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2008 ANNUAL CONSERVATION AWARDS WINNERS

At the recent 85th Annual Awards Luncheon of the Arizona Wildlife Federation a number of individuals were recognized for their excellence in service and achievement in the conservation arena. Any member of the Arizona Wildlife Federation may nominate any individual, group, or agency for a variety of awards that the AWF bestows at the Annual Awards Luncheon. A call for nominations is put out through affiliate notification, the Arizona Wildlife News and the AWF enews letter 4 months before the AWF Annual Meeting. The AWF's Board of Directors are provided with the nominations and information on each candidate 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting each year after which a vote is taken to arrive at the final awardees. This year's awardees are:

Government Agency Conservation Champion – Henry Provencio, Coconino National Forest, Flagstaff

Henry grew up in small town Arizona and always wanted to be a "forest ranger". He turned out to be exactly that, and a very good one according to his peers, his family, and those of us in the public who have been privileged to work with him. Henry has had a lengthy and rewarding career with the US Forest Service and the AWF met him through the Anderson Mesa Wetlands Restoration Project. He is an outstanding advocate for wildlife, who works hard to ensure that the habitat needs of everything from frogs to elk are met, to the greatest extent possible.

Youth Conservation Award – Smith Ramakrishna, Chandler

Smitha already has a resume relating to environmental science, sustainability of resources, and community service that outpaces most adults we know. This young woman and others like her are those who will be carrying our efforts forward in the conservation arena. Her interests and contributions will be of great importance not just to us in Arizona, but all over this country as she pursues them into adulthood.

Conservation Volunteer Award – John Toner, Litchfield Park

John is a hardworking committed volunteer with the Arizona Elk Society, which he helped create, and other wildlife groups. His handmade knives are truly works of art and he had stood ready to donate them for fundraising for wildlife and habitat for many years. He is a believer in keeping locally raised funds, local, and follows that path even to being a regular volunteer for wildlife work projects all over the state.

Conservation Organization of the Year – Arizona Elk Society

You would be hard pressed to find a more hard working wildlife organization than the AES. They have an ongoing 6 year commitment with a major fence removal project, have successfully pursued the retirement and reorganization of the Burro Creek Allotment, raised over \$2 million dollars in their first 6 years of existence, and are engaged in ongoing negotiations on allotment retirements that will free up more acreage for all wildlife. The AES's innovative Wapiti Week-end has been a tremendous success in reaching out to young hunters and giving them the knowledge they need about conservation ethics, survival, and hunting. The AES is an AWF partnering organization on issues of common concern and interest.

Thomas E. McCullough Memorial Award, Citizen – LV Yates, Phoenix

LV has been a faithful AWF member and supporter for longer than most of us can remember. He came to Arizona in the late 1940's with his father and they began the Yates Army/Navy Surplus Store, which later became the multiple "Yates" stores.

LV still serves on the Governor's Commission on Arizona Environment, and became part of that group through his efforts with its predecessor the Phoenix Mountain Preserve. His wealth of knowledge about outdoors Arizona is unparalleled by anyone. He has shared that knowledge through the AWF's Becoming An Outdoor Woman Program and his own, well-known, Know Your Resources Program for many years and is famous for great campfires, dutch oven cooking, his dry humor, and a vast store of Arizona lore he carries within him. LV became an AWF member in 1949.

Thomas E. McCullough Memorial Award, Professional – AZ State Representative, Jerry Weiers, Phoenix

Jerry Weiers is a man who is deeply vested in maintaining opportunities for outdoor recreationists in Arizona, and in looking to the future of wildlife and habitat in Arizona. We all understand the well-worn phrase about it being impossible to "please all the people, all the time", so we recognize Representative Weiers for his support of wildlife and wildlife organizations in Arizona. He is very aware of the vital role the sportsmen/women groups and wildlife organizations play in maintaining good management policies for wildlife and habitat through their constant advocacy, their project work, and their financial support of the Arizona Game & Fish Department.

Patty Ho Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award – Pete Cimellaro, Phoenix

Pete's accomplishments are too numerous to mention, and they are a portrait of his dedication and energy given to wildlife and sportsmen/women over the years. He is a life member of every major wildlife group in Arizona and a founder of the Arizona Antelope Foundation. He was also an initiator of Arizona Sportsmen For Wildlife, campaigning across the state to raise awareness of the need for this organization. He consistently has organized sportsmen to speak out to the legislature and educated legislators on the concerns and needs of the outdoor community. Pete was the initiator of the idea for the Arizona Super Big Game Raffle and then sold the Arizona Game and Fish Commission on the idea. Other organizations have given Pete many awards and he is well deserving of them all based on his seemingly tireless commitment to wildlife and wildlife organizations throughout Arizona.

Congratulations to all the awardees of the AWF's 85th Conservation Awards!



AWF ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

(L to R) Henry Provencio, Pete Cimellaro, L.V. Yates, Smitha Ramakrishna, Rep. Jerry Weiers, John Koleszar accepting for Arizona Elk Society, John Toner (not pictured)

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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 November 1953. Larry Toschik is the artist.

If you have a photograph or painting that you would like to submit for consideration on a future cover of Arizona Wildlife News, please contact AWF at the address below.

