

Mark Your Calendars And Save The Dates For Awesome Spring Events

ON THE COVER



This Season Starts It All

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

Thanks again to Bob Brown of Media Direction for the featured photo. The “cover girl” for this issue shows the form for fun in the water as the weather warms. Yes, it’s boating season again in the Southwest, and the Lake Havasu Boat Show is the place to be to get a head start on what’s new in craft and accessories this year.

But wait; there’s more! At Lake Pleasant, the second annual Lanterns at the Lake event is just around the corner. It’s a beautiful and meaningful time to launch memories, wishes, and dreams via lighted lanterns sent aloft.

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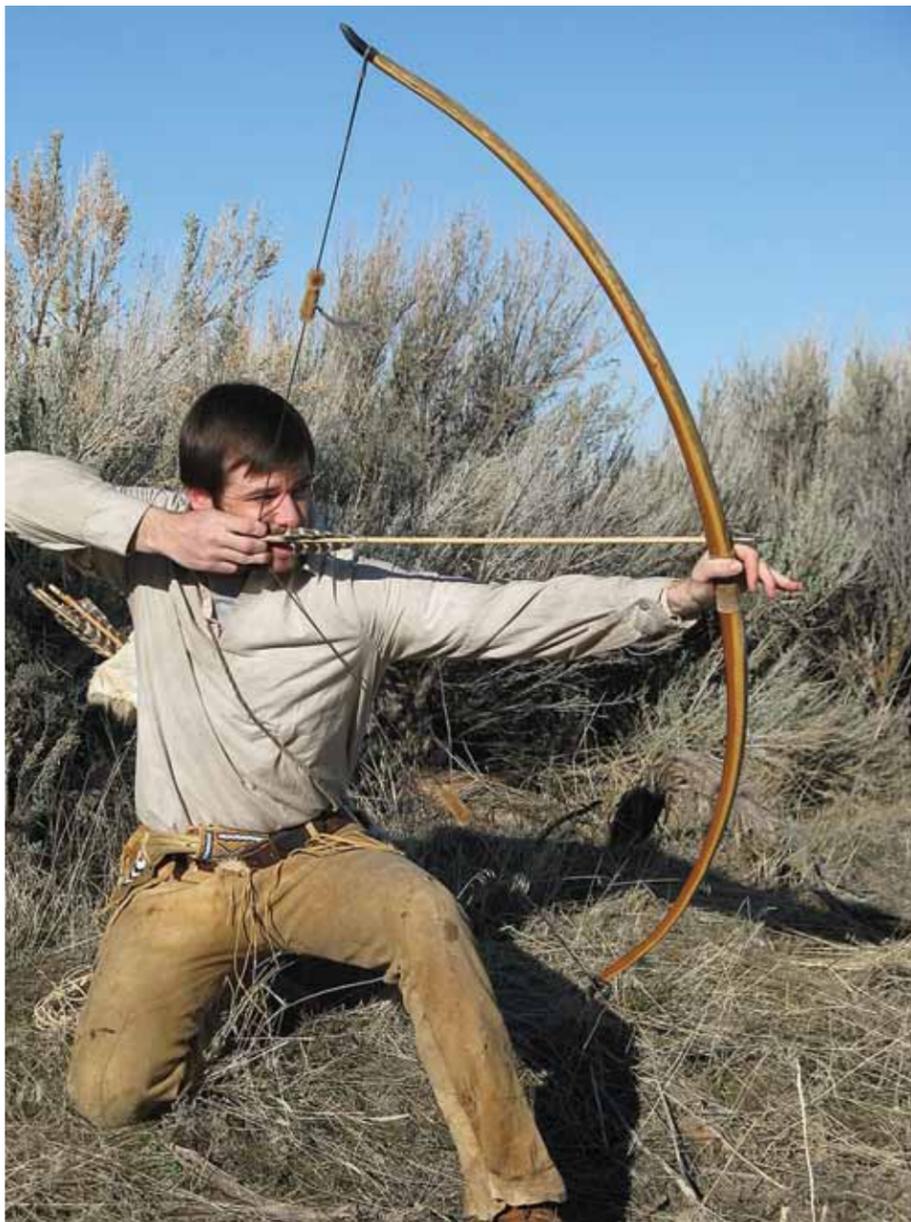


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Outdoors For All: Bring Your Family; Bring Your Friends



AZGFD Expo is the largest hands-on expo in Arizona.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo dates are set for the next four years, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix. The Expo is held on the last weekend of March (March 29-31, 2019), as it has been for the last 11 years. And, admission and parking are free!

Fun For All Ages

There are always plenty of hands-on fun for all ages. There are huge family fishing tanks. See all sorts of live wildlife. Learn target archery and try other shooting sports in a safe, supervised, controlled environment on the range.

Shooting Events Galore

Get a feel for specialty shooting disciplines like clay target, cowboy action, practical pistol, black powder, and air gun. Check out the many firearms manufacturers.

And Much More

There is an always popular cowboy mounted shooting competition, as well as OHV, ATV, RV and boating exhibits. You can give kayaking a try at the “Lake Paddlemore” kayaking pond. Hike a field course and learn cool camping tips. Learn about boating and how to stay safe on the water.

Talk to experts about Arizona’s wildlife, fishing, hunting and more. Visit with more than 150 exhibitors, including out-

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Pleasant Harbor Hosts Second Annual Lanterns At The Lake

Thousands of lanterns return to illuminate skies above Lake Pleasant.

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

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TIM GUFFEY PHOTOGRAPHY

It’s ISE Time Again At WestWorld

International Sportsmen’s Expo has ‘latest & greatest’!

Arizona is a year-around outdoor paradise for boaters, campers, offroaders, RVers as well as anglers and hunters. The Expo offers plenty for all of those adventures -- gear, destinations, free advice and lessons, plus try-out areas and fun activities for the entire family.

For 2019, the Expo has partnered with Good Sam Club to create a 200,000-sq.-ft. RV Pavilion, offering the largest display in the show’s 20-year history. Plus, enjoy RV and #VanLife seminars, member discounts and special events.

The Latest

Enjoy the new Expanded Outdoor Product Showcase, presented by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and hosted by Gear Guru Dan Kidder. See and learn about the gear and

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BOATING

Salt River
 3/1-mid-May — Rafting on the Salt River; reservations online at www.RaftingSaltRiver.com

Lake Havasu State Park
 4/5-7 — Lake Havasu Boat Show; see details on page 1 of this issue.

4/24-28 — Londone Bridge Resort, Desert Storm 2019; www.StormPokerRuns.com

Tempe
 30-31 — 16th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival ñ Tempe Town Lake Marina. 100 dragon boat racing teams from all over the world including youth, college and adaptive sports teams as well as breast cancer survivors are expected to participate. 40-foot-long rowing canoes, 20 paddlers, one steersperson & a drummer in a 500-meter race. Features competitive and recreational dragon boat races, vendors, and Asian and Pacific inspired talented entertainment. Free. 9 am ñ 4 pm. <http://www.azdba.org>

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

AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing ó To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.ussailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

Avondale
 2-3 — Tres Rios Nature Festival —

Meridian Wildlife Area. Tres Rios Nature Festival is a two-day event in the spring. This free outdoor festival showcases the rich diversity of wildlife habitat, history and culture of the Gila River drainage, which is made up of the Gila, Salt and Agua Fria Rivers. From guided bird tours, canoeing on the river, archery, fishing and learning about Southwest wildlife, there is something for everyone during the best time of year to enjoy the Arizona weather! Free. Sat 10 am ñ 7:30 pm, Sun 10 am ñ 4 pm. 623-333-2400 or <http://tresriosnaturefestival.com>

Roosevelt
 9-10 — Heritage Days - Tonto National Monument. Includes cultural demonstrations, kids activities and visitors may hike to the Lower Cliff Dwelling or to the Upper Cliff Dwelling which is normally available only on ranger-guided tours and requires an advance reservation; fee free event. 8 am ñ 5 pm. <https://www.nps.gov/tont/index.htm>



▲ **Apache Junction**
 16-17 — Arizona Family Campout — Lost Dutchman State Park. Arizona Family Campout Programs are designed for families who have little or no experience camping. We'll introduce you to the experiences you can share with your family and inspire you to continue to explore the great outdoors! Learn how to set up a tent and to cook outside, plus you will get to try some fun activities you can do while camping! \$90 for a family of up to 4. <https://azstateparks.com/family-camp>

