

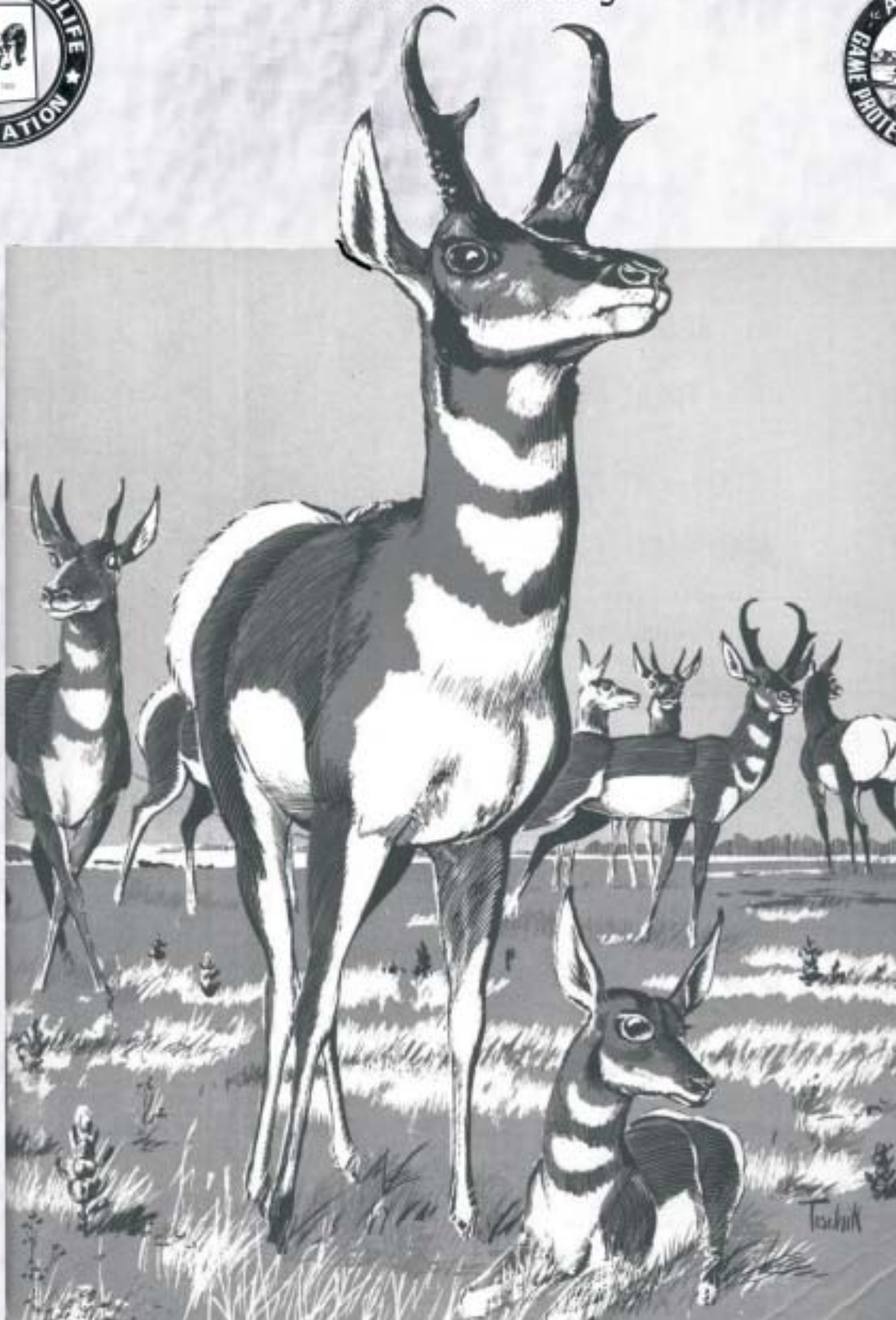
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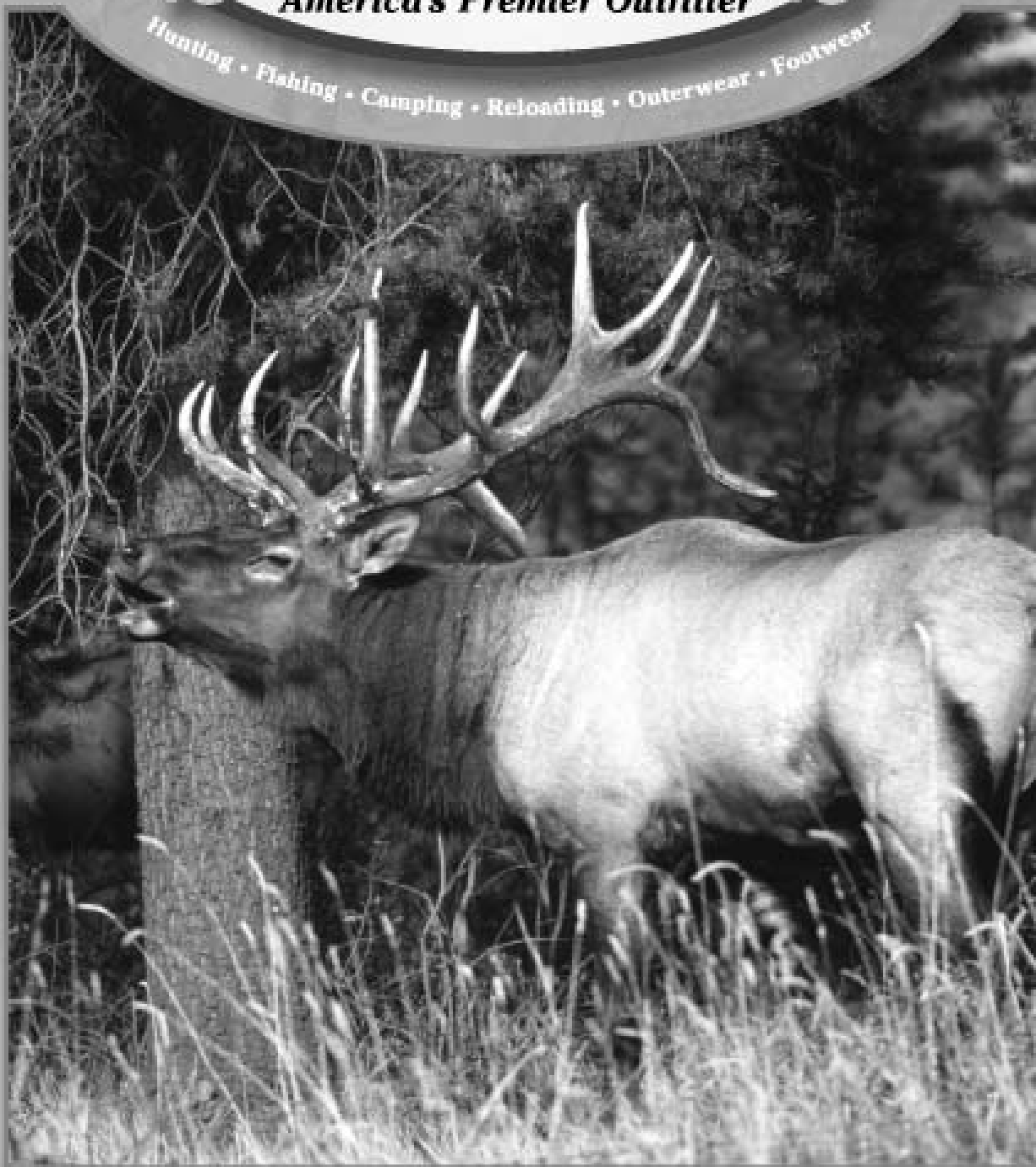
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Sportmans Mail Pouch

