Waters Sparkle With Spectacular Lighted-Boat Parades

The Christmas season is made just a little more special each year by three of our favorite Southwest lighted-boat parades.

LAKE HAVASU CITY
(Fri., Dec. 1 and Sat., Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.)
Up To 50 Boats Will Delight Spectators
The Annual Boat Parade of Lights is in its 35th year and has been the must-see event of the holiday season. Lake Havasu City’s Boat Parade of Lights has been repeatedly selected as one of the top 100 events in the United States by the American Bus Association.
Up to 50 boats brightly decorated in their holiday best will delight children and adults alike. Watch the boats cruise through the Bridgewater Channel beginning in Thompson Bay and continuing under the London Bridge to the north end of the Channel, with a turnaround at Windsor Beach and back.
Bundle up and take a stroll through the Channel — the only time you’ll see the Channel packed full of boats and boaters in winter gear at night. Come cozy up with family and friends and create treasured memories of a favorite holiday tradition!

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**LIVE WATERFISHING CLASS** — On going (See page 3 of this issue.)

**COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL**

For a complete list of Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving and other holiday events in Arizona, visit http://www.visitarizona.com/events.

**BOATING**

12/1 and 2 LAKE HAVASU CITY: Annual Boat Parade of Lights; see story on page 1

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**CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

4-5 ELOY: Family Campout – Picacho Peak State Park. Ideal for those new to camping. An activity filled weekend could include fishing, archery, mountain biking, hiking, or birding, depending on the date and park chosen. Trained camp coordinators will assist by teaching campers how to set up a tent, prepare food outside, build a fire and work on a service project. $90 for a family up to four. http://AZStateParks.com/family-camp

18 ALAMO LAKE: 11th Annual Night Under the Stars – Alamo Lake State Park. Astronomy clubs from around the state gather and set up their equipment. Bring a folding chair, red light, sweater or jacket, enthusiasm to enjoy and conserve our beautiful night skies. $7/vehicle (up to four adults). 6 p.m. http://alamolake.com or https://azstateparks.com/alamo-lake/

**CLASSES/SEMINARS**

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

**WATERSPORTS**

Diving

SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake: sales@saguaroSports.com

Frozen

24-1/7 LAKE HAVASU CITY: Ice Skating at the London Bridge - London Bridge Resort. Reserve online with a traditional winter favorite at the heart of the lake at Desert Lake Havasu. Enjoy real ice skating under twinkling lights and a backdrop of pine trees at the London Bridge Resort. 928-855-0888 or https://golakeshavasu.com/event-ice-skating-at-the-london-bridge/

LEARN TO CURL LESSONS: Ongoing learntocurl@coyotescurling.com

Swimming

11 TEMPE: Ironcore Splash & Dash + Swim Only — Race 5 – Tempe Town Lake. Hosted by TriSportsMulti, splash 1000m or 2000m dash 5km; swim only 1000m or 2000m, enjoy a morning of fun and racing with your friends, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, whether fine tuning for that big race or getting your feet wet at your first multisport event. 7:30 am. http://www.4peaksracing.com

23 GOOD YEAR: Freddy’s Presents The 14th Annual Southwest Regional YMCA Thanksgiving Day Youth & Adult Sprint Triathlon & Duathlon - Southwest Valley Regional YMCA. Experience a traditional triathlon on run, 12-m bike, 100 yd pool swim; Adult DU: 2-mi run, 12-mi bike, 1/2 mi run. Visit www.TriSportsMulti.com for entry info, 100 yd; swim; Adult TRI & DU RELAY: Adult tri distances. http://trifamilymarathon.com/index.html

Through 4/30 PHOENIX: Dinosaurs in the Desert – Phoenix Zoo, 23 prehistoric creatures stand along the Zoo’s Desert Lives Trail. The self-guided tour includes animatronic dinosaur structures which move and make various sounds including the infamous roar of the tyrannosaurus rex. A fossil dig and a petting zoo with a pack of puppies are also available. Educational signage and guides highlight size and interesting facts. http://www.phoenixzoo.org/event-items/dinosaurs-in-the-desert

Editor’s Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT’s calendar of events to “Downstream” — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the tenth (10th) of the month for the following month. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. Request for right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information. You may also submit your event individually at http://www.westernoutdoorstimes.com/classifieds.
Our waterways are ready, but are you?

Free courses offered by the Arizona Game and Fish Department:

- Boater Education Course
  - December 16 in Phoenix
  - January 20 in Phoenix
- Paddlesports Education Course
  - December 9 in Phoenix

Sign up online and get the details at www.azgfd.gov/boating or give us a call: 623-236-7219

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Courses:

- November 18
  - Flotilla 10-07 in Glendale
    928-310-4603
  - Flotilla 10-08 in Mesa
    510-386-2356
  - Flotilla 10-11 in Mesa
    602-550-8655

Register Your Watercraft

Make sure your vessel’s registration is current before heading out on the water.

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

Arizona Game & Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086
602-942-3000 | www.azgfd.gov
As Boating Season Winds Down, Prepare Your Safety Gear For 2018

Before stowing watercraft, inspect safety and mechanical equipment.

Fall marks the end of boating season for many in Northern Arizona and as owners prepare to stow their watercraft until the spring, it’s an ideal time to inspect life jackets, safety gear and mechanical equipment. Getting repairs done in the off-season and taking stock of safety equipment will help ensure a successful start to the 2018 boating season — and it’ll give you a few more quality hours with the boat before storing it.

“Take advantage of the end of the boating season to look for anything that may need repairing and to take inventory of life jackets and other safety gear,” said Josh Hoffman, boating-safety education coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. “By doing this now, you will have a head start in the spring and can make sure all the mechanical equipment is working properly and that all safety gear is stored correctly.”

The following steps will help ensure the boat or watercraft is stored properly for next year and you’re ready to safely hit the water in 2018:

1. Inspect life jackets for any rips, tears, mold, mildew and worn areas. Also check to see whether the label is still readable before storing life jackets in a dry location. Arizona’s climate is tough on life jackets, and on average they need to be replaced every five years. If you own an inflatable-type life jacket visually check to ensure there are no rips, tears, excessive abrasion or holes, all seams are securely sewn, and the cover, straps and hardware are still strong. It would also be a good idea to test the inflatable for leakage. Orally inflate your life jacket until firm and then let it sit inflated for 16 hours. A life jacket with a leak in it will not hold its firmness and should be replaced.

2. Check the fire extinguisher to ensure it’s sufficiently charged. If not, make a note to recharge or replace it before the next boating season or your next outing.

3. “Don’t move a mussel” — As every watercraft owner should do every time he or she leaves the lake, pull the vessel’s drain plug, and dry and clean the hull. Doing so helps prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species like quagga mussels.

4. Make sure propellers are free ofdings, pitting, cracks and distortion, and that they are secured properly. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and cracks.

5. Check the fuel system for any leaks or damage giving special attention to fuel lines and connections. Damaged fuel hoses could either be cracked, brittle or soft. Also ensure the engine exhaust and ventilation systems are functioning properly. As with fuel lines, inspect all belts and hoses that may have been damaged during the season. Ensure belts are fitted tightly and that there are no cracks on the outer jacket of the throttle, shift and steering control cables.

6. Brush up on your boating knowledge by taking one of the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s free courses. The classes are offered in Phoenix and Lake Havasu City, every month to provide boaters with the information and tips needed to stay safe while on the water. Get more information and sign up for a course online.

For more information about storing your boat or watercraft during the off-season, BoatUS has numerous articles covering topics like tips for storage on the water as well as a checklist detailing the steps to winterize a boat.