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Sportsmans Mail Pouch

John Underwood

From the *Arizona Daily Star*
July 19, 2008

Grijalva's action served Arizona

The Arizona Wildlife Federation thanks Rep. Raul Grijalva for his consideration and efforts resulting in the emergency protection of federal lands adjacent to the Grand Canyon National Park with regard to mineral development and entry.

Our concern about claims and planned mining activities in this area lack of any major reform to the Mining Act of 1872, which heightens the risk to all species dependent on these lands and waters.

The Federation believes Congress must establish environmental standards to protect water, fish and wildlife, and create a fund to clean up pollution from abandoned mines through major reforms to the Mining Act of 1872. It must also require multinational mining companies to pay royalties to the U. S. Treasury for the millions of dollars of minerals they take from our public lands.

Until such time as they accomplish this, outdoor recreationists from all walks of life will be setting their sights on ensuring respect and balance for iconic landscapes, fish, wildlife and water resources.

Ryna Rock
Arizona Wildlife Federation
President, Camp Verde

RE: Grijalva's Action...

I was in Tucson today and saw your excellent letter. Maricopa Audubon is proud to be a member of AWF.

Bob Witzeman

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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THANK YOU
ARIZONA WILDLIFE FEDERATION!!

I cannot come up with the words to explain how grateful I am for all that all of you have done for our beloved friend Patti Ho. But I will start with thank you to all of you at AWF. I knew you were a worthy organization but have really learned just how caring, concerned, and hard working all of you are. The memorial auction for Patti was fantastic. Thanks for the collage of pictures of Patti, Cowgirls Forever meal, music, and the wonderful memorial speech you gave before the auction. I know I loved it and Patti would have also. Thanks again!! Patti and her Friends



From The President

Ryna Rock

For this issue I want to communicate what I call the “State of the Arizona Wildlife Federation”. There are those who already know the contents of this article because they heard my talk at the 85th Annual Meeting of the AWF, and I ask their indulgence in allowing me to deliver it to the rest of the AWF’s members and supporters.

The unified efforts and energy of our dedicated officers, directors, and staff over the last few years, has culminated in the AWF having a truly remarkable year. The change in the “atmosphere” of the AWF has been felt throughout the wildlife, outdoors, and conservation communities resulting in the AWF becoming much more active. It has also drawn to our board the highly knowledgeable and broad spectrum of individuals who serve on it today, giving us a tremendous boost in our policy setting and decision making capabilities. It has been a joy to be President in this setting!

Aiding us throughout our year has been our vastly improved communication network.

Our news magazine, the “Arizona Wildlife News”, has become a well-received and widely distributed quarterly, with excellent articles and visual presentation.

Our website renovation has been proven successful through the outcomes of increased accessibility, information availability and higher usage volume.

We launched a new communication service, the AWF Enews, which has become a vital communication tool for special events and alerts. It is adding new subscribers on a steady basis.

And the AWF Trophy Book, last published in 2005, is in the planning stages of a new edition through the efforts of a dedicated Trophy Book Committee who are carrying forth a publishing tradition that began in 1975.

Turning to membership – the AWF is gaining steadily in membership – through our innovative program of “1st year free membership” for individuals who help us or attend projects and events, and for first time Becoming An Outdoor Woman attendees.

Affiliate membership continues to grow and my belief is that it is due to our stepped up efforts on communications and collaborations with other groups on issues of common concern to all of us. This year we have plans for a new membership role, that of Youth Membership. We realize it is becoming increasingly important to encourage our youth to be good stewards of our lands and wildlife and pass on to them the basics of good conservation ethics.

As our programs continue to grow so does our need for funding. This year fundraising ratcheted up with our continued success through the Environmental Fund of Arizona. The AWF is proud to have been a founding member of the EFA, through the forethought of our past president, Lee Kohlhasse. The true potential of this fundraising program is just beginning to develop as it spreads throughout the state and we will be with

it all the way.

In the more direct approach of our bi-annual membership appeal letters, members have shown increased support through steady donations. A sure sign we are “getting things right” in their eyes and that our enhanced communications to the membership have been working.

A welcome reward of improved communication has been our successful collaboration with other organization in working on major conservation and management policy issues in Arizona and other states. These collaborations have resulted most recently in passage of the first ever Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle legislation, in voicing outdoor recreationists concerns over budget sweeps by the Arizona legislature of Game & Fish funding, in a multi-organizational Travel Management Position Statement, in a successful push (completed soon we hope) for Wild and Scenic River designation for Fossil Creek, in working for changes in the Mining Law of 1872 and for protection of certain places in our state that should never see mining activities, and in the Teaming With Wildlife efforts for State Wildlife Grants.

The AWF this year was requested by the Western Conservation Foundation to apply for and receive a grant to host the first public candidate forum on natural resource issues in Congressional District 1 and possibly in the state. It has already been used as a model for other such events in other places. We were successful in attracting co-sponsors from a wide range of organizations for that event, highlighting what can be achieved through partnering with traditional and non-traditional partners.

