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A New Season Of Outdoor Activities Begins LPSC Presents Ladies' Day At The Lake

By **Debbie Huntsman, Commodore**
Lake Pleasant Sailing Club

The Ladies' Day@the Lake is a day-long, sailing summit for women sponsored by Lake Pleasant Sailing Club (LPSC). It is designed to introduce women to and/or enhance their skills in recreational boating through both land-based seminars and on-the-water workshops.

This third LPSC ladies' summit is scheduled on Nov. 10 at Lake Pleasant.

There will be something for every skill level. Instructors include Mike and Mary Ellen Ferring, Fran Weber (winner of the 2012 SCWSA Peggy Slater Award), Nancy Erley, Lynn Buchanan and other notable sailors.

Five packages are available to choose from, each specially designed with classes complementing each other to give the student a comprehensive day of instruction at her level of sailing experience. Our instruc-

tors have been carefully selected for their subject knowledge and instruction skills. A small teacher-to-student ratio in these courses will assure students will receive personal attention.

All instruction, light breakfast, use of boats, water, goodie bag, course materials and a box lunch are included in the \$85 fee for the Day@the Lake. Take advantage of this sure-to-be-fun learning opportunity. Remember, course enrollment is limited and registration closes on Nov. 3 or when a course is full. Don't be left watching from the shore!

Packages

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The Accomplished Sailor / Intermediate To Advanced

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ON THE COVER

Grand Canyon Celebration Of Art Runs Through Nov. 25

The Grand Canyon Association is pleased to announce the 4th Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art at Grand Canyon National Park. This event features twenty-six artists from around the country who have created a studio piece for the exhibition and have been painting plein air.

Visitors have had the opportunity to watch the artists paint as they sought to represent the shifting light and shadow, amazing land forms, and vibrant colors of this vast landscape. Artists were at the North and South Rims and, for the first time this year at Phantom Ranch and Indian Garden through mid-September.

Long before there was color photography, artists like Thomas Moran and Gunner Widfoss contributed to capturing the beauty and mystery of Grand Canyon through art. It was their paint-

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AS THE TEMPERATURE DROPS

It's Time To Winterize Your Boat

By **Sandy Lindsey**

"Winterizing" normally refers to putting up the boat for the months too cold for boating, cleaning it, and stabilizing its systems to reduce potential problems when its time to head back out on the water the following spring.

The following recommendations help make this task easier as well as simplifying the spring launching process.

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Tightlines

Angling Icon Retires

Rory Aikens of the Arizona Game & Fish Department has retired after 22 years.
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Boating

Wake Girls Ride

AZ Wake Girls is an organization that has at least one ride-day a week at Bartlett Lake.
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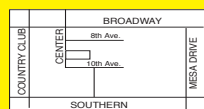
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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 23 & 25 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (<i>must attend both</i>)	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 7200 E. University Ave. Mesa	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 27 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

November 2012

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Nov. 5 & 6 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (<i>must attend both</i>)	Water Safety Center at Contot Point 1801 Hwy 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 916-2004
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Nov. 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	Nov. 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076

Hypothermia

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



Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is very toxic even in small quantities. It is produced when a carbon-based fuel, such as a gasoline or diesel, is burned. Cooking ranges, heaters, and charcoal grills produce carbon monoxide also.

Carbon Monoxide Kills!

- ◆ Carbon monoxide disperses freely through the air and will travel readily throughout a boat.
- ◆ Carbon monoxide discharged as engine, generator, or appliance exhaust may re-enter your boat through any opening.
- ◆ By keeping a steady flow of fresh air moving through your boat, you will eliminate much, if not all, of the hazard. The danger comes when there are pockets of stagnant air loaded with carbon monoxide that are not flushed from your boat.
- ◆ When operating any type of watercraft, be careful running downwind because exhaust gases may blow back on board.
- ◆ The best prevention for carbon monoxide poisoning is knowing that carbon monoxide exists.
- ◆ Everyone should know the symptoms and treatments of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ◆ A marine-type carbon monoxide detector will sound an alarm when the gases reach an unacceptable level.

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

One or more of the following symptoms may signal the adverse effects of carbon monoxide accumulations:

- ◆ Throbbing temples
- ◆ Inattentiveness or lack of concentration
- ◆ Inability to think coherently
- ◆ Ringing in the ears
- ◆ Tightness across the chest
- ◆ Headache, drowsiness, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, vomiting, collapse, and convulsions

For additional information, read **Boater Protect Yourself from this Silent Killer! Carbon Monoxide**, a brochure produced by the Arizona Game and Fish Department that is available by contacting your nearest Arizona Game and Fish Department office at (623) 236-7235.

Treatment of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Evacuate, ventilate, investigate, and seek medical help.

Weather Emergencies

Weather can change very rapidly and create unexpected situations for boat operators. Weather-related accidents in Arizona are on the rise, and even meteorologists have trouble predicting rapid weather changes. You should always monitor weather developments. One way is to tune to a VHF radio to the frequencies listed below. Then seek a protected area before the weather becomes a threat.

What To Do If Caught in Severe Weather

- ◆ **Prepare the boat to handle severe weather**
 - Slow down, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering.
 - Close all hatches, windows, and doors to reduce the chance of swamping.
 - Stow any unnecessary gear.
 - Turn on your boat's navigation lights. If there is fog, sound your fog horn.
 - Keep bilges free of water. Be prepared to remove water by bailing.
 - If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. Stay as clear of metal objects as possible.
- ◆ **Prepare your passengers for severe weather**
 - Have everyone put on USCG-approved life jacket (PFD). If passengers are already wearing their PFDs, make sure they are secured properly.
 - Have your passengers sit on the vessel floor close to the centerline for their safety and to make the boat more stable.
- ◆ **Decide whether to go to shore or ride out the storm.**
 - If possible, head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach. If already caught in a storm, it may be best to ride it out in open water rather than try to approach the shore in heavy wind and waves.
 - Head the bow into the waves at a 45-degree angle. PWCs should head directly into the waves.
 - If the engine stops, drop a "sea anchor" on a line off the bow to keep the bow headed into the wind and reduce drifting while you ride out the storm. In an emergency, a bucket will work as a sea anchor.
 - If the sea anchor is not sufficient, anchor using your conventional anchor to prevent your boat from drifting into dangerous area.

VHF Frequencies Broadcasting NOAA Weather Reports

162.400 MHz 162.475 MHz 162.525 MHz
162.425 MHz 162.500 MHz 162.550 MHz
162.450 MHz

These are the most commonly used VHF channels on United States waters.

