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**2008
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Luncheon
11:30 AM**



**85th Annual Meeting &
Awards Luncheon**
Saturday, July 12, 2008
To be held at the FIESTA INN
2100 S. Priest Drive
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ANNUAL MEETING Schedule

7:30 AM Registration Begins

8:30 AM General Session

Annual Business Meeting

Commencement Ceremonies

Welcoming Remarks

Roll Call/Caucus
Seating of DELEGATES

Nominations of Board
and Officers

Election of Officers

Resolutions
Adoption of Resolutions

President elect remarks

Committee Reports

Annual meeting adjourned

11:00 AM Cash Bar

11:30 AM Luncheon Seating

Trophy Awards

Conservation Awards

Raffles & Door Prizes

3:00 PM Board Meeting

Ratify Election

Registration Form

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AWF is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, inspiring and assisting individuals to value, conserve, enhance, manage and protect wildlife and wildlife habitat.

On the Cover: This issue of the Arizona Wildlife News we once again dig into the archives of the *Arizona Wildlife Sportsman*. This one is from April, 1960. Ken Toney is the artist.

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Sportsmans Mail Pouch

By John Underwood

Thanks from the San Pedro Valley

Ms. Rock
April 6th, 2008

The Cascabel Working Group wished to thank you very much for your efforts in opposing the proposed I-10 bypass route through the San Pedro River Valley. Your helping the process is greatly appreciated by everyone in our community. We are relieved that with the help of people like you we have escaped the threat to our beautiful valley, but we remain concerned about how best to more permanently protect this place – so you may be hearing from us again as we work toward that end.

Again, thank you for speaking out on our behalf

Sincerely,
Pearl Moot,
(for the Cascabel Working Group)

April BOW

I had a great time at the camp. I came from Indiana to do this with my daughter and her friends. I would love to do it again in the future. You had everything extremely organized and ready for us so we didn't have to worry about a thing!! Friendly Pines is a beautiful place.

Everyone involved in the preparations should give themselves a pat on the back!!! Thank you so much for the fun experience.

Job well done!!!!
Jackie Wright
PS The food was great!



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Each delegate seated by the Credentials Committee shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter or issue brought before any meeting of the AWF.

Office Hours

I just would like to update everyone on our office hours, since the times do change occasionally.

The following are the current hours of operation:

Monday, we are closed. Tuesday and Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and on Wednesday and Thursday I am not in the office but the phone messages are checked. Please leave a message on these days so I can get back with you.

Kimberlee

We urge our readers to communicate to us cheers and even jeers (given in good taste, or 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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From The President



From the highway to Colorado!

By Ryna Rock

Don Hoffman, Meg Buchanan and I are on our way to Keystone in Don's Toyota Prius, which is the quietest "ride" ever. It is a beautiful, partly cloudy day, with the mountains in view and a very quiet day on I-70. We have spent the day getting to know each other and discussing the personal philosophies and experiences we bring to the Board of the Arizona Wildlife Federation.

The hours have flown by with the delightful blend of conversation and the toe tapping tunes of "The Grateful Dead".

Here we are three very different people, from three different backgrounds, yet discovering our commonality in shared concerns about the sustainability of our wildlife and natural resource heritage. The National Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting we are attending is a gathering that focuses the attention of representatives from all corners of these United States and Puerto Rico on giving voice to the interests, concerns, and motivations of NWF's members and supporters. These folks are the backbone of the conservation work of NWF, the largest conservation organization in the world, and they are the "salt of the earth". Please don't even begin the thought that they are disconnected from reality, or are some kind of "armchair" environmentalists for you would be sadly mistaken. These are purposeful, seasoned, practical people, intent on using their united efforts as a force for good. As a matter of fact they are largely folks just like Don, Meg, and me!

In going to this place of heightened awareness, becoming immersed in the personal experiences, struggles, and victories of this hardy band of conservationists, we are literally going to

"plug in" to an amazing energy source. We will be reminded again that people can accomplish amazing feats, in the face of incredible odds if they join together with their ideas, their dreams, their determination, and their strong belief in the rightness of their quest. Even people who don't agree on some issues have the commonality of sincerely desiring to do the very best they can for the benefit of wildlife and habitat. It is from that place of commonality that discussion, negotiation, and problem solving must begin.

This "conservation retreat" the three of us will be experiencing is not anything like a vacation or time off. The time is chock full of working sessions where we are part of the policy building process of the National Wildlife Federation. We end up in meetings where we cross the "t's" and dot the "i's". We listen to inspiring stories related by everyone from the President of NWF to the young, female Nascar driver who purposes to change her sport, and again hear the refrain of that commonality, not because their experiences are the same or their expertise is the same, but because their sincerity is the same. In the end we will take our homeward journey; Don, back to the beautiful paradise the cabin he and his wife, Janie, reside in near the Blue River; Meg, back to her urban dwelling in Tucson; me, back to the greenbelt home Ken and I enjoy near the Verde River. Again going our separate ways, but enriched and refueled by where we have been, who we have met and conversed with, and by the good work we have done – we even feel good about going 1400 miles on 25 gallons of gas!

WHADDA' YA' KNOW?

By Ryna Rock

1. How long lived is a creosote bush?
2. What side was Arizona on in the Civil War?
3. How did Arizona become part of the USA?
4. Saguaro cactus roots can be how long?
5. How many cattle were grazed in Arizona in 1891?
6. What was the Gadsden Purchase?

Answers on Page 11

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Historical Tales

“AGPA to Place Bronze Plaque at Jacob Lake on Kaibab”

(Taken From an Article Printed in the AGPA Outdoor News of January 1958)

Reproduced by Ryna Rock

Senator Barry Goldwater will dedicate a Statuary bronze plaque commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt at Jacobs Lake on the Kaibab North June 22, 1958. It has been announced by the Arizona Game Protective Association, sponsors of the program as part of a nationwide program honoring the Past President and the many conservation programs, which he fostered. The program will begin at 12 o'clock noon.

“It seems proper that Senator Goldwater should make the dedication honoring the person who established the Grand Canyon National Game Preserve as they both had the same pioneering courage to speak out sharply in support of their beliefs,” AGPA President William H. Beers said in making the announcement. He added, “Barry also has an intimate knowledge of this area which was the favorite hunting grounds of the late President.”

It was the love of nature that prompted Roosevelt to seek authority to establish and set aside areas of our nation for the preservation of the out-of-doors.

An act of Congress June 29, 1906, gave the President the authority to set aside a portion of the Grand Canyon Forest Reserve for the protection of wild animals.

Five months later, November 28, 1906, President Roosevelt established by proclamation, the Grand Canyon National Game Preserve as all the lands lying north and west of the Colorado River in the Territory of Arizona.

The proclamation also prescribed the fines for violation of the preserve regulations at a sum not to exceed \$1,000 in fines, or by imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

The proclamation set aside the area for the protection of game animals, and shall be recognized as a breeding place therefore, and that the hunting, trapping, killing or capturing of game animals in the area shall be unlawful except under such regulations as may be prescribed from time to time by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Executive Committee of the AGPA first voted at a board meeting in Tucson, February 1956, to memorialize the cabin site in which Roosevelt stayed while hunting Mountain Lions with Jimmy Owens on the Kaibab North.