The AWF’s cooperative efforts continue to expand, through the Board’s approval of the Arizona Wildlife Federation joining the Sportsmen For Responsible Energy Development at the first Board meeting of our new year. We are discovering that in order to achieve greater success, it is crucial that we reach out to traditional partners and, when possible, to new partners because today not only our wildlife and lands, but we are facing unprecedented, complex threats that can impact the lives of each of us.

Another facet of collaboration for the AWF has been in habitat projects. In 2006 we received and executed our first grants from the National Forest Foundation, the Arizona Antelope Foundation, and other friends of AWF that were devoted to the landscape scale Anderson Mesa Wetlands Restoration Project. In 2007 the AWF received and executed a grant from the Arizona Game and Fish Department for continuation of that work. This year we again received a grant from the National Forest Foundation and with our partners will be able to move the Anderson Mesa Wetlands Restoration Project almost to completion.

At our Annual Meeting we honored the gentleman who served as the wildlife biologist for this massive project, who

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Historical Tales

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ARIZONA WILDLIFE SPORTSMAN APRIL 1950

Guarding our Future

By Joe Dora (APGA President)

("This is an article that resonates in the sportsmen community right now!")

Tradition is valuable and has contributed to what we have, but we can't live on it. Nevertheless, it is important that we keep in mind that our organization was founded on certain principles. That handful of far thinking men who set out 27 years ago to get a sound wildlife program and provide the tools for operating it worked against big odds, without glory and without pay. The one major objective of their fight was to get the game department out of politics and keep it out. Men like Tom McCullough, Jim Diffin, Judge C.C. Faires and others, fought the good fight, and they got what they went after.

Their interest was conservation, and conservation is as American and democratic as Boston Common and the Constitution. Laws to provide for a Commission type of wildlife administration and other laws to permit this Commission to operate without political influence weren't hanging on trees for the picking. They had to be worked for and fought for, and they were!

In recent years we have learned that we can't sit back and watch that tradition work our miracles for us. We have to keep pace. For instance, the sportsmen have wanted an equalization of salaries for our Game Department personnel. We have asked for a discontinuing of the old "police" type wildlife management policy. We have expected and insisted upon a high type qualified game department personnel. The sportsmen requested and received a new hunting and fishing license scale to provide funds for these demands and needs. The current budgeting of game department funds by the legislature is contrary to the intents, purpose and demands of the sportsmen. We feel that the sportsmen are entitled to a say in how their funds are expended and it is now very apparent that the sportsmen have no say in this.

During the recent special session of the Arizona legislature our representatives failed to acknowledge the rights of the sportsmen who pay the bill to have a voice in how the monies are spent. In talking with some legislators, I have heard them speak in favor of a free hunting and fishing license. This kind of talk is about as ridicu-

lous as free taxes, which would result in no schools, no police protection, no highways or any of the other services that make us civilized people. We expect and must have certain services to keep us together, safe and progressive and we must be willing to pay for those services. We don't get anything for nothing, and what's more, we get in proportion to what we pay.

We failed miserably during this past special session. We took it for granted that because we resolved in convention to reallocate game department funds and raise salaries that it would be done. We failed to support men like Alfred Paul, Jr., Chairman of the Fish and Game Committee in the House, and Harold Giss of Yuma and 18 others who fought for our interests. Strangely enough, those who spoke in opposition to this legislation voiced personal grudges against game rangers because of arrest of friends for game law violations. The sportsmen have insisted that the rangers enforce the laws without any favoritism, but we have failed to back them up when they do.

What we have in a Commission type of game administration and the game department set-up is what the sportsmen fought for and we must protect that set-up. The sportsmen want to deal with the Commission and not with politicians. We can't deal with both. When House Bill 6, became law as Section 57-144A of the Arizona Game Code last year, Arizona sportsmen moved backward 27 years and lost everything our organization fought for and accomplished. Sportsmen owe it to themselves, not to any vote getters, to get back what was lost and to keep pace with progress in other states in wildlife conservation.

We must get back control of Game Department funds into the Commission where the sportsmen can have a voice in how those funds are spent. All Arizona sportsmen, including the Arizona Game Protective Association, should start now with their local political candidates to shoot for repeal of Section 57-144a of the Arizona Game Code. The legislature has not kept faith with us in this law. Last year, we were told by Mr. Wimberly, who introduced the bill, and by other legislators, that if the

Reproduced by Ryna Rock

sportsmen would go with House Bill 6, which placed the Commission on a legislative budget, that the interests and needs of the sportsmen would be provided for. This promise has not been kept.

Arizona sportsmen have demanded and expected the highest qualifications and services in the wildlife program. We have expected to provide for salary scales in the Commission personnel comparable to salaries in the same field elsewhere. We asked the legislature to provide for this—and they failed to do so. We should stop underwriting the expense of training top wildlife men for other states and federal agencies. As a matter of common sense, economy and business, in paying a living wage to our wildlife men we are protecting our investment in them. To lose these men is about as sensible as throwing silver dollars off Roosevelt Dam by the basketful!

We feel that salaries should be paid on the basis of the requirements, and responsibilities of the job and on our demands of that job. We expect the man filling the job to produce and we will insist that he produce. It is silly to pay salaries on the basis of the individual alone, and it isn't good business. I repeat that we get just what we pay for!