by John Underwood

Dear Editor:

I am very impressed and appreciative of the work AWF has done to protect our wild lands. If the House Budget Reconciliation Bill had not been withdrawn we would surely have lost a valuable part of our wild areas to developers. Something that cannot be undone.

Areas that I take young family members afield to learn the wonders of the wilderness, have mining claims, and would have been lost because of their proximity to the metro area, for money.

A check for Life Membership is in the mail. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
Mark T. Vitt

Editor's note: Mr. Vitt, Thank you for your Life Membership. Persons such as you are the backbone of the AWF. The AWF belongs to its members and supporters.

Dear Editor,

Thought we would report on our Mearn's hunt January 30 to February 3, south of Sonoita in an area just north of the Caneola Hills. The area was an easy hunt with rolling hills and a lot of flats. Somewhat overgrazed as is most of the country. As a result, poor hunting,

Warm days and nights 28 to 30 degrees. With the outfitter's tent and sheepherder's stove very pleasant evenings.

Bud Thayer, Ken Duncan,
Chuck Rice and Ridge Brown

Mr. Terry Johnson of Costa Mesa, California has also recently joined the AWF as a Life Member.

Editor: Thanks for your Life Membership. As stated before, people such as you, our members are the backbone of the AWF. Welcome Aboard!

Dear Editor,

I just received the Arizona Wildlife News and I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed it. Really liked the format and the range of articles it contained. Has me looking forward to the next issue. I especially enjoyed the "Streams and Game Trails" article and also the "Camp Cook" recipes.

