$66 for Arizona residents and \$100 to \$495 for non-residents. Skip the line and renew your watercraft registration online at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

## Renew Online. It's Easy!

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



This information brought to you by: Arizona Game & Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086, 623-236-7219, [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)

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



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



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

#### Controlled

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



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



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

#### Other Non-Lateral Markers

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



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

#### Mooring Buoy

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

Note, the following actions are illegal:  
 ♦ Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigation buoy not intended for mooring  
 ♦ Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters.

#### Need to borrow a life jacket?

Visitors to lakes Pleasant, Havasu, Saguaro or Mohave needing a life jacket can borrow one at Life Jacket Loaner Stations near each lake's boat ramps.

Stations contain jackets for infants to adults. **Please return** the jackets so they can be used by others.



# Boating

## PLEASURE BOATING IN MIAMI

### Is Adventure Calling You To Travel, Especially On The Water?

Traveling soon? Spending time on the water makes any vacation special, and boating in Miami, Florida offers a beautiful way to spend the day. Miami offers so many places to see and explore from the water that after your visit, you just might decide to become a Floridian!

#### Scenic Options Aboard

Miami offers many options for route and scenery. You may wish to begin your cruise in Biscayne Bay, where the skyline of Miami enhances the day with its color and art deco-to- modern influences.

One of the best introductions to Miami by water is to cruise by the celebrity homes. Three islands known as Hibiscus Island, Star Island and Palm Island clustered just north of the MacArthur Causeway showcase a variety of architectural styles and beautiful landscaping. Fisher Island at the mouth of the Miami River is another location to cruise by for great pictures. This 216-acre island is home to high net worth individuals and is only reachable by water, and not to the public.

#### Ready For Lunch?

Ready for lunch? Speaking of the Miami River, one of the hottest places for waterside dining in Miami is called Seaspice. Enjoy the outdoor lounge and raw bar, plus full menu with inspiring fish dishes. Another waterfront restaurant is Zuma, offering modern Japanese cuisine from its location at the Epic Hotel. Enjoy the riverside terrace and perhaps some delicious sashimi or sushi?

Now that you've had your fill, it is time for more island hopping.

#### Island Hopping

Pace Picnic Island, one of a group of islands just north of the Venetian Causeway and Biscayne Island in Biscayne Bay, makes for a fun stop by boat as well. Enjoy the beach, plan a picnic and relax while you take in the views of the mainland. You may be greeted by some Miami residents with long tails, aka iguanas.

Another popular island is the historic Flagler Memorial Island, also known as Monument Island. The man-made island showcases a 110-ft obelisk-shaped monument to honor Henry Flagler, a pioneer of Miami who founded the Florida East Coast Railway. At low tide, this uninhabited destination has an attractive beach and nice water for swimming. You'll find plenty of colorful boats bobbing at anchor while yachters hang out in the water with a cool drink. Here you can paddle kayaks, picnic, explore the monument and more.

A not-to-be-missed stop is the sandbar by Key Biscayne. Situated on the west side of Key Biscayne, this lively sandbar

is sometimes also called Nixon's Sandbar due to its proximity to Nixon's Cove, the site of former President Nixon's "Winter White House," which is no longer there. The Cove is a beautiful protected area, great for meandering and relaxing. When it's time to rev up the action, the nearby sandbar is the place to be. Here you'll find boats anchored, with people hanging out in the water, jet skiing, and, needing no excuse to have a great time!

#### Key Biscayne National Park

One mile south of Cape Florida in Key Biscayne National Park is another not-to-be-missed site, Stiltsville. This historic area of the Bay with homes and night-clubs on stilts used to be a hot spot for clubs, movie stars and epic parties. In fact, there were 27 structures in the 1950's and 60's. Now, the seven homes that remain are protected by the park service and there is no public access. You can cruise by and snap some pictures of Old Florida history.

Other sites to see by water as you head south include Vizcaya near Coconut Grove. Vizcaya is the historic home of International Harvester founder James Deering built in 1916, which is now a museum. There is no access by boat but it offers beautiful views by water.

#### Coconut Grove

Coconut Grove itself is worth disembarking for, a neighborhood known for its artsy, quaint atmosphere. Dock at Dinner Key Marina and take a walk to Coconut Grove village. You can wander the streets and enjoy the shops, and stop for a latte at a charming sidewalk café where you might just catch some live music to set the mood. Don't miss the famed CocoWalk for shopping. Coconut Grove is in the heart of Miami, but has its own personality of relaxation, music, food, events and more.

It's been said that everything is better when you're on the water. When adventure calls, exploring by boat is a wonderful activity for the whole family, and a great way to experience the cool, tropical vibe that makes Miami memorable.

For more information on Miami boating, please visit <http://www.tropicalboat.com/biscaynecharters.htm>; for reservations, please call (786) 218-3030 or email [info@tropicalboat.com](mailto:info@tropicalboat.com)



Miami



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Key Biscayne, Virginia Key



Coconut Grove



#### 'LEST WE FORGET'

### Maritime Museum Remembers, Honors Swift Boat Mission

During the Vietnam conflict 3,600 served or supported America's PCF Swift Boat mission. Four hundred were wounded. Fifty died. These are their stories of heroism, humor and heartbreak, told in first-hand accounts and photos by the men who were there, 50 years ago. Based on the book *Swift Boats at War in Vietnam*, this immersive new exhibit lets you experience their courage under fire.

Six-man crews aboard 51-foot unarmored aluminum vessels journeyed upriver facing the constant threat of naval mines, ambush and rocket fire from an enemy bunkered on riverbanks just 30-feet away.

Tour Swift Boat PCF 816, part of the Museum's permanent collection, fully restored by volunteers including Vietnam veterans. Reserve your seat for a spectacular Naval history cruise of San Diego Bay aboard the Swift Boat PCF 816 most weekends for an additional \$10.00 with general admission ticket purchase.

*Swift Boats at War in Vietnam*, edited by Guy Gugliotta, John Yeoman and Neva Sullaway is now on sale in the Museum Gift Shop and online at [sdmaritime.org](http://sdmaritime.org). The authors will donate all proceeds from book sales to support the Museum's PCF 816.

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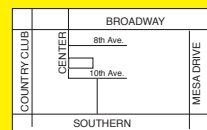
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## California's DBW Provides Survival Guide For 2017 Summer Season

*Cold-water shock and life jackets are this year's key messages that apply to all those who recreate on the waterways of the Southwest.*

As are Arizona's safety-conscious agencies, personnel and outdoor enthusiasts, California too is stressing the importance of water-wise prevention, procedures, and equipment.

California's Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) urges recreational boaters and water enthusiasts to take the necessary precautions this summer, starting with life jacket wear, to keep themselves and their loved ones safe. This summer season begins with some of the highest water levels and coldest water not seen or felt in many years. Swift and cold water can create treacherous conditions for everyone, including experienced swimmers.

Recreational boating fatalities related to swift water conditions are a tragic but yearly occurrence throughout California and the Southwest. These incidents are especially prevalent during California's high water years. In the midst of the state's drought or low water period of 2012-2016, DBW's annual boating accident statistics confirm that 23 fatalities occurred in swift-water conditions. During the state's high water years of 1993, 1998, 2005, 2010 and 2011, that number more than doubled, with a total of 48 California residents losing their lives in swift water conditions.

"Summertime in California [and Arizona] always means heading to the water for some fun, and given the rainy season we've had, we're sure to see even more activity than usual on our waterways this year," said DBW's Deputy Director Lynn Sadler. "However, it is crucial for boaters and water enthusiasts to know that the water is running very cold. Jumping into cold

water can cause many effects, including an involuntary gasp for air when you're under water which can lead to panic and start the drowning process."

Cold-water immersion is dangerous. Not wearing a life jacket while recreating in cold water makes it even more perilous. Education is the key. Following are the stages of cold-water immersion and some do's and don'ts:

### Stages of Cold-Water Immersion:

**Cold Shock:** A person has one minute to adjust to the cold shock response.

**Swimming Failure:** A person has about 10 minutes of meaningful movement to get help and get out of breathing.

**Post-Rescue Collapse:** A person "gives up" and collapses after or right at the time of rescue.

• **Do not enter the water if it's too cold.** The average body temperature is 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The average pool temperature is 84 to 86 degrees. Some of California's rivers are currently running at temperatures between 30 to 40 degrees. Such cold temperatures can literally take your breath away.

• **Do control breathing, don't gasp.** A sudden unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than 1/2 cup of water in a person's lungs to drown. When someone remains calm, they have a greater chance of self-rescue.

• **Don't panic if you fall into the water.** Stay afloat with the help of a life jacket, regain control of breathing, and keep head above water in view of rescuers. If



possible, look for ways to increase buoyancy. If in the water with others, huddle together with everyone facing inwards to help everyone stay afloat and keep warm.

• **Don't apply heat to extremities like arms and legs of a rescued victims.** This sudden change in temperature could cause cardiac arrest.

• **Do make sure everyone is wearing a properly-fitted life jacket.** Life jackets that are too big will ride up around your face. It's too small, it will not be able to keep your body afloat. Life jackets designed for adults will not work for children.