This country has changed a great deal since the pioneers first came here. The records prove that. There is not as much and what there is must provide for a growing population. What we are asking is to provide insurance that our children, tomorrow, and their children the day after tomorrow can enjoy the things that we have enjoyed and not have to pay through the nose for mistakes they didn't make.

It must be remembered that all the progress of our civilization has made, whether it be in the field of electronics, manufacturing, medicine, aviation or even in war, is the result of scientific research. We can't continue to deny the application of science in the infant field of wildlife management. We have only just begun in this and we are far behind. We can't afford to wait any longer. Sportsmen, and conservationists must subscribe completely and wholeheartedly to intelligent conservation principles.



By John Underwood



Streams and Game Trails

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

By now you probably have checked out the fall Dove, Quail, and Duck seasons. In that respect, I trust that your four legged companion, you know the one that really does all the work, is in as good shape as you are. Right now my Lab is lying under the desk getting her needed rest, so she indicates. Which brings me to a topic I believe is important not only for our hunting companions, but all types. Micro-chipping your dog.

Operating frequency is essential as it determines how well a chip might be detected and read by the majority of scanners. According to the USDA, the huge majority (approx. 80%) of scanners read ONLY the 125 kHz chips. It is important to choose a chip that is compatible with and can be read by the largest number of scanners used by shelters, veterinarians, animal control officers and disaster teams. In the United States of America, almost 98% of microchipped companion animals carry the 125 kHz frequency chip. It has been the standard of care since 1996. In addition, The American Microchip Advisory Council for Animals recommends that: "All companion animals being microchipped for recovery purposes in the United States be implanted with microchips operating at the de facto American standard of 125 kHz to insure interoperability for all rescue workers anywhere in the country.

Our Lab has had her chip since she was a pup and our Vet scans her each time she goes for a check up. It does work and if your dog gets lost or heaven forbid stolen, you stand a good chance of getting him/her back. Check out www.microchipsystems.com for more info.

GIVE YOUR DOG THE BOOTS

In my past experiences, I have used Lewis Dog Boots. The boots with the drain/air holes around the base and found them very satisfactory, but not as economical as the inner-tube variety. Lewis boots

are sturdy and will last most of a season. The important part is putting them on properly. To do this I used white bandage tape, and cloth athletic tape. Your preference on width, I usually use the 1 inch width. With the white color of the tape you can easily see that the boot is still intact and on. Tear off a length of cloth tape long enough to go around the dog's leg twice. Wrap this tape just under the accessory pad on the front paws and about three inches up the leg on the back. You'll tape to this layer, thereby avoiding the pulling of the dog's hair out when you remove the boots. The athletic tape should be snug enough to establish a good bond with the hair but not so tight that it restricts circulation. Next, cut a length of bandage tape long enough to go around the leg at least three times, and tear it lengthwise into two strips of equal width. You will use one half-width strip for each boot. Slip the boot over the foot and position it with the top of the boot about ¼ to ½ inch below the top of the cloth tape. With the boot in position, tape around the leg with enough tape to firmly secure the boot, careful not to cut off circulation. When you get to the end of the tape, fold over about ¼ inch to make it easier to remove. Finally, cut a length of bandage tape long enough to go around the leg one-and-a-half times. Wrap this even with the top of the cloth tape, and you're through. Once you and your dog get accustomed to the drill, you will be able to boot up in under five to ten minutes. Boots should be removed as soon as the dog is finished for the day.

I only used the boots when hunting Quail as most of our terrain is rocky and with cactus. (dogs do not swim well with the boots on, as traction is limited) The boots kept the dogs pads from getting torn or sore. I still occasionally had to pull a few cactus spines out, but all in all they kept the dog going. A pair of pliers is a good tool to have and a extra boot and tape just for that one time you may need it. : Very Important – With all rubber boots, wash with warm soapy water

before using. The rubber molding process leaves a light film of oil that can interfere with tape adhesion if not removed.

If you haven't yet, it might be a good idea to get your vet to vaccinate your dog with the Rattlesnake Toxoid vaccine. Good for all species except the Mohave. And last but not least, Snake Avoidance training. I use Jim Walkington at VIPER VOIDANCE 480-215-1776 and found on the web at www.vipervoidance.com HAPPY HUNTING!

\$\$ FOR WILDLIFE

Did you see where the the 2008 Arizona Big Game Super Raffle (AZBGR) final tally for all nine tags was \$478,860.? The number of projects funded through this program is extensive. In 2007 alone, there were more than 85 projects approved. The types of projects run the gamut, from hauling water to water catchments during drought years, all the way to contracting helicopter services for the catching and relocating the iconic desert bighorn sheep, to increase their range and population. Other projects include grassland restoration, fence removal, research and others. And, when these dollars are matched with other fund sources, the benefits to wildlife are multiplied many times over.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has hunter education classes available throughout the state, including metro Phoenix , Tucson , Yuma , Camp Verde , Lakeside , Kingman and many other areas. Some of the classes began as soon as Friday, July 25. For a full listing of classroom courses, visit www.azgfd.gov/education and click on "hunter education." A great way for any family to learn safety together.