Ken Duncan

Editor: Thank you for the kind words, we try to live up to the standards of the Arizona Wildlife Federation and its members.

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Editor Scratchings

For all who are not aware of the continuing problem with wildlife and the urban populace, there is a bill in the Arizona Senate (SB1438) addressing the **unlawful feeding of wildlife**. The

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Arizona Wildlife News Executive Editor, John Underwood with his Labrador retriever, Kaley

We urge our readers to communicate to us cheers and even jeers (given in good taste, of course). Keep your communications short and to the point. All must be signed. If you send us questions, we will seek answers and print them here. There may be times mail volume may prevent us from publishing every letter we receive, but we will do our best to print as many as possible.

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It is our goal to provide a well-written informative magazine and your feedback will help us do that. This is your magazine, let us hear from you.

From the President

by Mary Jo Forman Miller



Greetings AWF Members,

As our dry winter and above average temperatures continue, there is some positive news on global warming and wildlife. The McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act has been introduced in Congress, and it seeks to address the impact of global warming and its effects on wildlife. The Act comprises a flexible, market-based trading system that encourages technology and innovation and will reduce global warming pollution from large sources to the levels they emitted in the year 2000.

In addition, the legislation would also provide a new, guaranteed source of annual funding for state wildlife agencies to promote wildlife conservation and help wildlife prepare for the changes in climate that are already occurring. This funding produces a new stream of federal revenues created by license fees in the market-based trading system, and would not increase the federal deficit or decrease other wildlife funding.

The effects of global warming are already apparent and many plant and animal species are already trying to cope with significant changes to climate and habitat, according to a recent comprehensive report by The Wildlife Society, the nation's preeminent association of wildlife professionals.

The report, *Global Climate Change and Wildlife in North America*, concludes that "the effects of global climate change and variability on wildlife simply cannot

be ignored." The report stresses the importance of improving the resiliency of wildlife to respond to climate change by improving wildlife habitat and maintaining healthy, connected, genetically diverse populations. The new funds from the McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act will help achieve that objective.

Call to Action! Call Senator Kyle and your Representative today and tell them to support the McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act. Call their local offices or call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-225-3121 and ask for Senator Kyle or your Representative by name. If you are not sure who your Representative is, find out fast by going to www.house.gov. Your calls are the only thing that makes a difference!

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Mary Jo Forman Miller
President, Arizona Wildlife Federation

"Whadda Ya" Know?

(Reprinted from various issues of Arizona Wildlife and Sportsman)

1. What year were elk released in the Hualapai Mountains south of Kingman?
2. "God's Dog" is a name given to the coyote by which Arizona Native Tribe?
3. What percentage of Arizona Game and Fish Department's gross revenue in 1942 was derived from fishing licenses?
4. Which horned big game animal drops its horns each year?
5. Name the species of elk we have in Arizona today.
6. Name the location many of author Zane Grey's books are set in, which is also the location of the historic Tewksbury-Graham feud.

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Historical Tales

by Ryna Rock

WHAT SPORTSMEN BRING HOME

by Archibald Rutledge

Excerpts taken from *Arizona Wildlife and Sportsman*, January 1944

There are a lot of sentimentalists who think of the sportsman merely as a killer, and their erring imaginations picture him as going forth to slaughter and returning home lugging with him dead animals and birds and fish. They regard his activities with aversion, and they condemn him, sometimes in speech and in writing, sometimes by scornful silence. I have sometimes found myself in company where my interest in field sports has been regarded as sin and shame and crime are ordinarily regarded. We teach our children to read stories of Daniel Boone and Dave Crockett, and we regard them as American pioneer heroes; but somehow, when we of this generation seek to imitate their feats, we are regarded in some quarters as barbarians.

We bring home our game—when we are fortunate; and if that were all we brought, I should still be proud of a race that produces hunters and fishermen, and I could never experience any feeling of guilt in considering their achievements. A sportsman brings home more than dinner for his family and trophies for his den; he brings home a body toughened by hardy exercise and disciplined by following the rules of an ancient and exacting game. He has recaptured in the wilds something of the spirit and the strength of his boyhood. And when you come back from a hunt or from a fishing trip, you feel more of a man, not necessarily because of what you have killed or caught, but because you have put yourself to the test

against those forces against which only real men will enter the lists. You bring home a mind from a mind from which the cobwebs have been swept; a mind keen, alert, hale and wholesome; a mind that refuses to accept sofa lounging and tap-dancing as forms of manly endeavor; a mind ready to tackle the next problem with courage and confidence.