• **Do file a float plan** with someone trusted that includes details about the trip, launch area, marina, boat, passengers, towing or trailer vehicle, communication equipment and emergency contacts.

### Some Good-To-Knows If You Are In California

DBW manages a number of safety programs and provides resources to encourage safe boating on California's waterways. Many programs and events kicked-off during National Safe Boating Week when recreational boating advocates from across the United States and

Canada use this week before Memorial Day weekend to remind boaters on the importance of life jacket wear and other key safety messages.

Below are two of many California safety programs for 2017. The division encourages boaters and water enthusiasts — both local and California boaters as well as those visiting the state — to take advantage of these resources.

• **Life Jacket Loaner Stations:** In partnership with public and private entities, DBW provides life jackets to loaner boards within park units and loan stations so that an individual or family can borrow a life jacket for a day or a weekend by simply completing a loan form.

• **Free BoatCA app:** DBW has developed a boating facility locator app version of its Web-based boating locator - BoatCA. The free app offers an array of boating safety information, float plan emails, clean and green boating practices, as well as information on nearly 1,000 boating locations and facilities. The app is available now on iTunes. The Android version is coming soon.

For more boating and water safety information or laws, please visit BoatCalifornia.com.

## What's In A Name?

*In particular, what do boat names mean or imply?*

The nation's largest recreational boating advocacy, services and safety group, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), has issued its 2017 Top Ten Boat Names list, a tradition dating back a quarter decade. The names come from tallying up requests for boat names to the BoatUS Graphics service, and each reveal much about the personality of the vessel's owner.

### The BoatUS 2017 Top 10 Boat Names

1. **Serenity:** The utter calm and quietude boating brings
2. **Seas the Day:** A nautical wordplay on the Latin saying *Carpe diem*, taking boating to its fullest
3. **Andiamo:** "Let's go!" in Italian and a perennial favorite boat name
4. **Irish Wake:** Mourning and merry-making after the death of a family member or friend
5. **Freedom:** Patriotic name that first appeared on the Top 10 Names List in 2004
6. **Adagio:** Italian for "at a slow tempo." Represents how boating reduces stress in our hectic lives
7. **Ohana:** From the Hawaiian culture, meaning "family" in an extended sense
8. **Oasis:** A fertile spot in a desert where water is found; symbolizes boating's ability to refresh and nourish our daily lives
9. **Happy Ours:** A playful take on the good feeling you get at the afternoon communal cocktail time
10. **Firefly:** Making the list for the first

See **BOAT NAMES**, Page 18



**FIRST PLACE IN 2017** – "Serenity" was the number-one boat name this year according to BoatUS.

## Arizona Yacht Club Celebrates

Members and nonmembers are welcome to attend.

Friday, June 9 is the date of the annual social highlight of the Arizona Yacht Club year. The Commodore's Celebration will be held at the Showcase Room at The Yard in Tempe, a fun spot near downtown Tempe. The Commodore's Celebration is a great gathering of friends highlighted by presentation of trophies and installation of the new Board of Directors. Dress is business casual. Members and nonmembers are welcome to attend. Cocktails are at 6:30 pm, and dinner is at 7 pm.

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# Boating

## Arizona Game & Fish Stresses Boating Safety

A “Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day” and an OUI checkpoint were held in late May, readying boaters for the summer season just ahead.



The Arizona Game and Fish Department, together with boating professionals and enthusiasts nationwide, demonstrated the importance of remaining safe on the water by participating in Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day on May 19.

The annual event, hosted by the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) serves as a fun, educational element ahead of National Safe Boating Week, which ran this year from May 20 to May

26. The event helps to raise awareness of different life jacket types, while demonstrating their comfort and versatility by wearing them to work.

### Today's Life Jackets Are More Comfortable

“The life jackets of today are simply more comfortable and will help to save your life,” said Josh Hoffman, AZGFD Boating Safety Education coordinator.



“Arizona’s boating season has returned and many have already hit the water. While our lakes offer great family fun, the simplest thing anyone can do to protect themselves is to put on a life jacket.”

### Drownings Cause 68 Percent Of Fatalities

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in approximately 68 percent of recre-

ational boating fatalities in 2015, and that approximately 85 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day coincided with the official launch of the 2017 North American Safe Boating Campaign, which focuses on educating the boating public about the safety and comfort of life jackets.

### Take A Picture

AZGFD and the National Safe Boating Council each asked participants to take a picture of themselves in their life jacket while at work and post it to the Ready, Set, Wear It! Facebook page (facebook.com/readyswearit) or submit directly to the NSBC at outreach@safefboatingcouncil.org. Participants were also encouraged to tweet their picture using #readyswearit.

Members of the boating public as well as those interested in showing the wearability of life jackets were encouraged to participate. More information about the event and safe boating is available at facebook.com/readyswearit.

For more information on boating in Arizona or to sign up for a free safety course, visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

### Sobriety Checkpoint Held On Canyon Lake

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) conducted a watercraft operating under the influence (OUI) checkpoint on Canyon Lake recently. The purpose of the checkpoint was to ensure people are operating their watercraft safely and responsibly and to apprehend those found to be operating their vessels under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### Systematic Safety Inspection

Throughout the weekend, some boaters were required to pass through a checkpoint and be subjected to a systematic safety inspection. Operators were checked for any sign of impairment from alcohol or drugs and asked to confirm that the required safety equipment, such as a proper number of life jackets and working fire extinguishers, were aboard.

“Operating a boat while impaired is just as dangerous, and just as illegal, as driving a vehicle while impaired,” said Tim Holt, field supervisor for the AZGFD office in Mesa. “The illegal per se limit for blood alcohol concentration is .08 in both cases.”

### Canyon Lake Popular Recreation Venue

Canyon Lake is one of Arizona’s most popular lakes for recreational boaters. In 2016, there were 16 boating accidents on Canyon Lake. Nationally, alcohol use was a factor in 17 percent of all fatalities and is the leading known contributor in fatal boating accidents, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Using a checkpoint can not only increase the number of contacts with boaters, but also provide valuable data on the amount of alcohol consumption related to recreational boating on Arizona’s waterways.



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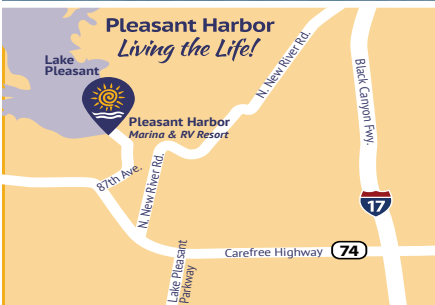


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# Tackle & Target



ARIZONA LAKES, ARIZONA PROS: JOHNNY JOHNSON

## Be Sure To 'Catch' His Show (Pun Intended)

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Johnny Johnson is one of the best-known and best-loved fishermen in Arizona. With his popular television show *Fishing With Johnny Johnson* and his trademark hee-hee-hee laugh, he has made thousands of fans. At the recent Wild West Bass Team Championship, crowds of people jumped up and ran over to take photos the minute his truck and boat came into view.

He has a way with kids and never turns them down when they ask for a photo with him. We once fished with him for an on-the-water interview and couldn't believe how many people came up to him on the water to talk to him.



Johnson (with microphone) and partner Andrew Napoleon are shown at the weigh-in for Wild West Bass Team Championship.

### Not Only 'Looks Great'

Johnny is not one of those celebrities who looks great on the show but can't fish in real life. He's a fantastic tournament angler — just recently he won the prestigious U.S. Open on Lake Mead, one of the toughest tournaments in the state. With 186 of the top anglers fishing on one of the most fickle bodies of water, a win at the U.S. Open is really something to brag about. He partnered up with Matt Shura



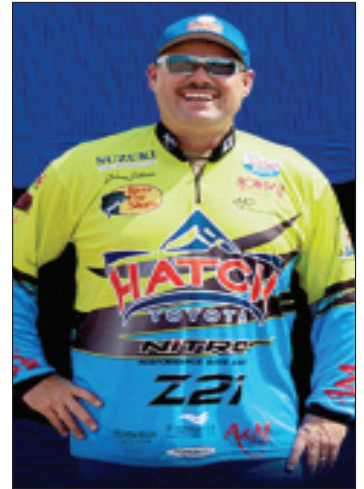
Matt Shura, Johnson At ABA Team Championship

and won the ABA Championship at Mead as well.

Johnny also fishes the Wild West Bass Pro Am circuit, recently finishing second in the Roosevelt tournament, and winning the one at Pleasant.

### In 1999 Came The Idea

In 1999 Johnny was watching Channel 11 and it was all just stills for the fishing show. He asked if a guy if they could



Johnny Johnson

run video, and he started doing a fishing show. After about three years he invested a bunch of money in editing equipment and started on Cox Cable. Now you can see *Fishing With Johnny Johnson* on Fox Sports AZ on Sunday mornings: Direct TV channel 686, Dish Network channel 415.