Tucson
 23-24 — Arizona Family Campout — Catalina State Park. Arizona Family Campout Programs are designed for families who have little or no experience camping. We'll introduce you to the experiences you can share with your family and inspire you to continue to explore the great outdoors! Learn how to set up a tent and to cook outside, plus you will get to try some fun activities you can do while camping! \$90 for a family of up to 4. <https://azstateparks.com/family-camp>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

Phoenix
 6 — Hellraising, Heroic and Hidden Women of the Old West — Pueblo

Grande Museum. Do you know the names of the women who helped settle the West? Join Jana Bummersbach to find out who they were. Although history tries to tell us ONLY men settled the Old West, that is shattered by Jana's verbal tour through some of the amazing women who made all the difference. Free. 6:30 pm. <http://www.pueblogrande.org/>

16 — 36th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade & Irish Family Faire - 3rd Street Virginia to Margaret T. Hance Park. parade at 10 am with pipe bands, marching bands, floats, Irish step dancers, Faire follows parade until 6 pm. \$10, 3 stages of Irish music and dancers, crafts, genealogy, Irish clubs, kids area, 602-280-9221 or <http://stpatricksdayphoenix.org/>

23 — Mountain Days: The John Muir Musical in Concert — North Valley Christian Academy. ProMusica is proud to present the Arizona Premier of this magnificent story of naturalist John Muir, one of the early founders of the National Park System. \$12-22. 7:30 pm. 623-326-5172 or <https://pmaz.org>

Scottsdale
 7-10 — 66th Annual Parada Del Sol Rodeo — WestWorld. Rodeos, major dances, concerts, live country western music, and children's activities. Friday & Saturday 1 & 7 pm, Sunday 2 pm. 480-990-3179 or <http://www.paradadelsol.org>



▲ **Chandler**
 8-10 — 31st Annual Ostrich Festival - Tumbleweed Regional Park. Ostrich races, carnival rides, live headline entertainment each day and the Music Coop showcasing local community performing groups and bands, exotic petting zoo, camel and pony rides, Kidzone, arts & crafts vendors. \$7-10. General admission Fri. 2 pm - midnight, Sat 10 am - midnight, Sun 10 am - 11 pm. 480-963-4571 or <http://www.ostrichfestival.com>

Gold Canyon
 Through 3/31G — 31st Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival — A medieval amusement park, a 13-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts & crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast- all rolled into one non-stop, day-long family adventure. \$18-28, Sat-Sun & President's Day. 10 am - 6 pm rain or shine. 520-463-2600 or <http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/>

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Our waterways are ready, but are you?

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- March 16 in Phoenix
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- March 9 in Phoenix
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Sign up online and get the details at www.azgfd.gov/boating or give us a call: 623-236-7258

Cold Water Safety

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

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

Register your Watercraft Online

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

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



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PORT BOATING



The Dragons To Paddle On Tempe Town Lake

Team Registration

The Arizona Dragon Boat Association would like to extend a warm welcome to teams from all over the world to our 16th Annual Dragon Boat Festival to be held March 30 and 31, 2019 on our beautiful Tempe Town Lake! We offer 10 Divisions: Mixed | Women | Open | Collegiate | Corporate | Masters | BCS | Adaptive or Disabled Athletes | Youth | High School. Additionally, we also offer our “Guts & Glory” and “Knock Out” races, with limited availability. Proceeds for the “Guts & Glory” and “Knock Out” races go to support the AZ Disabled Sports organization.

Notes

Paddlers must be at least 14 years old to race, with the exception of the Youth Division (8 – 14 years old), Junior Division (< 18 yrs old), and High School (no age restrictions). Mixed teams must have a minimum of eight male and eight female paddlers (other four can be either). Women's teams must be female and have a minimum of 16 paddlers; however, there are no gender requirements for steersperson or drummer.

Open teams must have a minimum of 16 paddlers. Collegiate, Corporate and Masters must have a minimum of 16 paddlers, 8 of which must be female. BCS teams must have a minimum of 16 paddlers, all of which must be breast cancer survivors or female cancer survivors. There is no BCS requirement for the steersperson or drummer. Youth and High School Divisions have no gender restrictions but must have a minimum of 16 paddlers. We allow a maximum roster of 25 team members and therefore, will only be providing 25 medals per winning team.

Out-of-town team practices will be on Friday, March 29. We will require all teams to sign waiver forms and deliver them to the practice coordinator(s). All team(s) must comply to all of the Tempe Town Lake's rules at the practices, the practice coordinator will review this information with your steers.

For any questions on team information, please contact Michele Laye (in-state/corporate) or Ash Lagazo (out-of-state) at festivalteams@azdba.org

Corporate Teams

Dragon boating provides the ultimate team building platform to boost morale while promoting key abilities essential in a work environment. Dragon boat racing is an exhilarating and addictive sport that requires communication and team work

to be successful. Rhythm, discipline and focus are just a few characteristics important to this awesome sport.

Our annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival offers an opportunity for local and regional businesses and organizations to join in the fun. We had another record year for participants in 2018 and look forward to more great teams to join in 2019! Compete with companies like Mayo Clinic, Wells Fargo, SRP, Intel, AT&T and many more.

We make it easy to participate, and the best part is — no experience is necessary. We'll provide you with everything you need, including equipment, practice time and a qualified coach!

If you are still hesitating because of lack of confidence, there's even more help. We've developed a New Corporate Dragon Boat Captain's Starter Kit just for you. It has everything you need in order to field a successful Dragon Boat Crew in our festival for the very first time. We provide you guidance on funding your team, recruiting tips, putting together a roster, and lots of logistical tips on planning out everything from the practices all the way through race weekend!

Volunteers

Are you interested in being an event volunteer? The Arizona Dragon Boat Festival has over 2000 paddlers from all over the country attending to compete. With that many attendees, we require a full staff of volunteers to help with the days' business — from set-up and parking to staging crew and dock hands — we have to fill all the roles.

Here's how it works in four easy steps:

- 1) Click the link to volunteer at <http://azdba.org/>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Review the waiver
- 4) Submit.

Note: We do not share your email address with anyone.

To see all positions and to answer some of your questions download the volunteer packet.

If the packet does not answer all of your questions please contact volunteers@azdba.org and someone will get back to you.

Our Mission

The AZDBA (Arizona Dragon Boat Association) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose primary mission and

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What's Up This Month At Havasu?

Hobie cats, PWCs race, and Spring Break is on the horizon.

• **McCulloch Cup - Hobie Cat Regatta, March 23:** What's a Hobie Cat? Glad you asked. It's a small sailing catamaran manufactured by the Hobie Cat Company. Competitors travel from across the Western U.S. for this regional mid-winter sailing event, which is the first event of the 2019 Hobie Division 2 regatta schedule. Spectators are welcome to watch from the water or the beach as colorful sailboats race on the blue waters of Lake Havasu. Sponsored by Lake Havasu Hobie Fleet 88 and the Lake Havasu Yacht Club. Admission: \$3 for spectators. Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4, 171 London Bridge Rd.

See more at: <https://golakehavasu.com/event/hobie-mcculloch-cup/2019-03-23/>

• **JetJam Racing - Personal Watercraft (PWC), March 30:** When late night host Jimmy Kimmel wanted to award a JetSki during the 2018 Oscars telecast, he naturally thought of Lake Havasu City,



often called the "Jet Ski Capital of the U.S."

During JetJam, watch for who gets the "hole shot," who is riding the best, and who is moving up from behind. Spectators can line the beach at Nautical Beachfront Resort to watch world champions compete for top speed and hard-earned glory, while amateur riders hit the proving ground to test their abilities. Admission is free to spectators. Nautical Beachfront Resort, 1000 N. McCulloch Blvd.

A Word About Spring Break

Of course, if spring break is your thing, Lake Havasu has you covered with

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Rolex Yachtsman, Yachtswomen Of The Year Announced

J/70 World Champion, Jud Smith (Gloucester, Mass.), and Girl's International 420 Youth Sailing World Champions, Carmen and Emma Cowles (Larchmont, N.Y.), were selected as Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswomen of the Year for their remarkable sailing performances in 2018.