The true sportsman also brings home what never can be taken from him: he brings home memories that make all life different, even to the very end. He thinks of the true comrades he has made, friends who could have come to him nowhere but in the woods, on the plains, and by the streams. He brings back a knowledge of the creatures of the wild—their resourcefulness, their courage, their sagacity and their obedience to the great laws of nature. He brings home the beauty of the elder world.

These things enter his spirit and abide there. Because, far back at the eternal source of things, he has heard a voice saying that all is well, he gives less heed to calamitous voices of civilization. In the unsullied silence of the deep woods he has heard the true and steady heartbeat of life, unwearied since creation. He has learned that he is no stranger on the earth, but a legitimate son who is privileged to share a great inheritance.

Yes, a sportsman brings home infinitely more than the game he may have taken: he brings home a saner, finer, and stronger self.





NOW Streams and Game Trails



by John Underwood

Don Farmer submitted this great account of his trip with Lee Kohlhase down the Verde River by canoe, hunting lions.

* * *
The week-long canoe trip was starting out on the coldest day in January. A slight wind was at my back as the boat sliced through the calm water just after we put in. I was, like always, nervously anticipating the upcoming challenges the next week of adventure would provide. This anticipation had lasted all through the various trip planning stages and continued now, up to the very point where the boat slid into the water. Soon the river was picking up speed and as the boat approached the first drop, I could hear the water rumbling over rocks below and see the thick ice that had formed overnight along the splash zone of the rapid. As quick as that first drop was navigated, I lost all worries and settled into yet another week in the Verde Wilderness. This particular trip would be different for me in two ways. My trip partner, Lee Kohlhase, while being a tireless outdoor type, had limited experience paddling a canoe through moving water and he and I are hunting cougar on this trip down the wilderness section of Arizona's Verde River.

Back in August, Lee and I were helping the AWF setup the Arizona Wildlife Trophies Awards Banquet, and as we worked and talked, the idea of hunting cougar by canoe was hatched. Lee had been itching for a canoe adventure for some time and his predator calling background had me thinking this was a good idea. We checked our calendars and decided both of us could dedicate the last week in January towards a trip. All we had to do in the months between was plan and re-plan until finally, the day to leave was here.



Taken while canoeing down the Verde River

My truck is equipped to handle boats and gear so we would use it for the trip. Lee's boat and packed dry-bags were on his driveway as I pulled up at 6:00 am. We quickly had him loaded and were on our way to the put-in point. The newly decommissioned Childs Power Plant was where we were starting and seven days later, the truck would be delivered to Horseshoe Dam by a hired driver for our take-out.

In the meantime, we had 42 miles of river wilderness all to ourselves. I hear other Arizona boaters constantly lamenting the fact that it is "too cold" for wintertime boating. I cannot disagree with them more strongly. It is my opinion the winter Verde River is the finest whitewater boating in the United States. Where else in the U.S. is there a river with the Verde's characteristics that has adequate baseflows and is not frozen this time of year. I rest my case.

Our plan was to spend most of the first three days in the boats putting miles behind us as the most promising terrain was in the final 15 river miles. We still called every morning and evening on those first days, but not as long as one usually does while hunting for lions. It was great practice as we learned each others calling stamina and signals. Life was good on the beach as we ate and camped well at night with mesquite fires to cook and warm ourselves by.

Wildlife is varied and plentiful along the Verde and we saw our share. Tracks along the river included javelina, beaver, otter, raccoon and other small critters. The Beaver could be heard all night plunking into the river after snacking on some willow tree. We had otters sharing the river with us as we paddled. These playful swim masters always put on a show when one is lucky enough to come across

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AWF Round Up

by Duke Mertz



John Koleszar has served as vice president of the Arizona Elk Society for the past three years, and has been a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation since 1989. He is also active in five other conservation organizations in the state. He has owned a Safeguard Business Systems Distributorship since 1986, where he works with his son, John III.

John Underwood is a lifelong Arizona resident, and has been a Life Member of AWF since 1996. He is also a member of the American Legion and six conservation organizations. He recently retired from the airline industry after more than 30 years as a pilot and Captain. John is also the Executive Editor of *Arizona Wildlife News*.



Jim Solomon is host of the *Arizona Sports Reports* radio program on the Fox Sports Network, and received the Media of the Year Award from the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 2000 and again in 2004. He served as an instructor for the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department, and is a member of six conservation organizations in Arizona.

Jim Unmacht is the immediate past president of the Arizona Antelope Foundation, and has served as a director or officer for the Wildlife Conservation Council, the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society, and several other conservation organizations. He is a Chartered Property and Claims Underwriter, and member of the City of Phoenix Village Planning Committees.