Following a visit to the cabin site and finding the cabin in a state of ruin with only the fireplace standing, it was later decided to place a plaque near Jacobs Lake where more persons would have the opportunity to see it. It has been recorded in the Congressional Record that the AGPA would do this as their part in the program this year.

The plaque, requiring 60 pounds of statuary bronze to pour the mold, has been done by the noted western artist, George Albert Phippen and contractor, Joe Noggle, both of Prescott.

The plaque will be mounted on a 9,500-pound granite boulder set in cement by the Forest Service. Arizona Public Service of Prescott used one of their cranes to load the seven-foot high boulder onto the forest service truck.

Bill Bullis, street superintendent of the City of Prescott, and Jim Medina, city of Prescott employee, drilled the granite boulder so the plaque could be mounted on it prior to its being hauled to the Kaibab North.

Phippen, who decided to make his living as an artist while still in the army at Ft. Worden, Washington, was born in Charles City, Iowa. He moved to Prescott in 1949 and what had been a hobby was now a full time occupation in a log cabin studio behind his home. His studio and home are filled with ribbons won by his work at various exhibits at fairs and art shows.

A free-lance artist and sculptor of cowboy life, wildlife and big game hunting scenes he was under contract for six years doing western scenes for Brown and Bigelow calendars.

Assisting him in the artwork and doing the casting, Noggle found it necessary to build a special furnace in his back yard that would be large enough to accommodate the job.

The plaque will be 18 by 20 inches and is done in very bold relief. The head of Roosevelt will be nearly three inches in depth and will be centered in an outline map of Kaibab North. The plaque will contain the wording commemorating the centennial of his birth as well as the establishment of the Kaibab North.

Noggle was born in Battle Creek, Michigan. He owned his own foundry, doing custom casting for five years before attending school at the University of Michigan where he later instructed courses in industrial arts. He came to Arizona in 1947 and settled in Prescott in the summer of 1948 where he operates his contracting business.

Noggle adds that this project of casting the plaque for the AGPA has aroused an old interest in him and that he is now interested in leaving the furnace in his back yard and with the assistance of Phippen of entering into the business of bronze art casting. They already have a couple of models, one a cowboy riding a bucking bronc and the other a thoroughbred horse, ready to go.

Other business firms contributing materials to make this memorial possible include: Arizona Public Service; Beers Roofing and Insulation Company; Desert Rock Dealers; Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company; Sam Hendrix and Son Electric Company; Mallin Bros., Metals, Inc.; Marsh Electric Company; City of Prescott, Street Department; W.S. Wendling; Yavapai County Sheriff's Posse; and the U.S. Forest Service.



Streams and Game Trails

By John Underwood



Years ago the A.G.P.A., forerunner of the AWF, the motto was "Better Hunting and Fishing in Arizona Depends on Me." In 1950, Max Layton, Exec Sec't. A.G.P.A. wrote: "It is a challenge to every sportsman. A challenge to actually contribute something towards a more stable fish and wildlife population and to increase the quality in sportsmanship in those individuals who go into the field in pursuit of those sports."

Those words hold true even today, maybe more so, with the growth of our state and the problems that come with it. A.G.P.A./AWF used to be the only organization that looked after the well being of the wildlife in Arizona.

Now we are fortunate to have many responsible wildlife organizations involved, however that does not negate AWF's purpose and responsibility for Arizona's wildlife and its habitat. For you, our member's, call, e-mail, write us (AWF) and be involved, be part of the continuing progress we are making. You can help in the many projects and events we have all over Arizona. **Our Wildlife Needs Your Help!**

Summer Hours

The Ben Avery Shooting Facility Main Range, archery ranges, and Clay Target Center will switch to summer hours of operation for the public beginning Monday, May 12.

The new hours will be:

- Monday - CLOSED
- Tuesday - CLOSED
- Wednesday - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Thursday - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Friday - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday - 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Sunday - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Quail Season Changes
Gambel's and scaled quail season

opener will now be the first Friday in October each year. Mearns' remains unchanged, with a season opener of Nov. 28 this year. "We are expecting good Gambel's quail reproduction this year, which should improve hunting prospects for this fall. The weekend opener gives everyone a chance to go after birds," Ordway said.

These newly-adopted fall regulations are expected to be posted online on April 30 at www.azgfd.gov. The printed regulation booklets should be available at license dealers around the third week of May.

Budget

We all know by now that the state of AZ is in a financial bind and that monies are being shifted and in some agencies being reduced or taken away. For the AZ Game and Fish Department the following has been proposed in the budget for the fiscal year.

Game and Fish Watercraft License Fund - \$4,732,700.

AZ Game and Fish Department - Off-highway Vehicle Recreation 18 Fund - \$395,000.

Game and Fish Fund - \$2,827,600.

Boat Trailers

In 2007, the Boat U.S. 24-hour dispatch centers reported the top five reasons for boat trailer service calls and their frequency of occurrence:

Flat tires	(44%)
Bearing Problems	(20%)
Axle Problems	(14%)
Suspension Problems	(9%)
Tounge Problems	(5%)

With the fishing season in full swing and the fishing outlook the best in recent years, now is the time to check that boat trailer and enjoy a maintenance free time on the water.

Rosey Report

Roosevelt Lake Bass Fishing couple of times this past two months and the fishing was good using spinner baits with chanteuse or white skirts. Most were in slot and over. The Crappie were spotty and only then were a few caught. Some of the fishermen I talked to said they did better at night. Wind was a factor, as it really blew from around midmorning and the rest of the day. Finding a cove helped, but still rough getting back to the launch ramp. The lake is full and all the flats where the RV's and camps used to be are under water. That means the forest Service is happy, for now if you want to camp, you have to use the Forest Service fee camp grounds. Don't forget you need a Tonto Forest pass if going to Roosevelt or any of the other Tonto lakes/campgrounds. These can be picked up at the ranger district office near you or at many of the local sporting good stores. Go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/home.shtml> for more information.



Roosevelt Lake Bass

Take a kid fishing, either at one of the many urban lakes or any of the full lakes throughout the state for a lifetime experience. You both will experience the thrill. Until next time, Be Safe and enjoy the Great Arizona Outdoors.

The Poacher Chronicles™

by Jim Solomon



POACHING CASE WEIGHS IN HEAVY FINES FOR ONE ARIZONA COUPLE

The Polzin case and the outcome of this case is especially important to this author, as it was the result of about eight months of legislative teamwork between Representative Jerry Weiers of Arizona, Arizona Game and Fish Department and yours truly to fight HB2129 through the legislature.

The case began on September 22, 2005 when a report came into the Pinetop, Arizona Regional Game and Fish Office regarding a velvet antlered mule deer buck that may have been taken illegally. Arizona Game and Fish Officer, R. Birkeland, responded to Majestic's Taxidermy in Lakeside, Arizona. Officer Birkeland met with the owner, Kevin Van Driel, who wanted to report a bullet hole in the hide of a velvet antlered Mule Deer buck which was checked into his shop as an archery kill.