Would you like to share your hunting/fishing/outdoors experience? You can send a e-mail me to me at streamsandgametrails1@cox.net

Until next time, Be Safe and Enjoy Arizona 's Great Outdoors.

Patti Ho

(1945-2008)

by Dan and Liz Hart

Editor's note:

Patti had many friends, and many were saddened by her loss, when we received two biographies, we felt that we needed to print them both.

Patricia Ann "Patti" Powers was born on in the Spring of 1945 in California, the only child of Clara and William Powers. She was raised and educated in the Southern California area, and from pictures, and newspaper articles we have been able to determine that she participated in the usual scholastic activities, including dance, yearbook club, etc. She loved animals from an early age, and from photographs and knowing her as we did, we know this to be true.

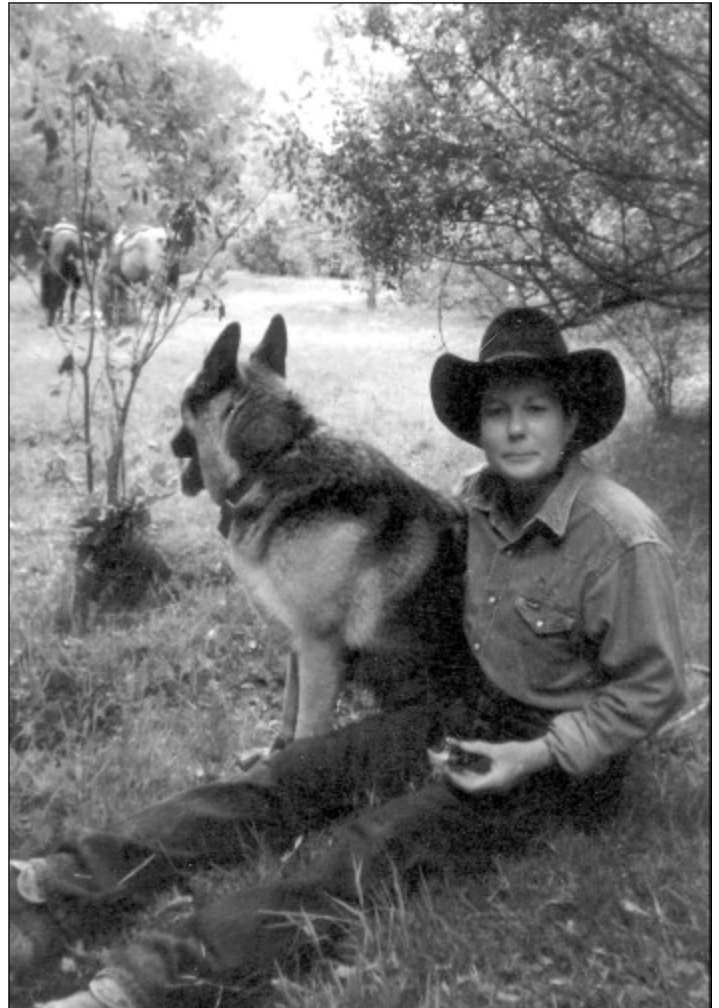
She was an avid surfer and was a member of the Waikiki Surf Club in Hawaii. She was also a professional motorcycle rider riding with Malcolm Smith K & M Husqvarna Racing in Southern California. Patti loved riding dirt bikes and spent a good deal of time riding "Baja".

During the Vietnam conflict, for personal reasons, Patti moved to Hawaii, along with her mother and father. With her parents living in Hawaii, Patti went on to Vietnam. After one year she, as a civilian, was supposed to leave Vietnam. She did some research and found that she could remain if she was of Asian decent or affiliation. This was apparently when she changed her last name to Ho. She eventually left Vietnam and it was at this time that she went on to explore more of the Asian lands and customs. It is known that she was in Hong Kong, among other Asian nations during this period of her life.

Sometime later, she moved back to the U.S. mainland and settled in the Palm Springs area, bringing her parents with her to that locale. After her father passed away, she moved to Cottonwood and lived there for a period of time before settling in Chino Valley. Her mother lived with her during these moves and eventually passed away in Chino Valley.

Patti, as mentioned, was a lover of animals and she had various horses and dogs during her Chino Valley years. It was noted that often she would treat the animals better than she treated herself, and this was always a fun point with her. She loved the outdoors and was an accomplished hunter. She was a very skilled bow hunter and also an extremely good shot! There are stories about just how good a shot she was, but in her honor, we will leave those untold.

One of her favorite places to "horse camp" the past few



years was Little Pine Flats out of Williams, AZ. Her home was a testament to her love of the outdoors, from the yard art to her prided "Trophy Room". We nicknamed it the "Dead Room" because when you would walk into it there was an eerie silence but the animals and birds were in various action poses. She was extremely proud of her accomplishments and had many, many animals, mounted, stuffed, etc., in her trophy room. She also kept scrapbooks of pictures of her many "tags" and was proud to show them off. We think she is in the Arizona record book for biggest mountain lion got with a bow.

Patti was a member of the Chino Valley Mounted Search and Rescue for a few years. Patti had a sense of humor that is hard to describe, but you knew when she was joking by the little giggle that she had. She was an extremely neat and tidy person, with her home and yard being spotless, manicured and well looked after.