You'll see him fishing at all the different Arizona lakes, giving great tips and

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**WATER LEVELS ARE HIGHEST IN YEARS AT ARIZONA'S BOATING PARADISE!**

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## Wild West Bass Trail Team Championship Draws Big Crowd In Payson

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

The Wild West Bass Trail is a relative newcomer on the bass tournament scene, but it was founded by people with tons of tournament fishing experience. They wanted to make the best tournament circuit out there, and they have spared no expense and worked their tails off — with great success.

Their mission is to promote the highest quality companies and provide premier fishing events in the western U.S. They have the highest guaranteed payout on the West Coast, and tournaments are televised so pro anglers get lots of exposure.

### Impressive, Careful Weigh-Ins

We went to the weigh-in for the Wild West Bass Trail Team Championship at Roosevelt Lake on May 6, then the final weigh-in at the Green Valley Park in Payson on Sunday the 7th.

First off, I was incredibly impressed with the lengths they go to in order to ensure the health of the bass that are weighed in. There are rows of aerated tanks, and they had even added ice to the tanks to cool the water off in order to de-stress the fish and allow the water to hold more oxygen.

They also have an enormous pontoon boat with aerated tanks, and after being weighed, the fish are put in tanks on this boat, and released from the boat back into the lake.

### Only The Top Teams

Since this was the championship, only the top finishing teams from 2017 fished. Here's how it works: a team fishes at least three of the WWBT Team events for the year. At every tournament, your final weight and the place you finished gives you a certain number of points. First place is 250 points, etc.

At the end of the year, the 50 teams with the highest points (providing they fished at least 3 events) are invited to fish the Championship. The prize for the winning the Championship is a brand new Ranger Boat, so of course everyone wants that. There were 42 teams fishing this year.

### So Many Things Can Make Or Break A Day

I spoke with Raoul Ramirez, and he said that he and his brother fished hard and just had some bad breaks. They had a bad time during the practice days be-



**WEIGH-IN** — Crowds begin to gather at the Green Valley Park in Payson for the WWBT Team Championship final weigh-in.

cause of an algae bloom on the lake, but they moved into the Tonto end and caught some bed fish, then all the rest came on Skinny Dippers (small plastic swim baits by Reaction Innovations).

On day one of the tournament they had a limit and culled three times, but on day 2 they only weighed four fish — bite number 5 was a 4+ to 5-pounder that got off. If they'd caught that fish, the weight would have been enough to put them in the top ten. In addition to losing that big fish, they had an electrical fire on day one, and their trolling motor cable broke on day two. So many things come together to make or break your day!

### Fishing Was Tough; The Crowd Was Big

The teams fished Friday and Saturday, and their weights for both those days were combined. The top ten teams after Saturday moved on, and the other 32 teams went home. Fishing was tough, but there were some excellent fishermen in the tournament and some beautiful fish were weighed in.

The town of Payson, Arizona, turned the final weigh-in into a festival with live music, western shooting reenactments, food, and vendors. There was quite a crowd as the ten boats pulled into the park, and the audience was very enthusiastic and cheered each fish and every team. Wild West Bass Trail is completely professional and impressively organized, and the weigh-in went smoothly.

Almost every team remarked on the



**MOST COVETED TITLE** — WWBT Arizona Team Anglers of the Year: Dylan Maxon and Zack Holwerda: After all the points totals for the entire year were totaled up, these guys had the most points. Angler of the Year is the most coveted title because it shows that you were consistently good all year.

size of the crowd. The anglers reported catching most of their fish on A-rigs, Senkos, and small swimbaits.

### Perry And Burns Won

The local boys: Johnny Johnson of Pinetop and Clifford Pirch, originally from Payson, got a lot of cheers, but in the end, Michael Perry and David Burns were crowned team champions and received a total of \$39,000, including \$25,000 for first place. Perry and Burns were in the U.S. Army together and they're a couple of great guys. They said they decided to fish WWBT and just have some fun, and when they got invited to the championship they figured what the heck, let's go see what happens. I bet they're glad they went!

### Find Them On the Web

Wild West also has Pro-Am tourna-



The Winners!

ments, where amateurs get to fish with the pros, learning a lot from the back of the boat. They have California circuits as well. If you'd like to fish WWBT, just go to their website at [www.wildwest-basstrail.com](http://www.wildwest-basstrail.com) and you can find schedules, registrations forms, prices, news, and all kinds of great info.



**ON FISH** — Warming nighttime temperatures play a big part in regulating lake water temperatures. Already in our beautiful desert impoundments, water temperatures have popped into the magical upper-60s, lower-70s range, prompting bass, shad and other fish to increase their activity levels. Before the Memorial Day weekend, Arizona Game & Fish had stocked an additional 20,000 trout and catfish into waters statewide. Through June, they'll have stocked a quarter-million more trout, catfish, bass and sunfish.



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## GIFT IDEAS FOR DADS WHO SHOOT

# From \$7 To \$200, There Is Something For All These Special Guys

BY JOHN ANDERSON

Fathers' Day is just around the corner, and men can be so hard to buy for. Seems like if we want it, we just go buy it, and if we don't, it's because it's too expensive. So here are a few gift ideas for any dad who loves guns — and I'll bet he didn't even know about these, or he'd have gotten one!



**This desk clock from Patriot Depot will trip Dad's trigger.**

**From Patriot Depot: Shotshell Clock**

### Revolver Desk Clock

At four inches wide and just over three inches high, this little batter-operated desk clock will keep great time even



**From Patriot Depot: Revolver Coaster Set**

if the power goes out. Plus it looks super cool — exactly like the cylinder from a revolver. This will definitely set his desk apart from the crowd, and it's less than \$35 from [www.patriotdepot.com](http://www.patriotdepot.com).

While you're there, be sure to check out the Shot Shell Clock-n-Can (a wall clock that looks like the base of a 12-gauge shotgun shell) and the Revolver Coaster Set. The Shot Shell clock (3-1/2 inch diameter) is less than \$15 and the Revolver Coaster Set is on sale for under \$23.

### Browning BXD Waterfowl Hunting Ammo

It's sad but true: It takes quite a few shells before you bag even one duck or goose, and that stuff gets expensive. If you know dad is going to be hitting the field this winter, give him a few boxes of Browning's new BXD Waterfowl Ammunition.

This stuff gets high velocity from an



**Browning BXD Waterfowl Ammo will help Dad down more ducks.**



**The Wise Foods Casual Camper bundle is ideal for Dad's backpack, RV, camper tent, or quad.**

## Casual Camper Bundle

The Wise Company makes incredible survival and camping food — their survival and emergency food has a shelf life of 25 years! The survival food does not contain meat, but the camping food does, making it a great choice to give to dad so he can eat well on those hunting trips, even if he's too tired to cook.

The Casual Camper Bundle is \$94 and includes 12 servings of entrees and 6 servings of breakfasts — enough to keep dad full and fueled up for three days. They can be cooked right in the pouch, and the kit includes a cube stove and even a 28-ounce water bottle with filter.

The food has a shelf life of seven years. Check out all their great stuff at [www.wisefoodstorage.com](http://www.wisefoodstorage.com).

optimized long-range wad and plated round steel shot. This gives it a lethal combination of energy retention, penetration, and pattern density so he gets great performance at long ranges. It comes in 12 and 20 gauge and a several different shot sizes. It's available at [www.cabelas.com](http://www.cabelas.com) for \$19 - \$27 a box.

Dad will be calling down blessings on you this duck season!

### Action Targets Rimfire Mini Gong

I admit that at just under \$200, this gift is a bit pricey, but it's so awesome I couldn't resist including it. I'm talking about the Action Targets Rimfire Blue Mini Gong, which is a steel target designed to be used with .22 caliber guns. It has a steel deflector plate with four paddles hanging below, made of 1/4-inch steel designed to take years of heavy use. It's 35 inches high and the paddles are four inches in diameter.

If your dad likes to go out in the desert and plink, this is the ideal gift. No more going back and forth to set up targets, no more trash to clean up after he's done shooting — and he gets instant gratification because when he hits the target; he'll hear and see what a great shot he made.

Check them out at [www.shopactiontargets.com](http://www.shopactiontargets.com), and make sure you look at all the other fantastic steel targets they make — they've got plenty, including many designed for higher calibers.



**The Inteliscope turns your smartphone into a dynamite sight.**

### Inteliscope

The Inteliscope turns your smartphone into a thermal rifle scope and camera for your gun or bow. You buy the mount, download the free app, and attach your phone to your weapon on any picatinny rail. The accuracy with this thing is amazing, and even allows you to use apps like *Google Earth* while you're still on the trigger.

You can use it for hunting, shooting, even paintball. The mounts vary in price from \$139 to \$575. It's a bit of a splurge, but so cool. See them at [www.inteliscopes.com](http://www.inteliscopes.com).



**The Para Claw is a paracord survival bracelet that conceals a 1-1/2-inch hawkbill blade.**

### Outdoor Edge Para-Claw

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Para-Claw by Outdoor Edge debuts; it's a super cool paracord survival bracelet that conceals a very serviceable little knife in the clasp. The knife is a 1-1/2-inch hawkbill blade integrally molded to a glass/nylon guard that ties into the bracelet. Once deployed, the bracelet becomes the knife handle.