Why Aren’t Millennials Buying Boats?

A millennial offers tips for getting younger boaters on the water.

Both boaters and those who rely on boating to make a living lament that there by doesn’t seem to be many younger boaters these days. The statistics back that up. According to the recently published BoatUS Magazine feature “Why Aren’t Millennials Buying Boats?” (October 2017), approximately 41 percent fewer 20- to 39-year-olds owned boats in 2015 than in 2005. And while millennials may boat about as much as their parents did, “Young people are not giving up on boating, just getting about it in a different way: chartering, borrowing, and riding along,” says McGlynn, a live-aboard who recently finished her first South Pacific crossing along with her husband, Robin.

While owning a boat can be pricey, McGlynn reports, “I’ve met a number of young boaters finding creative ways to get out on the water without breaking the bank, such as millennials who are participating in cooperatives, who share a boat among friends, or who live aboard a boat instead of renting pricey apartments in major American waterfront cities. Several boaters interviewed for the story mentioned the increasing popularity of wake boats, in part because they carry more people and they’re fun.”

McGlynn ultimately writes that, in general, millennials prefer the sharing economy. She asks, why would you buy a ski house, when all you have to do is Airbnb it? She suggests it’s the same with boats. “20- to 39-year-olds love boating for the same reasons their parents did. They see it as an opportunity to socialize, create family memories, and adventures, and unplug from work. Boating has the potential to be an activity enjoyed by all generations.”

The BoatUS Magazine feature also includes creative tips on how young people with no boating, sailing, or fishing experience can get on the water. For the full story, go to BoatUS.com/millennials.
Boating

BoatUS ‘CAT’ Team Still Hard At Work
Salvage operations after Hurricane Irma continue in Florida Keys.

More than a month after Hurricane Irma struck Florida, the BoatUS CAT Team is still hard at work. Here, in Marathon’s Boot Key Harbor, salvage crews from TowBoatUS Marathon raise a sunken sailboat and navigate hazard off the harbor bottom.

Since the CAT Team’s arrival in Florida the day after the storm struck, hundreds of recreational vessels have been recovered. After initially blanketing the state with BoatUS CAT Team crews traveling in recreational vehicles, recovery efforts are now focused on the Florida Keys where work is expected to be completed in about two weeks. The series of photos (credit BoatUS)

Storm Anchoring: Preparation Is Key

Images of vessels lost during the recent Hurricanes Harvey and Irma are still fresh in the minds of many. These catastrophic storms galvanize the need to have an anchoring plan in place, even for those whose boats are on inland lakes. Fortress Marine Anchors offers free resources to assist owners in developing the skills needed to keep a boat safely anchored during a storm. Focused more on education than product, they provide a wealth of information.

Surviving a Storm at Anchor by noted author Tom Neale is a comprehensive look at the techniques and equipment needed to safely ride-out a storm. It covers topics every boater should be familiar with, such as anchor selection and how many to set, the importance of the rode, foredeck gear, chafe protection, reducing windage and storm hole selection. The document can be downloaded at fortressanchors.com/SSA.pdf.

A Safe Anchoring Guide is an easily understood primer that guides the reader through the fundamentals of anchoring. It’s available online in an animated format or for download at fortressanchors.com/resources/safe-anchoring-guide.

Manufactured in the USA of marine-grade aluminum-magnesium alloy, Fortress Marine Anchors are adjustable for specific seabed conditions. Incredibly efficient, the 69 lb. FX-125 model was chosen as the primary anchor for the US Coast Guard’s 154’ Sentinel-class of cutters. It offers eight models for recreational and commercial vessels.

Shocksles Absorb Jarring Loads On Lines And Chains

Whether tied to a dock or mooring, at anchor or towing a dinghy, lines and chains create enormous stress on cleats, chocks, fairleads and related fittings, especially when suddenly jarred. Shocksles™ from Davis Instruments is a patented line of simple, innovative devices that absorbs the damaging shock loads placed on a boat’s hardware and cordage from wakes, chop, waves and tidal surges. They make for a safer, more comfortable boating experience.

Shocksles are built to last. They’re made from UV-resistant nylon webbing that’s stitched over an internal line limiter and elastomer system. This is what creates the unique progressive tensioning that smooths and tempers jarring and snapping. Marine grade 316 stainless steel hardware is used for durability and superior strength.

Available in black or blue, Shocksles LineSnubber® fits lines from 3/8” to 3/4” in diameter. 20” long at rest, it attaches to the line with its pair of 3-7/8” captive carabiners and stretches from 4”-8” to gradually absorb loading. AnchorSnubber, designed for chain, has two 3-1/16” key pin halyard shackles. A bungee cord on steroids, MiniShockles™ feature a pair of wire gate snaps and are designed for lighter loads up to 300 lbs. They’re offered in three lengths, 12”, 18” and 24”.

Davis Instruments’ Shocksles LineSnubber and AnchorSnubber cost $59.99; 12”, 18” and 24” MiniShockles cost $13.99, $14.99 and $15.99, respectively.


Awards Ceremony In January

A formal awards ceremony will be held in Phoenix on January 13 to present the awards.

For more information, contact: Lake Havasu Marine Association 928-208-2442, jims@lakahavasumarineassociation.com.
Boating

Don’t Miss Deadline To Add Ice/Freeze Coverage To Your Boat’s Insurance Policy

In the northern parts of Arizona, the possibilities of winter damage are real.

In the winter, in northern states and in northern portions of other states where freezing temperatures are the norm, boaters who put their boats into heated indoor storage have it made. With their boats warm and dry, they may have little concern for freeze-related damage to their engines.

Winter storms can knock out power and heat, however, leading to ice forming inside the engine block and catastrophic engine failure. And, if a boat’s engine is winterized by a do-it-yourselfer and freeze damage occurs, the owner could be on the hook for the damage. So what can you do to protect your boat over the winter?

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) says ice-and-freeze coverage may be a smart option. Inexpensive and typically offered as a policy “rider” to boats stored in cold climates, it’s something to consider. BoatUS Marine Insurance offers the add-on coverage for as little as $25, but also advises that most insurers won’t offer the coverage once temperatures get cold, usually the end of October, so check with your insurer now.

Said BoatUS Vice President of Underwriting Mike Pellerin, “All it takes is a falling tree limb to take out power to a heated storage facility.” He also says that if a boat is winterized by a marina and damage occurs, “Most reputable marinas or yards will provide documentation that it professionally winterized the boat, which gives your insurance company someone to go to for damages. When a DIYer winterizes his or her boat and freeze damage occurs, the boat owner is responsible. Ice-and-freeze coverage provides protection that is very affordable.”

For more information on boat insurance or ice-and-freeze coverage, go to BoatUS.com/insurance or call 800-283-2883.

TO BE SURE — Storing a boat inside over the winter requires a look at your insurance policy first, says BoatUS.

‘OOPS MOMENTS’ — Boat hooks and brush handles can accidentally scratch and mar fine boat finishes. Shurhold Industries’ patented Handle Mate PFD slips over the aluminum shaft of its Telescoping and Fixed Length Handles to protect gelcoat, paint and chrome. And, because those “oops moments” happen, like dropping the tool overboard, the innovative device keeps it floating for easy retrieval.

Now, Long-Handled Aluminum Tools Won’t Scratch Or Sink

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Made from soft, high-quality neoprene, Handle Mate PFD provides a solid, comfortable grip. The durable sleeve is easily installed and fits Shurhold’s 5’, 6’, and 9’ handles. It comes with a closed cell foam insert for added flotation. A video is at bit.ly/2fbc9Tz.