She was a true friend of many and no matter what the circumstance she was always willing to share. She was the perfect example of someone who would literally give you the shirt off her back. We had to be careful complementing her on her wonderful collections as we just might have ended up taking it home! She would often just stop by with some little trinket that she had bought, just because she thought you "needed it". It made her feel good that she could share with others. She will be sorrowfully missed.

Patti Ann Ho, born Patti Ann Powers, was born in the Spring of 1945 in California. Patti graduated from Van Nuys High School June 21, 1963. Patti was 62 years old and she had lived in Arizona the past 17 years. She was baptized June 3, 1945 in Los Angeles and passed away exactly 62 years to the day on June 3, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona after being thrown from her horse. Patti donated all her possessions to the Arizona Wildlife Federation which included her home, truck, horse trailers, and personal possessions. Patti was never married.

Patti lived her life in the fast lane. She loved action and participation sports, which she pursued with enthusiasm. Patti first became involved in surfing in California then moved to Hawaii where she competed professionally. During this time she spent time in Hong Kong and as a civilian employee in South Vietnam during the war there. This is when she changed her last name, so as to be able to stay longer in Vietnam, as people with oriental surnames could stay in country longer.

Patti then moved to Riverside and then Cathedral City California and began the sport of professional motorcycle moto-cross racing. Patti competed for several years and enjoyed the fast pace of the sport and was a member of the American Motorcycle Association for several years. Patti worked as a retail clerk in grocery markets most of her working career.

Patti then moved to Cottonwood, Arizona where she bought a home and became involved in hunting and fishing. Archery hunting became her passion and the walls of her home were fully adorned with the trophies of her hunts. Patti was an accomplished diaphragm elk caller and never turned down a chance to head for the woods, a lake, or the ocean to pursue these sports. During this time she became involved with horses which she learned to love and decided to have her own.

Patti moved to Chino Valley and bought a home with 5

acres so as to have a proper place to keep horses and her beloved dogs, which she always had a couple of. Patti joined the Yavapai County Sheriff Search and Rescue October 2nd, 1994. Patti rode her horses often and never missed a chance to go to rodeos or other horse events. Patti had made many friends on her trail thru life and will be missed dearly by all.

Pattis friend;
Tom Ward



Editor note: Patti Ann Ho donated her estate to the Arizona Wildlife Federation so as to further her continued support of Arizona wildlife. AWF has renamed their Lifetime Achievement Award to the "Patti Ho Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award."

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FOR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

WHADDA' YA' KNOW?

1. Name the current management model of most US Game & Fish Agencies.
2. Number of fishermen fishing annually in Arizona?
3. How many fishing days are anglers spending annually in Arizona?
4. Number of hunters hunting annually in Arizona?
5. How many hunting days are hunters spending annually in Arizona?
6. What kind of areas in the West have the fastest growing economies?

Answers on page 12



The Luck of the Draw

By Scott McGill

This is an amazing story about a guy who moved from Illinois to Arizona, four years ago and landed an elk that was recorded in the Pope and Young record book.

Limited to archery hunting in Illinois, I never dreamed that I would have the opportunity to kill an American elk in my life time. In the year 2004, I moved to Arizona on a job change. I did not know about the archery hunting season or draws in Arizona. When talking to several hunters, getting drawn for any type of elk hunt was unheard of. Reluctantly, I put in for the first time in 2006 and received a cow tag for 5b.

The following year, I put in for elk in several different units. Surprisingly enough, I drew a bull tag for the early season in Unit 4b. Not realizing the difficulty in getting drawn, I was thrilled to participate in the hunt for this season.

Not knowing anything about hunting for American elk, I camped out for thirteen days straight learning the patterns of how elk move while entering into the rut. As the hunt was nearing the end and not having the proper knowledge of how to hunt elk, I called a friend to bugle for me. He assisted in the last two days of the hunting season.

My patience was wearing thin and I realized that my

window of opportunity was closing in. I knew that getting drawn for a bull elk, again, was slim to none. Hunting in unseasonably warm weather caused the elk to show little movement. Luckily, the next morning the temperatures dropped below thirty degrees and the elk began bugling near our camp site.

As the dawn was breaking, we began tracking a group of bulls. Around 7:00 a.m., we came upon two bulls fighting and haggling over the same cow in the surrounding area. My partner, Matt and I settled in between the quarrel of the two bulls. Matt got a glimpse of one of the bulls and motioned to me that it was in the 360 class. I took a forty yard shot and missed a bull on the run. Thinking that I would not have another chance to get a second shot off, an even larger bull crossed my path. Having a 25 yard shot, I connected dead on in the kill zone. Trying to suppress my excitement, we rested for an hour and a half and began tracking the bull.

To my amazement, the bull traveled around 550 yards and collapsed. Needless to say, I was thrilled to have shot an elk, let alone a record breaker.

The luck of the Irish was on my side that day, and it scored a 352 and 5/8 with Pope and Young.