Established in 1961 by US Sailing and sponsored by Rolex Watch, U.S.A. since 1980, the annual presentation of US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year awards are considered the sport's ultimate recognition of an individual's outstanding on-the-water achievements for the calendar year.

Over its history, the coveted awards have been presented to 44 men and 37 women, including these distinguished sailors who have claimed the honor multiple times: Ed Adams, Betsy Alison, Sally Barkow, Dave Curtis, Dennis Conner, JJ Fetter, Terry Hutchinson, Allison Jolly, John Kostecki, Buddy Melges, Lowell North, Jan O'Malley, Jane Pegel, Ken Read, Cory Sertl, Lynne Shore, Jud Smith, Jody Starck, Anna Tunnicliffe and Ted Turner.

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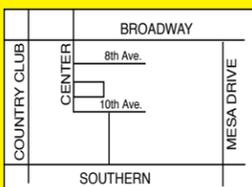
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'Treasures Of The Sea Of Cortez' Launches

Finally, cruises along Mexico's Pacific Coast are underway. Cruise and Maritime Voyages (CMV) — a privately owned British Company began the service out of



Rocky Point, Mexico

Rocky Point (*Puerto Penasco*) with *Astoria* in early December.

During its inaugural season, the company is booking reservations for Dec. 7, 18 and 29 in 2019, and Jan. 9, 20 and 31 in 2020.

Each voyage will be 11 days and take passengers to eight ports (Topolobampo and Mazatlan in Sinaloa; Cabo San Lucas, La Paz, Loreto and Santa Rosalia in Baja California Sur, and Guaymas in Sonora along the Gulf of California (the Sea of Cortez) with starts and ends of each trip in Rocky Point).

According to John Dennis, CMV vice president of sales and marketing, says he expects many of the passengers will come from Arizona. He added that the cruise ship *Astoria* has a capacity for about 550 people. Dennis said CMV is optimistic about the launch. And depending on its success and reception, Dennis added, the company envisions making it a yearly offering. With time, the company envisions possibly having year-round service with shorter cruises, he added.

Impact On Rocky Point

The governor of Sonora, Claudia Pavlovich, has said she hopes CMV will be a catalyst for other companies to consider Rocky Point a home base for future cruises and thus give a boost to the area's economy.

Hector Platt Maxon, sub-director of the Sonora Tourism Commission, has cautiously estimated that the economic impact per port (for these six voyages) will be somewhere between 100,000 and 200,000 dollars.

Problematic Plans

Sonora's plans have, however, encountered serious roadblocks. It's been years of delay to the construction of a home-port dock for cruise ships in the city, and at press time, there was still no definite timeline for its completion because of lack of funding.

Aided by Arizona's governor Doug Ducey, Pavlovich did secure 13 million dollars in the Mexican federal budget to renew construction of the home port. This funding is predicted to cover the completion of the project's first-of-three phases by 2020. However, 80.5 million is needed to cover the last two phases, according to the state.

For more information, visit <https://us.cruiseandmaritime.com/cruise/r004/treasures-of-the-sea-of-cortez> ■

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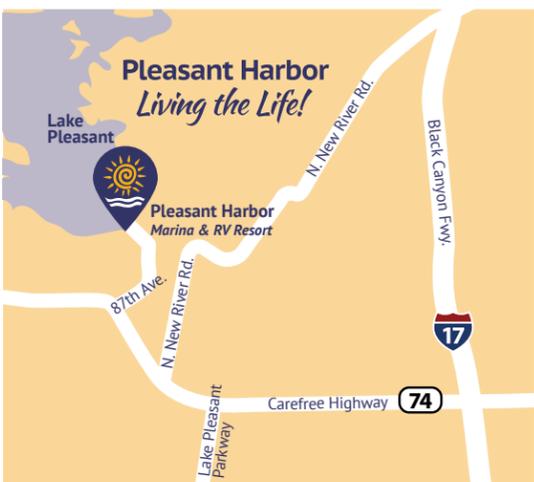


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DESERT SHOOTING

To Ensure Future Access, Keep It Clean

BY JOHN ANDERSON

When I was a kid, you could drive out Cave Creek Road to Jomax Road and be in the boonies. We'd go out there as a family, often with another family or a few aunts and uncles. While the ladies made breakfast, we'd set up a bunch of cans or cardboard boxes and we'd all take turns shooting at them. It was one of my favorite things to do as a kid.

Afterwards, we'd pick up all the cans and targets and toss the paper and cardboard in the fire, but take the cans home to dispose of. One thing I learned as a kid: if you take it out there, you bring it back. Most people were like that back then.

Not Like The Good Old Days

If you do much driving around in the desert you know it isn't like that anymore. People use the desert for a dump, and shoot up anything — including signs and cacti. It's a shame because those people are ruining it for all of the rest of us. Many landowners have locked their gates, and it's getting harder and harder to find a place to shoot.

As shooters, we need to police ourselves. I don't mean accost litterers — that could be dangerous. But if you stop to shoot somewhere and there is a lot of trash around from others, pick it up. Margie and I carry a bunch of big trash bags around with us in the Can Am and we pick up trash almost every time we go out.

Dangerous: Shooting Signs

Also, I've never actually witnessed any nitwits shooting signs, but if I ever do, you can bet I'll get license plates and call the authorities. The thing about shooting signs is that not only does it make people angry and cost taxpayer money — it's also very dangerous. Your bullet goes right through that sign. Who knows where it will end up? Someone's house? Someone's chest? Bullets can travel well over a mile and it's crucial to have a backstop whenever you fire your weapon outside.

Bear

Bear hunts begin this month. Some run through July. You must have a valid hunting license as well as a hunt permit tag obtained through the draw — *except* for a general non-permit or archery-only non-permit, obtainable from a Game and Fish office or a license dealer. The non-permit tag hunts run March 22 to July 31. Check the regulations for details.

Limits are set for different areas for the non-permit tag hunts. When the limit is reached, that area is closed to bear hunting. The limits are low — one to three bears per area. You must call to see if your area is still open to hunting, and you must call to report when you have killed a bear.

Mountain Lion

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

Other Birds And Mammals
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This Action Targets Dueling Tree features targets that swing from one side of the center to the other when hit. These are a ton of fun, but they can be pricey, depending on the caliber for which they are rated.

Practicing In The Desert

There are a lot of reasons why you might want to shoot out in the desert instead of at the range. For one thing, at the range you are very limited as to how you can shoot. You can't really move as you shoot, you can't shoot prone, you can't practice shooting from cover, and basically all you can do is stand in one spot (or sit, at some) and shoot at a stationary target.

If you carry for self-defense, you need to practice different ways of shooting, and that means you need to go out where you can set up some targets and move around, crouch, lie on your belly to practice hunting shots, etc.

Where It's Allowed

First of all, you have to find a place where you're even allowed to shoot, period. There are still many places in the desert where this is possible, but get yourself a good map app that shows you land ownership so you don't end up on private property. Of course, you absolutely must obey "no shooting" and "no trespassing" signs.

In the Tonto National Forest you are only allowed to use targets that you take away with you after you are done. This makes sense anywhere. The Agua Fria National Monument is a huge area that



A good shooting spot needs a hill or a berm behind the targets.

has basically been closed to shooters except when you are hunting. When you do find a great spot, please clean up after yourself — no sense tempting the powers that be to close it.

For Safety's Sake

You must have a hill or a big berm for a backdrop so no bullets go flying out into the beyond. Don't pick a really rocky one because of ricochets. It also helps if there aren't a lot of bushes and cactus between you and your targets. Follow the same safety rules that you follow any time you are using a firearm, with the addition of this one: one shooter at a time if you are shooting while moving.

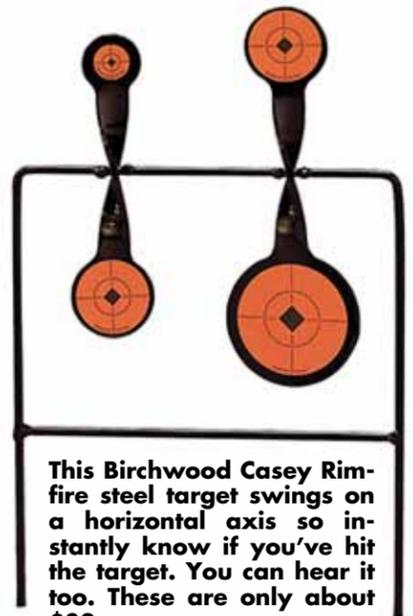
Just in case you forgot, here are the Four Commandments of Gun Safety:

- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- Keep the muzzle away from all non-targets.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and ready to shoot.
- Be sure of the target AND what is beyond it.