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BOW Happenings

by Linda Dightmon

The Winter BOW participants have written my column for me. There is nothing that I can add except to mention the extraordinary press coverage that we received. FOX 10 was there bright and early Friday morning for a live shot. We will be a feature story on the channel 3 news set to air on Friday, February 24th at 6:00 in the evening. Two live radio shows were also broadcast from Saguaro Lake Ranch that weekend. So, I will go and get ready for April and let Trudy and Lisa give you the BOW deluxe report!



Linda Dightmon, Ryan Rock and Mary Jo Forman Miller at the Game Taste



Patricia Susee and bass pro Chad Witty

Dear Linda,

This fantastic BOW was made possible by all the hard work of the volunteers! I hope Kim, Mary Jo and Ryna (and anyone else I've forgotten) get a special recognition from AWF for your sacrifices of time and money to put these events together.

Saguaro Lake Ranch was a great venue for this BOW. The people were wonderful hosts, the food was great, the setting beautiful, and the accommodations comfortable. I hope to go again next February!

Our instructors also deserve recognition. I learned things in the Macro Photography class, which will help me, take better photos in the outdoors.

Randy's (Babb) presentation on critters was great, even though I was exhausted and nodding off, I still

Dear Linda,

Thank you so very much, it was fantastic! I sure hope they do another BOW Deluxe. I will still attend the Prescott BOW but this one was special. Your staff always does an outstanding job putting this together.

Thanks again,
 Trudy McCleary

BOW Scholarships From the WCC



The Wildlife Conservation Council has approved a \$500 educational grant that will give two deserving ladies the opportunity to participate in the Spring BOW camp. We try very hard to keep the program affordable but for many the weekend is just not in the budget. Hats off and a big thank you to the WCC for stepping up and helping out.



Darla Bardelli teaches bass fishing



Jane Carroll, from Silver Springs, Maryland



Hunting in the Arizona Desert Class

heard everything. He is awesome, and I am taking a hike later this month that he is leading in the McDowell Mountains. Hope to see his presentations at future BOW's.

Amanda Moors, another knowledgeable instructor, worked hard on her Trick, Track, Trail class. She had to haul a lot of boxes of skulls and furs, un-pack and re-pack them. Everyone thought the t-shirts were cool, and asked about the class. Hope to see her again also.

Mark Hullinger led the Survival class I attended. He is one of the founding fathers of BOW! I was amazed to learn that fire is the most important part of survival — I would have said water! I will be buying a pair of snake boots, as he wears them all the time. Every rattler I have found has rattled after I have seen it, and as he is a pro at the outdoors I think I will get these boots as insurance.

The Paddling session was great as I was able to try about 4 different kayaks and learn which type I like best. I will be very knowledgeable when I buy and use one. It would be neat to have an intermediate class where we actually paddle the shoreline looking for wildlife, which is my reason for wanting a kayak. Thanks to these guys for hauling their canoes and kayaks to Saguaro Lake, launching/retrieving us, teaching us and trusting us with their expensive equipment.

I missed the Indian music as I was talking to the pro bass fishermen Don, Darla, and Chad. I learned a lot about pro bass fishing (crazy!) but what fun these guys are to talk to! I wish I could have heard the radio show. It wasn't cheap for these guys to haul their boats here for us, gas being expensive and all, and I really appreciate their sacrifice. I wish I could have taken their class, oh well, hopefully next year! Chad was a real sport to allow himself to be auctioned off, that accounted for 1/3 of the scholarship funds raised! Thanks Chad!

The camaraderie of the women also added to the value of this event. We shared information on the classes we attended at our meals. We learned a lot from each other by sharing our field of experiences.

Anyway, I plan to attend BOW's until I run out of things to learn, then maybe I can volunteer too!

Thanks again to you guys and all the volunteer instructors for giving me a much needed weekend getaway. I hope they enjoyed their time with us as much as we enjoyed our time with them.

Until April BOW,
Lisa Bunch



Don McDowell, Darla Bardelli, Linda Russman and Arlene Rudley get ready to go bass fishing



A trailride in a beautiful setting



Work Projects

by Duke Mertz



Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

The next project is scheduled for April 8, 2006. The work day will begin with a Saturday check-in at the Refuge Headquarters at 8:00 a.m.

We will tear down barbed wire and remove fence posts that impede wildlife migration. Bring heavy duty wire cutters and loppers if you have them.

Directions: The refuge is on the Arizona/Mexico border . Take Highway 86 West from Tucson and turn south at Three Points/Robles Junction on Highway 286. Continue south for 33 miles to the Refuge Headquarters road.