Handle Mate PFD is part of Shurhold’s One Handle Does It All system. Brushes, mops, brooms, boat hooks, nets, gaffs and other tools snap securely onto a handle. Storing multiple long tools is a thing of the past.

Handle Mate PFD for Shurhold’s 5’ fixed length handle sells for $12.98, and $14.98 and $17.98 for the 6’ and 9’ telescoping handle, respectively. Handles...
AZGFD, ADEQ Release ‘Green Light’ List Of Fish
Azarowans can eat several species without restrictions.

By Margie Anderson

AZ LAKES, AZ PROS: ART CHAMBERLIN/ LEROY PRICE

Two Experts Offer Tips On Winter Crappie Fishing

Two of the acknowledged masters of crappie trolling in Arizona are Art Chamberlin and LeRoy Price. Both men fish for crappie and bass on Roosevelt Lake, and they spend so much time on the water that they can follow the fish around day by day.

In January, LeRoy starts out fishing near the main lake, in the Windy Hill area. One of the great things about trolling is that you are fishing while you’re looking around, so LeRoy rigs up a couple of rods and heads northeast.

His favorite crappie racks are Bass Pro Shops micro light spinning rods and he spools them up with 6-pound-test Sufix line. He generally keeps his jigs at about 15 feet, although he might be fishing over water that is quite a bit deeper than that.

Price Says The Fish Will Let You Know

Getting and keeping your jigs at the right depth can be tricky. There are charts that help you figure out how much line to let out by using calculations based on the angle at the intersection of the line and the water, but that seems a bit complicated for a guy who just wants to put a couple of crappie in the boat.

Leroy simply starts out with about 40 or 50 feet of line out and ties the jigs on about two feet apart. With two people (each with a 2-pole stamp) in the boat, you can run four rods at slightly different depths until the fish let you know what works best.

Price likes Kalin grubs in John Deere (green and yellow) and also black/blue chartreuse. “January is a really good time of year for big crappie,” LeRoy says, “and for those I use a little bit bigger baits: 1/8-ounce jig heads and 3-inch grubs.” These slightly larger baits often produce quality fish. For quantities, he’ll use 1/16-ounce jigs and 2-inch grubs, but he still likes the same colors.

Chamberlin Uses Power Grubs

Art Chamberlin uses a lot of chartreuse Power Grubs. He also rigs two jigs on each line, spaced about two feet apart. He’ll often start out trolling with two rods at one depth and two at another, which lets him cover a lot of territory until he discovers what the perfect depth is that day.

Since the jigs are up off the bottom, any bump on the line will be a fish. As a rule of thumb, Chamberlin starts out in deeper water in December (35 to 40 feet) and gradually moves in to 18 to 25 foot depths by March. But, regardless of the depth of the water he is fishing, he generally keeps the jigs running between twelve and fifteen feet deep.

AZGFD Community Fishing Program

See all the green-light waters on the ADEQ interactive e-Map, including other waters and fish species classified as “Green Light Fisheries.” AZGFD and ADEQ have been testing a wide variety of fish throughout the state for mercury, the most common contaminant found in edible fish fillets nation-wide. This testing has identified fish to avoid (red light) and fish that can be eaten in limited amounts (orange light). Anglers have been routinely informed about consumption advisories, but never which fish species at which locations can be caught, eaten and enjoyed without limits.

Great News For Anglers

“This is great news for anglers, and re-affirms what we’ve known all along — fresh fish from our state’s waters are an important part of a healthy diet; we encourage all anglers to go get it and ‘Fish AZ’”, said Chris Cantrell, AZGFD aquatics branch chief.

“ADEQ is excited about our partnership with AZGFD to communicate new ‘Green Light Fishery’ details with anglers, our communities and Arizona visitors,” said Trevor Baggiero, ADEQ Water Quality Division Director. “We are especially excited to let our fishing community know they have the green light to eat fish in Arizona.”

Important For A Healthful Diet

Fresh fish from Arizona’s lakes, rivers and streams can be an important part of a healthy diet. Fish contain high-quality protein and other essential nutrients, are low in saturated fat and contain omega-3 fatty acids.

A well-balanced diet that includes a variety of fish can contribute to heart health and children’s proper growth and development.

AZGFD FISHING REPORT

It’s Time For Trout In The High Country

Tip Of The Week

As we head into November, keep an eye on water temperatures in the high country. Each year, trout fishing picks up dramatically in the White Mountains when water temperatures are in the low-to-high 50s (depending on elevation). This is the ideal temperature range for trout and they will be actively trying to add weight before the onset of winter.

Because there will be little difference between surface water temperature and water temperature in deep water, trout will be found at any depth.

The Reel Deal

Days are getting shorter, air temperatures are cooling, and with the transition into fall, it takes some work to pinpoint the exact location of fish. Water temperatures in desert impoundments such as Roosevelt Lake are in the low-to-mid 70s.

Cover a lot of water, targeting different areas of the water column with various bait presentations. Or, just go get some trout. Winter stockings have already begun for rainbows. Catfish stockings are ongoing, too.
LAKE POWER FISH REPORT

The Pattern Right Now Is Up To The Fish

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

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
HTTP://WWW.WAYNESWORDS.COM

We fished the Escalante early in mid-October with mixed results. Our camp was in 50 Mile Canyon and we fished the canyons near there.
Fishing was slow Monday afternoon but we did find two schools of stripers and identified a pattern. The location was in the main Escalante River Channel between Three Roof Ruin and Explorer Canyon. Water depth was 20-30 feet in the channel.

We fished on points sticking out from shore into the channel. Striper schools were small and appeared to be lying right on the bottom. As we graphed the point from a depth of 25 feet toward the shoreline, we found a small group of fish marks at 17 feet. If we dropped spoons right into the school we caught a few fish. If the spoon missed the school none were caught.

A Few More Fish

We then ventured farther up the channel toward Explorer and saw another point and found the second school by graphing up slope. Again at 17 feet, we saw a tight school on bottom, dropped spoons and caught a few more fish.
No striper boils were seen or reported in the past week.
When we had more time to fish, we looked at the sights including La Gorce Arch and Cathedral in the Desert; both were awesome sights. A few bass were caught on topwater in the brushy treetops in the backs of the canyons at a channel depth of 9-15 feet. Then as the sun got higher in the sky the bass quit. Fishing was tough in some very good habitat and locations.

From None To Too Many

We ran down lake as far as Cottonwood Canyon without catching a fish. We head-
AZGFD Closes Frye Creek To Fishing

Creek located on Mt. Graham in southeast Arizona will re-open once stream recovers from Frye Fire.

Fishing trips to scenic Frye Creek, a Gila trout recovery stream located on Mt. Graham in southeast Arizona that offers rare opportunities to hook Gila trout — one of two trout native to Arizona — will have to be put on hold.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has temporarily closed Frye Creek to fishing in order to evaluate and re-store a population of Gila trout following widespread habitat damage caused by the Frye Fire. Mt. Graham due to this past summer’s Frye Fire and ensuing flooding.

The Department hopes to re-open the stream to fishing once habitat is suitable for stocking of Gila trout and a population is established that can sustain an-gling pressure.

But, Some Good News

Good news for anglers: the closure does not include Frye Mesa Reservoir, where Gila trout are stocked for recre-a-tional opportunities. However, the area is still under a closure order issued by the Coronado National Forest.

In June, the 48,000-acre Frye Fire severely impacted the habitat in Frye Creek and nearby Ash Creek, and both popula-tions of Gila trout, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, were affected by post-fire flood events that moved large amounts of ash, sediment and debris through the creeks.