They are hand-tied and come in three sizes and colors. Each has an adjustable loop. The medium and large come in black or camo, and the small is available in purple/black. Super popular, they can be hard to find, so *Google* search for them. There is a large black one online at [www.bowhunterssuperstore.com](http://www.bowhunterssuperstore.com) for \$20.

They are actually already sold out on the Outdoor Edge website, so if you find one — snap it up!

### Swab-Its

No matter what dad shoots, it's a fact of life that the weapon has to be cleaned regularly. I actually clean my guns every time I use them, and Swab-Its has made that a lot easier. Gone are the days of using cotton swabs, then having to pick the fibers out of the action.

Swab-Its are far superior to patches or anything else — they save time, follow the rifling better, they're reusable for many times, and they're easy to clean with soap and water or mineral spirits. They've got sizes for nearly every bore, and they have Bore-Whips that will pull all the way through with no rod, no scraping.

Seriously, your dad will love these things. The best part? Made in the USA and super affordable at \$7 - \$20. Get them at [www.bore-tips.com](http://www.bore-tips.com).

### Ruger Bolt-Action Pen

This pen is incredibly smooth, and it's a high-quality writing instrument that can be refilled with a Fisher Space Pen #PR4 refill. The best part about this pen, I think, is the fact that since it is anodized aluminum; it actually fits the bill for a tactical

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## LAKE POWELL REPORT

# Spring Fishing Is Now At Its Peak

*The quality of life is measured by the amount of time spent fishing.*

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON  
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Surface water temperature today and for most of the week was 64 degrees. End of report!

For those who need a bit more information, here are the details:

Striped bass adults prefer a temperature of 64 degrees. At this comfort level, trophy size fish, adults, and juveniles have free reign and can travel in any direction, any depth and feed anywhere. Trophy fish cannot handle warmer water and must stay in the 64 degree range. Adult fish are found close to the warm surface layer now and can be found by shallow trolling and casting. Young stripers are near the surface and are eating plankton until they find young shad. They are also susceptible to trolling and casting.

### Females Are Hungry Now

Large and smallmouth bass spawn when water temperature is from 60-66. Male bass guard nests and are often seen in shallow water. Females feed ravenously now as they are very active and excited about spawning. Bass are in shallow water and very catchable on open water reefs and along the rocky shoreline. This activity level, along with desire to feed more in warmer water, makes bass very active and easier to catch.

### Crappie Feeding Priority

Crappie are nearing the end of their spawning season. Feeding has become the higher priority. Crappie are still very active and quite catchable.

### Walleye Very Active

Walleye have completed spawning but are reacting to warming by feeding at a higher level. They are known to feed early and late but this temperature range has them feeding extremely well at mid day (10 am - 2 pm). Walleye are very active

## National Shooting Sports Foundation Continues Their Support Of NHF Day

National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day) once again welcomes the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) as sponsor of the celebration of sportsmen and women who help educate the public on conservation and promote the benefits from participating in angling and hunting. NHF Day brings together sportsmen and women to commemorate the rich tradition of fishing and hunting with national, state, regional and local organizations hosting fishing- and hunting-related events.

### NSSF 'Does So Much'

"The NSSF does so much for the shooting sports and continues by lending their support to help spread the word about the enjoyment derived from hunting, shooting and fishing," said Misty Mitchell, director of Conservation for Wonders of Wildlife. "The NSSF is one of the leaders in protecting our rights to hunt and shoot recreationally and understand how hunters and anglers contribute to conservation and programs that benefit all Americans and wildlife. We are pleased to have their support again this year."

### Launched In 1971

Congress established National Hunting and Fishing Day to recognize hunters



**NEWCOMER** — Large bluegill are showing up in Lake Powell. There is a new sport fish on the block in this amazing lake. They are found in rocky habitat with a flat bottom depth of 10-15 feet.

and will continue to increase in activity as water temperature increases into the low 70s. They will do even better as the water continues to warm.

### Bluegill Larger Now

Bluegill and green sunfish increase their feeding behavior as water warms to 65-70. It takes only a few more degrees before spawning occurs. Bluegill activity level has increased dramatically. Fish size has also increased recently (perhaps due to mussels in their diet?) as many larger size bluegill have been seen recently. Larger bluegill feeding voraciously makes a whole new sport fishery possible in Lake Powell. Big fish are now available in large schools in 12-25 feet of 64 degree water.

### Cats Easier To Catch

Even channel catfish are responding to the warming water. They spawn as the water warms into the 70s. That is a ways off but their feeding level has increased. Catfish are now easier to catch.

### Best Time For Spring Fishing

In summary, the very best water temperature for spawning, feeding and activity is now available to all sport fish in the lake. This is the best time to fish in the springtime.

Therefore, it is not surprising that our fishing trip today was awesome. We motored uplake to Face Canyon and then tried

trolling and casting for bass and stripers. Our trolling lures were rattletraps, (Lucky Craft LV's), mid depth crankbaits (Lucky Craft pointer SPs, Bevy Shad). We trolled close to shore targeting rocky reefs and points where depth quickly fell from 10-15 down to 30-40 feet.

Trolling was very successful as we seldom went more than 5 minutes without catching a striper or smallmouth bass. Each time we hooked a fish trolling the other angler would reel in fast and then cast to the shallow shoreline to get another hookup. When we had worked over a productive shoreline and failed to get another hook up we moved on.

We found great success using this technique and moving from Face Canyon, to Buoy 25 coves and shoreline, Gregory Butte coves, mouth of West Canyon and Dove Canyon, and finally Dungeon Canyon.

### A Good Time To Catch

Our catch included 30 stripers, 25 large and smallmouth bass, and 2 large bluegill (caught trolling). The weather was agreeable with a mild day in between windy events, pleasant air temperature, and great satisfaction while catching many fish with short stays in many places. Spring fishing is now at its peak. If you want to catch fish now is a good time to come to the lake.

*At press time, lake elevation was 3610 and water temperature was 63-66F.*



fishing on this celebrated day."

### Home In Missouri

NHF Day's official home is at the Wonders of Wildlife in Springfield, Mo. Both entities share the goal of strengthening the image of hunting, shooting and fishing. NHF Day is one of the most effective grassroots campaigns to promote hunters, anglers and the conservation of wildlife and habitat. Each year, thousands of people participate in NHF Day events across the country to commemorate the foundation of conservation through fishing and hunting.

### Generous Supporters

NHF Day is made possible through the sponsorship and generous support of these well-respected companies and brands: National Shooting Sports Foundation, Bass Pro Shops, Yamaha, Wonders of Wildlife, NRA, Realtree, GunBroker, Ducks Unlimited, NWTF, Cabela's, Keep America Fishing, Thompson Center, Izaak Walton League, Outdoor Sportsman Group and the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation.

For more information, visit [www.nhf-day.org](http://www.nhf-day.org).



## Gustaveson Has New Message Board Location

*He invites us all to contact him at a new email and to visit [wayneswords.net](http://wayneswords.net)*

### FROM WAYNE GUSTAVESON

Contact me at [waynegustaveson@utah.gov](mailto:waynegustaveson@utah.gov); my other old email addresses are no longer working.

Welcome to Lake Powell. My purpose is to provide needed information that will make it easier for you to plan a trip to the lake. Many come for the beauty and solitude of the area, others for fishing or water recreation. Whatever your reason, I hope this site helps make your visit more enjoyable.

I manage Lake Powell Fisheries. I have discovered that offering specific fishing information allows anglers to harvest more striped bass, thereby improving population balance and fishing success for all species.

Lake Powell has incredible beauty and is the jewel of the Colorado River. Find your way by working through the menu on the left of my site to discover many pictures and much information about these wild and scenic places. You can ask questions on the Message Board and receive answers from many regular lake users. You can provide reports on your visit and help others discover the wonders that you found.

The shoreline stretches over 1800 miles. It can't be seen in one trip. We are here to help.

Just a note, the site is continually upgraded. It will continue to change - hopefully for the better.

Look at the new fishing license rules in the left index. Arizona no longer offers a stamp to fish across the state line. Only a Utah fishing license is needed to fish in Lake Powell.

### DADS

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pen without looking tactical. So dad can fly under the radar and be ready for anything without advertising the fact.

It's 5.5 inches long, black, with a pocket clip. I actually really want one of these myself, so I hope my boys are reading this. Get one at [www.knifecenter.com](http://www.knifecenter.com) for \$31.95. While you're there, be sure to look at the Ruger Bolt Action mechanical Pencil. It comes in bright red anodized aluminum and it also costs \$31.95. The set would be an incredible Fathers' Day Gift for any dad.

You can also get them on Amazon for just over \$30, but supplies were getting low when I checked in May.

So there you have it — gift ideas from \$7 to \$200 which are sure to please any dad who owns a gun. Fathers Day is June 18, so after he opens his gift, take him to the range and spend some time bonding and plinking together.

# Love What You Do!

BY JOHN KOLESZAR  
SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR

I had an opportunity this past month to escape the looming desert heat and visit with my son in Portland, Ore. Part of our get together involved going salmon fishing in the Tilamook Bay area.