Use Your Own Target Stands

It makes sense that if you are going to be shooting out in the desert even occasionally, you should have your own target stands. You can make your own very inexpensively with PVC piping or standard lumber. All you need is a frame that will stand up and a way to clip the targets onto it.

We have tried the kind that are supposed to stick into the ground to stand, but those are really difficult to use. The desert



This Birchwood Casey Rimfire steel target swings on a horizontal axis so instantly know if you've hit the target. You can hear it too. These are only about \$32.

is just too hard a rocky. A nice frame with a wide base is a much better option. Here is a link to a great article on building a PVC Target stand: <http://www.gunshottersandgear.com/how-to-build-a-pvc-target-stand/>.

Option: Steel Targets

Another option is steel targets. Steel targets are great because you get instant feedback — you can hear if you have hit the target. They range in price from around \$30 for a rimfire target to over \$500 for a reactive target for larger calibers. Reactive targets are fun — the tar-

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MARCH ARIZONA HUNTING CALENDAR

A Valid Hunting License Required For All Hunts

COMPILED BY MARGIE ANDERSON

You must have a valid hunting license for all hunts, and permit tags for some. You must read the regulations. You can pick up a hard copy at many outdoor stores and all Game and Fish offices. You can also read and/or download all the regulation booklets at www.azgfd.gov. There are no application deadlines this month.

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(Sept 1, 2018-March 31, 2019)

Gunnison's Prairie dog: Season ends March 31. (Sept 1, 2018-March 31, 2019)

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

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

Predators: Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel, and badger: Ends March 31 (Aug 1, 2018-Mar 31, 2019)

Mammals except game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gun-

nison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine, and wolves: all year (July 1, 2018-June 20, 2019)

Jackrabbits in Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge: ends March 31 (September 1, 2018-March 31, 2019).

There are also separate seasons for shotgun for these animals — read the regulations.

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

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

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

*A non-permit tag is one that you simply purchase without having to be drawn.

AZ LAKES, AZ PROS: ALAMO WITH GREG PISHKUR

There's Great Fishing For Bass, Cats, And Crappie

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Alamo has great bass, catfish, and crappie fishing. We were up there with Greg Pishkur one May and we caught a bunch of nice largemouth on Chatterbaits in the main lake. Greg also took us up into the submerged trees in the river end and we tied into some big bass flipping white jigs.

Catchin' Crappie

If you want to catch crappie at Alamo just go out at night and soak some minnows under a floating light. There are a lot of trees sticking out of the water that make it easy to tie up and stay in one spot. If you don't want the hassle of keeping minnows alive, try small Power Grubs or Yamamoto grubs on 1/8-ounce pea-heads. You can fish them under a bobber or jig them by hand. Get a two-pole stamp and put out some nightcrawlers for catfish while you're at it.

Night Fish For Bass

Night fishing for bass is equally good at Alamo. Pishkur showed us several of his best areas, including the small coves near the dam and the steep rocky banks



Greg Pishkur

adjacent to the dam. He fishes topwater baits, jigs, plastic worms, and Senkos all around those areas, as well as flipping the trees.

If Fish Are Stubborn

If the fish are being stubborn, Pishkur switches to a drop-shot rig and fishes a little deeper. Across from the main ramp there are points and fingers hidden under the water, and they are covered with submerged brush. He has good luck fishing amongst these mossy branches. He uses 8-pound fluorocarbon line and little Chro-narch reel, and he rigs up with Bass Pro XPS cylinder drop shot weights and Gamakatsu drop shot hooks.

"Just drop it down and jiggle it," Pishkur advises, "then move to the next spot." He doesn't soak his drop-shot baits, he says.

Finding Alamo

Alamo Lake is on the Bill Williams River north of Wenden in west central Arizona. If you take Highway 60 to Wenden and go north from there, the road is paved all the way in. Contact Alamo Lake State Park at 1-877-MYPARKS. Alamo has great camping, a store, cabins, boat ramps, and great weather this time of year.

Get out there before it gets hot! You can find out all about what Alamo has to offer at azstateparks.com. ■

MARCH

This Favorite Annual Even Is Fun And Free!

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

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

Fishing Seminars

For the angler who wants to pick up a few tips for that next fishing trip, don't forget to look for the seminar schedule. You'll learn the "how to's" and get "insider tips" from the San Diego fleet skippers and other industry experts.

Kids' Fishing Adventure

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

Catch, Prep, Cook Center

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

Casting Contests

Sponsored By Seeker Rods & Avet



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

Izorline Knot-Tying Competition

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

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International Yellowtail Derby Begins Its Second Decade

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

Anglers first participated in the derby in 2009 and only lasted nine days; this year's tournament is nearly five times longer. The largest fish, as in years past, wins the tournament. Yellowtail, white sea bass and halibut are all eligible for the tournament's prizes.

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

The angler with the largest catch (and, hence, winner of the derby) would have his or her names etched on the Perpetual Trophy and receive his or her weight in beer from Ballast Point.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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It's A Great Time To Get Ready

Tip Of The Week

This is a great time to re-organize your tackle, put some fresh line on your reel, and make a solid strategy for when early spring conditions soon arrive. Remember that each target species usually requires its own set of specialized tackle.

For example, put together a small tackle box specifically for trout in Community fishing waters (4-pound test line, artificial dough baits, spinners, slip sinkers, split shots, swivels, etc.). Despite the winter storms in late February, steadier weather is forecast soon.

This major storm that rolled through the state provided some much-needed precipitation to the desert, yet it had been making fishing difficult or even more inaccessible.

Fortunately, rainbow trout thrive in

these colder temps. Check out the Arizona streamflows from the USGS -- we will be having some major runoff and inflows. As always, be safe: Keep an eye on the weather and watch out for flash flooding.

Community Stockings

Due to the inclement February weather, there were some delays in Community water's stockings. However, they have now resumed in the following: Red Mountain, Riverview, Evelyn Hallman, Papago Ponds, Steele Indian School, Encanto, Cortez, Desert Breeze, Kiwanis, Rio Vista, Surprise, Pioneer, Desert West, Alvord, and Green Valley Lakes.

Catch Of The Week

Send your fishing reports and photos to BFishing@azgfd.gov -- one will be selected for Catch of the Week ■

Mystery Of World Record Solved?

BY NICK WALTER

Have the redear sunfish at Lake Havasu really gone quagga crazy?

Five years after world-record redear sunfish catch, invasive quagga mussels are considered a likely contributor to monster sizes of these sunfish at Lake Havasu. Have these panfish that really can fill a pan, and are widely regarded as one of the better fish species to eat, found a surplus of invasive quagga mussels to munch?

A mystery remains: Redear sunfish at Havasu have been reaching world record sizes. But why, exactly? Let's dive into this piscatory puzzle.



caught a world-record redear sunfish from Lake Havasu. Five years ago, "panfish" took on a new meaning.