Fortunately, Some Were Saved

Fortunately, just prior to the flooding, AZGFD salvaged 190 Gila trout from Frye and Ash creeks and they were re-ported in good health to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife’s Mora National Fish Hatchery in New Mexico.

Recently, AZGFD surveyed the creeks and did not find any fish. AZGFD will continue to monitor both streams annu-ally to document habitat changes and re-covery.

AZGFD Makes Change To Wild Trout Challenge

The requirement to catch Gila trout is temporarily suspended. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is temporarily suspending the require-ment for anglers to catch a Gila trout in order to complete the Wild Trout Chal-lenge. With the closure of Frye Creek, there is no longer a wild population of Gila trout open to fishing.

The Arizona Trout Challenge, which requires anglers to catch six of the eight to-tal species in Arizona, remains unchanged since the closure to Frye Creek will not affect anglers trying to catch stocked Gila trout in Frye Mesa Reservoir.

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Survey crews did not find any Gila trout in the creek, said Tracy Stephens, AZGFD’s native trout biologist.

Improve Your Accuracy

BY JOHN ANDERSON

We shooters are all alike: No matter how close our groups are, we wish they were closer. We wish we shot better at long range, or on the move, or in low light, or from a different position, or with our non-dominant hand — well, you get it. We just wish we shot better.

We all know that practice is the best way to improve our accuracy, but not all of us have the time or money to get to the range as often as we should, and the range can be pricey even with a membership. For some of us, the range is a good distance from our job or our home, making practice even less practical. Fortunately, there are ways to practice without live fire.

LaserLyte

I’ve written before about the LaserLyte that Margie gave me for Christmas. That thing is great! What I really like it for is sitting in my chair. You would be absolutely amazed at how long it takes you to grab a weapon while you’re sitting in your chair.

The reason I think you should shell out some money — the correct muscle mem-ory. That will make all the difference in your accuracy.

Why Am I Missing?

When Margie is rushing at me down the hall or through the door, I’m firing the blue gun at the LaserLyte target she’s holding, and aiming at an area about 7 inches across. When I miss (more often than I care to admit), I have no idea why I’m missing — am I pulling to the left or right? Shooting too high? Too low? What the heck is going on?

The LaserLyte is helping both Margie and me to be better shots, and it’s also giv-ing us lots of practice drawing from concealed. It’s a very clear picture of your most common errors, and you can begin to correct them. The more you use it, the better you’ll be.

Firing Accurately Is Key

In case you’re not aware of what that is: Years ago a guy did an experiment to see how far away an attacker could be in the mall, an attacker 50 feet away could reach you before you became aware of what was going down and managed to draw your weapon from concealed.

The point is, being able to draw your weapon and fire accurately is very diffi-cult when someone is rushing toward you with evil intent. Firing accurately is the key here.

Choose Any Target

Here’s how it works: The MantisX connects to the accessory rail of any fire-arm, and it works with live fire, dry fire, airsoft, and CO2. You install the app on your phone or tablet, turn on the MantisX and pair it with the app via Bluetooth, and you’re good to go. You can choose any target. Just fire, dry or live.

The app will display a target and show you exactly what you are doing wrong (or right!). It will give you goals, such as 200 shots a week, track your improvement over time, and truly help you correct your errors. You can’t change your mistake un-less you know you’re making them, and that’s where the MantisX comes in. It re-ally is a fantastic tool.

Shooting Will Improve

The reason I think you should shell out $149 for the MantisX is simple: It will improve your shooting. When it records a shot, it tells you exactly what you did wrong, but it also has advice on how to correct your mistake. It also tracks your shooting over time, so pretty soon you get a very clear picture of your most common errors, and you can begin to correct them.

The more you use it, the better you’ll get. The MantisX helps you develop mus-cle memory — the correct muscle mem-ory. That will make all the difference in your accuracy.

The Bottom Line

Bottom line: If you’re serious about shooting, whether you shoot competi-tively or just for fun, for self defense or for your job, you need a MantisX. Get one and find out more at www.mantisx.com.
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Quail Outlook: All Signs Point To Better 2017-2018 Season

Arizona hunters know that timely rainfall is the elixir that gives the state’s quail populations a much-needed boost. Good winter precipitation particularly benefitted Gambel’s quail, the best-known and most widespread of the state’s three main species. That led to spring call counts that were almost double what they were in 2016 and higher than the average of the last 10 years (2008-2017).

Throw in statewide summer rains that sustained forage and habitat conditions, and it was a good year for quail brood survival, with some observers noting young chicks as late as mid-September.

Where Are The Gambel’s Quail? So, where should hunters think about going?

“Gambel’s quail are very widespread south of the Mogollon Rim, and this year should be better than it has been in a few years,” said Wade Zarlingo, small game program manager for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. “Game Management Units 44A, 44B and 20C are promising for Gambel’s quail.

This area of the state is not traditionally known as a quail hotspot, even though there seems to be a significant increase in populations in this area.

Pinal and Pima counties north of Tucson are one of the state’s traditional hotspots and, again, populations should be better than last year.”

Fall 2018 Through Spring 2023 Guidelines Okayed

Wildlife managers use parameters to develop hunt recommendations.

Where Are The Scaled Quail?

When it comes to scaled quail, Zarlingo said Cochise and southern Graham counties should provide the best opportunities.

“Although populations should be better than last year, these populations have been affected by drought and habitat degradation from tree and shrub invasion into grassland areas,” Zarlingo said. “With a slight rebound this year, areas that were good last year should be even better.”

Mearns’ Quail Season Begins Dec. 8

Meanwhile, hunters should note that the season for Mearns’ quail doesn’t begin until Dec. 8. Zarlingo said Cochise and southern Pima counties are the traditional strongholds for these birds. He encourages hunters to focus on oak-grassland or pine-grassland savannas.

Know The Rules

A valid Arizona hunting or combination license is required for all hunters 10 years of age and older. All youth hunters 10 to 17 can purchase a youth combination license for only $5. Those hunters under 10 must be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license.

Licenses can be purchased online at https://www.azgfd.gov/license/, or from license dealers statewide.

The general bag limit is 15 quail per day in the aggregate, of which no more than eight may be Mearns’ quail. The general possession limit is 45 quail in the aggregate after opening day, of which no more than 15 Gambel’s, scaled or California quail in the aggregate may be taken in any one day.

After the opening of the Mearns’ season, the 45-quail possession limit may include 24 Mearns’ quail, of which no more than eight may be taken in any one day.

For more information, visit https://www.azgfd.com/hunting/species/small-game/quail/.

Another Resource

Another resource for both new and experienced hunters alike is “An Introduction to Hunting Arizona’s Small Game.” Written by the department’s Randall D. Babb, the 196-page, full-color book covers where and how to hunt small game birds (like quail), squirrels, rabbits, ducks and geese. It also includes how to prepare and cook your harvest, with illustrations and recipes.

The book can be ordered for $16.95 at www.azgfd.gov/publications.

Want To Learn Outdoors Skills?

AZGFD, partners offer dozens of events for beginners to advanced.

Are you a beginner interested in learning more about fishing, camping, hunting, and other outdoors activities, but don’t know where to start? Do you have a need to be directly connected with your food source and the experience?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department, along with an extensive network of partnering organizations, offers dozens of events throughout the year to suit almost everyone’s needs through the Outdoor Skills Network. The events are organized based on skill level and interest: introductory, beginner, developing, intermediate and experienced.

You can find a schedule of upcoming events, see a description of the skill levels, and sign up for events online at www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills. The online registration system is mobile-friendly.