Channel 6 Intership safety communications.

Channel 9 ICommunications between vessels (commercial and recreational), and ship to coast (calling channel in designated USCG Districts).

Channel 13 Navigational use by commercial, military, and recreational vessels at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 Distress and safety calls to U.S. Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels; often called the "hailing" channel.) When hailing, contact the other vessel, quickly agree to another channel, and then switch to that channel to continue conversation.

Channel 22 Communications between the U.S. Coast Guard and the maritime public, both recreational and commercial. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation, and other safety warnings are broadcast on this channel.

Channel 24-28 Public telephone calls (to marine operator).

Channel 68, 69, and 71 Recreational vessel radio channels and ship to coast.

Channel 70 Digital selective calling "alert channel."

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Coast Guard Auxiliary Joins With Alliance For Safe Navigation

From Thomas Nunes

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has joined forces with the Alliance for Safe Navigation (Alliance) to inform boaters of the importance of maintaining current navigation information. Alliance members include

the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), BoatUS, Jeppesen Marine, the U.S. Power Squadron, OceanGrafix, and the Sea Tow Foundation for Boating Safety and Education.

Surveys have revealed that most boaters are not concerned about the accuracy of their charts and related navigation information. More than three quarters do

not pay attention to local notice to mariners issued by the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will utilize its Alliance partnership to promote boating safety.

For more information concerning the Alliance, see www.allianceforsafenavigation.org.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, cre-

ated by an Act of Congress in 1939, is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard supporting the Coast Guard in nearly all its missions. Coast Guard men and women live and work in the communities they serve and understand the unique needs of those communities.

For more information on the Coast Guard Auxiliary, please visit cgaux.org

Use 'Down Time' To Refresh Your Boating Skills

AZGFD, Coast Guard Auxiliary, LPSC, Phoenix Power Squadron all offer classes.

Even some places in the Southwest may have ice and cold temps, beginning soon. If you are in one of those locations, as you patiently wait for the ice to thaw or the weather to warm up so you can finally get your boat back on the water again, here's an idea.

Why not use the down time produc-

tively and take a boating safety class conducted by your local Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla?

Also, Arizona Game & Fish Department, the Phoenix Power Squadron, and the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club all offer classes that are referenced each month on page three of *AZBW/WOT*.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers numerous boating courses for the public, but you may want to go with the basic "About Boating Safely" course or the more in-depth "Boating Skills & Seamanship" course as a refresher prior to the start of your boating season.

"About Boating Safely" is an eight-hour beginner boating class designed to give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete "About Boating Safely".

"Boating Skills & Seamanship" is a more comprehensive, multiple session program designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. The course consists of eight core-required two-hour lessons

See **DOWN TIME** on page 15

A Note Re: Vessel Lighting

From Ed Huntsman
Formerly With AZGFD

A boater is quite right about only needing a flashlight or lantern for a (non-mechanized) boat less than 7 meters (23 feet). However, if the boat has machinery (a motor — even a trolling motor) on board, according to A.R.S. Title Five, which is what "Officer Friendly" out at the lake in Arizona enforces, you'll need running lights if you're out between sunset and sunrise, or operating in restricted (rain, dust or the like) visibility:

5-333. Classification of watercraft; lights

A. Watercraft subject to the provisions of this chapter shall be divided into four classes as follows:

1. Class A. Less than sixteen feet in length.
2. Class 1. Sixteen feet or over and less than twenty-six feet in length.
3. Class 2. Twenty-six feet or over and less than forty feet in length.
4. Class 3. Forty feet or over and not more than sixty-five feet in length.

B. Every motorboat, in all weather from sunset to sunrise, shall carry and exhibit the following lights when underway and, during such time, no other lights which may be mistaken for those prescribed shall be exhibited:

1. Every motorboat of classes A and 1 shall carry the following lights:
 - (a) A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon.
 - (b) A combined light in the fore part of the watercraft and lower than the white

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Mark Your Calendars For Nov. 1-3 In Havasu

From Jim Nichols
LakeRacer LLC

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

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

So here we go again!! Welcome to the 2012 Monster Bash Poker Run on Nov. 1-3. Once again, we're supporting the Lake Havasu Food Bank as our designated charity so a percentage of the poker run

jackpot will be donated, and you are encouraged to make any other donations of non perishable food at the event.

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

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

This Poker Run is themed for Halloween to make it fun for the whole family. Included in this event is an

opportunity for a holiday photo of each boat in front of the London Bridge. These will be included on an event photo CD to be mailed out after the event.

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

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

Also, we brought back the Friday Lunch Run to Havasu Springs, reserved



only for those who register before Oct. 15, you will receive the special wrist bands by mail in advance.

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

Outdoor recreation enthusiasts to see it all this fall.

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



Park, Windsor 4 special-event venue, Oct. 27-28.

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

A Close Relationship

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

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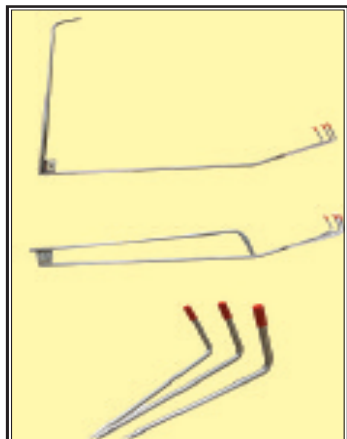
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The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge.

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

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When we decided to market our product we contacted Scott Samuelson, founder of "Swim Platforms, Inc." in Phoenix, Ariz., from whom we had bought a custom-made swim platform years earlier. Samuelson thought the idea was terrific and together we had the first prototypes made. They were an instant success!

Easy Up Swim Handles were born and



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Rodger and Carol
Chesapeake Beach, MD

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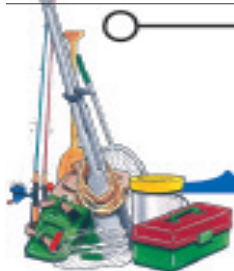


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LIGHT LINES

FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



FROM RORY AIKENS 'This Is My Last One'

After more than 22 years and 1,200-plus weeks of producing the weekly fishing report, this is my last one. I am retiring. I am truly blessed for having had such a superb readership. And such an interactive one. I truly appreciated all the e-mails and phone calls with tips and questions. It was also gratifying to meet so many of you on the lakes, at events, or in some cases, even places like the local super market.