Anderson Mesa, Coconino National Forest

The first two projects will be held on May 20 and June 17, 2006. The work days will begin with a Saturday check-in at 8:30 a.m. at Mud Lake.

We will cut small junipers, pinyon and ponderosa pines with loppers and handsaws in order to restore grassland. Please note that AZGFD, the project sponsor, **cannot allow the use of chain saws** because of safety concerns.

Directions: At the south end of Mormon Lake, on Lake Mary Road (Forest Highway 3), turn east on Forest Road 12. Go five miles to the junction with Forest Road 82. Turn right and go about three miles to the sign up station.

Wild At Heart Project

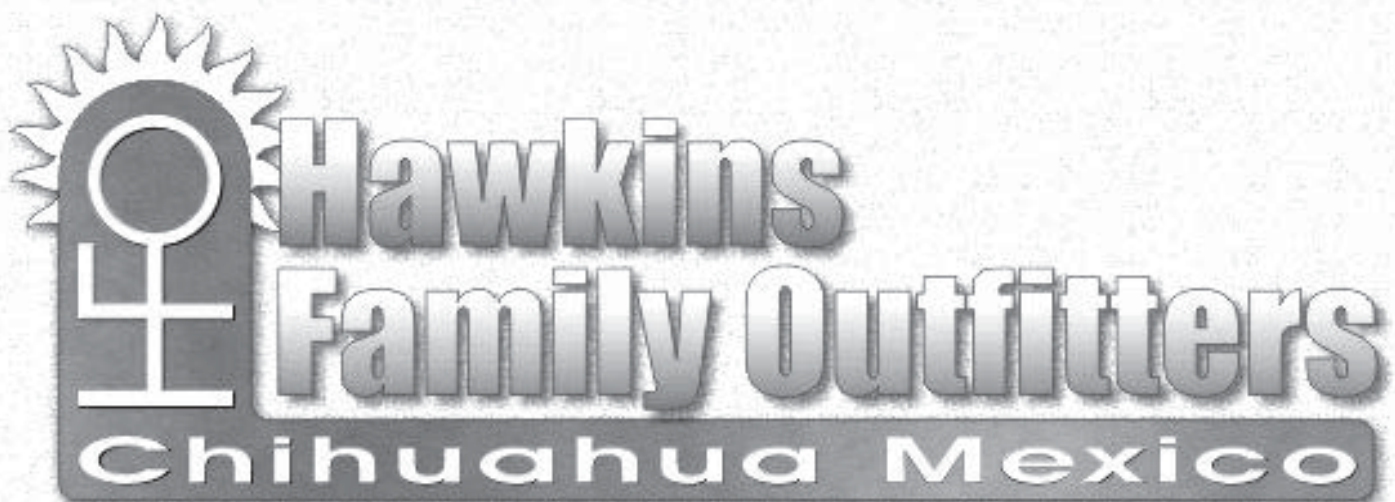
Wild At Heart will be installing artificial burrows in Peoria on March 25, 2006, and constructing release tents for Burrowing Owls.

Walden/New Line Productions has decided to use this event as the official kick-off for their national pre-release publicity for the movie *Hoot*, about Burrowing Owls, due for nationwide release in April (see the back cover of this issue for more information about the movie). The Arizona Wildlife Federation, Phoenix Zoo, Audubon Arizona and the National Wildlife Federation are also helping to promote the movie.

The March 25 Burrowing Owl event will run from 7:00 am to around 1:00 pm and includes burrow installation, tent construction and owl release. Most of the work will be done by Girl Scouts and middle school students from Peoria.

In order to make this a safe and smooth event for the young people, Wild At Heart needs experienced burrowing owl work event volunteers to help with setup, parking directions, crowd control, water distribution, snacks, and supervision of young people to make sure the burrows at several sites are being assembled correctly.

Please contact Greg Clark, Burrowing Owl Habitat Coordinator for Wild At Heart, at 480-961-4048.



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Agency News

by Jim Solomon



HB 2129 "The Bad Guys Bill"

"The Bad Guys Bill", otherwise known as HB 2129, sponsored by Representative Jerry Weiers, was a result of a number of hours of research and documentation of all the Rocky Mountain states. As it is now, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission is limited to minimal assessments and out of date revocations for even the most habitual of offenders.