“Keep in mind that the event types and descriptions are only guidelines to help you choose what is best for you — they are not prerequisites,” said Doug Hurt, the department’s hunting and shooting sports program manager. “In the end, we want attendees to have the right expectations and the right experience. That’s the key to keeping folks engaged in hunting and traditional outdoor recreation activities.”

There is no cost to Arizona taxpayers for this program. Game and Fish does not receive any of the state’s general tax funds and operates under a user-pay, public-benefit model. The program is an investment in the continuation of wildlife conservation efforts and outdoors recreation participation in Arizona.

See more information at www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills.

Waterfowl And Snipe Regulations Available Online

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has posted the 2017-18 Arizona Waterfowl and Snipe Regulations on https://www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Regulations/.

The general waterfowl season in the “Mountain Zone” (Game Management Units 1-5, 7, 19, 11A, and the portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County) began Oct. 6 and runs through Jan. 14, 2018.

The general waterfowl season in the “Desert Zone” (Game Management Units 10 and 12A through 46B, and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County) began Oct. 20 and runs through Jan. 28, 2018.

The following (excluding scaup) are legal wildlife in both Mountain and Desert zones: ducks, including mergansers, coots and common moorhens (gallinules); white geese (snow, blue and Ross’s); and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted).


Waterfowl hunters must possess a valid Arizona hunting license, as well as a valid Arizona migratory bird stamp (for hunters 18 and older) and a federal migratory bird hunting stamp (for hunters 16 and older).

For more information, visit https://www.azgfd.com/hunting/species/waterfowl/.
There Are So Many Useful Gifts To Enhance Their Adventures

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Before you know it, the holidays will be upon us and we’ll all be scrambling to find the perfect gift for the people we love. If someone you love also loves the outdoors, here are some ideas that are sure to please.

Good Maps Are Essential
Build Your Own

Whether your passion is fishing, hiking, hunting, off-roading, RV-ing, or geocaching, good maps are essential. The best way to get the perfect map is to visit MyTopo.com and build your own. These are especially great for hunters because you can choose the hunt unit you prefer and get a detailed topo map of the entire unit on one sheet.

You can also choose from a variety of sizes, and you can choose layers as well — such as land ownership, etc. The price depends on the size you choose, but the hunt unit maps are just under $35. For fishermen, waterproof maps are a must.

Even if your angler has a depthfinder with a gps built in, there is no substitute for being able to see the entire lake at a glance. This helps you plan your fishing strategy.

Kayakers and any one who just loves to explore on the water will also find these maps invaluable. Go to omnimap.com to find excellent maps of Arizona lakes and rivers by Fish-N-Map Company. I’ve been using them for years and they’re detailed, rugged, and easy to read. They’re only around $11 each, too.

Hunt Unit Maps From MyTopo.com

National Forest Maps

Another great map idea for people who like camping, hiking, and exploring is a set of National Forest maps. You can buy them online or you can go to a Forest Service Ranger Station and buy them.

These maps include a ton of information, such as camping, boating, snow ski and fishing sites, forest roads and trails, scenic attractions, and all kinds of useful things. They’re only $10 each. You can buy them at nationalforestmapstore.com.

There Are Map Apps Too

I have downloaded a complete set of topo maps of Arizona onto my iphone via an app called Topo Maps by Phil Endecott. Once you get the app ($7.99), you can choose which quadrant maps to download or you can cover the entire state. I chose to download every one of them for Arizona, so no matter where I go I can use the app.

You can also choose low or high resolution — I chose high. If storage on your device is a problem, just download

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the ones you need for each trip. When you open the maps, you see where you are in real time, which helps immensely with navigation.

We use this constantly, and there is a version for the iPad as well, but if you want to see yourself on the map you’ll need an iPad that is cellular capable. You don’t have to actually have cell service on it, but it won’t have GPS if it isn’t cell capable.

There are many other map apps to be had, but you have to be careful – some charge a monthly fee and unless you’re going to use all the special features, it really isn’t worth it. That being said, travelers often use an iPad or a small laptop for maps and other information, or just to use whenever they check into a hotel.

For Hikers: A Small Daypack
If a hiking newbie is on your list, why not buy them a small daypack with a hydration bladder? I recently found one on Groupon for under $25. You can gift it as is, or put some small essentials inside.

Glovax Gloves
For something small, light, and incredibly handy for any outdoorsman, look no further than Glovax gloves. These gloves are ideal because you can hold on to a slippery fish and clean it without worry because they are non-slip and cut resistant.

They’ll help you when you collect wood, cook in camp, dig your truck out of a tough spot, or even work on the engine. They are abrasion resistant, water and oil resistant, durable, and comfortable. I am a cat-catch-and-release angler but I still love mine — I even use them inside the house, like when cutting onions. They’re ideal for hunters because they keep your hands clean and help you keep hold of the knife, plus protect you from cutting yourself. They are super comfortable, too.

Best of all, you can get two pair for $49. They’re on Indiegogo — just Google “Glovax” and you’ll find them easily.

GoSun Go Is An Excellent Gift
The GoSun Go Solar Stove is still in the project stage, but estimated delivery will be April of 2018. This is one of the best gifts you could give a camper, RV-er, or even a prepper — it’s a portable solar oven that holds up to 14 ounces and can reach temperatures up to 500 degrees Fahrenheit. It cooks most meals in 20-30 minutes and stays hot for hours. Use it to boil water for your instant meals or to make coffee too.

If you go to kickstarter.com and pledge $99, you’ll be one of the first to receive a GoSun Go Stove when they ship. You can buy larger GoSun Stoves right now — the GoSun Sport is $279 and will bake, roast, or steam a meal for two people in minutes, using just the power of the sun.

In our beautiful state of Arizona, where we are blessed with so much sunshine, this stove is ideal. The Sport folds down to a 7.5-pound package, perfect for car camping or an RV. It would also be great for hunting and fishing camps or boat trips. Check them out at gousnstove.com.

Vegan Options From Backpacker Pantry
These are just a few ideas for your outdoors person — and here’s one more. If by chance you know a backpacker or prepper or camper who is vegan, there are many delicious vegan options for instant meals from Backpacker’s Pantry. Many are also gluten free.

I pick them up at Sportsman’s Warehouse for around $8 each. In fact, almost every meal I’ve ever picked up a camping trip I’ve eaten them and they are all delicious. Just add hot water and wait a few minutes and you’ve got a delicious and filling meal. It cooks in the pouch, and you can eat it out of the pouch as well.

Of course, they also have tons of meals that have meat and cheese as well. Grab a few of these for your hiker or camper — the perfect stocking stuffer. While you’re at Sportsman’s Warehouse, wander around — you’re sure to find a whole bunch of things that any outdoorsman would love.
FALL CAMPING AT THE LAKE

Enjoy The Beautiful Weather And Outdoor Life

The weather is cooling down, but lucky for us in Arizona we aren’t about to be buried in snow. In fact for us, the most beautiful time of year is now setting in. What’s more fun in the fall than camping? So, whether you’ll be pitching a tent or lounging in an RV, there’s very little preparation to get ready for amazing desert sunsets and outdoor life.

Getting Ready For Camping
Aside from making sure you have the right gear (tents/accommodations, flashlights, bug repellent, and the like), you will also want to make sure you are packing plenty of water and sunscreen (yes, even in the fall).

Enjoying The Desert Safely
Have we mentioned having plenty of water even during the fall? Okay, so the other things to be aware of when embarking on a camping journey in the desert include being familiar with snakes, scorpions, lizards and the like. Know how to spot them and how to avoid them. Remember it’s their home, not yours.