Being just an old small-town newspaper editor, I have always looked at all of you as being my home-town audience.

However, I am not quite fading into the sunset. I'll still be contributing articles to *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazines and a variety of other publications. I just finished writing one for the January-February edition on swim baits and will follow up with an article on umbrella rigs for the March-April edition.

In addition, I'll still be doing book signings in conjunction with *Arizona Highways Magazine*, which published Arizona's Official Fishing Guide in collaboration with the Game and Fish Department. I was privileged to be the author.

You can also visit my on Facebook site (under my name) and share your great fish catches or stories.

Okay, On To Fishing Tips —

On the opening day of the seasonal



trout fishery at Silver Creek, there was a stocking of lots of rainbow and Apache trout in the 3-plus-pound category. Wish I could have been there, but with a 12-year-old boy at home, I don't have the luxury of traveling far on a school day.

Lake Pleasant

The striped bass bite at Pleasant is going bonkers. Mike McFarland, a guide at Pleasant, just had a client catch a nice 22-pounder (see the picture). It's mostly a topwater bite. Striped bass and largemouth bass are chasing shad at the surface.

McFarland said the bite is pretty much lake-wide and you might find striped bass, white bass and black bass all chasing shad.

Lake Powell

The dream fishing right now is at Lake Powell, according to Wayne Gustavson's "Wayne's Words." The weather is near perfect and you might have the fishing trip of a lifetime with lots of stripers, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.



I have had some awesome autumn fishing trips to Powell over the years. It can be topwater heaven. We once caught more than 60 largemouth bass in an hour fishing a narrow side canyon off the San Juan Arm. The bass acted as if they had never seen a topwater lure before.

Lees Ferry

Also Lees Ferry is a dream this time of year. The weather is pleasant; it's the off-season so you can often find the best gravel bars all to yourself, and the autumn angle of the sun brings out the subtle hues of the sandstone, making it an Arizona Highways photo special.

High Country

For the high country, this is prime time for the elk rut. So there are lots of opportunities to fish and hear elk bugling. One of my favorites for this is Knoll Lake on the Mogollon Rim. Not only have I routinely heard elk bugles while fishing in autumn, but have heard the clash of antlers as well with two bulls fighting, and then watched as the local osprey dives into the

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RORY RETIRES — Of course there was a cake as Arizona Game & Fish Department said thank you to Rory Aikens for his 22 years with the department, writing and photographing Arizona's fishing, hunting, and wildlife. As he put it, "The icing on the cake was getting paid to write" about those subjects dear to his heart.

RORY AIKENS Long-Time Fishing Report Editor Retires

Rory Aikens, who became known to thousands of anglers through his long-time tenure as editor of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's "Weekly Fishing Report," retired last week after a 22-year career with the department.

"It's been a superb ride, full of exciting assignments in the field, interesting projects to cover, and even challenging controversies to address. The icing on the cake was getting paid to write about fishing, hunting and wildlife," Aikens said.

Aikens began his career as a public information officer with Game and Fish in 1990 after serving as a reporter and editor for the *Prescott Daily Courier* and the *White Mountain Independent* newspapers. Before that, he served in the military (including active duty in Vietnam) and earned his journalism degree at Northern Arizona University.

Aikens was involved with all types of publications and media relations during his career. One of his true loves is fishing, and he published all types of tips, updates and angler reports over his many years as editor of the "Weekly Fishing Report."

He recently authored "Arizona's Official Fishing Guide," with assistance from AZGFD fisheries and regional staff and published in cooperation with *Arizona Highways* magazine.

"I am not totally riding away into the sunset. I will still be a contributing writer-photographer to *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazine and will also be doing freelance work with a variety of other publications. So with any luck, maybe I'll see you out there from time to time," Aikens said in parting.

The department plans to continue publishing the "Weekly Fishing Report." If you're not already getting the report, you can subscribe for free at www.azgfd.gov/signup. You can also submit reader reports and fish stories for consideration to bfishing@azgfd.gov.

Note: We at AZBW/WOT have thoroughly enjoyed our association with Rory and have learned a great deal about Arizona angling through his words. Our best wishes go out to him for a happy and rewarding retirement.

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LAKE POWELL REPORT

Bass Fishing Consistent All Over The Lake



Gustaveson

A GREAT TIME! — Nancy Johnson, Tucson Ariz., had a great time catching bass and this big striper in Gunsight Canyon. Stripers are hitting spoons at depth during the day and providing a little surface action at first light in the morning.

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

Fishing out of Wahweap is hot and cold. Fishing is super hot for the first hour of light in the morning. Toss a small profile surface lure like a Sammy or Sugoi splash toward the shoreline for fast action from smallmouth bass and juvenile striped bass.

On one morning recently, one of the hottest spots was the Stateline ramp cove. A shad school moved under the courtesy dock at first light and was quickly surrounded by bass and stripers. Lures landing on the outer perimeter of the shad school were quickly engulfed. Shore fishermen casting topwater would be quite successful on the swim beach side of Stateline ramp from first light until 7 a.m. (MST).

We left the ramp and went straight to Sand King Cove (Wahweap Bay) to catch a few more bass and stripers on the surface. Then we tried the cove on the left hand side of Castle Rock and caught more in the shade of the cliff wall.

All Good Things

But, all good things came to end as the sun peeked over the eastern horizon. We were very excited to see surfacing fish as the boat made it through the Castle Rock Cut. Unfortunately, we found that the widely scattered splashes were made by a school of big gizzard shad frolicking on the surface. The gizzard frolics can be identified by widely spaced splashes punctuated by a little tail flip as they hit the water. These were the only "fish boils" we saw. All of our other fish were caught blind casting toward the shore.

We then graphed unsuccessfully to find striper schools in locations they had occupied for the past few weeks. Stripers are apparently really scared of full moon Halloween stories in October. Fishing for stripers has slowed to a crawl in the southern lake.

Stripers Still Going Strong

Luckily the uplake stripers are still going strong. Great reports are coming

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URBAN FISHING REPORT

Stockings Have Resumed As Weather Cools

All lakes were stocked again with channel catfish the week of Oct. 1-6. Fishing for catfish is good to excellent now that the fall stockings have resumed.

Mornings and evenings are the best times as catfish prefer to feed under dim or dark conditions. While the majority of stocked catfish are caught in the first five days of stocking, anglers are still catching cats one to two weeks later at a slower rate.