We're at the time of year when Lake Havasu tacked its world-record pin on

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That World-Record Feeling

On Feb. 16, 2014, Hector Brito caught a 17-inch, 5.78-pound world-record redear sunfish on a dropshot-rigged night-crawler. On Feb. 16, 2014, Hector Brito

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

Fishing Videos

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

Boat Rides Around The Bay

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

Gourmet Galley

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

Hot Tackle

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

Lots Of Boats

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

Marine Art

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

Open House On Fleet Boats

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

Entertainment All Day On Stage

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

You're Invited

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

Celebrate 100 Years Of The Grand Canyon Throughout 2019

- **March 1:** "Mapping Grand Canyon" Conference, ASU, Tempe, Ariz. Conference
- **March 2 - 3:** "Grand Canyon State" Performances, Tucson Symphony
- **April 9:** Event, Grand Canyon Storytellers, Phoenix, Ariz.
- **April 16:** Naturalization Ceremony, Mather Amphitheater
- **April 20:** Free Day, National Park Week, Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP)
- **May 10:** Railroad Day, Transconti-



GCNP Park

- **May 19:** Dedication, Powell Memo-

mental Railroad, Sesquicentennial

- **May 17-19:** Canyon Conservancy, Grand Supporters, GCNP

- **May 18:** Author's Presentation. Pete McBride's *Between River and Rim*, Shrine of the Ages,

rial Plaque, GCNP

- **May 24-25:** Wildlife Days, GCNP
- **June 22:** Junior Ranger Day, GCNP
- **June 22-19:** Centennial Summerfest and Star Party, GCNP
- **Throughout July:** Living History, "Echoes from the Canyon", GCNP
- **July 4:** 4th of July Parades in Flagstaff and Tusayan
- **Throughout August:** American Indian Heritage Days, GCNP
- **Throughout September:** Hispanic Heritage Month, GCNP

- **September 7-15:** Celebration of Art, GCNP

- **September 28:** Public Lands Fee-Free Day, GCNP
- **September 28:** Naturalization Ceremony, GCNP
- **November 9-10:** Celebration, Native American Heritage Month, GCNP
- **November 11:** Veterans' Fee-Free Day, GCNP
- **November 28:** Community Holiday Open House, Visitor Center Plaza, GCNP

REMEMBERING A MASTER

Mary Colter's Legacy Preserved In Four Works At The Grand Canyon

*Hopi House, Hermit's Rest, Lookout Studio and Desert View Watchtower are not only the best and least altered, but also some of the only remaining works of the master architect and interior designer Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter.

Located on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, these buildings highlight the ingenuity of Colter, chief architect and decorator for the Fred Harvey Company from 1902 to

1948.

More importantly, her creative free-form buildings at Grand Canyon took direct inspiration from the landscape and served as part of the basis of the developing artistic aesthetic for appropriate development in areas that became national parks.

The buildings are also significant as part of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad and Fred Harvey Company de-

velopment on the South Rim of Grand Canyon — their most important destination resort.

The Desert View Watchtower possesses additional regional significance in its tower paintings of American Indian designs that were copied from prehistoric pictographs and petroglyphs.

Colter was a perfectionist, who spent



Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter

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Please Visit This Great Web Page: www.azbw.com/arizona-rivers

BY JIM ALLEN

PUBLISHER

Why? Answer: Whether you are a native of Arizona or a newcomer, I'll bet that there are rivers and streams in Arizona that you did not know existed.

Margie Anderson (three times winner of the Arizona Game And Fish Commission Writer Of The Year Award)

wrote the preface for this page. She and her husband John have been fishing , hunting, hiking and RVing in Arizona for many years. They share a vast knowledge of the wonders of Arizona's outdoors in every issue of Arizona Boating & Watersports and Western Outdoor times.

Our "Arizona Rivers And Streams" web page offers in-

sights on where to go and what to do in Arizona. Please take a look. Let us know if you have a story or picture that you would like to see on this page.

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MY FAVORITE PLACES FOR WILDFLOWERS

Spring Is The Perfect Time To Savor The Beauty

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Wildflower season has started early this year and we had such great winter rains the show ought to be particularly gorgeous this spring. Because the wildflowers bloom later as the altitude increases, you can actually see great swaths of wildflowers clear through summer.

Arizona State Parks
Picacho Peak

Arizona's State Parks are great places to see flowers. Picacho Peak between Phoenix and Tucson is famous for amazing wildflower displays with bright colors carpeting the mountain some years. It is easy to get to — just head south from Phoenix or north from Tucson. It's a little over an hour from Phoenix.

Lost Dutchman, Alamo, Catalina, Red Rock

The State Parks website says they are predicting a phenomenal wildflower season this year at Lost Dutchman State Park as well. Alamo Lake State Park and Catalina are also good for flowers, and if you miss the early spring blossoms, you can head to Red Rock State Park near Sedona where the bloom usually starts around May.

Saguaro National Park

We saw some wonderful wildflowers when we visited Saguaro National Park near Tucson one year. It looked like there was a thick yellow carpet over the ground, and there were also lots of cactus blossoms and flowering trees. I usually look for the Palo Verde trees to start blooming in April and they are spectacular no mat-



Saguaro National Park East



Saguaro National Park East

ter where you are.

Cactus blossoms are some of my favorites, and you can see those all over the place, even in town. Prickly pear blossoms can be yellow, peach, red – you name it, and hedgehog blossoms are sometimes almost bigger than the cactus itself and always brilliantly colored. Keep an eye out for cacti in blossom wherever you go. Later on, you can even eat the fruit of the prickly pears. They make yummy jelly.

Bartlett, Lake Pleasant

Bartlett Lake has wonderful wildflow-



Bartlett Lake



Saguaro National Park East

ers as well – I wish I knew the names of all of them – all I can tell you is that in addition to the pink and red fairy dusters and the yellow palo verde trees, you can also see purple, orange, and pink flowers all over the place. If you have a boat, try going across the lake from the marina and check out the backs of the coves. Gorgeous! Lake Pleasant sometimes has a lot of gorgeous wildflowers as well, and there are plenty of roads to drive around on near the lake.



Hedgehog In Bloom



Poppy

Hummingbird Springs Wilderness

In a year like this one where we've had so much rain, you're going to be able to find unexpected swaths of wildflowers all over the desert. Hummingbird Springs Wilderness Area near Tonopah had lots of flowers last year, and I bet it will be even better this year. In particular we saw a lot of showy yellow flowers and the most intensely pink hedgehog cactus flowers

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out there. It was gorgeous. You'll need a 4WD or a UTV to get out there, but it's worth it. We also saw a flock of ibis at a waterhole out towards there.

Flagstaff Area

Buffalo Park

Up north the flowers bloom a little later. Flagstaff always has huge fields of sunflowers, and up on the mountains and in the meadows there are lots of colorful wildflowers. Buffalo Park is a favorite of ours, and in the summer there are a lot of beautiful flowers, especially in the meadow areas. But up on the mountain is where we really see a lot of blooms.



Kachina Trail

Kachina Trail

Kachina Trail has open meadows along the beginning of the trail, and if you get there at the right time of year, they will be filled with purple blossoms that remind me of snapdragons. There are also tons of smaller flowers, big yellow sunflower-like blossoms, and all kinds of pretty white flowers of various sizes.

Aspen Nature Loop

Another trail for flowers is the Aspen Nature Loop trail. This trail isn't one where we've seen huge masses of flowers, but there are incredibly beautiful ones scattered all over. We just love it there.



Cave Creek Regional Park

Cave Creek Area

A nice hike with flowers near Phoenix is The Dragonfly Trail near Cave Creek in the Jewel of the Creek Preserve. Spur Cross and Cave Creek Regional Park also often have incredible amounts of flowering shrubs and wildflowers. One year we hiked Cave Creek Regional Park and the flowers absolutely crowded the trails. It was so beautiful!



Cave Creek Regional Park



Cave Creek Regional Park



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A Perfect Time

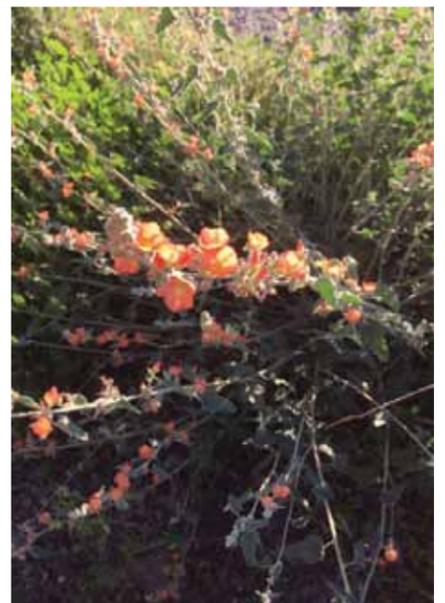
Actually, you can find flowers almost anywhere in the spring. Some are vivid carpets that are impossible to miss and others are carpets of tiny blossoms that you have to get close to before you notice them. Often there will be just a few making a colorful splash in a corner of the desert. But they all have this in common – you have to get outside and look around for them. This is the perfect time of year to do that! ■



Dragonfly Trail



Prickly Pear Blossoms



Desert mallow is a common wildflower.



Hopi House



Hermit's Rest

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a lifetime advocating and defending her aesthetic vision in a largely male-dominated field.

**As a group, these buildings were designated a National Historic Landmark District on May 28, 1987.*



Desert View Watchtower



Lookout Studio

TAKE A ROAD TRIP TO THE WATER

Stops At These Two Arizona Lakes Are Well Worth The Drive

Three Prescott Lakes offer recreation, and Pleasant Lake has a Paddlefest.