Officer Birkeland was shown a hide, which was pulled off a velvet mule deer buck brought in by John Polzin. Van Driel explained that Polzin had brought the buck in the week prior but did not indicate which Unit the animal was harvested from.

Due to the evidence that indicated a fresher kill than what explained to Van Driel, Birkeland took photographic evidence of the hide and some photos of a bear hide with a bullet hole in it for comparative analysis later.

One interesting similarity was that the hemorrhaging around the entry wound could only occur in a live animal. Therefore the Polzin buck had to have been alive when it was shot with a bullet. But wait, it just gets better.

Now during the preliminary investigations a lot of things just didn't add up. Take for instance Polzin's wife Shelly mentioned to witnesses at the taxidermy shop, that she had video of the deer yet her husband John, the man in question, spoke very little about it. This seemed very strange to the taxidermist as he had been practicing taxidermy for 21 years and this was one of the largest bucks he'd seen taken out of the area. When he questioned Polzin about the location of the kill, he just replied, "Out in the Woods".

Further investigation by Birkeland revealed Polzin had called into the Pinetop Game and Fish Office on 9/21/05 to report his archery harvest of the mule deer on 9/15/05 in unit 3C, which was the last day of the season in that unit.

An anonymous party told Birkeland that an individual had been using his tree stand during that archery hunt. The party went on to describe the ATV parked nearby and the license plate of the ATV. A check by Birkeland revealed the vehicle belonged to John D. Polzin. Further investigation of the Polzin

driver's license also revealed that Polzin had obtained that on June 7, 2005.

Now how is it that Polzin, still not a legal resident, bought an over the counter archery deer tag and harvested this deer? Polzin had also applied for an elk tag as a resident of the state. Finding this odd, Birkeland went to the local license dealer and found Polzin had also purchased a 2005 resident hunting license, bear tag, mountain lion tag, and archery deer tag. Polzin's wife, Shelly had also purchased a 2005 resident hunting license.

With residency issues in question Officer Birkeland seized the dealer copy of the 2005 hunting license and found Polzin listed his residency as one year.

Suspicious of Polzin's legal residency, Officer Birkeland had an inquiry made to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and discovered that Polzin had in fact purchased resident hunting and fishing licenses in that state as late as May of 2005.

This was all Officer Birkeland needed to obtain a search warrant for the Polzin residence. Officer Birkeland and a team of peace officers arrived at the Polzin residence armed with the search warrant. After several knocks at the door, with no response, it was assumed the Polzins were not home. Since the door was unlocked, the officers entered the residence to check for anyone hiding inside. Two of the officers noticed two subjects driving past the residence on an ATV that had a hard black gun case on it. Since one of the subjects looked like Polzin the officers began a pursuit in a marked law enforce-



ment vehicle but could not find the ATV. It was later found abandoned and after running the plates it was established that the owner was in fact Polzin.

Polzin eventually came walking back to the residence wearing camouflage clothing and carrying a backpack. When asked where the female riding with him was, Polzin responded that he did not know what they were talking about. The officers then explained to Polzin that for safety reasons they needed to know where she was as the gun case was missing off of the ATV and she may be considered armed and dangerous. A female was later discovered hiding under a nearby residences Juniper tree dressed in camo clothing she later identified herself as Shelly Polzin.

Denying any knowledge of any weapons when questioned, Mrs. Polzin was escorted back to the residence while an officer



proceeded to search the area around where the ATV was abandoned. The black gun case, a .22 caliber rifle and a compound bow were found within the vicinity of the abandoned ATV and were presented to Polzin. Polzin admitted that the weapons were his but had denied any knowledge of the weapons in an earlier interview.

Hours went by as the investigation continued. A 6x6 bull elk rack and skull was found in the garage and when Polzin was questioned about that, he explained the animal was harvested on an archery hunt in Idaho in 2004. Now the skull portion of the antlers looked as though it had been recently cleaned and there was still some meat on it that didn't appear to be a year old. Then there was the two photos of the Polzins each holding the elk and the deer in the field. The vegetation around them appeared to be like the vegetation that was found in the 3c area. Polzin was questioned about the coincidence of the buck and the bull being on the same roll of film. I mean, if the buck was taken in 2005 and the bull in 2004, then why were they on the same roll of film? Polzin's response was that he was a meat hunter, not a rack hunter that's why he didn't rush to get the film developed. The 6x6 antlered bull was scored at 349 inches and the 5x7 velvet mule deer buck scored a whopping 199 7/8 points not bad for a meat hunter.

It was determined later that the 6x6 bull elk was killed in Arizona illegally.

The Polzin's were charged with the taking of a mule deer buck without a valid license. Taking a mule deer buck by unlawful method, taking a bull elk without a valid license and possessing an unlawfully taken bull elk.

Because of the new law, which defines a trophy buck as one possessing four points to a side, in the case of the mule deer and the taking of the trophy elk, which is defined as possessing six points to a side. John D. Polzin was sentenced to (7) days in jail and 1,000 hours of community service to be completed by September 1, 2007, or serve an additional (83) days in jail by the Show Low justice court. He was then fined \$8,000 for the unlawful taking of a trophy mule deer buck and an additional \$8,000 fine for the unlawful taking and possession of the trophy 6x6 bull elk. His hunting, fishing and trapping privileges were revoked for ten years and must complete a Hunter Education course and provide proof to the Law Enforcement Branch before applying for any other licenses in the state of Arizona by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Shelly Polzin went before the Show Low Justice Court and was fined \$729 for fraudulently obtaining a 2006 hunting/fishing license in the state of Arizona. Ms. Polzin's hunting, fishing and trapping privileges were revoked for a period of five years and she has to complete a Hunter Education Course and provide proof to the Law Enforcement Branch before applying for any license to hunt in this state by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

I commend the taxidermist for turning in the Polzins and the Arizona Department of Game and Fish Law Enforcement Branch for the number hours logged into this case. The investigation they performed was thorough and complete. Look for more cases like this one in Arizona and many other states. As long as the poachers continue to break the law, we will continue to expose them here and on the Poacher Chronicles radio show heard once a month on **Xplor the Outdoors with Jim and Patti**. Broadcast LIVE every Sunday on AM 1060 The Fan in Phoenix, Arizona and around the globe on xplorthedoor.com.

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any outer wear, a portion of the sales goes towards the purchase of body armor for our wardens throughout the country through the International Association of Natural Resources Crime Stoppers Organization or (ianrc.org).

Congressional Candidate Forum on the Future of Arizona's Natural Resources

The vast majority of voters in the state of Arizona say that more should be done to protect their land, air, and water, although when candidates are asked to comment, these specific issues typically take a back seat.

A recent poll of Arizona Congressional District One tells us that 62% of the voters agree that "more needs to be done to help protect our land, air and water." If you are a member of that 62%, you will want to mark Sunday, June 8 on your calendar to attend a unique and first of its kind candidate forum to hear CD1 candidates speak to these very issues.