Top baits for catfish have been stink baits, shrimp and worms fished on the bottom in the deeper lake sections. Use smaller sinkers and 8-pound test line to get more hookups.

Bluegill

Fishing for bluegill is good along the shorelines in 4-6 feet of water. Try mealworms under a small, thin bobber for great action. As lake temperatures fall below 78 degrees, expect better action for largemouth bass, especially in the early morning periods. Try finesse plastics rigged drop shot or Texas style for the bass and mix it up with small crankbaits, soft jerkbaits or spinnerbaits.

Green Valley

At Green Valley Lakes (Payson), anglers are having very good luck for bluegill and crappie using worms and small jigs. Angler access is good with only a few patches of weeds to contend with. The fall kick-off date for trout stockings to resume is Monday, Oct. 15 (see article below).

Last Stockings

All Phoenix and Tucson Urban Fishing Program waters — week of Oct. 1-6 (catfish)

Green Valley Lakes (Payson) — Oct. 15 (trout)

Trout stockings to begin at Green Valley Lakes Oct. 15

Payson residents and visitors welcomed back the trout to beautiful Green Valley Park on Oct. 15. More than 700 Colorado-grown rainbow trout were delivered to kick off the trout stocking season that features 11- to 14-inch rainbow trout delivered every two weeks.

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STOCKINGS

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Fall is a wonderful time to visit the Rim country, see the colors, and relax and fish along the grassy shorelines of this popular urban fishery just a mile west of Highway 87 on Main Street.

The fish-stocking program at Green Valley is different from all other Urban Fishing Program waters. Rainbow trout are the only species stocked by the department during an eight-month season that starts in mid-October and continues through early May.

No other fish species are stocked at Green Valley; however, good populations of bass, crappie, sunfish and even catfish can be found in this highly productive lake system. Best bets for trout are worms, Power Bait, and small jigs and spinners.

Lakeside Lake Gets Cats

The low-dissolved oxygen at Lakeside Lake in Tucson gradually increased to levels that allowed for a partial stocking of catfish the week of Oct. 1-6. The City of Tucson and lake consultants have been actively managing the water and aeration system to optimize oxygen recovery, but progress has been slow.

Game and Fish plans to stock the lake with 800 pounds of 14- to 18-inch catfish. A series of monsoon storms in early September brought high inflows into Lakeside Lake, causing oxygen levels to plummet and the first catfish stocking of the fall season to be cancelled.

Remember the Web! See www.azgfd.gov for stocking schedules, the "Fish&Boat Arizona" webmap, outdoor-events calendar, and other great fishing and outdoor information.

Also, check out the Web for "Weekly Fishing Reports," to submit your fishing photos or to send us your latest fishing report. We are also on Facebook.

'Big Waders' To Fill

By Reuben Gonzales
AZGFD PIO

Hello anglers! As most of you know, long-time Fishing Report Editor Rory Aikens retired last week after 22 years with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Rory was a great ambassador for the department and to Arizona's fishing community. Over his career he interacted with thousands of anglers and conveyed his wealth of knowledge about the fishing hot spots in the state, what types of fish are biting, what bait to use, and more. We wish him a happy retirement — he leaves "big waders" to fill.

Let me introduce myself. I am Public Information Officer Reuben Gonzales and will be temporarily producing the "Weekly Fishing Report" for the near term. I am a newcomer to AZGFD, handling public information regarding watercraft and off-highway vehicle recreation.

Although I'm new to the department, I

come with 29 years of law enforcement experience (including public information experience) with Phoenix Police Department, Avondale Police Department, and the U.S. Coast Guard (retired).

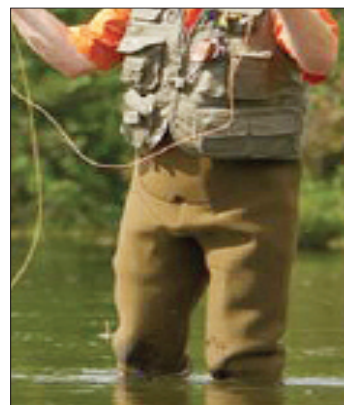
I will do my best to get the fishing report out in the timely manner that you are used to and with as much enthusiasm as Rory added to it.

Being a native to Arizona, I have fished most of the lakes down in the southern part of the state, including Patagonia, Arivaca, Pena Blanca and even the pond that surrounded the Longhorn Grill in Amado, Ariz.

I enjoy fishing and would like to solicit your help in providing information to anglers. I'd also like to start a "Fish Stories" section in this report to go along with the information about what's biting where and what they are hitting on.

"Fish Stories" (or "That One That Got Away") will offer a chance to have your stories posted in the fishing report.

Please send your "Fish Stories" to



BFishing@azgfd.gov and include a picture if you have one. Story ideas might include "Kid's first fish," "Did you see that?," or "You caught that on what?" We'll pick a couple to run in each fishing report.

So, start getting me those stories and we will see who has the real fish tales to tell.

BASS

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from the San Juan and Good Hope areas. Spooning near Neskahi Canyon (San Juan) resulted in a 100-fish catch of 3-6 pound strippers for one party early this week.

Bass fishing is very consistent all over the lake — even at Wahweap. Drop-shotting plastic shad-shaped worms and senkos, casting plastic grubs and swimbaits and retrieving surface lures are all effective techniques now. Best colors are chartreuse and watermelon.

Just find a quick drop off near the brushy shoreline or a rocky reef in open water. Then use your favorite bass lure to catch smallmouth bass and an occasional largemouth. Work the bait slowly with a

lot of full-time in tree-lined areas for best results.

With water temperature falling and shad moving on shore, bass have moved into shallower water. Look for bass at depths of 10-20 feet.

As the moon fades, striper fishing will pick back up in the southern lake. For now, fish for bass or head to Rock Creek and places upstream to get stripers.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,620 and water temperature was 73-76F.

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Game Bag Write On Target

Grant Awards Help Fund Local Efforts To Expand Hunting, Fishing Participation

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is awarding grant funding to 14 local sportsmen's groups to support 22 projects geared toward increasing hunter and angler recruitment and retention.

The Local Sportsmen's Group Grant Program was started in 2007 to provide financial assistance to local sportsmen's organizations in supporting wildlife conservation. The program awards grant funds to eligible projects through a competitive application process each year.