Yes, we did the usual tourist visit of the Tilamook cheese factory (smoked cheddar can't be beat) and yes, we hiked around in the massive pine forests that tower into the skies. The whole trip, however, centered around father-and-son time in a boat fishing for spring salmon.



**DESERT ESCAPE** — JK Koleszar headed to Portland, Ore., to have father-son time with his son Justin Koleszar and friend Miguel Corvoza; the three boated Chinook salmon, keeping a 16-pounder. They also boated a 30-pounder but because it was a “wild” salmon, they could not keep it.

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## Our Guide

The guide we chose was absolutely upfront and honest with us regarding the type of action we would be facing. He noted that there were few being boated but that when they did strike, you were in for an awesome battle. We decided to take a chance and with our friend Miguel along, the three of us headed to the marina and arrived at exactly 4:45 a.m.

Being a desert dweller does not prepare you for misty rain, blowing winds and 52-degree temperatures. We boarded the boat (a 26-foot “Willie boat”) and headed out to the ocean. The fishing was

as he had predicted, light activity and when they did hit, it was mad chaos.

## An Interesting Tale To Tell

We boated one Chinook that weighed over 30 pounds but had to be released since it was a “wild” salmon. We later boated another salmon that weighed in at 16 pounds and since it was a hatchery salmon, we were able to keep the fish.

The day had some good moments followed with a lot of quiet times. At 2 p.m., we were back in the marina and unloaded our gear and headed back to our AirBnB home. Overall, the fishing was fun, educational and certainly cold. There was however an interesting story that I had to tell the followers of *Western Outdoor Times*.

## Introducing Daniel St. Laurent

Our guide’s name is Daniel St. Laurent. From the moment we left the marina, he was a constant flow of information. We

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**DESERT DWELLER** — As JK says, a “desert dweller” is not prepared for the cold temps of the Oregon coast. However, he had a remarkable and educational experience fishing for Chinook salmon.

weren’t just sitting and watching our rods for a strike. He kept us busy learning how to fish. He told us why we were fishing where we were and how the fish react at certain times of the year.

I came away with a distinct impression that here is a man who absolutely loves what he does. He was born to be a fishing guide. His knowledge of the water, his eye for details on what was happening around us and his constant attention to detail are impressive. What struck all of us, however, was how much he loved what he is doing.

Here is a man who wants to be out there hunting fish. I have fished with many people over the years and hunted with even more. There are people who are crabby, some who are professional, some who are business like and some who you can just tell do it for a living. Daniel does what he does because he loves doing it.

## Salmon 101

I learned about where the salmon were, why they were acting as they do, what they liked to eat and when they like to eat. We left the marina a half hour earlier than normal because he had noticed that there were more strikes in the first half hour than there were later, so at his suggestion rather than leaving at 5:30 a.m., we departed at 5 a.m.

## A Blessed Man

The images I will have of him are of a man who is blessed to be doing what he loves and getting paid for it. Some people smile for the camera and you can tell it is forced.

Daniel is young, happy, doing what he loves and any halfway observant person can just feel his excitement heading out

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**HE DOES WHAT HE LOVES** — Fishing Guide Daniel St. Laurent was a constant flow of information. He kept JK, his son and his friend busy the whole trip, and he impressed the group with not only his knowledge, but also his enthusiasm. St. Laurent can be reached at slautentguideservice@hotmail.com.

## Important Dates From AZGFD, NPS

### From AZGFD

• Free fishing clinics will be held June 3 through 11 during National Fishing and Boating Week. (These give people the opportunity to try out this fun, family oriented pastime. Loaner fishing rods, bait and instruction are provided for free at most venues. Bait is provided and loaner rods are available for fishing events.

• On June 3, fishing events are at Lake Peasant Regional Park, Woodland Lake near Pinetop, Goldwater Lake near Prescott, Dead Horse Ranch State Park lagoons near Cottonwood, Dunton Ranch Pond, Garret Tank near Seligman, and Kaibab Lake near Williams.

• June 10 fishing events are in Yuma West Wetlands Park and Patterson Ponds near St. Johns.

• AZGFD is seeking public comment on draft proposed hunt guidelines for the 2018-19 through 2022-23 hunting seasons. The draft proposed hunt guidelines provide the biological and social parameters used by wildlife biologists to formulate annual hunt recommendations (season structures, season lengths, season dates, permits allocated, etc.). These recommendations will take place from 6-8 p.m. June 5 at AZGFD offices in Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, and Mesa. Four additional public meetings where constituents can view a PowerPoint presentation (no webinar), as well as provide input to department personnel, include these remaining dates: June 5 in Eagar and June 7 in Payson.

### From NPS

NPS has announced it will extend through June 14 the public comment period on the Initial Bison Herd Reduction Environmental Assessment (EA) related to bison on the Grand Canyon's North Rim. From June 5 through June 14, comments may be submitted at [http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca\\_bison](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca_bison) or by mail to Grand Canyon National Park, PO Box 129, Attn: Bison Management Plan EZ, Grand Canyon, AZ 86203.

# Fishing Tournaments Suspended On Apache, Canyon And Saguaro Lakes

To protect large fish that are targeted by tournament anglers, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has requested that the USDA Forest Service temporarily suspend angler tournaments from Apache, Canyon and Saguaro Lakes until environmental conditions improve.

### Golden Alga Blooms

Golden alga blooms have developed over large portions of Saguaro and Apache Lakes. Golden alga produces a toxin (prymnesin) that affects any organism with gills. Currently, the primary species that is being affected is threadfin shad. However, sunfish in Saguaro have also begun to die and Asiatic clams are dying by the tens of thousands. Golden alga toxin can be detected by fish and they will seek areas of refuge where they can recover; however, clams can't move and they die where they live.



### Bass Succumb

A day after a recent bass tournament at Apache Lake, 38 two- to eight-pound dead bass were counted at the release site.

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to the open water. There is a contagious feeling of excitement when you are doing something fun and different. Daniel exudes that same type of enthusiasm and has been doing it for many years. He is a

These bass were caught in an area of no or low toxicity and released in an area of an active toxic golden alga bloom. Other than threadfin shad, no other dead fish species were observed at the release site (no sunfish, catfish, carp or small dead bass were encountered).

Some tournament participants stated they were having difficulty keeping their bass alive in the live well. If fish are caught below a toxic layer and placed in a live well, the golden alga toxin can then be delivered straight to the fish if the bloom is active on the surface. Basically, these fish were removed from an area where they could survive to an area where they could not.

### Not A Public Health Threat

Golden alga blooms are not a public health threat. The toxins that golden alga produce are only harmful to gill-breathing organisms such as fish and clams, and there is no evidence they are harmful to people, livestock or other animals. However, as a common sense precaution, fish that are found dead or dying should not be consumed.

### More Expected Later

Based on previous experience with golden alga blooms on these three reservoirs, the Game and Fish Department has

blessed man — and a damn fine fishing guide!

If anyone is heading up to Oregon any time soon you might want to look into booking some time on the water with Daniel. He can be reached at [stlaurent-guideservice@hotmail.com](mailto:stlaurent-guideservice@hotmail.com)



found that as the water warms up, other algae communities will begin to dominate and the golden alga blooms diminish. The department anticipates this will occur by late June or early July.

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## FATHERS' DAY GIFTS FOR OUTDOOR DADS

# Here Are Ideas To Celebrate June 18 In A Big Way

*The best gift ever, though, is spending time with him.*

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Chances are, you dad is the one who introduced you to the outdoors. I know that was the case with me. My dad took me hunting and camping all the time, starting when I was really young, and that gave me a love of the outdoors that is stronger than ever, even now. If your dad is outdoorsy, here are some gift ideas that are sure to make his day this June 18<sup>th</sup>.

### ATN Smart HD Binocular

Let's just start right out with the splurge – the ATN Smart HD Binocular is \$479, and it's a gift that will thrill your dad every time he picks it up. He probably already carries binoculars so he can get a really good look at birds, wildlife, and even the trail ahead, but these let him geotag, magnify, record images and video, and even more. They're pretty awesome, just like Dad.

They have a new Obsidian Core pro-



The ATN Smart HD Bino is a bit of a splurge, but worth it.

cessor that gives them smooth E-zooming from 4 to 16x at the touch of a button, plus they have night vision. A MicroSD slot lets you save photos and video and you can export them via a port. These things are incredible – you need to check them out at <https://www.atncorp.com/smart-hd-binocular>.

### Flextail Max Pump

I'm pretty sure your dad has to pump up a lot of stuff – pool rings, air mattresses, beach balls – all those things take lots of air. Unfortunately, most pumps are big, bulky, expensive, or just plain ineffective. The Max Pump is the smallest air pump



The MaxPump has incredible power in a tiny package.

anywhere and it works like a charm. It's rechargeable with an outlet, your portable charger, or even your computer. Plus, one charge will let you inflate 20 air mattresses.

You have to see this to believe it. Even if Dad is a backpacker, he can bring this pump along. Go to [https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/max-pump-best-outdoor-tool-enjoy-your-leisure-time-technology#](https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/max-pump-best-outdoor-tool-enjoy-your-leisure-time-technology#/) and check it out. It's just \$34.