While we have no intention of discounting the importance of illegal immigration, health care, and education, we want to hear candidates speak to the issues of river care, clean energy, habitat for fish and wildlife, and the impact of mining on our land, air, and water.

With an initiative driven by the Arizona Wildlife Federation, multiple organizations have come together to promote and support this unique forum. AWF is joined by the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited, Grand Canyon Trust, the Arizona Conservation Partnership, the Arizona Wilderness Coalition, the Arizona League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Verde Natural Resource Conservation District, and the Sedona-Verde Valley League of Women Voters. Many of these supporting groups will have tables set up at the forum to share information with you.

All the candidates currently in the race have confirmed their participation. These candidates include:

- Jeffrey Brown
- Sydney Hay
- Ann Kirkpatrick
- Preston Korn
- Brent Maupin
- Jeff Riley
- Howard Shanker
- Mary Kim Titla

Mark this date on your calendar, Sunday, June 8th. Tell your family, your friends, and your communities that you want their help in telling the candidates how important these issues are for Arizona's future. This is your opportunity to make sure your vote for these candidates is based on the issues that matter to you.

Here's the details:

Sunday, June 8th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Camp Verde School District

Multi Use Complex on Camp Lincoln Road

From Hwy 17, take Exit 289; go East 1.5 miles to the school district center.

Verde Valley Outreach Tales

by Stephen Youngkin

Ed Center Director, Verde Natural Resource Conservation District

Nearly six years ago, I signed on as Ed Center Director for the Verde Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) and immediately faced the very considerable challenge of following in the footsteps of my predecessor, John Parsons. He was, to a large extent, a “one-man band” that drummed into the minds of Verde Valley residents the importance of saving the Verde River. To this end, he rafted people down the river and trained them alongside it. That was then, this was now—2002. The Verde River “hype” had bottomed out and the Verde Canyon Railroad had abandoned its educational ticket rate. What to do?

I came to Arizona from Utah (via Washington and Oregon). Trekking the backcountry, I noticed two alarming trends, namely, damage from OHVs and littering of the landscape. In Oregon, a five and ten-cent bounty on cans and bottles had kept the countryside clean. In Arizona, however, the popular pastime seemed to be throwing beer bottles against rocks and/or shooting them and leaving the shards and shells. The lack of respect for the land disturbed me. Clearly, educational outreach needed to be a high priority for the Verde NRCD.

We decided to take our “Minimum Impact Recreation” message to the public at the Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival and Verde River Days, and district board members distributed thousands of educational coloring books and interactive CD-Roms, Tread Lightly publications and maps of designated riding areas. On every hike and bike ride that I took, I filled my backpack with trash (mostly cans and bottles, but also shotgun shells, brass cartridges, Skoal tins, etc). These we used to create a “Litter Lasts So Long” display which drove home the point that in our desert environment the decomposition of glass, plastic and metal will take many generations. The commitment to clean up the Verde Valley eventually paved the way for a productive partnership with the Stewards of Public Lands, which has collected more than 110 tons of trash and cleaned more than 3300 acres.

The strength of our board lies in its diversity. Each member champions a cause or concern and brings to bear a commitment to address it. Supervisor Jodi Allen credits her passion about the Verde River to growing up on its banks. This in turn fires her interest in ridding the river corridor of invasive weeds: In her words: “Like anything you really care about, getting involved and getting your hands dirty is part of the implementation.” In November 2007, she spearheaded the first four-hour Weed Eradication Workshop

that focused on Giant Reed and Salt Cedar. More such workshops are planned in the near future. On other fronts, Kaki Rowland stays on top of water issues, Bill Cowan monitors local environmental impacts and Ryna Rock is our liaison with the Arizona Wildlife Federation, keeping the board up to date on statewide issues.

The Verde NRCD’s public outreach effort for family events such as Verde River Days and the Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival (VVBNF) crosscut these many interests and has been ongoing for several years. Exhibits address OHV/Minimum Impact Recreation, litter awareness, invasive weeds, wise water use and more recently wildlife water escape ramps. Our Ed Center co-sponsors the annual School Day essay and poster contests that pose questions about helping the environment. The Eighth Annual VVBNF (April 24-27) attracted nearly one thousand visitors, including two hundred school children, grades 6-12, who attended five educational presentations. Verde River Days provides more opportunities for us to interact with the public on natural resource issues and concerns.

More recently, we have been invited as a partner of the Arizona Wildlife Federation, to expand our commitment to educational outreach through co-sponsorship of the **Candidate Forum for the Future of Arizona’s Natural Resources**, which will be held on Sunday, June 8th, at the Camp Verde Multi-Purpose Complex on Lincoln Drive . It is scheduled to run from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and allow the public to increase the awareness of the candidates to issues of concern.

‘WHADDA YA’ KNOW Answers

(from page 5)

1. Some live for 11,000 years
2. The Confederacy
3. As a result of the Mexican-American War
4. They can be up to 100 feet long
5. 1.5 million (main factor in loss of AZ’s grass lands)
6. US Government purchase of southern Arizona

Patience Pays Off

by Shane Borg



My name is Shane Borg. I am 28 years old. I took my Hunter Education class in April of 1985. I was finally drawn for a trophy bull elk tag in Unit 10 this year.

The hunt started September 28th. My father and I had gotten a weekend of scouting in over Labor Day weekend. We never saw a single sign. He also scouted the next weekend with my sister, and they saw a few bulls. I left for the hunt on the afternoon of the 25th.

Upon arriving, we set up camp, and then my Dad and I drove down a rough pipeline road and sat on a

tank. We saw a 6 x 6 @ a 340 bull with some cows. The following evening we saw the same bull.

On the morning of the 27th, Ron Eichelberger, my guide from Ponderosa Outfitters, and I hiked a mile in to the top of a knoll and saw a few different bulls. After glassing for about three hours, we finally saw a 7x6 that had been bugling all morning back in the cedars. He came up to the base of the knoll we were on with a couple of archers, whose hunt ended that day, pushing him along. They eventually turned around, and we left.

That evening I went back to the knoll and saw the same bull but in a different place in the valley.

The next morning, Ron and I were out on the knoll at about 4:30 A.M. As the bull started to bugle back in the cedars from the same spot he was in the previous morning, we started to stalk him down into the valley and up onto the mountain on the other side of the valley. At about 10:00 or so, the bull and the cows he was with, bedded down in a small cut on the side of the mountain. Ron and I found a small clearing with some very small shooting lanes across the cut. The bull bugled every half hour or so, so we knew he wasn't going anywhere.

The plan was to wait until they got up in the afternoon to move back in the valley to feed for the night and then try to get a shot. However, around 1:15 or so, the bull bugled a couple of times, and we could tell that he was up and moving. Ron got off the small rock outcropping we were on to see if he could get a better line of sight. As he did that, I was glassing the far side of the cut. At that point the bull walked into the only space in the trees big enough to tell it was him and not a cow. I dropped my binoculars and picked up my rifle. Ron used his range finder and said, "He is at exactly 200 yards." I was shooting a Browning Auto

Loader .300 Winchester mag. with a Burris 4x16 Signature Select scope. I was using Remington lead free 180 grain Premier AccuTip Boat Tail ammo the second dot down in the scope was set for 200 yards. I aimed and shot. He didn't even move. I aimed and shot again. Once again, he didn't even flinch. I shot a third time, the last shot in my clip, and the bull dropped right where he stood. That was a good thing since I was shaking so hard I could not get my hand into my pocket to get more shells!