The reason for this "Bad Guys Bill" came out of years of working with Rob Young, Manager of the "Operation Game Thief Program." About six years ago I went to Rob with the idea for a Poaching segment on my radio show. For that show we called it the "Bad Boys Poaching Report" which included the Bad Boys (cops) music. Now on my most recent show *Xplor the Southwest*, Rob and I are doing a similar segment titled "The Poacher Chronicles." After years of this type of programming, we began asking questions about how we could stiffen penalties for these habitual offenders. I was referred to Representative Weiers by the game and fish legislative liaison, Tony Giles. Representative Weiers saw the importance of such a bill and agreed to its sponsorship.

HB 2129, as it is written will bring Arizona up to speed on its fines, revocations, and even forfeitures, if it is passed in its entirety. This bill not only raises the fines for the illegal taking of wildlife, but it also defines what a trophy animal is, whether it is elk, deer, antelope, buffalo, etc. Fines are set in excess of \$8,000 for the illegal taking of such animals, as well as endangered species. Fines in some states, such as Montana, are as high as \$10,000 to \$30,000 for the illegal taking of a Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep.


In addition, this bill gives the commission the discretion to implement lifetime revocation in certain cases. If a person is convicted of poaching while on lifetime revocation it is considered a class 6 felony, and the person in question may lose his firearms, vehicle, watercraft, aircraft, and anything else that is involved with the violation.

This bill is a result of a lot of time and devotion and I would like to give a special thanks to the Arizona Game and Fish Department Commissioners W. Hays Gilstrap, William McLean, and Michael Golightly for their endeavors, and especially to Representative Jerry Weiers for understanding the need for updated legislation and for sponsoring this bill.

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Camp Cook

by Ryna Rock

Dutch Oven Swiss Steak

- 3 pounds round steak at least one inch thick
- Boiling water
- One-half cup flour
- Bit of bay leaf if desired
- 2 tablespoonfuls fat
- Salt and pepper

Pound the steak until the fiber is thoroughly broken up; add the flour with salt and pepper while pounding. When the steak is tender, the flour should be thoroughly absorbed into the steaks.

Melt fat in dutch oven; put in the meat and let brown on one side, then turn and brown on the other side. Add boiling water and let simmer until tender on hot coals at fireside. Maybe as much as two hours or more. The bay leaf, if used, should be crumbled and added with the water.

Humpty's Apple Dumplings

Use 1-quart flour. Sift through flour 1-teaspoon baking soda and 1 small spoonfuls cream of tartar. Mix in 1-tablespoon lard, 1-tablespoon butter if you have it, dissolved in small amount of hot water. Add enough milk to make a good dough.

Roll the dough out to ¼ inch thick cut into squares big enough to contain ½ cup cooked apples. Bring corners of dough together and crimp edges to hold in juices. Drop in hot fat and fry until dough is brown, turning only once. Drain on brown paper bag. Serve hot.

Be sure apples are not too soupy. Drain cooked apples well before putting in square of dough. These can be cooked in camp in dutch oven and other kinds of fruit can be used such as peaches, apricots and even prunes. Served with sugar and thick cream, they are a real delight.

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| 2. Navajo | 5. Rocky Mountain |
| 3. 34.23% (\$61,002.50) | 6. Pleasant Valley, AZ |

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Streams and Game Trails (Continued from Page 7)

them. Both Bald and Golden Eagles winter along the Verde and we enjoyed daily encounters with them. Good numbers of waterfowl use the river during the season and we were into them constantly. While we were not fishing on this trip, the small mouth bass and catfish found here are legendary. Under the right conditions, the Verde produces large fish of both species. During the warmer spring months, bears can be found feeding along the waters edge.

Hunting by canoe has some distinct advantages over other types practiced in this state. While it may be all uphill from the boat, it is all downhill back and if you're successful while hunting, the canoe can handle the added weight of the quarry for the rest of the trip. Carrying firearms of quality along on the river takes special care and handling. One rule I've learned the hard way is, "if you do not want to lose it, tie it down" and that holds true of all gear especially the firearms. Cameras and other delicate gear can be brought along and easily protected in water-proof cases.

Our primary hunting area was past the confluence of Red Creek. Here, the mountains are nearer the river. They are more steepened with rugged cliffs and canyons. Javelina sign is unusually thick along the river and this seemed to us to be the prime lion country. Our schedule the next few days was to leave camp before light and walk to the stand we had picked out the evening before.

We focused more on these morning hunts and called continuously for over an hour. Then it was breakfast time back at the fire and then move down river to the next likely place. During these hunting days, we were not in the boats for more than an hour a day. We would make camp early, have a snack, and then set out for our evening stand. While we had no luck calling a lion in to us on this trip, a fresh track was spotted along the river on our way back to camp from a stand. There was one somewhere out there!

One memorable moment came on our final evening stand. Two peregrine falcons circled high overhead as we let the canyon settle back down. As we started calling, one of the birds set his wings and dove hard and fast and straight at us. It pulled up just short and really provided us some excitement.