The Extractor Bite And Sting Kit

### The Extractor Bite And Sting Kit

Anyone who spends a lot of time outdoors is going to end up getting bit or stung one time or another. The key is being prepared. Make sure your dad is ready to take action by giving him a first aid kit that is designed to take care of snakebites and bee stings. An extractor is used to remove stingers and venom – perfect for emergencies in the bush. Get The Extractor Bite and Sting Kit on Amazon for under \$16.

### Heaket

Outdoor dads don't give up what they love just because it gets cold. I've seen guys fishing tournaments with the water icing up on their rod guides, and I've seen them sit in a duck blind with an icy wind turning their noses bright red.



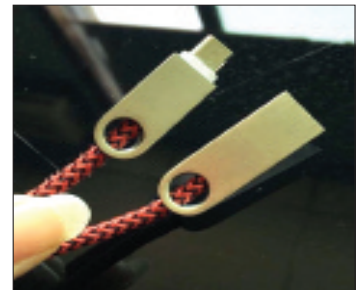
The Heaket keeps you warm as toast without the bulk.

Part of the problem with very cold weather is that regular jackets are so darn bulky – makes it hard for dad to mount a gun, cast a line, or even clamber over a big rock. That's why he needs a Heaket – the world's most durable all season heated jacket. Believe it or not, this jacket is light and totally comfortable, waterproof (so you can even wash it!), heats up in 3 seconds, and has four different settings. It's super tough and uses carbon-based heating wires so it's very flexible and soft.

The Heaket comes in sizes from XS to XXXL, men's and women's. You can even get one in camo. Buy one right now for \$129 at [https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/heaket-the-best-all-season-heated-jacket#](https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/heaket-the-best-all-season-heated-jacket#/).

### Tenacious Tape

While you're on Amazon, get Dad some Gear Aid Tenacious Tape for Fabric Repair. It's less than \$5 and works better than duct tape to repair camping gear, sleeping bags, tents, etc. Instantly seals leaking seams and stops rips from spreading. It's an add-on item, so add it to your Extractor order.



The Freedom Charger works on almost any device.

### Freedom Charger

Oh, the angst of being out away from home and having your Go Pro, phone, camera, iPad, or GPS run out of power. Especially if you forgot that special cord with the weird little fitting that it takes to connect it to the power. Dad can either buy a second set of all those darn cables, or you can get him one that will charge pretty much anything out there.

It's called the Freedom Charger. It's the first all metal charging cable for both iPhone and Android devices. It has a flexible stainless steel cord with super strong alloy housing, and one head charges all lightning and Micro USB devices with NO parts to change so no parts to lose. The steel cords are 6 feet long, and they have two points of attachment for extra strength.

I'm actually even going to get one of these for my granddaughters, who are always wishing they had the right cord in their car for their friends whose phones are dying. Seriously, this is a great idea. You can get one for under \$20 if you act fast, and they'll be out in June of 2017. Go to [https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-freedom-charger-iphone-android#](https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-freedom-charger-iphone-android#/).

### Invizbox Go

Here's another great start-up to get in on: The InvizBox Go. This tiny little box will allow dad to browse the Internet completely privately and securely, no matter where in the world his outdoor adventures

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# Volunteers Needed This Summer

*Positions available in Payson and Globe.*

Want to spend your summer in the mountains of Arizona? Consider applying for a campground host position with the Tonto National Forest.

The Pleasant Valley Ranger District is looking for a campground host to volunteer at the Haigler Creek Campground, near Young, Arizona. This campground is located approximately eight miles away from Young on a dirt road. The campground consists of 14 campsites and two day-use areas. A host is needed from mid-May through mid-September.

Duties include, but are not limited to providing information to campers and the general public, light cleaning of the campsites, restrooms and emptying trash receptacles. Amenities provided for the

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## GIFTS FOR DAD

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take him. There's been a lot of stuff in the news lately about people and governments being able to listen or watch everything you do on your smartphone, but the InvizBox Go makes you immune to all that.

All dad has to do is just connect his phone, tablet, or laptop to the InvizBox Go over WiFi and that's it – no software to install, and it updates itself regularly with security and safety features. It will even charge his devices and extend his WiFi network. You can get one right now for just \$99 with 2 months VPN service, or \$139 with a year of VPN. It uses a VPN or a connection to Tor to keep you safe from tracking and profiling by people, governments, companies, and hackers.

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## Helio

Helio is the smallest outdoor camping lantern you can imagine. It's actually smaller and lighter than an egg, but puts out up to 220 lumens – shines to 65 feet. Forty minutes of charge will give you up to 10 hours of bright light, and it has a built-in USB port so you can use any portable charger with it. It has a magnet and a hook so you can put it all kinds of places, and even has a light diffuser that can be used as a cup.

This is perfect for Dad's backpack, boat, glove box, or camping box. They're



# Astronomers To Provide Free Telescope Viewing At Grand Canyon National Park

The 27th annual Grand Canyon Star Party will be held from Saturday, June 17 through Saturday, June 24 on the South and North Rims of Grand Canyon National Park. National parks such as Grand Canyon are protective havens for some of the last remaining dark skies in this country.

Last year, Grand Canyon National Park announced its Provisional International Dark Sky Park status through the International Dark-Sky Association. This provisional status gives the park three years to retrofit two-thirds of the lights in the park to be night-sky friendly. In 2016, 43 percent of the lights in the park were night sky friendly.

This year, we celebrate our continuing efforts to preserve this precious dark sky sanctuary while counting down to both Grand Canyon National Park's 100th birthday and full International Dark Sky Park status in 2019.

## Spectacular Views!

This event is sponsored by the National Park Service, the Tucson Amateur

Astronomy Association (South Rim), and the Saguaro Astronomy Club of Phoenix (North Rim), with funding from Grand Canyon Association and in partnership with the International Dark-Sky Association. Amateur astronomers from across the country will volunteer their telescopes and expertise for the enjoyment of park visitors.

Free slide programs will be presented and numerous telescopes will offer views of planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, as well as double stars, star clusters, nebulae and distant galaxies—and the Moon, later in the week. By day, keep an eye out for solar telescopes pointed at the sun. Weather permitting, expect spectacular views of the universe!

## Nightly Slide Show

On the South Rim, events include a nightly slide show at 8 pm in the Grand Canyon Visitor Center Theater, followed by free telescope viewing behind the building. To guarantee a seat at the slide show, arrive early; doors open at 7:40 pm. Green-laser Constellation Tours will be

offered at 9, 9:30 and 10 pm. Telescope viewing is best after 9 pm and continues well into the night; visitors may arrive any time after dark.

A flashlight is recommended for the walk to the viewing area, but white lights are not permitted on the Telescope Lot. Give your eyes time to dark-adapt, or use a red flashlight, easily made by covering any flashlight with red cellophane, nail polish, or permanent marker. Parking is available in Lots 1 through 4 (Lot 4 is accessible), or arrive by the free shuttle bus, which runs until 11 pm.

## On The North Rim

On the North Rim, telescopes will be set up on the terrace of the Grand Canyon Lodge every evening. Astronomers will also use green lasers to point out constellations. An astronomy slide show will be presented at 8:30 pm nightly in the lodge auditorium. By day, look for solar telescopes on the terrace and elsewhere. Check the Visitor Center and park bulletin

See **TELESCOPE VIEWING**, Page 18



The Helio has lots of light in a tiny package.

expected to ship around August, so you'll have to give dad a card with a picture in it, then he can wait with anticipation. The kickstarter price is \$29, and you can get one at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/203753556/helio-incredible-brightness-ultra-lightness>. These are made by Flextail - the same guys who make the Max Pump.



The VAVA Dash Cam is the most versatile dash cam ever.

## Vava Dashcam

The VAVA Dash Cam is the most versatile dash cam you've ever seen. The camera swivels 360 degrees, it has a dedicated mobile app for footage and photo transfers (no need to remove the SD card!). It takes

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It even has a built in GPS to log and track trips, snapshots for remote captures, and will even capture footage when your car is off with a parking mode that works for up to 30 days when you use the VAVA Dash Cam Charger.

That ought to make Dad feel better about leaving his truck at the ramp or the trailhead! These are going to ship in July, and you can order one now for \$149, which includes the Dash Cam,

dual-port card adapter, mount, snapshot button, 32GB microSD card, and 4m cable with built-in GPS. Check this out at <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-vava-dash-cam-capture-the-road-ahead#/>.

## Check The Stores Too

You can also get great ideas by visiting a good sporting goods store like Sports-

man's Warehouse. They've got inline water filters, survival kits in a bottle, great maps, knives, ammo – pretty much anything an outdoor dad could want. And if all else fails, how about a gift card to Sportman's Warehouse, Cabelas, or Bass Pro Shops?

Just remember that no matter what you give your dad for Fathers' Day, the best gift ever is spending time with him.