It’s also important to have a GPS tracking device of some sort on you at all times when choosing to hike. Also, remember that the desert cools down substantially at night; so pack layers of clothing for comfort.

Camping-Related Activities
While sitting around enjoying adult beverages and s’mores is the ideal camping activity, here in the desert we also have numerous activities that are greatly enjoyable. For example, the star gazing in the deep darkness of the desert is second to none.

When camping at a lake, like Roosevelt Lake, you can also enjoy water sports during the day including kayaking, wakeboarding, and tubing. Hiking is a favorite pastime of Arizonans and there are trails (covered and uncovered) for your enjoyment.

At the end of it all, camping is an affordable and healthful way to enjoy some family time. Get out there and enjoy that beautiful fall weather!

My Off-Road Experience: Lessons Learned

Editor’s Note: The story that follows (and is continued on www.westernoutdoortimes.com) explains how these lessons became crucial for Tonya and her husband.

BY TONYA GARDNER

Lesson #1 Only carry what you need.
Lesson #2 Make sure you have all valuables out of your machine.
Lesson #3 Make sure you have all important numbers in your phone before leaving.
Lesson #4 Have two or three ways to light a fire.
Lesson #5 When camping at a lake like Roosevelt Lake, you can also enjoy water sports during the day including kayaking, wakeboarding, and tubing.
Lesson #6 Hiking is a favorite pastime of Arizonans and there are trails (covered and uncovered) for your enjoyment.

My husband and I recently purchased a UTV as we wanted to be able to spend family time. Get out there and enjoy that beautiful fall weather!
AZGFD Study Clarifies Mexican Wolf Historical Range

Evidence shows range includes southern parts of Ariz., N.M. and 90 percent in Mexico.

A recent peer-reviewed scientific paper re-affirmed the historical range of the endangered Mexican wolf as being southeastern Arizona, southwestern New Mexico and the Sierra Madre Mountains in Mexico.

To Clarify Range
The paper was the featured article published in the July issue of The Journal of Wildlife Management, a leading international wildlife science journal. The authors — each reputable experts in their respective fields — included a skull morphologist, internationally known geneticist, and an Arizona Game and Fish Department biologist.

In the peer-reviewed paper, they use ecological, physiographic and morphological data to clarify the Mexican wolf’s historical range.

“Most sources prior to the mid-1990s were in agreement and defined the historical range of the Mexican wolf as southeastern Arizona, southwestern New Mexico and portions of Mexico,” the paper states. “Of this historical range, 10 percent occurs in the United States and the remainder in Mexico.”

Historical Data
Historical data show other subspecies of wolves roamed the Southwest, but each differed from the smaller, distinctly

Scientifically Defensible Plan
Extending the historical range boundary northward would place Mexican wolves north of historical transitions in wolf body size, breaks in vegetation associations, barriers to gene flow and substantial differences in prey base, which help form and identify subspecies differences, the paper states.

“Rather it should respect original descriptions that were made when the animal was still present on the landscape... Clarifying the historical range of the Mexican wolf accurately will be foundational to developing a scientifically defensible recovery plan,” the paper states.

Additionally, introducing Mexican wolves too far north of their historical range runs the risk of “genetic swamping” by the larger Northern Rockies wolves, said AZGFD biologist Jim Heffelfinger, who co-authored the paper.

State Employees’ Campaign Raises Money For Charities
The public also can enter a raffle for a 2017 Polaris Ranger Crew 570-4 donated by RideNow Powersports.

Each year the State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC) gives State of Arizona employees the opportunity to voluntarily contribute monetary donations to support nonprofit agencies. The funds raised by state employees support more than 400 charities.

The campaign conducts events and promotions that are usually limited to state employees, but this year there is an opportunity for the public to participate.

Wildlife for Tomorrow, 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 aren’t adequate, is offering, through a raffle, the chance to win a Polaris custom camouflaged Ranger, generously donated by RideNow Powersports.

For more information, visit the SECC Website at https://secc.az.gov/2017-prizes-and-rules or https://secc.az.gov/.

AZGFD Asks Hunters To Help Keep CWD At Bay
Arizona remains Chronic Wasting Disease-free due to surveillance efforts.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is asking hunters to continue their part to help keep Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a neurodegenerative wildlife disease that is fatal to deer and elk, at bay.

All successful deer and elk hunters are encouraged to bring the head of their harvested animal, especially bucks and bulls, to any department office statewide between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The preferred method for delivery is to place the head in a heavy-duty plastic trash bag, and keep it cool and out of the sun.

The department also requests hunters to provide accurate hunter information (name, telephone number), as well as hunt information (hunting number, game management unit in which the animal was harvested, state and hunting license number). This information is crucial should a positive CWD sample occur.

Department officials did not find any cases of CWD in the 1,200-plus deer (mule and white-tailed) and elk that were harvested by hunters and voluntarily submitted for testing in 2016. Game and Fish has been testing for the presence of the disease in Arizona since 1998. While CWD has been found in the neighboring states of Utah, New Mexico and Colorado, the disease has not been detected in Rocky Mountain Elk.
We Salute Our Veterans, Past And Present

They deserve our thanks and respect, and here are just three of many ways we can honor them.

Ben Avery Clay Target Center

Military, first responders will receive discounts at Ben Avery Clay Target Center. As a salute to those who keep everyone safe, the Ben Avery Clay Target Center has announced that the first Thursday of every month will be “Military and First Responders Appreciation Day.”

All military members (active, reserve and retired) and first responders (all law enforcement, EMTs) will receive a discounted rate when purchasing a round(s) of trap, skeet or sporting clays, or an archery day-use pass. Proof of service is required.

Pricing

- Trap: 25 targets “wobbble” ($6), 25 targets “international” ($6), 25 targets “bunker” ($6.50)
- Skeet: 25 targets ($5.50)
- Sporting clays: 25 targets ($9), 50 targets ($18), 100 targets ($27)
- Gold card: $100 refill ($95)
- Archery: day-use pass ($6), 10-day pass ($65)

The Ben Avery Clay Target Center is a professionally managed public shotgun-shooting facility, located at 5060 W. Skeet St. (about 1.5 miles west of Interstate 17 on West Carefree Highway) in north Phoenix. Hours: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

For more information, call (623) 434-8119, or visit https://www.azgfd.com/Shooting/BACTC/.

National Parks

Combine great scenery and history with great savings and visit a national park for free on Saturday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 12 Veterans Day Weekend.

“National parks are known for their priceless beauty,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “They are a bargain anytime but on these [remaining] days in 2017, they really will be priceless. We want everyone to visit their national parks and the [remaining] free fee days provide extra incentive to experience these amazing places.”

During the fee free days, all National Park Service sites will waive their entrance fees for all visitors. Usually, 124 of the 413 national parks charge entrance fees that range from $3 to $30. The other 289 sites do not have entrance fees. The entrance fee waiver for the fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for things such as camping, boat launches, transportation, or special tours.

To continue the national park adventure beyond these fee free days, the annual $80 America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks. There are also free or discounted passes available for senior citizens, current military members, fourth grade students, and disabled citizens.

The National Park System includes more than 84 million acres and is comprised of 413 sites including national parks, national historical parks, national monuments, national recreation areas, national battlefields, and national seashores. There is at least one national park in every state.

Last year, 307 million people visited a national park. They spent $16.9 billion which supported 295,000 jobs and had a $32 billion impact on the U.S. economy. In addition to national parks, the National Park Service works with tribes, local governments, and partners across the country to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities.