Ron and I walked over and discovered the first two shots were dead in the lungs, and the third broke his back. We caped, skinned, and quartered him there and left the meat on some rocks and in a tree to get the next

morning since we had a two and a half mile hike back to the truck.

As luck would have it we had a GPS, and using it, the next morning we were able to go around and in from the top side of the mountain which the bull was closest to and were able to pack out the meat and the head. It took two trips. Back at camp, we did a rough measure and got a gross score of 373 3/8 B&C. As I write this, the rack is finally beyond the 60 day drying period. The official scores are: SCI 370 2/8, B&C typical 323 2/8, and non-typical 351 7/8. It only took 19 years and 17 bonus points, but I finally got my trophy and my dream hunt.

ARIZONA WILDLIFE FEDERATION EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Since originally established in 1970, Earth Day has caught on world-wide. Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, first proposed Earth Day in 1969 in a speech given in Seattle. The next year, more than 20 million people in the U.S. observed April 22nd as a day to commemorate our stewardship responsibilities toward the Earth.

In quick succession in 1970, President Nixon signed the bill creating the EPA with a mission to protect the environment and public health. Later the same year Congress amended the Clean Air Act, setting national air quality, auto emissions, and anti-pollution standards. In 1972, Congress passed the Clean Water Act and a year later, began phasing out leaded gasoline.

Environmental concerns were coming to the front among the conservation groups but the impetus given by Earth Day and the growing number of participants in environmental activities were critical to moving much legislation to passage.

Thanks to Solange Whitehead of Environmental Fund for Arizona, of which AWF is a member, information tabling was set up at several AMEX locations and at other community Earth Day events. AWF was a participant in Earth Day 2008 with information tables set up at American Express headquarters on April 22nd and at Phoenix College on the 23rd. Our AWF representative, Tony Bossart, spent time with several hundred interested AMEX employees and P.C. students discussing AWF programs and its mission, and passing out our literature.

AWF's exposure at these Earth Day events is important because through EFA, our organization is eligible for receiving employee donations as an environmental charity. Broadening our community support and the possibility for additional funding is important for continuing our wildlife conservation efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL FUND FOR ARIZONA

The EFA Board of Director's annual meeting was held on May 6th at the Desert Botanical Gardens. EFA is a coalition of 23 environmental and conservation groups covering a broad range of environmental and conservation concerns from education to direct action and intervention to legislative efforts.

To quote Solange Whitehead, EFA Director, "Collectively, we are tackling every conservation and environmental issue facing Arizona today, including preserving our spectacular wild places, keeping our skies blue and our rivers flowing, reintroducing native crops that tolerate heat and arid climates, creating sensible energy policies, rehabilitating our wildlife when injured or orphaned, and getting our children together with nature through sponsored field trips, classroom presentations, and hands-on work programs."

When EFA began in 2001, the City of Mesa was the only government listing EFA as an eligible charity. Slowly and surely, over the next seven years, through letters, meetings with decision makers, charitable giving campaigns were opened for EFA and coalition members participation. Today, according to Solange, the majority of valley government employees have a green choice. But, we cannot yet call the majority of governments our workplace partners. This is the next step.

And that next step is to reach out to every rural government, every west valley city and town in the Phoenix metro area, and the three state universities. That will be a central effort in 2008. It will be a big challenge and will require a lot of energy and persistence. For ways you, as a member, can help, contact Solange Whitehead at efaz@efaz.org or Tony Bossart at awf@azwildlife.org.

Clean Up Our Land!

One Trail at A Time

By Nena Barlow

Photos by Tim Huber

A Chinese proverb states “It is possible to move a mountain by carrying away small stones.”



Tim Huber, a banker from Scottsdale, Arizona, moved a 7-ton mountain of trash from Four Peaks Road in six hours. No, he didn't do it alone—he had about 250 helpers. So, how did Huber find 250 people to just drop what they were doing on a beautiful Saturday and go pick up trash that others had left?

Huber's story is an inspiration to any of us who have ever shaken our heads at litter strewn along a road wondering what we, one person, could possibly do about it.

In early January, Huber went for a drive in his SUV along Four Peaks Road in the hills north of Phoenix. He was stunned and angered by what he saw along the way—not only the usual sprinkling of bottles and cans, but appliances, computer equipment, furniture, spent ammunition casings, and construction debris. He was tired of just shaking his head in disgust. He decided to do something.

His first inclination was just to set a time for himself to go pick up some trash, but one of the many pieces of debris that really shocked him into action was the burnt-out hulk of what had been a brand new Toyota FJ Cruiser. He knew he would need some help to haul that out, so he talked to a few friends, thinking “no one is going to want to do this.”

To Huber's pleasant surprise, everyone he asked responded enthusiastically. He set his clean-up date about one month out to give everyone time to plan. He had never organized a clean-up before, or even attended one, but suddenly, people he barely knew were saying “Great! I'll be there!” Before he knew it, a small army was forming.

His next call was to the local Forest Service to find out if any special arrangements needed to be made. Again, he was met with enthusiasm. The local district of the US Forest Service not only sanctioned the event, but provided trash bags and a 4-ton capacity dumpster on the day of the clean-up.

Then he expanded his call to aid by reaching out to other people who enjoyed the Four Peaks area—hikers, mountain bikers, 4x4 clubs, shooting clubs—anyone he could think of.

Huber searched the web for local clubs and recreational groups, and posted information about the clean-up effort on as many sites as he could find.

“I spent about four-hours every night just surfing the net, joining forums, posting the information and answering ques-



tions. Everyone just started jumping in!”

Huber contacted some local business owners to see if they would help in any way. Once again, vendors jumped in with donations of food, cleaning supplies and equipment, and raffle items.

As the date of the event drew near, Huber drew from the talents of other volunteers to help create maps and signs, staff supply stations, and continue to spread the word throughout the outdoor recreation community.

A great break in public awareness came when a local news channel caught wind of the rapidly growing clean-up event, and called Tim for a broadcast just two days before the event.

On Saturday, February 9, people flocked from all over the state to help Huber pick up trash along Four Peaks Road. With smiles and determination, the attendees removed every scrap of visible trash, including the burnt out Toyota.

When asked what advice he would give to someone who wanted to instigate a clean-up effort, Huber replied, “Just do it. You pick your trail, you pick your date, and then just run with it. Others will follow.”

Will the trash come back? Unfortunately, yes, but maybe next time, it will be a little less, and a little less after that, until dumpers are too ashamed to just blatantly throw their refuse into a once again pristine desert. “I will definitely do another one, but I will just start over with no expectations,” says Huber.