The Verde NRC
by Ty Rock

In the last, quarterly edition of the Arizona Wildlife Federation magazine, we dealt with the origin of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) across the United States and, subsequently, the formation of the 38 Arizona Associations of Conservation Districts (AACD). In this issue we will highlight the Verde Natural Resource Conservation District (NRC), which was the first district formed in the state of Arizona. Since December 15, 1941, the Verde NRC has worked with local landowners to help conserve the soil and water resources of the Verde Valley. In fact, local volunteers from the "Verde" helped form the National Association of Conservation Districts in 1946.

Historic cattleman, Frank A. Gyberg (1887-1970), has single-handedly been credited with the formation of the Verde NRC. With his dedication to improving range and watershed principles, he assisted in the formation of many federal, state and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. His resume' of accomplishments included serving on many boards and executive committees, lobbying congress for conservation issues and being appointed to many positions for the advancement of NRC policies and standards.

The Districts boundaries are quite widespread and encompass all of the Verde Valley, in addition to the Munds Park, Kachina Village and Clint's Well areas. The Verde River, from Sycamore Canyon to the Horseshoe Reservoir, is within the District's boundaries.

The "Verde's" top priority is ensuring that water continues to flow in the Verde River, so that the people, plants, animals and economies, which depend on this precious resource, can continue to thrive. Education of the public, regarding the riparian habitat, water resources and unique wildlife, is of utmost importance. Work is continuously ongoing, with various local, state and federal organizations and agencies, to promote sustainable and balanced use of the area's natural resources.

The "Verde" pioneered many conservation methods, procedures, activities and alliances that include a laundry list of successes, such as, the following: development of Environmental Education Centers that, by today, total 19; began in the late 1980's, the popular Verde River Days and more recently an annual event known as the Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival. These events draw thousands of participants and are made possible by a broad-based partnership of private and public interests. They consist of informative

canoe rides down the Verde River, bird watching seminars, field trips to many riparian areas and perennial streams, wine workshops, Dutch oven cookery and a host of other activities to satisfy nearly any taste or hankering; conducted extensive mapping efforts and studies in regards to irrigated lands and irrigation diversion structures throughout the Verde River system; created a riparian species nursery at Dead Horse Ranch State Park; directs annual tree planting activities along the banks of the Verde River; partnered with the Stewards of Public Lands to affect clean-up campaigns at various locations throughout the Verde Valley.

In addition, the Verde NRC helps administer several programs provided by the NRCS that include the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). WHIP is a voluntary program for participants who desire development and improvement of wildlife habitat, primarily on private land. The purpose of the EWP program is to engage in emergency measures, including the purchase of flood plain easements, for runoff containment and erosion prevention. EQIP provides a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers in order to promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. This program provides contracts, with incentive payments and cost-sharing, in order to implement recognized, conservation practices.

As urbanization continues to impact the Verde Valley and other areas within the Verde NRC, pressures will persist on the dwindling riparian and precious water resources. As a result, the "Verde" will continue to support sustainable, small scale agricultural and the education of the public regarding the importance of soil and water conservation, even on the scale of residential usage. Less than forty years ago there were approximately 300 farming/ranching operations in the Verde Valley. Currently, 90% of those operations are gone. Questions we must ask ourselves are, "will any remnants of this agricultural heritage survive" and "what is going to happen in the distant future"? The Verde NRC feels that soil and water conservation are absolutely vital for our culture, economy and environment. Whatever the future holds for us, the "Verde" remains dedicated to the cause of soil and water conservation.

Anderson Mesa

Preserving Wetlands a Win-Win for Wildlife and Ranchers

By DAVID WOLF
Columnist, Arizona Daily Sun

There currently is a lot of work going on at many of the seasonal wetlands on Anderson Mesa south-east of Flagstaff, and this year these wetlands are wet.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has provided funding, much of it through the duck stamp program, and has doubled our dollars through matching funds from the National Forest Foundation. You take that \$250,000 and add in the Arizona Wildlife Federation, Arizona Antelope Foundation, Arizona Bowhunters Foundation, Mesa Varmint Callers and Wildlife Conservation Advisory Council with additional help from the Coconino National Forest, Flying M Ranch, and the Diablo Trust and great things happen.

The great thing is the installation of wetland protection fencing -- over 20 miles of fencing -- around more than 1,000 acres of our precious wetlands. Yes, Arizona actually has wetlands -- natural wetlands at that.

The fencing will keep out vehicles, yet is designed to permit livestock access to the water while protecting the wetlands that are important habitat for waterfowl, elk, deer, antelope, various shore birds, snakes, insects and all the creepy crawlers that like water and mud. Think of a wheel with one or two spokes coming into the center. Livestock can travel between the spokes to the water but cannot trample the rest of the wetland.

The fencing is unique and was built to the standards outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement. The top strand is 3/8-inch cable, the middle strands are barbed wire and the bottom strand is smooth wire. There are also elk jumps on the top and goat (antelope) bar on the bottom in selected portions of the fence.

The jumps and bars are where PVC pipe is used to cover the top and bottom strands, making it easier for ungulates like deer and elk to jump over and for antelope to crawl under.

This series of projects were identified in the Anderson

Mesa Landscape Analysis, and the hunters of Arizona stepped up and provided the funds to match the grants from the National Forest Foundation.