Programs such as the National Register of Historic Places, National Heritage Areas, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and the Rivers, Trails, Conservation Assistance Program revitalize communities, celebrate local heritage, and provide places for people to get outside, be active, and have fun.

In Scottsdale: Celebrating WWII And All Veterans

A first-of-its-kind event in Scottsdale is being held on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Scottsdale Airport. The honored guest and keynote speaker is legendary fighter pilot Captain Jerry Yellin, subject of The Last Fighter Pilot best seller and of an upcoming documentary. Captain Yellin flew the last combat mission over Japan in World War II.

On the podium will be emcee and radio host Mike Broomhead and Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane who will provide Veterans Day comments.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Thunderbird Field II Veterans Memorial and DreamCatchers, a charity using volunteers from high schools and colleges all over the U.S. to fulfill the final dreams of hospice patients.

The event will have various WWII military aircrafts, vehicles and 1940s-era cars on display, a great “Chow Line,” 1940s-style cocktails, delicious coffee concoctions, big band music and of course, dancing will be featured. To compliment the mood and ambiance, all attendees are encouraged to dress in 1940s attire.

Pilots Once Trained Here

The venue is Ross Aviation’s south hangar at the Scottsdale Airport, which originally opened June 22, 1942, as Thunderbird Field II, an Army Air Corp training facility. Over 5,500 AAC pilots trained in the Stearman PT-17 aircraft.

The Thunderbird Field II Veterans Memorial will commemorate this rich history of the Scottsdale Airport and honor all veterans.

A Stearman PT-17 bi-plane, the kind that flew at Thunderbird Field II in the 40s, will be the centerpiece of the Veterans Memorial.

The event will celebrate all veterans as well as the birthday of the United States Marine Corp.

After comments by Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane, keynote speaker Capt. Yellin will dazzle you with his stories and feats of heroism. Afterwards, the event will feature a Live and Silent Auction and other opportunities for participants to sup-

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In Scottsdale: Celebrating WWII And All Veterans
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Giving A Little Bit Of Home Means So Much

As the giving season and the special time we honor our veterans approaches, there is a special program that assures those that share and serve, our country are not forgotten: “Packages from Home”.

Generally, the smaller, travel sizes of hygiene and food supplies are recommended. Some of the items that our service members particularly appreciate receiving are the following:

- **Hygiene Supplies** such as foot powder, band sanitizer, eye drops, lip balm, sunscreen, deodorant (not anti-perspirant), lotions, shampoo and conditioner (travel size), hair products, wets (unscented), feminine products, disposable razors, shaving cream, toothpaste (small size), toothbrushes, band aids, toilet paper, tissue packs (travel size), bug repellant, cool ties, etc.

- **Food Items** such as single drink mixes, pop tarts, canned soup, microwave pop corn, sunflower seeds, coffee (one-pound packs), slim Jims, canned chili/ravioli/spaghetti-Os, ramen soup noodle mix (3 oz.), canned fruit, canned tuna, chicken, turkey, granola/power/energy bars, Rice Krispie treats, snack crackers, hot chocolate (individual size), jelly (squeezable in plastic containers), peanut butter in plastic containers, nuts (trail mix 1.5-6 oz.) fritur snacks, condiments, tabasco sauce (2 oz.), saltine crackers in sleeves, etc.

- **Wearables** such as tee-shirts, boxer shorts (med., lge., XL), socks (men’s and women’s), etc.

- **Recreational Items** (new or gently used) such as dominos, handheld games, ping pong paddles/balls/nets, sports equipment and nets, video games and systems.

If your business has tee-shirts with its logo, we will donate a Web ad for 25 or more of those shirts you send to this program. Please contact jim@azbw.com if you choose to participate.

Your gifts (clearly marked “Packages from Home”) may be delivered or mailed to University Presbyterian Church, 139 E Alameda Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282. We suggest that you call first: (480) 966-6267.

'TIS THE SEASON

Soon It’s Time To Cut Your Own Merry Christmas Tree

The 2017 holiday season is upon us! And, as we creep towards the end of the year, those celebrating Christmas have a big item placed near the top of their to-do lists.

Sat., Nov. 18 is the start of the 2017 Christmas Tree Cutting Season. Permits go on sale Friday, Nov. 17 and end just before Christmas. Permits are sold over-the-counter at the Mogollon Rim Ranger District Office, Forest Supervisor’s Office and Flagstaff Ranger District Office.

Learn how to obtain a Christmas tree permit and get information about the cutting area for the Coconino National Forest. Information for the upcoming season is announced in the fall. Permit sales and tree cutting generally start a week or so before Thanksgiving.

For those familiar with prior years’ Christmas tree permits, the cutting area is expected to be the same area on the Mogollon Rim Ranger District, with permits available at the Blue Ridge Ranger Station (300 permits), Flagstaff Ranger District (200 permits), and Supervisor’s Office (100 permits). More details will soon be available.

Picking Out A Christmas Tree

For those looking to get a natural tree for their home this year, there are several national forest offices in Arizona where you can pick up a Christmas tree tag. To be sure of availability, visit the specific national forest Web site in which you are interested.

Although at press time, the allotment of tags was not available, the prediction is that they will be close to the 2016 numbers that follow.

- **The Kaibab National Forest**
  - 800 tags at the North Kaibab Ranger District
  - 500 tags at the Tusayan Ranger District
  - 500 tags at the Williams Ranger District

- **The Tonto National Forest**
  - 500 permits at the Tonto Supervisor’s Office
  - 500 permits at the Mesa Ranger District

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service. It is also not to be confused with Armed Forces Day, a minor U.S. remembrance that also occurs in May, which specifically honors those currently serving in the U.S. military.

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port both Thunderbird Field II Veterans Memorial and DreamCatchers.

Steve Ziomek, Chairman of Thunderbird Field II Veterans Memorial board said, “The Swing Time Gala at the Scottsdale Airport will capture the mood and ambiance of an era known for Big Bands, Swing Dancing and Men and Women serving their country” and went on to say, “Scottsdale was at the very heart of training Army Air Corp pilots for war and deserves to have a true Veterans Memorial that the community as a whole can be proud of.”

The 11th Hour, The 11th Day, Of The 11th Month

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Arizona. CWD has not been documented to cause disease in people.

CWD is transmitted and spread by animal movement and direct contact, which means the illegal importation of a cervid carcass or parts with brain or spinal column tissue of an infected animal could introduce the disease into Arizona. To that point, an individual is only allowed to possess, transport or import the following items of cervids lawfully taken in another state or country:

- boneless portions of meat, or meat that has been cut and packaged,
- clean hides and capes with no skull or soft tissue attached,
- antlers, clean skull plates or skulls with antlers attached with no meat or soft tissue remaining,

finished taxidermy mounts or products (hunters may ship their harvested animal to a taxidermist), and
- upper canine teeth with no meat or tissue attached.

Do not bring the brain, intact skull or spinal column of a deer or elk harvested in another state back into Arizona. It may take longer than a year before an infected animal develops symptoms of CWD, which can include drastic weight loss (wasting), stumbling, listlessness and other neurological symptoms. CWD can affect animals of all ages, although it’s most frequently noticed in older animals. CWD is fatal, and there are no treatments or vaccines.

All hunters are advised not to shoot, handle or consume any animal that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick. Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing deer or elk. All hunters are asked to contact the department at 1-(800)-352-0700 if they see or harvest an animal that appears to be sick.
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ed back toward the Escalante and began trolling and casting along a big rockslide near Hole in the Rock. We caught stubby smallmouth all along the rocky shoreline on a variety of lures. We checked another rocky shoreline to see if this was the only spot they were hitting. No, smallmouth bass turned on everywhere we tried from 2-4 p.m. Fish caught immediately went from none to too many.