Focus On Recruitment, Retention

The focus of projects eligible to receive grant funds is determined annually by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and may change from year to year. The 2012 grant year focus was on projects that promote or facilitate hunter, angler or trapper recruitment and retention.

Twenty-seven applications were received for the \$75,000 in available funding. The following projects were awarded:

Cochise Bird Dog Club, for the project "SE Arizona Youth Quail Camp." The award is in the amount of \$1,450.

Team Young Gunz Outdoors, for the

project "2012 Women's Deer Camp." The award is in the amount of \$3,122.

Huachuca Goulds Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation, for the project "Huachuca Goulds Chapter Free Family Predator Hunting Camp." The award is in the amount of \$2,900.

Mohave Sportsman Club, for the project "Fishing For Smiles 2013." The award is in the amount of \$4,344.

Arizona Predator Callers for the project "APC Novice Predator Hunt." The award is in the amount of \$2,954.

Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, for the project "2012 Junior Quail & Small Game Camp." The award is in the amount of \$4,442.

Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, for the project "Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Fishing Clinic 2013." The award is in the amount of \$2,814.

Outdoor Experience 4 All, for the project "Javelina Hunting Fair 2013." The award is in the amount of \$6,813.

Arizona Elk Society, for the project "Arizona Elk Society Youth Programs Equipment and Media." The award is in the amount of \$5,650.

Anglers United, for the project "An-

glers United 'Just for Kids' Fishing Festival." The award is in the amount of \$3,500.

Arizona Outdoor Sports, for the project "Enclosed Trailer for a portable shotgun hunting and field training facility." The award is in the amount of \$7,000.

Southwest Fur Harvesters Association, for the project "Youth Trapping Equipment Loaner Program." The award is in the amount of \$2,670.

Southwest Fur Harvesters Association, for the project "2013 Youth Trappers Camp." The award is in the amount of \$2,280.

Ben Avery Clay Busters, for the project "Women's Upland Bird Hunt." The award is in the amount of \$3,257.

AZ State Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation, for the project "2013 Spring Juniors Turkey Hunting Camps." The award is in the amount of \$8,750.

Youth Outdoors Unlimited, for the project "Junior Deer Camp in Game Management Unit 20C." The award is in the amount of \$2,150.

Youth Outdoors Unlimited, for the

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New Survey Shows Angling, Hunting Participation Numbers Are Up

Expenditures rival some of America's largest companies.

A coalition of sportsmen's and women's groups and the outdoor industry briefed members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus recently on the rise in hunting and fishing participation in this country.

The groups, led by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Cabela's, Safari Club International, National Shooting Sports Foundation, American Sportfishing Association and National Marine Manufacturers Association, used recently released data from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) 2011 National Survey on Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation to compare hunting and fishing participation and expenditures to mainstream industries.

Important Elements Of Outdoor Heritage

"To put it in perspective, the 37 million sportsmen and women over the age of 16 in America is the same as the population of the state of California, and the \$90 billion they spent in 2011 is the same as the global sales of Apple's iPad™ and iPhone™ in the same year," commented Jeff Crane, president of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation.

"Hunting and fishing have been, and clearly continue to be, important elements of our country's outdoor heritage and they are critically important to our nation's economy — particularly the small local economies that support quality hunting



and fishing opportunities."

The participation and economic data, released in August by the Service, shows a 9 percent increase in hunters and an 11 percent increase in anglers compared to the 2006 survey. The important thing to note is that these numbers are just accounting for sportsmen and women age 16 and older, so actual participation is likely higher when adding in youth.

Most notable, however, is that hunters and anglers continued their strong spending habits. From equipment expenditures (\$8.2 billion for hunters, \$6.2 billion for anglers) to special equipment (\$25 billion towards boats, RV's, ATV's and other such vehicles) to trip-related expenses totaling over \$32 billion, sportsmen and women continue to direct their discretionary income toward their outdoor pursuits.

75th Anniversary

"This is the 75th anniversary of our nation's system of conservation funding — a model that is envied throughout the world — that directs excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment toward state-based conservation. The Sport Fish and Wildlife and Restoration programs have resulted in robust fish and wildlife populations and quality habitat that is the legacy of our industry and sportsmen and women alike."

said Michael Nussman, president and CEO of the American Sportfishing Association.

Ardent Conservationists

Beyond the impact to businesses and local economies, sportsmen and women have played an essential and unmatched role in protecting fish and wildlife and their habitats. Sportsmen and women are the nation's most ardent conservationists, putting money towards state fish and wildlife management.

When you combine license and stamp fees, excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, the tax from small engine fuel and membership contributions to conservation organizations, hunters and anglers directed \$3 billion towards on-the-ground conservation and restoration efforts in 2011 — that is over \$95 every second.

This does not include their own habitat acquisition and restoration work for lands owned or leased for the purpose of hunting and fishing, which would add another \$11 billion to the mix.

The final report, including state-by-state information, is expected to be released in late November.

More information is available at www.asafishing.org.

About ASA

The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) is the sportfishing industry's trade association, committed to looking out for the interests of the entire sportfishing community. We give the industry a unified voice speaking out when emerging laws and policies could significantly affect sportfishing business or sportfishing itself.

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

America's anglers generate over \$45 billion in retail sales with a \$125 billion impact on the nation's economy creating employment for over one million people.

Arizona Deer, Elk Hunters Can Assist In Monitoring For CWD

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is asking for assistance from deer and elk hunters in monitoring efforts for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Hunters can provide assistance by allowing Game and Fish personnel or a cooperating taxidermist or game-meat processor to collect a tissue sample from their harvested deer or elk.

CWD is a neurodegenerative wildlife disease that is fatal to cervids, which include deer, elk and moose. Clinical signs include loss of body weight or emaciation, excessive salivation, increased drinking and urination, stumbling, trembling, and behavioral changes such as listlessness, lowering of the head, and repetitive walking in set patterns.

No Evidence Re: Affecting Humans

No evidence has been found to indicate that CWD affects humans, according to both the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.

CWD has been detected in 22 states and Canadian provinces as of August 2012. Arizona Game and Fish began conducting CWD surveillance in the state in 1998 and has since collected more than 16,000 samples. No samples have yet tested positive for the disease, but Arizona shares borders with three states — Utah, Colorado and New Mexico — in which CWD has been found.

"The success of the CWD surveillance program is reliant upon the participation of hunters, meat processors, and taxidermists," said Wildlife Disease Biologist Carrington Knox. "To ensure that CWD has not entered Arizona from neighboring states, we are concentrating our efforts in the game management units that border Utah and New Mexico."