Our last night on the river was the hardest. We knew that tomorrow the adventure would end. Both Lee and I commented just how much fun we had the past week and enthusiastically committed to try hunting lion on the Verde again.



Setting up camp along the Verde River

Sportsmans Mail Pouch (Continued from Page 4)

bill is currently in the Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Committee with a hearing held on February 15. If passed and made law it would "designate unlawful feeding of wildlife a class 3 misdemeanor. A class three misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment for up to 30 days and a fine up to \$500 and up to one year probation."

Defines unlawful feeding of wildlife as intentionally, knowingly or recklessly feeding, attracting or otherwise enticing wildlife into an area.

Exceptions are made for persons legally hunting or fishing, public employees or authorized agents acting within their official authority, normal agriculture or livestock operation practices and feeding tree squirrels and birds. The Arizona Game and Fish Department attempts to stop the feeding of wild animals through warnings and education on the hazards of contact with wild animals. At present there is no statutory mechanism for enforcing the Departments policy against feeding wild animals.

Due to our present drought conditions, folks may begin to see more and more wildlife. Animals that are habituated to humans can literally bite the hand that feeds them. Several years ago, some coyotes in the Scottsdale area bit some children. These coyotes had been fed by adults in the area. This leads not only to a danger to humans but to the animals also. Arizona Wildlife Views July-August 2005 of the Game and Fish Dept. had a great article on this issue. Will keep you updated.



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Arizona Wildlife Trophies

by David Brown

Each year, the members of the Arizona Wildlife Trophies Committee select the top trophies taken in the state for the following species:

Pronghorn,
Coues Deer (typical and non-typical),
Mule Deer (typical and non-typical),
Elk (typical and non-typical),
Desert Bighorn Sheep,
Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep,
Bison,
Javelina,
Black Bear, and
Cougar.

All Annual Competition entries must be measured by an official measurer of the Arizona Wildlife Trophies Committee or the Boone & Crockett Club. A list of official measurers can be found at the back of the new 2005 edition of *Arizona Wildlife Trophies*.

Interested applicants should mail their entry form along with an accompanying photo of their trophy and a \$10.00 check for the scoring fee to:

Arizona Wildlife Trophies
PO Box 26008
Phoenix, AZ 85068

The deadline for submitting a 2005 score sheet is May 2, 2006.

Late entries are registered in the record section, and if approved, are eligible for a certificate.

Trophies may be examined by the Committee, which specifically reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is challenged and unavailable for remeasuring. Approved trophies are automatically entered into competition status, and the largest animals are considered for special awards.

All entries and awards are presented at the Arizona Wildlife Federation Annual Trophy Awards Banquet (see Page 9). Additional awards may also be presented in one or more of the following categories: the Arizona Big Game Award, the Arizona Trophy Antlers Award, the Arizona Trophy Heads and Horns Award or the Arizona Trophy Hunter Award.

More information about these awards, and all application forms and score sheets can be found at www.azwildlife.org.

This year, Steve Hopkins and Dave Conrad will have completed their terms of office with the Arizona Wildlife Trophies Committee. Steve has overseen the creation of the annual trophies during the past six years, and Dave was the editor of the 2005 edition of *Arizona Wildlife Trophies*. Their successors on the committee will be selected during the AWF Annual Meeting, on April 29, 2006. Steve's and Dave's shoes will be hard to fill, and we can only hope that the contributions of their successors will have the same impact on the Awards Committee's success.





Affiliates Department

by Stan Schepers, APC President

ARIZONA PREDATOR CALLERS

The Save-A-Fawn Hunt was a big success in that we had a good turn out. Not to many animals were checked in, the wind blew all day, but anytime I can hunt is a good day. The *Mule Deer Association* & *The Elk Foundation* donated \$1400 so we can raffle off the \$1400 in fifty-dollar bills and that can make bad dayhunting a whole lot better. We owe a big thank you to *the Mule Deer Association* & *The Elk Foundation*.

If you are looking for an area to hunt this would be a great spot up on the rim 4A & 4B. There's no snow this year, so the roads are in great shape. I know I'm planning to hunt this area at least one more time this season and I would like to encourage anybody looking for a hunting place to hunt this area. We need to continue our support to *The Mule Deer Association* & *The Elk Foundation*, so hopefully in the future they continue to support us. I believe this is a very good area and if you hit it on the right day you could have

a very good day hunting, as there are tons of sign in this area.

Reprinted from the Presidents Message in the February 2006 issue of the Predators Pride

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by Duke Mertz



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