One person CAN make a difference. One person brought two-hundred fifty people from all walks of life together with minimal lead time and media exposure. One person effected the removal of 7 tons of trash from public land, and encouraged any of us who have ever shaken our heads in disgust at a littered stretch of road that we CAN make it better, **one trail at a time!**

Huber cannot express enough his gratitude to the following sponsors and supporting clubs: Racer Offroad, The Good Gun Foundation, SDHQ Offroad, Total Chaos Fabrication, Icon Vehicle Dynamics, Overland Journal, Overland Video, Sierra Expeditions, REI, The Daybreak Deli, Tyson Crews Development, Stardust Country, Hunter Offroad, M&I Bank, Copper State Cruisers, The AZ Virtual Jeep Club, AZ TTORA, the AZ Xterra Owners Club, AZFJ, FJ Cruiserforums, Bman, Elvota, BioD 60, Danica, AZLane, the Forest Service, AZ Fish and Game, and the Maricopa County Sheriffs Office. The generosity and enthusiasm of these businesses and clubs helped to launch the event to a resounding success.



Do you want to organize a clean-up of your own favorite trail or site? Here is a basic checklist to get you started:

Action list:

Identify an area that is significant and meaningful to you. Don't look for the area you think needs the most help, think of a place that you like to spend time, for which you have a passion.

Build a team: if you are active in a local recreation club, start there—ask questions about the site you have in mind. Gather input about a date that is likely to attract the most participation. Ask for referrals to other interested clubs and businesses.

Contact the local land management authority. Arizona is managed primarily by BLM or USFS. Tell them where and when you want to do a clean-up. Often, they will lend resources like trash bags or dumpsters. There may be limitations to the size of group permitted in an area at one time.

Gather support: ask businesses to provide resources in exchange for sponsorship exposure. Resources donated may range from raffle items, to clean-up supplies like rakes and gloves, to snacks for participants. Remember to give them as much public thanks and exposure as possible so that they will have a positive result from helping.

Write a press release: one page that clearly states when, where, what to bring, and who to contact with questions. Distribute it to news media; outdoor-interest publications, outdoor-oriented non-profit organizations, websites, and clubs.

Tools:

- Shovels—large, flat-head shovels are the most effective at scooping up small debris.
- Rakes—leaf rakes and rock rakes can be equally useful.
- 5-gallon buckets with handles work well for hauling glass or metal scraps that may cut through a plastic trash bag.
- Heavy-duty trash bags—though these are often provided by a sponsor, there can never be too many.

What to wear:

- Long pants
- Long sleeved shirt
- Work boots or heavy leather shoes with thick soles
- Heavy work gloves
- Sunscreen
- Eye protection

Communication:

- Cell phone list
- CB, FRS, or HAM Radio.

Basic human needs:

- Water
- Restrooms—For large events, it may be a good idea to have porta-potties brought in—check with the public land management agency.
- First Aid—nasty cuts, scrapes, and punctures can occur, as well as the common sprained ankle or insect bite. Have basic first aid on hand, and invite law enforcement or EMS personnel to attend.

Full Circle



by Lisa Bunch

Lisa at the BOW Deluxe in 2006

*I first met Lisa at the BOW Deluxe in 2006. I remember a high-energy positive participant who was obviously having a great time. She attended every BOW in 2006 and brought stuff for s'mores! In 2007, there was Lisa again, at every BOW with some more fixings for s'mores! **Arizona Wildlife News** readers met her in the spring of 2007 when she wrote about that first year.*

Somehow during that time her interest in photography morphed into (or maybe included) a passion for firearms.

This past April, Lisa came to the BOW workshop as a firearms instructor. She will be back to instruct in August.

She is working on a presentation titled "Buying and Using Your First Firearm" complete with handouts. As I write this, she is at the NRA convention in Kentucky gathering material and supplies for the presentation.

Did BOW have something to do with these changes for Lisa? I like to think so. Anyway, here are Lisa's thoughts on the April event and her first time as a BOW instructor. I have titled "Full Circle"

Linda Dightmon

At this BOW I joined the ranks of instructors, spending time in the firearms class and at the ranges as an instructor trainee.

From my first BOW in February 2006, I realized that I had talents that I could teach other women. I became a Hunter Education instructor, and when AZGFD offered a shotgun coach course I attended and became a shotgun coach for the Ben Avery Desert

Roses program, a shotgun clay target introductory course for women.

I am now invited to teach along with the great firearms instructors at BOW: Larry Lemieux, Larry Spoehr, & Jan Dunkleberg who teach the Basic Firearms Safety, or BFS as we call it, and Russ Gunderson (Chief Instructor), Jim Subers (the awesome Range Safety Officer), another new instructor trainee Tim Fletcher, along with the other instructors who teach at the ranges.

Yeah, they're guys, but they're the best guys that women could have as instructors. We are very lucky to have such talented guys that are willing, no, **wanting** to volunteer to drive to Friendly Pines Camp in Prescott to teach women about firearms.

I already know from past BOW's how nice these guys are. Last April, Larry L. (*the Evil One*, as he is affectionately known) loaned a wool blanket to me when mine was too lightweight and I was freezing. No basketball or baseball game can compare with seeing the joy a woman experiences when she learns that she can shoot a gun safely and accurately.

As instructor trainee I learned the proven methods that these guys use that get these results. Our instructors know the real meaning of quality time, and would rather spend their time at BOW than at a sports bar watching a game.

I was really saddened to hear that Walt Oxley, our fishing instructor, was too ill to attend this time. It's because of him that I now use Febreze. We had gone on the night walk, and as usual, stopped by the pond to see how the fishing was going. Walt was there spraying Febreze on his hands. We

asked him why, and he told us it takes the smell of fish and bait completely away. He said it pretty much makes all nasty smells go away. Don, our hike leader, asked him if it worked on Hog Wild, and Walt had to admit that no, it didn't, but that there was probably nothing in the world that would. I sure hope he feels well enough to join us in August.

Stepping up to take his place to teach Fishing was Don Greene of archery fame, and Mark Hullinger of orientation/survival classes. They were treated to quite an experience with the Friday afternoon group.

One lady was squeamish about baiting the hook with half of a live worm, and another lady had to do it for her. She did diligently cast and reel, cast and reel, and towards the end of the class she got a bite. A BIG bite. Don, Mark, and the group were treated to an amazing display of a nearly three foot fighting carp. It got away (yes, the one that got away), but someone did snap a few frantic pictures of it.

After that, the lady lost her squeamishness about baiting her hook with a live worm and couldn't cut bait and cast fast enough. Just another example of a lady who stepped out of her comfort zone and was rewarded with an exciting memory.

I learned a lot as my first experience as an instructor trainee. The list of improvements for next time is growing, and I am excited as I think of new ideas to add value to the firearms learning experience for the women. My Febreze freshened sleeping bag is ready for August BOW.

This and That



We had some wonderful new instructors debut in April. Besides Lisa Bunch there was Kristina Hall, Patty Campbell and Joan Garrett. All of these ladies are BOW alumni and they will all be back in August.