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# Western Wildlife

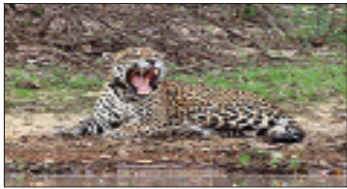


## Looking For Love In All The Wrong Places!

BY JOHN 'SPECIAL K' KOLESZAR  
SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR

I read an article in one of the daily newspapers by a couple of individuals who represent organizations that proclaim that there should be jaguars all across Arizona. The article was morbidly interesting since

I find that more and more of these



Male Jaguar

### WAKE ZONE



green environmental types are pushing for predators of any species to make their way into Arizona. Their language was colorful, dramatic and a bit of blarney. I chose to look at their comments and make what I perceive to be the reality of the situation.

"In recent years, a handful of intrepid male jaguars like "Macho B" and "El Jeffe" have returned to the United States, traveling from Mexico and settling in southern Arizona."

**Interpretation: Returned?**  
Actually, they made incursions into the United States from their native Mexico. A



SHARP PHOTOGRAPHY

Female Jaguar

dominant jaguar will drive off competition from his ladies and push the young males out of town. These young jaguars literally have had their butts kicked by older and more mature jaguars who rule their territory and it's not healthy for

young male jaguars to stay in the area. It is now documented that a couple of jaguars have popped up and opened shop in Arizona. Hey, there is a modest amount

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## AZGFD Warns Of Increased Urban Wildlife Sightings

*As state dries out, wildlife seeking food, water move closer to humans.*

After a wet winter and mild spring, Arizona has seen an increase in many wildlife populations.

As summer approaches and dry conditions return statewide, several animals are instinctively moving closer to easy sources of food and water — wherever humans can be found. This has led to increased reports of bears, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats and other wildlife in populated areas across the state, where lawns are watered, swimming pools are full, garbage cans are overflowing and dishes of pet food are left on back porches.

### Bears Spotted

In May, bears have been spotted in Tucson, Rio Rico, Patagonia, Payson, Flagstaff and at campgrounds along the Mogollon Rim. Mountain lions are being spotted in suburban neighborhoods, foxes



have bitten two people and coyotes, as usual, are seen almost everywhere.

"This is the normal time of year to see wildlife on the move, and we need the public's help to keep wildlife out of trouble by eliminating things that attract wildlife into town," said Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) Regional Supervisor Raul Vega. "When wild animals lose their fear of people, or see people as a food source, it almost always ends badly for the wildlife."

### Relocation First

AZGFD will sometimes relocate wildlife that make it into town, but about 50 percent of relocated bears often return to the spot where they were first captured.

A bear found in Tucson this week was

captured in Greer in July 2016 and relocated to an area outside Globe. It was found last week peering into a cabin on Mt. Lemmon before moving into the Catalina Foothills and needed to be dispatched. A necropsy showed the bear's stomach contained pet food and garbage, indicating it was accustomed to feeding on trash and was lost its fear of humans.

### Coyotes, Bobcats

While there have been no confirmed mountain lion attacks on humans this

year, a dozen lion sightings have been reported in southern Arizona and several pets have been attacked by unknown wildlife in Fountain Hills and Scottsdale. AZGFD also receives regular reports of coyote and bobcat activity in both urban and suburban areas.

"The key to reducing danger from wildlife is to reduce things that attract wildlife," said Mark Hart, public information program manager for AZGFD's Tuc-

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## Nominations Sought For Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame

*Deadline to submit nominations is June 17.*

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.

### To Submit A Nomination

To submit a nomination, download and complete the form, and return it along with all supplemental materials by Saturday, June 17, to the following:

Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation  
c/o Arizona Game and Fish Department  
Attn: Kent Komadina  
5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, AZ 85086

Nominations also may be submitted by e-mail to Kent Komadina at [Kkomadina@azgfd.gov](mailto:Kkomadina@azgfd.gov). For more information, call (623) 236-7288.

This year's inductees will be honored on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the annual Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort

(formerly Chaparral Suites), 5001 N. Scottsdale Road.

### Past Recipients

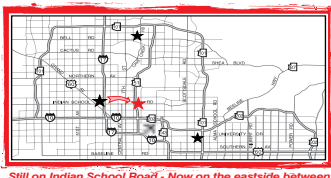
Past Outdoor Hall of Fame inductees have been individuals with backgrounds in wildlife volunteerism, corporate leadership, politics, wildlife and the media, including Ben Avery, Barry Goldwater, Morris K. Udall, John McCain, Bill Quimby and Tom Woods, as well as groups and organizations such as Adobe 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.

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](http://www.wildlifefortomorrow.org).

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Also located inside Changing Hands Bookstores and now in Lake Havasu City at Southwest Kayak Center

# Now THESE Were Outdoor Times!

BY CAROL L. ALLEN  
Photographers Unknown



This is a travel tent accessory built in 1910.

Today, the 2017 recreational vehicles, camping and diving equipment are a far cry from these early versions. We have progressed to the stage of "near-luxury" in all of these products for enjoying the outdoors. But, are we having more fun?

We may be safer, faster, and better looking, but my guess is that the folks shown in these photos were loving the chances they had to be with nature – maybe even more so because less was done for them (think electronically) and they had more hands-on tasks and projects and were thus closer to nature. Yep, I think they did just fine, and because of them, we have learned and continued to pursue some of the activities they enjoyed.

Progress in equipment? Oh, sure. Progress in enjoyment? I seriously doubt that.  
P.S. Check out <https://goodoldrvs.ning.com>



Chester E. Macduffee stands next to his newly patented 250-kilo diving suit (one size fits all?) in 1911.



This couple is enjoying camping out in 1918 with "all the comforts of home".



This early motorhome, built in 1926, was truly a "home away from home".

## LOVE

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of food here but it has no comparison to South America, where lush greenery affords all kinds of wildlife a thriving place to live.

"The long journey to the United States, while possible for some males, seems to present a difficult obstacle for females, who by nature are less willing to cross the risky terrain of the borderlands."

### Interpretation: What?!

You want me to go north from here, where I am content, have a wonderful life, can raise my litters and travel to Arizona? Are you crazy? I can just see the theoretical conversation between a male and female jaguar about taking a hike up to Arizona and settling down.

Look, jaguar lovers: The reason you do not see females here is because the terrain is inhospitable to them. There is not an "abundance" of prey, the heat is horrific and if you look closely at the maps on where the predominant location of jaguars is, it's in South America!

"In 2016, the Fish and Wildlife Service dismissed millions of acres of habitat north of I-10, where the U.S. jaguar population could possibly reach 200 or more. This combination of omissions is a one-two knockout punch for U.S. jaguar recovery."

### Interpretation: Correct

The United States Fish and Wildlife

correctly determined that the arid Arizona deserts are not great habitat for jaguars. Historically, female jaguars have been gone from the landscape in Arizona for over 50 years. The last female seen in Arizona was in 1963.

Something tells me that the females jaguars are a lot smarter than the males and those with bad genes are heading north to avoid the butt kicking they would get if they stayed around in Mexico. Think of Arizona as a bad version of a permanent vacation for jaguars that can't make the moves in Mexico.

"Now U.S. jaguars face the prospect of an impenetrable border wall. If the Trump administration physically seals the border, no jaguars will be able to reach the U.S. on their own, causing them to vanish from the U.S., likely forever."

### Interpretation: Cleaning The Low End

If a border wall is built, the jaguars that are not alpha males will be forced to wander in different directions rather than north. It's called cleaning up the low end of the gene pool! If the writers of this romanticized version of "border love" are really interested in seeing jaguars in the United States, then buy a ticket to a zoo!

There is a reason no female wants to tread 150 miles north into a baking inferno. They're smart — unlike some dreamy advocates from the Defenders of Wildlife and Life Net Nature.

*The Arizona Republic* published this

Sci-Fi love story for jaguars. Shame on the *Republic* for allowing these two writers to wax poetic about unrequited love. The smart money says the only jaguars

we have seen in Arizona had no place else to go and were not strong enough to carry their own water in Mexico. That is certainly not our problem!

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son region. "Don't put your garbage out until collection day, don't put excess food out for birds and bunnies, feed your pets inside, and don't leave small pets outside unattended. If there's nothing to eat or drink in your neighborhood, wildlife will usually keep moving on."

### Don't Run And Report

If you come across a lion, bear or coyote, AZGFD advises you not to run. Make yourself look as big as possible, make

lots of noise, throw things and back away slowly. If attacked, fight back by kicking, punching or hitting the animal with a rock or stick.

It's important to report nuisance wildlife because aggressive wildlife that breezes through your yard may attack a neighbor's pet or a child. If you see wildlife in places where they don't belong or acting strangely, call the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 24-hour Radio Room at 623-236-7201.

"We hope people will follow these simple rules to help discourage wildlife from getting into trouble," said Hart.

## BOAT NAMES

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time, it's thought that the kids picked this one.

For a look at all of the BoatUS Top 10 Boat Names lists over the years as well as a directory of over 9,000 boat names, go to BoatUS.com/boatnames. The BoatUS Graphics service offers an online design tool to easily create custom boat graphics with fast turnaround times. BoatUS also has simple video instructions on how to install graphics on your boat.

## JOHNSON

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showing you how and where to catch fish. You can also actually book a fishing trip with Johnny as your guide — just go to the Arizona Fishing Guides Web site and contact Josh or Scooter.