For Kaibab, Arizona Strip Hunters

For Kaibab and Arizona Strip hunters (Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B), the Jacob Lake check station will be open for collecting samples on the following dates: Oct. 26-Nov. 5 for the general deer hunt; and Nov. 23-Dec. 3 for the late season hunt. The check station will be operational from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., except for the day following the end of each hunt (Nov. 5, and Dec. 3) when the check station will close at 12 noon.

Department biologists will be working in the field from Nov. 2-5 and Nov. 16-19 in Unit 28, seeking successful hunters to provide samples for the CWD monitoring effort in this area.

Hunters who wish to assist the monitoring effort by bringing in the head of their recently harvested deer or elk to a Game and Fish Department office for sampling are requested to do so between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Please Include This Information

Place the head in a heavy plastic garbage bag for delivery and keep it cool and out of the sun. If the weather is warm, it is best to either bring in the head within a day of harvest or keep it on ice in a cooler before delivery.

When submitting heads for sampling, please provide accurate, up-to-date hunter information (name, street address, city, state, zip code and phone number) as well as hunt information (hunt number, permit number, game management unit harvested in, county, state, and hunting license), as this information is crucial should CWD be detected in a sample.

If this information is not provided, the

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Arizona Hunters Deserve Recognition Re: Condors

Majority of hunters in Arizona's condor range voluntarily join lead-reduction efforts.

From AZGFD

Hunters in Arizona continue to prove to the critics that voluntary efforts to conserve endangered wildlife do work, often better than mandated measures. In the last five years, 80 to 90 percent of hunters in Arizona's condor range have taken measures to reduce the amount of spent lead ammunition that is available to California condors.

"Arizona's voluntary lead-reduction program has been well supported by hunters, and they deserve a thank you for continuing sportsmen's proud tradition of being the nation's first wildlife conservationists," says Kathy Sullivan, Arizona Game and Fish Department's condor program coordinator.



Great Strides In Arizona

We've made great strides in this state and now that condors have expanded their range into southern Utah, we know where we need to focus the next steps in lead reduction efforts."

Lead poisoning has been identified as the leading cause of death in endangered condors and the main obstacle to a self-sustaining population in Arizona and southern Utah. Studies suggest that lead shot and bullet fragments found in animal carcasses and gut piles are the most likely source of lead in condors.

Many hunters do not realize that the

carcass or gut pile they leave in the field usually contains lead bullet fragments. Although remains from game hunting provide an important food source for condors, several birds can be affected by feeding off one lead-laden carcass or gut pile. By using non-lead ammunition, hunters help provide condors with an important food source to aid in their recovery.

Utah Also Launching Effort

Utah's Division of Wildlife Resources recognizes the importance of their state in condor conservation and is launching an effort this year that is similar to Arizona Game and Fish's.

Arizona's condor population was reintroduced to the state under a 10(j) Rule, a special provision of the Endangered Species Act that designates the population as experimental and not essential to the species' survival.

The 10(j) rule was used to obtain acceptance among communities in Arizona and Utah and assures that "current and future land...uses...shall not be restricted due to...condors" and that the federal gov-

ernment did "not intend to" modify or restrict "current hunting regulations anywhere...in the experimental population area."

Conservation Must Constantly Adapt

Sullivan says, "Wildlife conservation must constantly adapt and the condor program is no different. As biologists, seeing the condors expand into Utah is gratifying and an important step in their reintroduction, but now we see where our focus needs to be in the coming years."

Arizona Game and Fish's lead-reduction efforts are supported by the Arizona Deer Association, Arizona Elk Society, Arizona Antelope Foundation, Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, and the Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Information on non-lead ammunition and how hunters can help is sent by mail to those drawn for hunts in condor range. For more information on condors and lead and a list of available non-lead ammunition, visit azgfd.gov/condor

Public Comment Invited On AZGFD Proposed Strategic Plan

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has released the draft of its new strategic plan, Wildlife 20/20, and wants your comments and input.

Wildlife 20/20 provides broad strategic guidance for all department programs. It is intended to be a living document that conveys policy direction that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has provided to the department to guide its work into the future. It will be complemented by additional plans designed to provide more specific direction, as needed.

The plan is available for review at http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/strategic_plan.shtml.

Written comments can be submitted

through Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, by e-mail to azgfdStrategicPlan@azgfd.gov.

Written comments can also be sent via U.S. mail to —

Strategic Plan
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Attn: Sherry Crouch
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When submitting comments on particular portions of the document, please include a reference to the location within the document (such as a page and paragraph number) to which you are referring.

The department is planning a Web cast about the new plan in the near future. An announcement will be sent out when the date and time are finalized.

After public comments are reviewed and considered, the final draft Wildlife 20/20 plan is anticipated to be presented to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for consideration at its Dec. 7-8 meeting in Phoenix.

For more information, visit http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/strategic_plan.shtml.

AZGFD Analyzing New Photo Of Possible Endangered Cat

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Arizona Game and Fish Department is currently analyzing a recent trail camera photo of either a jaguar or an ocelot sighted southeast of Tucson.



The photo includes only the tail and a small portion of a hind quarter of the animal, making positive identification more difficult. Game and Fish is now consulting with outside experts about the photo, taken Sept. 23 and submitted by a sportsman, to better identify the species.

Reported By Hunters

Four of the last five confirmed jaguar sightings in Arizona have been reported by hunters, who all took responsible action to document the animal and report it to Game and Fish. Sportsmen also provided Game and Fish with two sets of trail camera photos of an ocelot in the Huachuca Mountains in 2012.

These hunters have provided biologists with critical information that may not otherwise be known, information that will help increase the understanding of these species' existence in the borderland area.

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SOLAR COOKING

Oh, The Possibilities For RVers, Campers, Boaters!

Hunters and anglers also will find this method useful and valuable for their travels.

By Heather Stevens
Sun Cooking

There is something almost reverent about a campfire. It's a travelling tradition — while one person sets up the tent or opens up the van, the other forages for fuel and gets a blaze going. It's romantic, it's entertaining and it's often the place that good

food is made. But, sometimes it's actually a part of traveling I could happily do without! It's hot work, the wood is often damp or if it's not, there's a fire ban and I get tired of telling the kids, "Don't run around near the fire!" So we've started a new camping tradition, of setting up the solar oven!