Patty and Joan are long time friends with a love of the wild lands and wild things. They are both flight nurses and have teamed up to develop and refit the Wilderness Medicine class. Patty is an ER nurse practitioner while Joan is (was) a critical care nurse with 8 yrs flight nurse helicopter and fixed wing experience, a decade & more of emergency nursing and since 1986 MedAire...now Founder

and Chairman of the Board (www.medaire.com). Patty and Joan have taught all over the world in many different remote environments including luxury yacht crews and flight crews preparing them to manage medical emergencies in their environments. They do an awesome, hands-on class full of useful information. Kimberlee claimed that it was the best class ever!

Kristina is from 'Expeditions West' and has agreed to be our Camping instructor. Seasoned campers learned things in her class. She is a firm believer in the leave no trace philosophy and practices what she preaches. In April, the entire class opted to spend both nights in the camp that they set up and many participants stopped by during the "open camp" hours to visit. Kristina loves what she is doing and her enthusiasm and energy is contagious!

BOW participants are always a lot of fun and eager to learn but this April group was really special. Every instruc-

tor commented on what a great group of women we managed to bring together. I had a lot of fun helping Amanda Moors with the Beginning Hunting class. We had some ladies who will be going hunting! I understand why we have instructors who come year after year.

The August registration is posted on the website and ready to go. This is the last workshop for 2008 and August is great time to be in the pines. Participants are more likely to get first choice classes if they register early. We have a new class that we call "Let's Make Fire" and we are delighted to have Jamie D. as the instructor and architect of this class. Evening programs are in the works but we do have Deborah Robbins from Timberline game calls with a "Talking Turkey" seminar dialed in.

We also have some BOW promotion cards. If you would like some to distribute please email Linda at azodlady@yahoo.com and we will get some in the mail to you.



The Camping Class

Images by Kristina Hall



The Ropes Challenge

Final Workshop for 2008! August 15-17

Cost is \$235, which includes instruction, program materials, lodging in rustic cabins and meals. This workshop is at Friendly Pines Camp in the cool pines of the Bradshaw Mountains.

Workshop features evening entertainment, campfires and other night time activities to round out your outdoor experience. Classes include hiking, fishing, hunting, shooting, outdoor cooking, GPS, wilderness survival, rappelling, birding, map and compass, camping, archery and many more!

Becoming an Outdoors Woman is an Outdoors Skills Clinic for women. The objective of the program is to provide women with an opportunity to learn basic outdoor skills in a fun, non-threatening manner.



Wonderful Way To Pass On The Fun Of Fishing—Anglers' Legacy

You likely remember your very first fishing trip and who took you. And odds are pretty good, that positive first-time experience is why you're still fishing today. That's what Anglers' Legacy is all about – simply giving back what you've been given, and making your promise to introduce somebody new to the activity you love. The Arizona Game and Fish Department supports this wonderful program which is part of the national "Take Me Fishing" campaign administered by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. Join thousands of your peers and make a real difference in someone's life.

Take someone fishing – a family member, co-worker, neighbor, acquaintance at church, or perhaps, the mechanic who works on your car. Become part of Anglers' Legacy today, the group of folks from all across the country who, like you, are giving back. There's no membership fee and no obligation. You're just making a promise to do your part to share your knowledge and expertise with someone new. Take the Anglers' Legacy Pledge today!

Go to www.anglerslegacy.org to find out more and take the next step to sharing your fishing skills and experiences with someone special.

2008 Outdoor Expo shatters attendance records!

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's 2008 Outdoor Expo drew a record 26,000 people the weekend of March 29-30, far exceeding last year's attendance of 17,000.

More than 18,000 people visited on Saturday and 8,000 on Sunday. The event was held at the 1,600-acre Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, a world-renowned five-star range that is listed as a Phoenix Point of Pride.

Expo activities were concentrated in four different locations throughout the Ben Avery range and included the chance to try out firearms from different manufacturers, shoot a bow and arrow, view live wildlife, test-drive off-highway vehicles, do activities on an outdoor education nature trail, and catch a fish at the kids' catch-and-release fish tank.

Visitors also had a chance to visit with more than 150 exhibitors, including conservation organizations, government agencies, and commercial vendors of outdoor products and services.

In addition to the weekend Expo, the department held its first pre-Expo "Youth Day" on Friday, March 28. About 600 pre-registered children and 200 adults and chaperones attended the event, which focused on wildlife and conservation education.

Gold sponsors of the 2008 Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo were Sportsman's Warehouse, the Weatherby Foundation, and the American Red Cross, Grand Canyon Chapter. Silver sponsors were Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Lincoln Property Company and Sundt.

Next year's Outdoor Expo will be held March 28-29, 2009, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.

Organizations wishing to be sponsors or vendors can call Event Coordinator, Tristanna Bickford, at (623) 236-7241. Information will be posted at www.azgfd.gov/expo.

WORK PROJECTS 2008

Anderson Mesa

June 14, Fence modification near Kinnikinick Lake Anderson Mesa.

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July 19, Fence removal and modification near Ashurst Lake. High clearance vehicles are required, 2wd is fine.

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August 16, Fence removal and modification near Ashurst Lake. High clearance vehicles are required, 2wd is fine.

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Volunteers will meet at 7:30 am at the Mormon Lake Ranger Station located in Flagstaff at 4373 S. Lake Mary Road. From the Ranger Station we will caravan to the project location.

Please call Henry Provencio at 928-214-2436, or e-mail at hprovencio@fs.fed.us if you plan on attending one of the volunteer events.

Volunteers should bring plenty of water, food and personal effects for at least 6 hours of work. Volunteers should dress appropriately by wearing, boots, pants, a hat and long sleeves or plenty of sun screen. Volunteers need to bring a heavy set of fence pliers, gloves and a medium to strong back.

We hope to see you there.

Camp Cook

Recipes discovered by Ryna Rock



DUTCH OVEN PARMESAN CHICKEN

3 lbs broiler-fryer chicken, cut up
1-one quarter cups grated Parmesan cheese
1 tsp salt
One quarter tsp pepper
1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted

Remove skin from chicken. Mix cheese, salt, and pepper. Dip chicken into butter, then coat with cheese mixture.
Place chicken in 12-inch Dutch oven. Cover with coals and cook 45-50 minutes or until golden brown, 4 servings.

ONIONS AND MUSHROOMS

2 large onions, sliced and separated into rings
1 lb Portobello mushrooms, sliced
One quarter cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1 tsp garlic powder
One quarter tsp salt
One eighth tsp pepper

Cut an 18-inch piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil into 4 squares. Place divided onion slices onto squares; place mushroom slices on top of onions. Dot each package with 1 tablespoon butter, and sprinkle with garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Fold aluminum foil, sealing edges. Cook on a grill over a bed of hot coals for 10-15 minutes on each side.

CHERRY CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE

1 (21-oz) cans cherry pie filling
1 (1 lb 2.25-oz) pkg. chocolate fudge cake
Any ingredients associated with the cake mix

Pour pie filling into bottom of a large (12-inch) Dutch oven. Mix up the cake mix according to package directions and gently pour over the cherries. Cover and cook about 45-60 minutes - test with toothpick. Do not over cook bottom.