Prescott Soon To Have Four

The City of Prescott currently has three recreational reservoirs, Upper Goldwater, Watson, and Willow Lakes. The City is planning on opening Lower Goldwater Lake for recreational activities in either 2019 or 2020.

Upper Goldwater Lake was created when the dam was built in 1932 by the City of Prescott. The lake's maximum storage capacity is 700 acre feet. In the 1970s, with State Lake Improvement Funds, initial improvements were made and the lake was opened. In 2014, the facilities were expanded and a new well for potable water was drilled. Prior to the new well, potable water needed to be transported to the park.

Both Watson and Willow Lakes were acquired via a voter-approved referendum for \$15 million by the City in 1998 through the purchase of assets and water rights of Chino Valley Irrigation District. Following the successful purchase of the lakes, and a comprehensive master plan process, the City secured \$1 million in Federal and State grants for improvements to both lakes. These upgrades were



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Lake Pleasant

dedicated in 2005.

Facilities at Watson Lake Park were initially provided by the City in the 1970s. Since the 2005 dedication, more enhancements have been made through partnerships with various groups. Watson's storage capacity is 4,900 acre feet of water. Originally a part of Heritage Park, facilities at Willow Lake Park were built in the 1970s and included a rodeo arena. Renovations in the early 2000s uncovered the Prescott Culture archeological site. Maximum storage capacity is 7,800 acre feet of water.



Watson Lake

2019 Lake Pleasant Paddlefest

Lake Pleasant Paddlefest is a fun event for the whole family with opportunities to try out all types of paddlecrafts including sit-in and sit-on-top kayaks, canoes, rafts, Hobie pedal kayaks, inflatable kayaks and stand up paddleboards. There will be live music, games, and vendors for everyone to enjoy. Dress to get wet, and bring a life vest if you have one. Life vests will also be provided. The event is held in Fireman's Cove at Lake Pleasant Regional Park. See you there!

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Don't Miss Any Of These Magical Moments

Throughout March, the Arizona Renaissance Festival takes you back in history.

Merriment abounds! Get ready to be transported back to the 16th century as one of the largest and most picturesque Renaissance Festivals in the nation continues the raucous revelry below the foothills of the Superstition Mountains.

The Festival is celebrating its 31st season of pomp and pageantry and invites you to join in the revelry! The Arizona Renaissance Festival runs every Saturday **RENAISSANCE, continued on page 17**



County Advocates For Extended North Rim Season

As part of its ongoing economic development strategy, Coconino County released a Northern Arizona University (NAU) Alliance Bank Economic Policy

Institute economic study stating that if Grand Canyon National Park North Rim were open an additional four weeks a year, it would result in an additional \$14.3



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North Rim Visitor Center

million in economic growth and support an additional 183 jobs in the region.

May 1-October 30

The purpose of the study, funded and requested by the County, was to examine the economic impact of keeping the North Rim open to visitors from May 1 – Oct. 30, which would add two weeks on each end of the season. The report found that extending the season by one month would increase visitation by over 37,000 visitors and an additional \$10 million in direct expenditures.

"Coconino County has been an advocate for an extended season at the North Rim because of the positive effect it would have on our economy," said Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Art Babbott. "This study confirms, with empirical evidence, what the County has perceived. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank

Supervisor Lena Fowler for her tireless efforts in pushing for this study and keeping this issue alive."

The County commissioned the study to determine the economic vitality of an extended season at the North Rim. Adding more time for concessionaires to be open is a federal priority for the County and will be a topic of advocacy that the County carries forward to lawmakers and officials in the federal government.

Downsides To Current Shortened Season

"The businesses and communities in my district suffer from such a shortened season at the North Rim," said Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors Lena Fowler. "I appreciate the detailed and measured study our partners at the NAU Alliance Bank Economic Policy Institute took to complete this report at the request of the County. My colleagues and I will use this study to collaborate with all of the stakeholders in northern Arizona and southern Utah to work with the National Park Service and extend the season at the North Rim."

The Alliance Bank Economic Policy Institute (which is located within The W. A. Franke College of Business) encourages Arizona tourism and economic development for tribal and rural communities by collecting primary data and performing quantitative research. ■

HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS

Memorial Coming To Peoria

Visiting The Wall That Heals for most people is a very moving event. It will be open 24 hours a day during its short stay at Pleasant Harbor from March 14 through 17.

Requesting The Wall That Heals

VVMF seeks sites that can provide a welcoming, quiet atmosphere, large enough to accommodate the two main components of *The Wall That Heals*, and that can be open to the public 24 hours a day, typically from a Wednesday



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AZGFD Offers Support For Declining Western Monarch Butterfly Populations



Western Monarch Butterfly

Over the last two decades, the iconic monarch butterfly populations have declined 80 percent throughout its historical range in the Western U. S, but the famed species will now get a wing up with assistance from the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD).

Plan Completed

The department recently helped to complete the Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan, which was recently adopted by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, of which AZGFD is a member. The new plan establishes population size and habitat conservation goals, strategies and actions for the monarch butterflies that overwinter along the California coast and range primarily across California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah.

Improved Habitat Health

“The Arizona Game and Fish Department is proud to partner with WAFWA on this plan to do our part to help restore populations of this iconic species throughout the western U.S.,” said Jim deVos, assistant director for wildlife management at AZGFD. “We look forward to collaborating with our many partners to enhance monarch butterfly conservation as a means to promote improved habitat health for all Arizona wildlife.”

Public Can Help

As part of this effort, the department plans to help incorporate the objectives of this plan at a number of AZGFD Wildlife Areas throughout the state. Opportunities for the public to help plant milkweed and monitor and/or tag monarch butterflies will be announced as various project planning progresses.

Iconic Species

The monarch butterfly is an iconic species in North America and its annual migration cycle is one of the most remarkable natural phenomena in the world. However, over the past 20 years, the western monarch butterfly population has declined throughout much of its western range, largely due to loss of habitat for breeding, wintering and foraging.

Multi-State Cooperative

In 2017, WAFWA established the Western Monarch Working Group to lead a multi-state cooperative agenda for conservation of the butterfly population. AZGFD, other WAFWA member states, university and non-governmental partners then led an effort to develop a strategy to enhance monarch populations west of the Rockies.

Tracking System

Conservation elements include a system to track implementation efforts identified in the Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan and transition milkweed data into WAFWA’s Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool. With this information accessible online, land managers will be able to identify and prioritize areas for monarch and other pollinator conservation efforts.

Did You Know?

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

AZGFD Reduces Size Of Glassford Hill Pronghorn Herd

Translocation to boost, add genetic diversity to southern Arizona populations.

The fastest land animal in North America can make it seem so effortless, reaching a top speed of 55 mph, then being able to coast at 30 mph for miles. When they get their wheels rolling, there isn’t a predator that can keep up with them, let alone catch them.

There is one thing, however, that an estimated 100 pronghorn that have roamed the Glassford Hill area near Prescott Valley cannot outrun — development.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), in partnership with the Arizona Antelope Foundation (AAF) and local private landowners, reduced the size of the iconic herd by capturing 45 of the fleet-footed animals and transporting them to various release sites in southeast Arizona in late January.

“Our mission at Game and Fish is to conserve and protect all of Arizona’s wildlife,” said Erin Butler, terrestrial wildlife program manager for the department’s regional office in Kingman. “With a four-lane, divided highway to the north, an encroaching subdivision to the east, another housing community under construction to the west, and more development to the



AZGFD Releases Pronghorns

south, this particular herd needs our help.

“As development in this area continues, and their habitat dwindles, these pronghorn will find it increasingly difficult to survive. Our goal is that translocating them will boost and add genetic diversity to existing populations in the southeast portion of the state.”

The one-day operation was conducted on private property south of Highway 89A. A helicopter was used to round up and funnel the pronghorn into a holding area, where wildlife biologists, veterinarians, and others evaluated the health of each pronghorn, attached an ear tag for identification and fitted them with GPS tracking collars.

The pronghorn then were transported almost 300 miles south to release sites near Bonita, Altar Valley and San Bernardino Valley, where they will bolster a small population numbering about 100. Extensive habitat improvement work has



Pronghorn Antelope

been done in these areas over the past 10 years in partnership with the Arizona Antelope Foundation and the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), both of which provided funding and volunteers.