This reminds me so much of spring-time bass fishing when they will not bite at all in the cool morning and then turn on like crazy as the water warms in the afternoon. With temperatures now in the high 60s, bass behavior is much like pre-spawn fish. Afternoon angling was definitely best for us but that feeding period may enlarge as weather continues to stabilize and the full moon continues to “wayne”.

Afternoon: Prime Time
Back at camp we learned that stripers exhibited the same behavior. They did not bite in the morning but when the same rocky points were tried after 2 p.m., the stripers took off and 30 fish were landed.

It seems the pattern right now is up to the fish. It is not about the best lure or the best spot. Many different types of spoons, bucktail jigs and medium-running crankbaits worked when stripers were active while none worked when they were inactive. Topwater, shallow square bill cranks, rattletraps all caught bass in the afternoon prime time.

I suspect the same timing pattern will apply to catching fish over the length of the lake for awhile. If you can only fish for a short time, make sure it is in the afternoon. I feel that fishing success will improve as the weather warms and the lake remains calm.

Wind tends to mix warm water from the surface with cool water in the depths. That drops the water temperature and slows fishing success. Warming then makes the fishing better just as it does in the springtime.

At press time, lake elevation was 3628.12 and water temperature was 68-70F.

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There’s always been a close relationship among individuals who enjoy off-roading, RVing, boating, fishing, hunting and camping; 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-place in the country is that fact more evident than Lake Havasu City.

“MOTORSPORTS and outdoor recreation are a natural cross-over blend of similar interests. Because of that, we plan to capture the spirit of these complementary markets by offering an opportunity to browse, compare, and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, Jeeps, sand cars, ATVs, UTVs, 4 X 4s, buggies, rock crawlers, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats, pontoons, kayaks, paddleboards, fishing gear, bicycles, mobility scooters, golf cars, camping equipment, and all related accessory products and services in one convenient place.

A Close Relationship

As a college English teacher, editor, and writer of both fiction and non-fiction for many years, I am available online (or in person) to help those working toward their GEDs, those who need help with resumes, and with both advertising and proposals.

More Details/Information

The Sand - Water - RV Expo will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 and on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adult admission is only $5.00, children 6 and under are free and on-site parking is also free. Food, beverage and beer garden concessions are on-site; dogs are okay on leash. The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge directly behind the Hampton Inn.

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.

Lost Our Home Invites You To This Holiday Celebration

Help us prepare or join us for a Purrfect Holiday Celebration to support rescue pets! Enjoy sparkling champagne, a delicious brunch, a huge silent auction with gifts for everyone’s holiday shopping list, rousing live auction with a vivacious auctioneer, adorable pets, and inspiring stories.

A big and exciting announcement will be made so this event is one to attend! Spread the word and bring your friends/family that you want to introduce to the rescue.

Where: Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia
When: Sunday, Dec. 3, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tickets: https://sistaybranch2017.auction-bid.org/microsite
For more information, visit www.los-tourhome.org
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at the Valley’s only boat show. Marinas and marine-accessory exhibitors will expand the products and services offered at show prices.

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“In addition to the Arizona Boat Show®, the expo will feature an expanded line-up of off-road vehicles, SUVs and trucks, plus recreational vehicles and camping RVs,” said Brian Layng, CEO and president. “More than 150 other exhibitors will offer a tremendous selection of outdoor products and services, plus adventure-travel destinations in Alaska, Canada, Mexico, South Africa and across the West,” he said.

WestWorld’s facility is currently home to some of the largest and most-popular consumer events in the Southwest, including the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction, the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show, and the Goodguys Spring Nationals car show.

For more information, contact John Kirk at jkirk@SportExpos.net or visit www.AZBoatShow.com

BOAT PARADES
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Want to enter your boat in the parade? Anyone is welcome and prizes are given for Grand Marshal’s Award, Commodore’s Award, Best Family/Individual Award, Best Corporate Entry Award, Best First-Time Entry Award, Best Service Club/Organization Award, Judge’s Choice Award, and Best Sparkle Award.

Boat parade participants and sponsors invite you to visit the docks in front of the London Bridge Resort where parade floats will be lit up nightly beginning at dusk.

Bonfires will be permitted throughout the Channel on the island-side beach areas but must be contained in a portable, self-contained fire pit. All ashes must be removed entirely and the area left clean. Absolutely no digging of fire pits in the sand and no dumping of ashes in the water. The area will be patrolled throughout the evening. (Bon fires are not permitted on the new white-sand beaches at the north end of the channel.)

There will be great viewing at the Nautical Beachfront Resort (the starting point of the Parade of Lights). Rotary Beach, throughout the Channel on both sides between Rotary Beach and Windsor Beach, the English Village, across the London Bridge, and at any of the restaurants along the Channel.*

*If you plan on watching from the Channel restaurants, early reservations are recommended.

There is no charge to view The 35th Annual Boat Parade. Plenty of free parking is available at the English Village and in the parking areas on the island near the Channel. Plan to get there early as traffic around the London Bridge can become congested.

Event categories include Boating, Channel District, Family Fun, and Top-25 District.

For more information, visit bhpboatparadeflights.com, call or email Organizer Tammy Kastele: (928) 486-4159, tkastele@gmail.com.

TEMPE TOWN LAKE
(Sat., Dec. 9)
2017 Fantasy Of Lights Boat Parade Will Dazzle The Crowd

Light up the night and be dazzled at the Valley’s most unique holiday event, the 2017 Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade presented by SRP at Tempe Town Lake. The Boat Parade will feature as many as 50 festively lighted boats of all sizes.

After dark, more than a thousand luminarias will illuminate the sidewalks and paths of Tempe Beach Park, a special display provided by Tempe South Rotary.

Come early to Tempe Town Lake at 80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, AZ 85281

For more information, phone (480) 355-6060 or visit http://www.downtowntempe.com/explore/events/fantasy-of-lights

SAN DIEGO BAY
(Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17)
San Diego Bay Parade Announces 2017 Theme

One of San Diego’s most popular holiday events is scheduled for two December Sundays, the 10th and the 17th. Recently, the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights announced the theme for this year’s holiday boat parade: “Arrgh! A Pirate’s Christmas.” This year marks the 46th anniversary for the Parade of Lights.

“The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights gives boat enthusiasts and owners an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity in a fun way and we can’t wait to see what they come up with to celebrate a pirate’s Christmas this year,” said Parade Chairman Larry Baumann. “I’m sure the thousands of spectators who visit the bay to view the dazzling lighted boats will get a kick out of this year’s theme.”

Presented by the Port of San Diego, the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights brings more than 100,000 San Diego residents and visitors to the San Diego Bay waterfront each year. The procession of about 80 lavishly decorated boats has become one of our region’s most iconic holiday events.

The parade route starts at Shelter Island and travels west past Harbor Island, then south along the Embarcadero, Seal Port Village, and Cesar Chavez Park before turning parallel with the Coronado Bridge to the west side of the bay. The parade then proceeds past Poohe’s to the finish line in front of the Ferry Landing. It takes about two hours to complete the trip and there are many comfortable waterfront viewpoints along the route.

A variety of prizes and awards are presented to the best decorated boats and those that best capture the parade’s theme. All participants will receive a participant plaque and are invited to the awards dinner held at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse.

Those interested in sponsoring the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights, can contact Joni Geis at (619) 823-5220 or jonij@boatlenderusa.com. For more information and parade details, visit www.sdparadiseflights.org.

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