A solar oven is an ingenious device that uses the sun's rays to heat and cook food. It works a bit like a car on a hot day — sunlight comes through the windows, the dark surfaces soak up the heat and it leaves the dashboard hot enough to cook an egg!

But, more than just eggs, a solar oven can get up to around 180°C, which is the perfect environment to cook just about anything. A solar oven can be a bit like carrying around a whole range of home kitchen appliances; it can work as —

An oven: Perfect for cooking cakes, biscuits, breads, muffins, lasagne, roasting

nuts, even a full leg of lamb and veg!

A 'slow cooker': Works well for soups, stews, pizzas, casseroles, legumes, rice, beans, curries, jams, preserves, etc.

A fry pan: Although a solar oven doesn't get that "sizzling" frying that a fire can, it does work for cooking things like fish, eggs +bacon + tomatoes, sausages, steak (turns out very tender!) chicken stir fry, anything that you can put in a pan. You don't need to turn them or prod it as you do on a fire.

A kettle: Depending on the model and weather conditions, a solar oven can get water to boil in as little as 25 minutes. Store the hot water in a thermos or insulated solar oven to have hot cups of tea into the evening. This is also great for water pasteurization — if you're using stream water, bring it to above 65°C in a solar oven as a way of pasteurizing it and killing off any nasties. It's a nice way to make some hot water for a shower or washing up too!

A dehydrator: Some designs can allow for airflow and then be used to dehydrate food. Great for times when you get gluts of tomatoes, mangoes, chillies, bananas, sweet potatoes etc. On the road, we often

came across little road side stalls selling inexpensive seconds — we'd spend a day dehydrating them so that we'd have a store of preserved goods that would last months, if not years, on the road. They are often good to eat straight away, or you can use them to add to meals for some extra fruit or veg when you're out of fresh

A thermal cooker (like a "HayBox"): Some designs, such as the SunCook solar oven that has good thermal insulation will allow you to cook overnight or on rainy days — heat up the food on a conventional stove (gas, fire, electric) to boiling point, wrap it in a towel and pop it into the oven with lid closed. A good solar oven is insulated and can keep the heat in. This means the food will continue cooking and can't burn or spoil. This is great for slow cooking like rice, soups, stews, oats, dhal etc.

Other!: There are lots of other novel things that people use solar ovens for such as "canning" acidic foods like tomatoes, extracting wax from honey, dying fabrics, killing pantry pests like larvae, raising bread, making yoghurt or pasteurizing potting soil.

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REMEMBERING SHADOW

For over 10 years, little Shadow Fitch-Allen was the constant, loving companion of Jack Fitch and the late Margie Allen, Rociada, N.M. He loved the mountain country of New Mexico and his happy life with these two humans and his friend Puppy. This July, Shadow and Puppy began their "vacation" at Fur & Feather Animal Shelter near Pie Town, N.M. Here he made many other canine, and some feline, friends. The humans too at Fur & Feather were delighted with the friendliness, energy, and happy spirit of this little Cairn terrier. Sadly, Shadow had a stroke in early October and left this world very quickly. He is buried, with honor and respect, at Fur & Feather. We are thankful for the joy he brought into our lives and will not be forgotten.

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The Parks are now generating more than \$200 million annually in spending in these communities and proving to be the economic engines they were designed to be in 1957.

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sources. Please go on our Web site to volunteer, even if you only have one weekend to contribute.

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Most important, make your travel plans today to visit and enjoy your 27 State Parks, 900 State hiking trails, OHV trails and historic gems. (www.AZStateParks.com). See you in the parks — Bryan Martyn

CAT

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Jaguars

Jaguars have been protected outside the United States under the Endangered Species Act since 1973. That protection was extended to jaguars within the U.S. in 1997, the year after their presence in the Arizona and New Mexico borderlands was confirmed.

Jaguars once ranged from southern South America through Central America and Mexico and into the southern United States. It is believed that southern Arizona is the most northern part of the range for a population of jaguars living in Sonora, Mexico.

Ocelots

Ocelots are small to medium-sized spotted cats with a long tail. These cats have been listed as endangered since 1982 under the federal Endangered Species Act. The present range for ocelots is in the

eastern and western lowlands of Mexico, from southern Mexico through Central America and in the lowland areas of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil. On the fringes of their range, they occupy a very limited region in both the United States (a remnant population exists in southern Texas) and Argentina.

Other Cats

Other animals such as bobcats, young mountain lions and servals, an African cat popular in the pet trade, are sometimes misidentified as ocelots, which is why verification is so very important.

Jaguars and ocelots are protected by the Endangered Species Act and should be left alone. If anyone encounters a cat believed to be a jaguar or ocelot, the Game and Fish Department requests that photos, along with observation information, be reported immediately to the department or through the Operation Game Thief hotline at (800) 352-0700.

**DOWNSTREAM** Events Calendar Beginning Mid-Oct.

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BOATING

LAKE HAVASU: LAKERACERLLC MONSTER BASH: Nov. 1-3 — See story on page 5.

LAKE PLEASANT: LPSC LADIES DAY AT THE LAKE: Nov. 10 — Presented by the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club; see story on page 1.

PARKER: 66TH ANNIVERSARY SCSC THANKSGIVING REGATTA: Nov. 24-25 — Blue Water Resort, powerboat/speedboat racing on the Parker Strip/Colorado River, endurance, speed & circle racing, boats include Stock Outboards, Pro-Stock, Grand National (GN's), Cracker Box, Tunnel Lights and K-boats, 7 am - 7 pm, 310-318-4012 or <http://www.scscracing.com> or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

PARKER: 14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE: Nov. 24 — Blue Water Marina, free, 6 pm, 928 669-2174 or <http://parkerareatourism.com> or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

CHANDLER: NAPA AUTO PARTS IHBA WORLD FINALS: Nov. 2-4 — Firebird International Raceway, biggest professional drag boat race in the country & the season finale, \$10-41, 9 am - 6 pm, 602-268-0200 or <http://www.firebirdraceway.com>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: 26TH ANNUAL LONDON BRIDGE SEA-PLANE CLASSIC — LAKE HAVASU CITY FLOAT FLY 2012 Nov. 2-4 — Lake Havasu State Park, Desert Hawks presents Radio Controlled Seaplanes flying off the water at Windsor beach area, free to spectators, 8 am - 4 pm, 928-855-1197 or www.golakehasasu.com

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

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

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CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

For more information on camping, RVing, outdoor activities, see "Land Cruising" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