These improvements included clearing 22,000 acres of mesquite, modifying 35 miles of fencing to facilitate easier prong-

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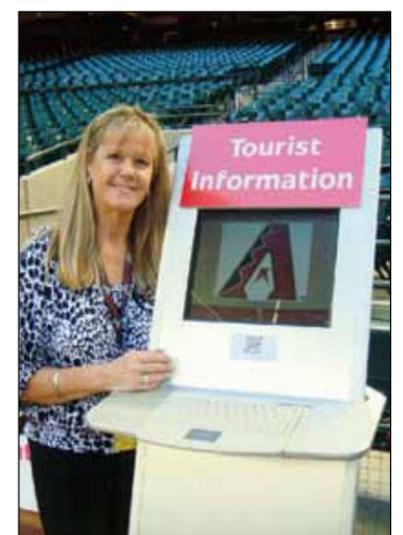
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Poston Butte High School Cadets Focus On Integrity, Service, Excellence

BY MSGT. DEBBIE MELTON
AEROSPACE SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR

Editor's Note: The Scottsdale, Ariz., VFW Post 3513 Auxiliary is proud and honored to present the fine young cadets at Poston Butte High School in San Tan Valley, Ariz., who comprise our adopted ROTC corp. The Auxiliary hopes to continue to support them monetarily as well as in other ways they may request.



BRONCO CADETS — Pictured in front of the mural of the unit's patch are, from left, C/SRA Andrew Bueler, C/1stLT Anthony Televera, C/Cpt Karmyn Rios, and, C/Msgt Peyton Langheine.

The Mission Of AFJROTC

Poston Butte High School's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (AFJROTC) was started in July of 2017. It is one of over 890 Air Force units around the world with over 120,000 high school aged cadets. Our mission is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community and we achieve this by teaching the Air Force Core Values of Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do.

These values help our students understand that they are here to help make the world a better place to live in.

Friendship And Community

Students attend five days a week and learn about aviation, life skills, leadership and physical education. They also have the opportunities to attend extracurricular activities after school. Our students are involved in Drill and Ceremony, Community service events, additional physical training, rocketry, model club, flying a simulator and many other items.

These clubs help the students to form

long lasting friendships and do things for the community.

Major John Napier

Major John Napier is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI) here at Poston Butte High School. He started at the end of March 2019. He was an Instructor for many years at the college level for the Senior Reserve Officer Training (SROTC).

Maj Napier is in charge of teaching the aviation subjects to our students and he is also our resident Physical Fitness expert! We are very fortunate to have him teaching here!

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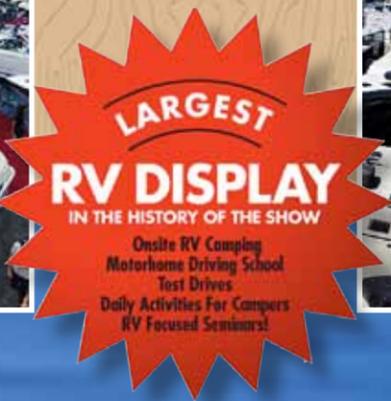
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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C., in 1982. VVMF is the organization that partners with the National Park Service to maintain and care for The Wall, The Three Servicemen statue, flagpole, and *In Memory* plaque.



VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era. We **honor** the service of all, **preserve** the memory of those

who died during the war and since returning home, and **educate** all generations about the lasting impact of the war.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with no government funding, VVMF's programs, ceremonies and education efforts are dependent upon your generous donations. Help us achieve our vision of ensuring a society in which all who have served and sacrificed in our nation's Armed Forces are properly honored.

Please consider making a donation by going to www.vvmf.org or calling 202-393-0090. ■

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and Sunday, rain or shine, through March 31st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. And, Huzzah, the parking is free!

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Prepare for new shows, new stage and don't forget to reserve your seat at the Pleasure Feast - the most exclusive event within the Festival with a five-course dinner and variety show!

Note: Please, no pets ■

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- Saturday, April 6 @ 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Lake Pleasant Regional Park
- This is a free event with paid park admission (\$7.00 per vehicle).
- More information: <https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/events> ■

SHOOTING

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gets are made so they swing from one side of a center pole to the other, or they swing around a horizontal axis. You can have contests with these — pick a side and try to keep your side clear.

When we took a defensive pistol course, the instructor set up a number of steel targets and had us shoot as we walked toward them, along the line of them, and then as we backed away from them. We were trying to shoot quickly but accurately, and he wanted us to find it necessary to reload part way through.

This is a very good exercise to improve your shooting under pressure while moving, and with steel targets you can

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MSgt. Debbie Melton

The Major's partner in teaching is MSgt Debbie Melton and she is the Aerospace Science Instructor(ASI). This is her sixth year of teaching JROTC and her second here at Poston Butte. She teaches leadership, communication and life skills, such as resumes and balancing a checkbook. She also makes sure all the uniforms are issued and fit correctly.

Students Find Common Ground

As said earlier, this is our second year here and we are working hard to get our program to be one of the best in Arizona. Our students come from all different types of backgrounds and have found a common ground in this program.

We are working hard to get more to join us and further our goals in making better citizens! ■

PRONGHORN

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horn movement, and the placement of 15 water troughs.

As for the remaining pronghorn near Glassford Hill, AZGFD expects the lower-elevation grassland habitat to be completely developed within the next five to

instantly hear if you have hit your mark or not. Action Targets has a huge variety of steel targets at many price points. You can check them out at www.actiontargets.com.

Safety With Steel

To be safe while shooting steel targets, always wear hearing protection and wrap-around shatter resistant eye protection. Check the targets often for damage and stability, and always put them on a soft surface with no big rocks or other ricochet hazards around. You need to stand at least 10 yards away when firing handguns, rimfire weapons, or shotguns.

If you are using the big boys for centerfire rifles or shotgun slugs, stay 100 yards away. Make sure you use the targets for the caliber they are made for — never

10 years, resulting in a decrease in the population through natural attrition.

Costs incurred for the operation were paid for through wildlife restoration funds (which are generated by sportsmen who support conservation through their purchase of hunting, fishing and other outdoor equipment), as well as support and volunteers from AAF and NRCS. ■

use centerfire rifles on rimfire or handgun targets. You should never shoot steel at steel targets, so no BB's, steel shot or airgun pellets. No armor piercing or any other penetrator ammo.

Don't shoot if the steel target is cratered, pitted, or damaged, and always make sure you have a 20-degree angle of engagement (the target is tilted slightly forward so that the round hits the ground instead of coming back at the shooter).

Words To The Wise

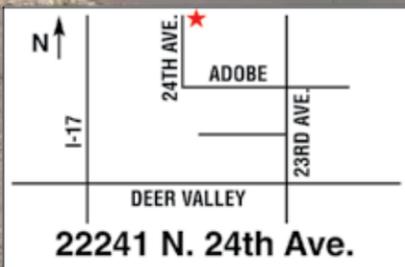
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a dedicated website with hotel packages, a handy guide to local activities and the best beaches, and lists of where to rent water toys like cabana and houseboats, personal watercraft and kayaks. To learn more, view: <http://www.havasuspring-break.com>

For a complete list of all March activities in Lake Havasu City, view: www.golakehasasu.com/events

For a live webcam view of the city's

iconic London Bridge, see:

<https://golakehasasu.com/london-bridge-webcam/>

About Lake Havasu City

Lake Havasu City is located on the Colorado River in western Arizona and attracts 835,000 visitors per year with its London Bridge, pristine lake, friendly community, abundance of sunshine, and ideal weather. The region is also host to extensive off-road trails and undeveloped stretches of river. For more information: golakehasasu.com ■

MYSTERY

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the fishing map. On Feb. 16, 2014, Hector Brito caught a 17-inch, 5.78-pound world-record redear sunfish on a drop-shot-rigged nightcrawler. "I didn't expect the record to last this long," Brito said. "It's amazing."

Coincidence Or Not?

This 45-mile fishing wonderland created by the Colorado River on the western-most strip of Arizona, adorned like a leather belt by the regal London Bridge, allows an angler to fish from the beach on the Arizona side and see the California mountains on the other. Some of those anglers said they witnessed a dramatic increase in the sizes of redear sunfish from 2009-2014 that — coincidence or not — occurred after invasive quagga mussels were first discovered in 2007 at Havasu.