GUN CLEANING KITS
BLACK POWDER KITS
HUNTING, OUTDOOR
AND PERSONAL
SAFETY ACCESSORIES





We have received word from the National Forest Foundation that they are again granting AWF funding to continue the work on the Anderson Mesa Wetlands Restoration Project.

This is another matching funds grant, which means we will use the remaining AZ Game & Fish monies we have to match the \$50,000 (ballpark figure) the NFF will be granting us. Henry Provencio, USFS biologist, tells me we are getting very close to completing the work for this project and he is pretty excited about that.

It means there has been around 10-12 years work done in 3-4 years due to the AWF's participation, along with our other partners, like AAF and G & F, in this work. We have literally put several hundred thousand dollars on the ground for this project!

AWF again holds open house at the Arizona Game & Fish Expo 2008.

Single out for a big thank you are, Chris Fonoti, Linda Dightmon, Ken Alexander, Jim Solomon and Ryna Rock. What an opportunity to connect with the public of all ages and from all parts of the state. We gave away boxes and boxes of materials we had ranging from invasive weed info,



Ken Alexander Busy in the Booth

wildlife water escape ramps, OHV etiquette, anti-litter, and free tickets to the new movie 'Nims Island' to Ranger Rick magazines, BOW info, and hundreds of our AZ Wildlife News .



Anne Pollack & Kathy Davis

AWF Patti Ho Auction held on April 26th was a huge success.

Over 200 items from the estate that Patti Ho willed to AWF were auctioned off, including a 1995 GMC truck, 2 horse trailers, numerous guns, art, saddles, and tack, a Bear tag and Javalina tag to mention just some. Big thanks go to Game and Fish for the help and facilities, Cowgirls Forever for a terrific Dutch oven dinner, our entertainers, AWF volunteers, and the many folks who showed up and bid on the items. The list of individuals is just too long to thank each, you know who you are and know AWF holds each of you in our high esteem and thanks.

Tony Bossart AWF board member has taken on the task of representing AWF at the Environmental Fund of Arizona functions.

Tony has participated at two events so far and is in the process of scheduling more in conjunction with EFA. Tony states that the two functions went very well with lots of information dispensed and a very inquiring crowd. With AWF in attendance at these functions the AWF stands to

receive more donations than would otherwise. Good job Tony.

The 85th AWF Annual Meeting on Saturday July 12nd promises to be a highlight of the year with elections of AWF officers for the next year, board member nominations, Trophy Awards, Conservation Awards, Raffles and Door prizes. Meeting starts with registration at 7:30 a.m. with lunch scheduled at 11:30 a.m. being held at the Fiesta Inn, 2100 S. Priest Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282. **So come on and enjoy the festivities.** Go to www.azwildlife.org, mail in the registration form, call (480-644-0077) or fax (480-644-0078) the office for pre-registration. This meeting is open to all not just members.

Purchase Children Magazines.

In partnership with the National Wildlife Federation, the purchase of children's magazines (Ranger Rick, You rBig Backyard, Wild Animal Baby) will earn monies for AWF. See www.azwildlife.org the AWF web site for ordering information, and thank you.

Arizona Big Game Super Raffle

Didn't get drawn this year? Well, you still have a chance. Tickets are on sale now for the July 19th Super Raffle drawing for 9 big game species, including antelope, and a Swarovski optics package. The tags in this raffle, often referred to as "Governors Tags", are special in that you can hunt for **365 days** nearly anywhere in the state that supports the species.

Tickets are reasonably priced at \$5-\$25, making these tags affordable to the average person. They can be purchased online or by mail.

Visit the Super Raffle website for more information www.arizonabiggamesuperraffle.com

EXPO!



Patti Ho Auction!



Every Sportsman/Sportswoman in Arizona Should Belong to the Arizona Wildlife Federation

AWF is so concerned with the broad aspects of conservation, because it recognizes that only with the highest type of land and water use, can game and fish supplies be maintained. When land begins to go downhill, game and fish are the first to follow.

The Arizona Wildlife Federation is:

1. Representing Arizona's sportsmen and sportswomen before state and federal organizations.

2. Maintaining a permanent state office in the Phoenix metro area, with six Regional Directors through out the state.

3. Disseminating information regarding hunting and fishing and conservation through press, radio, and it's own quarterly publication, Arizona Wildlife News.

4. Conducting frequent Executive Committee/Board meetings, and a Annual Meeting/Convention.

5. Attempting to insure that every young Arizonan gets proper education in conservation problems and practices.

6. Informing state and national legislative bodies of problems and needs of Arizona sportsmen and women.

These and other AWF activities, require funds, of course. The only source of funds are, private individuals, corporate sponsors, affiliate organizations, fundraisers and membership. If you enjoy the outdoors, even if hunting and fishing are only secondary in your enjoyment, you'll want to help maintain our natural resources, for ourselves and our children. YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BY SUPPORTING THE ARIZONA WILDLIFE FEDERATION.

By filling the following application for membership and sending it, with the dues, yearly, life, or benefactor, you will become a member of a worthwhile organization.

AWF Members wanting a full copy of Board Minutes, contact Kim at 480-644-0077 A summary is available at www.azwildlife.org

Welcome New Members

Leonard Albright	Phoenix
Lorene Alexander	Prescott
Brenda Anderson	Flagstaff
Jan Anderson	Sun City West
Vickie Andre	Chandler
Luigi Baratta	Glendale
Bonnie Black	Tempe
Bob & Jean Bogaard	Scottsdale
Bob Bogardus	Phoenix
Randie Bricklin	Phoenix
Leah Carbonaro	Mesa
Phyllis Carbonaro	Mesa
Jody Cash	Phoenix
Jennifer Coffey	Gilbert
Rebecca Davidson	Scottsdale
Lamar Davis	Mesa
Paul Delaney	Queen Creek
Jim Domigan	Phoenix
Jeffrey & Joy Falk	Prescott
Richard Felter	Williams
Joshau Fife	Mesa
Kathryn Fix	Kingman
Karen Franco	Phoenix
Nick Freeman	Phoenix
Brian George	Scottsdale
Della Goodwin	Flagstaff
Larry & Kathryn Hallas	Peoria
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Mike Hanna	Mesa
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Dan & Liz Hart	Chino Valley
Mary Hartnett	Phoenix
Tori Havins	Chandler
Joel Hayes	Chandler
Michael & Deb Hays	Pinetop
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Gwen Hogan	Phoenix
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Gavin Rooney	Mesa
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Gary Smith	Glendale
Brian Smith	Phoenix
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NEW LIFE MEMBER!

Arizona Wildlife Federation takes great pleasure in welcoming the following Life Member. Your Life Membership helps us sustain our programs for wildlife and your commitment to this endeavor.

We thank you and wildlife thanks you.

**E. Clark Bloom,
Hereford, AZ.**



AWF Members

Please take a moment to review the list of Life Members and past Benefactors to make sure we have not missed anyone.

If you want to add someone to the list or upgrade your own membership status, please use the membership form provided below.

AWF Membership Application

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