## 'Busy' Is An Understatement

Johnny is one of the busiest guys I know — if he's not out filming shows, he's fishing tournaments or doing charity stuff or giving seminars. He's on the Nitro Pro Team and is partnered with Hatch Toyota, Suzuki Law offices, Mountain Mobile Auto Glass, Fitzmaurice Hand Institute, Taipan Rods, Arizona's Finest Roofing, Nitro Boats, Bass Pro Shops,

## BOAT SAFETY

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### Tips For Staying Safe And Legal

Before you head out on the water, here are a few tips to stay safe and legal:

AZGFD recommends that all operators take a boating safety education course, and watercraft users review all regulations prior to launching.

Operators must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for every person on board and make sure that anyone 12 and under is wearing one at all times.

Boats must be equipped with a fire ex-

tinguisher and a Type IV throwable personal flotation device (PFD).

Each person on a personal watercraft (PWC), commonly known as a Jet Ski or WaveRunner, must wear a USCG approved life jacket with all fasteners and closures secured according to the manufacturer's design and recommended use.

Each person being towed behind a vessel on water skis or a similar device must wear a life jacket.

For more information on boating in Arizona, or to sign up for a free safety course, visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

Hon-Dah Resort Casino, Power Pole, Persuader Bass Baits, A&M Graphics (they do those incredible wraps you see on the pro's boats and trucks), Fireman's Pest Control, Rico, and Big Sky Military Surplus.

He's also an accomplished musician and played all over Arizona until he had to give it up due to the television show's taking so much of his time. He and his wife also own Johnny and Dee's Picnic Basket restaurant in Lakeside.

### On Rainbow Lake

We went fishing on Rainbow Lake with Johnny one May and caught bunches of bass. The bass there eat little trout and they're fat and happy. Johnny says to catch the trout there, throw Power Bait

or Kastmasters out in the middle in the summer. For bass, he likes small spinnerbaits all along the shorelines, and pitching brown jigs to the docks. The fish roam between those docks, so a spinnerbait fished around them will also produce.

Also, next to the docks, he recommends twitching a drop shot rig or pitching or skipping a weightless smoke/sparkle worm or lizard underneath. Let some line out, then close the bail and wait to see if the line coils up or moves or twitches. If it does, set the hook.

There are tule patches to fish, as well, and he basically runs the spinnerbaits along the rocky shores and tules until he gets to the docks, then he pitches the docks. He says the best time to fish Rainbow Lake is from April til about the end of July. After that, the lake can get too low to launch a boat.

### Be Sure To Catch His Show

Johnny is a super guy, and if you want to get a lot more great fishing tips, be sure to catch his show or look him up on *YouTube*. He's got tons of great videos there as well, plus you can follow him on *Facebook*. And don't be afraid to say hi when you see him — he's one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet, plus one of the best fishermen I know.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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camp host are a campsite (no electricity), five gallons of fuel per week, a water buffalo with non-potable water, and a hold tank to dump personal holding tank.

Contact Gary Lollman, Recreation Technician for the Pleasant Valley Ranger District at 928-642-4858.

The Globe Ranger District is looking for volunteers to assist with their recreation program in several capacities and locations throughout the district; as trail stewards, site stewards and campground hosts. The district is also looking for organizations or groups to adopt-a-trail or adopt-a-site.

Some current opportunities available include Timber Camp Campground, Picket Post Trailhead, Oak Flat Campground, Jones Water Campground plus motorized and non-motorized trails within the district.

For a more detailed list of locations, duties, dates and positions available, visit [volunteer.gov](http://volunteer.gov), and enter Globe in the city box under Find a Volunteer Opportunity. Or call Sheryl Cormack, Recreation Management Specialist for the Globe Ranger District at 928-402-6231.

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boards for program topics and additional details.

### Stay Warm, Take Bus

Nighttime temperatures on both rims can be quite cool, even in summer. Those attending the star party are encouraged to bring warm layers of clothing. When traveling in the park on the South Rim, it is best to find a parking space and use the free shuttle bus system to access points of interest in the Grand Canyon Village area.

## Tutoring, Editing, Writing

As a college English teacher, editor, and writer of both fiction and non-fiction for many years, I am available online (or by U.S. mail) for tutoring, editing, proofreading, copyediting, and writing. I have skills in academic research at both high school and college levels and can also assist those working toward their GEDs, those who need help with resumes, and with both advertising and proposals.

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## LAKE PLEASANT

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everyone to come out to this one-of-a-kind fireworks experience."

### About Maricopa Water District

Maricopa Water District (MWD) controls more than 150,000 acre feet of water storage at Lake Pleasant, managing more than 100 miles of lateral pipelines, while providing water to a 60-square-mile service area, including citrus trees, flowers, vegetables, farms and golf courses.

Additionally, MWD is the owner of Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, sitting on 225 acres of pristine desert along the

banks of Lake Pleasant. "We have the best spot on the lake and closest entry for Phoenix-area residents," said Chad Case, Pleasant Harbor Marina manager. "Whether it's boat rentals, kayaks, paddleboats, our boat cruise or lakeside restaurant, we've got it all."

For more information about the Lake Pleasant fireworks show or Pleasant Harbor, please call 800-475-3272 or 928-501-LAKE (5253) or visit [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com).

**Pleasant Harbor** is located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, conveniently adjacent to the metropolitan Phoenix area and open to the public 365 days a year. The full service marina, features a lakeside res-

taurant, boat and slip rentals, as well as fly boarding, Jet Ski, kayak, paddle boat, and sail boat rentals. As well, *The Phoenix*, a 150 passenger boat cruise provides tours of majestic Lake Pleasant. Pleasant Harbor is also home to a RV Resort with 254 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](http://www.pleasantharbor.com) or call the Pleasant Harbor RV Park at 800-475-3272 or the Pleasant Harbor Marina at

928-501-5270.

**Maricopa Water District (MWD)**, owner and operator of Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, was formally organized in 1925, as Maricopa County Municipal Water Conservation District Number One. Maricopa Water District (MWD) controls more than 150,000 acre feet of water storage at Lake Pleasant, managing more than 100 miles of lateral pipelines, while providing water to a 60 square mile service area, including citrus trees, flowers, vegetables, farms and golf courses. Additionally, MWD is the owner of Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, sitting on 225 acres of pristine desert along the banks of Lake Pleasant.

## VOYLES

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true conservation visionary who has guided the Department into the 21st century," said Game and Fish Commission Chairman Pat Madden. "Larry has strengthened the Department's traditional role as the state's wildlife authority while encouraging innovation and collaboration between conservationists and the community. His legacy will shine brightly for years to come."

### Leading Wildlife Agency

Game and Fish Commissioner Kurt R. Davis added, "Larry Voyles and the leadership team he assembled during his tenure have successfully built our nation's leading wildlife agency. His devotion and dedication to managing more than 800 species of wildlife in Arizona sets an example for all conservationists. Larry can retire knowing his work in Arizona, and nationally, leaves an indelible mark on wildlife conservation that has helped ensure that our state's wildlife will flourish for another generation."

### Voyle On A Variety Of National Boards

Director Voyles was elected by his

peers to the presidency of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) in 2014, and has served on a variety of national boards including the Council to Advance the Hunting and Shooting Sports, the Wildlife and Hunter Heritage Conservation Council, Co-Chair of the Agency/Industry Coalition, the US Sportsman Alliance Youth Program Advisory Council, and the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

He sits on the Federal/State Joint Task Forces for ESA Implementation and for Federal Aid Administration.

### An ASU Graduate

A lifelong hunter, angler and wildlife enthusiast, Director Voyles has a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Arizona State University (1974).

### Next Applicants 'Internal Only'

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has determined that the Job Announcement for Director, as you may have seen, limits applicants to "internal only" candidates.

The Commission has the highest possible confidence in the Department and its staff. It is for this reason that we voted at the May 15 Commission Meeting to select our next Director from current employees.

## SAN DIEGO

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vessels will assist in providing safety on the water along with the Harbor Police, City of San Diego and Imperial Beach Police will assist in traffic coordination and public safety on land.

The Port of San Diego's Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show benefits the

Armed Services YMCA's family service programs for our military families including our wounded warriors at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

San Diego has thousands of military personnel deployed and the families left behind often face specific challenges that the Armed Services YMCA helps them resolve.

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pendence Day, July 4. Happy Birthday to these two wonderful countries that remain good neighbors and friends.

### About Canada Day

Canada Day (French: *Fête du Canada*) is the national day of Canada. A federal statutory holiday, it celebrates the anniversary of the July 1, 1867, enactment of the Constitution Act, 1867 (then called the British North America Act, 1867), which united the three separate colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a single Dominion within the British Empire called Canada. Originally called Dominion Day (French: *Le Jour de la Confédération*), the holiday was renamed in 1982, the year the Canada Act was passed. Canada Day celebrations

take place throughout the country, as well as in various locations around the world.

### About Independence Day

Independence Day is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence 242 years ago in 1776 on July 4 by the Continental Congress. It declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the National Day of the United States.

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