FLAGSTAFF: 13TH ANNUAL RIVER RUNNER FILM FESTIVAL & AUCTION: Nov. 3 — Coconino Center for the Arts, includes river-themed films, silent auction, raffle, and food, proceeds benefit the hands-on experiential learning opportunities at Grand Canyon Youth, an evening for celebrating the positive power youth have in their communities and as stewards of the natural world, \$10/individual, \$30/families, 5-10 pm, 928-773-7921 or <http://www.gcyouth.org>

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one night of equal or lesser value for free at any of the County's desert parks during that stay. www.maricopa.gov/parks

ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: through Nov. 5 -- to Arizona Game and Fish Commission rules: Article 3 (Taking and Handling of Wildlife), Article 5 (Boating and Water Sports), and Article 7 (Heritage Grants) and Article 9 (Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Grants). View the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to see the proposed amended rules. Submit comments to Rulemaking@azgfd.gov

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY

TEMPE: FANTASY OF LIGHTS OPENING NIGHT PARADE: Nov. 24 — Mill Avenue District, (at 3rd and Mill Avenue), this year's theme — Starry Night, parade then Santa, thousands of sparkling lights and lighted displays, free, 6 pm, 480-894-8158 or <http://www.downtowntempe.com>

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PHOENIX: 20TH ANNUAL ZOO-LIGHTS: Nov. 22-Jan. 6 — Phoenix Zoo, more than 3.5 million lights in 600 lighted sculptures unique to the Phoenix Zoo, live animals are not on exhibit, \$7-12, 6-10 pm, 602-273-1341 or <http://www.phoenixzoo.org>

LAKE PLEASANT: DOUBLE DOG DARE: Nov. 3-4 — See story on page 6. www.DDDchallenge.com

PHOENIX: 128TH ANNUAL ARIZONA STATE FAIR: through Nov. 4 — family entertainment, animals, food, rides, top-notch concerts, exhibits, motorized events, rodeo & more, Tuess-Sun, new attractions, new rides, \$5-10, www.azstatefair.com

HUNTING

AZGFD PUBLIC FORMS: Oct. 18 — The Arizona Game and Fish Department will host four public forums to meet with constituents about developing the 2013 hunt recommendations for pronghorn, elk, and population management hunts. The meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18, at these Game and Fish regional offices:

- Pinetop regional office, 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd.
- Flagstaff regional office, 3500 S. Lake Mary Road.
- Kingman regional office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road.
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For more information on hunting, please see "Game Bag: Write On Target" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

SHOWS AND EXPOS

LAKE HAVASU CITY: SAND AND WATER EXPO: Oct. 27-28 — See story on page 5

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Note: We thank you, Ed, for leaving us this helpful safety information. Huntsman is now RBS Specialist, Chief of Recreational Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, District 8, New Orleans, La.



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A few year ago we were fishing the upper end of Lake Mary for some pike and saw a herd of elk come down to water, and some of them actually went into the water

and swam while two young herd bulls were sparring. Pretty neat stuff to see.

Go Catch

For those of you who want to submit fishing reports, fishing tales, photos or what have you, please send them to our "Bee Fishing" mail box at BFishing@azgfd.gov.

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project "Junior Elk Camp in Game Management Units 1 & 2C." The award is in the amount of \$2,150.

Youth Outdoors Unlimited, for the project "Junior Turkey Camp in Game Management Units 1 & 27." The award is in the amount of \$2,150.

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"The recruitment and retention of hunters, anglers, shooters and trappers is important, as these outdoor recreationists are not only stewards of wildlife, but they are also a primary funding source for wildlife conservation efforts," said Craig McMullen, the department's chief of wildlife recreation.

"This grant program is an investment in local organizations that, day-in and day-out, are teaching these important traditional outdoor recreational pursuits in our communities."

The Local Sportsmen's Group Grant Program is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and big game tags, and there is no cost to Arizona taxpayers for this grant program. The Arizona Game and Fish Department does not receive any of the state's general funds, and operates under a user-pay, user-benefit model.

For more information on the Local Sportsmen's Group Grant Program, visit www.azgfd.gov/i_e/local_sportsmens.shtm.

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Test results are available online at

www.azgfd.gov/cwd, by clicking the "Chronic Wasting Disease Test Results" link on the right side of the page. Additional information about CWD can be found at www.azgfd.gov/cwd or www.cwd-info.org.

Go catch a bunch of great memories and maybe I'll see you out there from time to time.

Editor's Note: Although this is not the most recent AZGFD report, we wanted to run it in honor of Rory; it's his last.

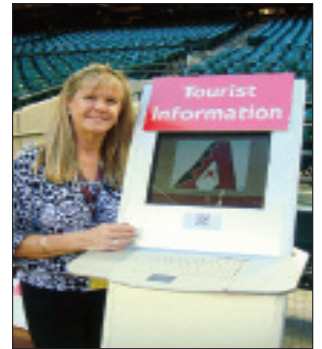


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ings that helped communicate to the world the need for preservation of such a special place.

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

Grand Canyon. It has become the model for outdoor art events in National Parks.

Through Nov. 25, there will be an exhibition and sale of these artists' creations at the Kolb Studio.

For information and updates, please visit <http://www.grandcanyon.org/celebration.asp>.

Proceeds from this event will support the goal of funding an art venue at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. This

permanent home will ensure that future generations of park visitors will be able to view the stunning art collection in the Grand Canyon National Park Museum and Grand Canyon Association Collections.

2012 Grand Canyon Artists

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Note: Choose an antifreeze based on its PVC burst point, and avoid any containing alcohol.

The Winterizing Kit includes a 5-gallon tank, a gate valve/cap and a length of clear hose. You just need to supply an appropriate flushing attachment for your type of engine and a garden hose.

It Doesn't Get Any Easier Than This

Using the hose and engine flusher, run the engine until it reaches normal operating temperature to allow the thermostat to



Clear Drains



Change Oil

open. Next, turn off the engine, disconnect the garden hose and attach the hose from the 5-gallon tank of antifreeze that you've placed up high to allow gravity to flow it into the engine water intake.

Open the valve on the 5-gallon container, start the engine and let it run at idle speed until you see the colored antifreeze flow out of the engine's exhaust/water outlet. Immediately shut off the engine, close the gate valve on tank and remove the hose. Trailered boats can be flushed right on the trailer.

It doesn't get any easier than this.

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racing, this course package will culminate in a just-for-fun race (must know port and starboard!).

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