In 2014, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) did a study about the effects of redear and bluegill on quagga populations and found these sunfish do consume quaggas. Even more, the redear reduced quagga numbers by as much as 25 percent. The experiments of the study were conducted in field enclosures of Lake Havasu, as well as in the BOR's Boulder City, Nev. Fish Lab. See the updated report.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department can't verify that redear sunfish, also

known as "shellcrackers" because of their pharyngeal teeth (throat teeth) that allow them to crush crustaceans such as snails, are reaching unprecedented sizes due solely to quaggas as an additional food source. Other biological factors include Havasu's food base of grass shrimp and redswamp crawdads.

Havasu Home To Species

Regardless, Havasu is home to some of the biggest shellcrackers on the globe. Doug Adams, a former Lake Havasu City-based fisheries biologist for the Bureau of Land Management, said he also knows that redear sunfish eat quagga mussels. At the same time, he said that in 2005 — two years before quagga mussels were discovered in Lake Havasu — an electroshocking of 75 sites produced redear sunfish that averaged more than two pounds.

"From one standpoint, there wasn't much fishing pressure until they started catching these bigger (redeer)," Adams said. "Quagga could be a good contributor to their sizes. So it's kind of a mystery." A mystery it might remain.

Still, some Arizona anglers have etched their conclusion: The increasingly larger sizes of redear is a quagga-based phenomenon.

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FISHING

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

SHOOTING SPORTS/ARCHERY

BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Ongoing — Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

SHOWS/EXPOS

Scottsdale

3/21-24 — International Sportsmen's Expo at WestWorld; see details on page 1 of this issue.

Phoenix

30-31 — Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoor Expo ñ Ben Avery Shooting Facility. Hands-on activities, demonstrations and exhibits on hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, archery, off-highway vehicle (OHV) and watercraft recreation, conservation and wildlife education, camping and other outdoor elements. Free. Sat 9 am ñ 5 pm. Sun 9 am - 4 pm. 602-942-3000 or <http://www.azgfd.gov/expo>

WATERSPORTS/ WATER-RELATED

Parker

2-3 — 34th Anniversary Parker International Marathon IWSRA Ski Races ñ Blue Water Casino, water ski racing, marathon events range between 35 to 65 miles in length with a Mini Marathon running approximately 25 miles. 928 669-6511 or <http://www.nwsra.net/>

Diving

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

Frozen

Ongoing — Learn To Curl lessons: learntocurl@coyotescurling.com

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

Queen Creek

14-17 — Roots Ni Boots Queen Creek — Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre. . PRCA Pro-Rodeo showcasing the country's top cowboys and cowgirls. Carnival, rodeo dance, petting zoo, pony rides, vendors, **horse meet n' greet** and demonstrations. Free western-themed family activities Saturday morning, including Kids N' Kritters, Ranch Dressing and Xtreme Teen Rodeo. <http://rootsnboots.org/>

Parker

7-9 — La Paz County Fair — See What the Buzz is All About - 4-H exhibits, numerous rides, motorcross race, food, beer garden, fine arts, 4H projects, **petting zoo** and much more. \$8-25. 928-669-8100 <http://parkerareatourism.com> or <http://www.lapazcountyfair.org/>

Tempe

EMPTY PET FOOD BANK IN TEMPE: Ongoing — A unique food bank which serves cats and dogs needs your help. Lost Our Home Pet Foundation has been providing food and pet supplies to the pets of family in need since 2009, all through community donations. Donations can be made at the shelter location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282; Jodi Polanski, Jodi@lostourhome.org.

NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: <http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html> ■



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AZGFD EXPO

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door recreation and conservation groups, government agencies, and commercial vendors of outdoor products and services.

An Auction With A Purpose

The department auctioned off its annual collection of wildlife assets at the Expo. Sets of antlers, hides, skulls and head mounts, as well as wildlife artwork and taxidermy – all seized during law en-

forcement investigations, obtained from animals killed in vehicle collisions, or acquired through donations – will be put on the auction block both days.

Funds generated from the auction are used to purchase equipment and technology used in the investigation of wildlife crimes and to protect the state's wildlife resources.

Concessions Abound

Concessionaires have food and beverages available for purchase, and many accept only cash — ATMs will be on site. There is a nominal charge for ammunition

at some of the target shooting venues.

Details

Expo hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Outdoor Expo is easy to find, located on Carefree Highway, about 1/2 mile west of I-17 in Phoenix.

Location: Ben Avery Shooting Facility, 4044 West Black Canyon Boulevard, Phoenix, AZ 85086

Hours: Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Website »

Phone: 602-942-3000 ■

SPRING

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iously awaited annual expos: The Arizona Game & Fish Department's family friendly Expo, and the ever-popular International Sportsmen's Expo.

Bottom line: Enjoy them all and then make wonderful outdoor memories this season. ■

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enter to win a daily giveaway.

The Greatest

- DockDogs Contest (daily qualifications; Sunday finals)
- Kawasaki Offroading Test Track
- Aquarium Demonstration Tank
- Arizona Taxidermy Association wildlife display and State Championship

Details

When: March 21- 24

Where: WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 N Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Hours:

Thursday- 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday- 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday-10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday-10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tickets

Adult Admission - \$12.00

Active Military - Free with Mil ID

Youth 15 and under - Free

Other Details

Please, no pets, weapons, firearms, or ammunition

Parking: \$5 per car at WestWorld ■

LANTERNS

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festive, picturesque atmosphere.

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

Tickets are \$30.00 per lantern and can be purchased online at www.pleasantharbor.com. Ticket prices do not include entry into Pleasant Harbor which is an additional \$10 gate fee per vehicle for this event. The general public is encouraged to buy tickets in advance. Lantern tickets are expected to sell out. No coolers are allowed. However, blankets and lawn chairs are welcome.

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant is less than a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix and the closest entry to the

lake for Phoenicians. Pleasant Harbor is open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information, please visit www.pleasantharbor.com or call the Pleasant Harbor events line at 623-203-5173.

Event Information

What: Lanterns at the Lake

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

Where: Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant, 8708 West Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383

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

How: Purchase tickets online: www.pleasantharbor.com

Pleasant Harbor Event Line: 623-203-5173

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

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

DRAGONS

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purpose is to promote the sport of dragon boating through community involvement and education for the state of Arizona.

Support AZDBA

Our organization functions purely through our membership and generous donations from companies in and around the Phoenix region. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit registered with the State of Arizona.

About Pleasant Harbor

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

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

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

If you would like to make a one-time donation or learn more about how your contributions help our organization and its teams, click the Donate Now button on <http://azdba.org/> ■

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NEWS SPLASH!

SPRING INTO THE OUTDOORS

LET THERE BE LIGHTS

Once again this year, lanterns will soar above Lake Pleasant. **1**

GOT FISH?

Annually, fans are hooked on San Diego's ever-popular Day at the Docks. **9**

IT'S SHOW TIME

Two always-popular expos are on the spring calendar. **1**

ARIZONA'S BEST KEPT SECRET



Located just 55 minutes from Tempe Town Lake on beautiful Bartlett Lake in the heart of the Tonto National Forest, Bartlett Lake Marina's family atmosphere and beautiful surroundings makes it a wonderful location for your friends and family to enjoy an unforgettable Arizona day on the water.

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Bartlett Lake Marina has a boatable surface area of 2,815 acres - more than Canyon Lake and Saguaro Lake, combined. Fed by the pristine waters of the Verde River, Indians of this valley spoke descriptively in their legends of the river's "sweet waters."

Outdoor enthusiasts frequent Bartlett Lake for a variety of recreational opportunities, including shoreline camping in Arizona's natural desert terrain. While in this part of the Tonto National Forest, visitors may see mule deer, bald eagles, javelina, coyotes, and many indigenous desert plants, including the majestic saguaro, mesquite trees, and blooming ocotillo.



BOAT RENTALS

Bartlett Lake Marina we are ideally located 17 miles northeast of Carefree and only one hour from Phoenix. Our marina offers a range of well equipped comfortable pontoon rental boats. All safety gear and full instruction are included. We welcome novices! You can trust our rental boats to keep you and your family safe while exploring the surrounding bays. We have a number of different pontoon boats for your party needs. We also offer a variety of packages from full day rentals, and weekend rental packages.



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