To date, nine of our ephemeral wetlands on Anderson Mesa have been protected. This summer another three will be protected as well, bringing the total to an even dozen. These wetlands are nesting and resting areas for a variety of birds and important forage and social sites for elk, deer and antelope.

What you will find when you go to any of these lakes is your ability to drive to the shore of the wetlands is restricted, but that is a small price to pay for the benefits of having untrampled wetlands that are of tremendous value to wildlife. The lakes protected are Prime, Post, Deep, Ducknest, Perry, Corner, Boot, West Breezy, Indian, Indian Tank, Lost and Tony's Tank.



These projects are a win-win for all of us. The rancher wins because he can still water his livestock but he no longer needs to worry about the impact of livestock on a precious habitat during the wet times. Outdoors people win because of duck nesting, antelope fawning, elk calving, and the habitat diversity that wetlands bring, along with all the species that need wetlands.

Can you imagine how much more we could do if everyone would just buy a duck stamp every year? The majority of our wetlands, from North Dakota to Florida, are gone. Despite prior government promises of no net wetland losses, the current ethanol-from-corn boondoggle is costing us wetlands and other habitat at a frightening pace.

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WHADDA' YA' KNOW? Answers

1. North American Model for Wildlife Conservation
2. On average, 419,000
3. On average, 4.2 million (91% resident)
4. On average, 148,000 (91% resident)
5. On average, 1.7 million
6. Those that have public lands managed for conservation grow the fastest.

Partners Help Coconino NF Restore Wetlands on Anderson Mesa

By Henry Provencio
Wildlife Biologist, Coconino National Forest
Images on these two pages by Henry Provencio



The Arizona Wildlife Federation received a **\$100,000 National Forest Foundation (NFF) grant to install wetland fencing on Coconino NF. The fencing is designed to protect and restore wetlands and grasslands on Anderson Mesa.**

NFF grants require a 50%, non federal, dollar for dollar match. The Arizona Wildlife Federation, with major contributions from the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Arizona Antelope Foundation, exceeded the required \$100,000 match for a total 2008 contribution of \$219,000!

Anderson Mesa is located within Coconino NF southeast of Flagstaff, Arizona. Naturally formed wetlands occur along the entire length of the mesa and are important to migratory birds, elk, deer, and antelope. The new wetland fencing is designed to allow wildlife safer passage either over or under fences and restrict livestock access to a small portion of the wetlands.

Wetland fencing will increase cover for waterfowl nesting and reduce disturbance and juvenile mortality and will also improve conditions for pronghorn antelope. When nursing, pronghorn does spend more time close to permanent water sources. Since many of the wetland fences extend well beyond the waters edge, pronghorn will also benefit from an increase in fawn cover adjacent to wetlands.

In 2008, 7.8 miles of wildlife friendly fence will be installed around five wetlands on Anderson Mesa with an additional seven miles of old fencing being removed by volunteers. This is in addition to the 24 miles of wetland fencing already completed by Arizona Wildlife Federation, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Forest Service, and the Diablo Trust ranches.

Arizona Wildlife Federation's grant proposal scored high

due to the hundreds of volunteer hours from other agencies, sportsman and civic organizations and is part of a larger landscape effort to restore Anderson Mesa. Volunteers have removed and repaired old fencing and cut hundreds of junipers encroaching on Anderson Mesa's grasslands.

Over 60,000 acres of restoration work has been accomplished so far.

Before construction of these wetland fences, range managers were restricted to grazing pastures at the same time every year potentially reducing the vegetative diversity of the Mesa. The wetland fences will allow range managers more flexibility in implementing rest-rotation grazing strategies that should provided greater diversity and overall health of the ecosystem.

With matching grants from the National Forest Foundation and the energy and enthusiasm of individual volunteers and partners like Arizona Wildlife Federation, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Diablo Trust, and Arizona Antelope Foundation everyone can have a hand in "Caring for the Land and Serving People."

Editor's Note: Henry Provencio has been awarded "Government Agency Conservation Champion" from the AZ Wildlife Federation (AWF). Henry has been instrumental in the great success of the Anderson Mesa Wetlands Restoration Project. He believes his most rewarding experience to date has been working with volunteers and partners restoring habitat on Anderson Mesa. Awards Chairman, John Underwood said, "AWF considers the work Henry has done, a great benefit to conservation and habitat for wildlife." Henry is the husband of Heather Provencio, district ranger of Red Rock RD.

Whose Public Land Is It?

This is the first of a two-part series on public lands access in Arizona.

by Larry Audsley



Imagine driving to your national forest for a day of hiking, hunting or bird watching and finding a sign like the one above.

Sound farfetched? Well, the sign is fictitious, but the practice of private individuals charging fees for public land access is not. Landowners all over the West have been doing it, and it appears to be a growing industry. Meanwhile, other landowners are choosing to simply lock out the public altogether and enjoy exclusive access to public lands.

The problem is especially acute in southern Arizona where most roads leading to national forest and BLM lands cross private lands before reaching a National Forest or BLM boundary. Vast areas of Federal lands, including some entire mountain ranges, lack legal vehicular access. Many even lack reasonable hiking access.

Coronado National Forest consists of several "sky island" ranges surrounded by state trust land, BLM land and private property. Of the approximately 300 entry points to the Forest, fewer than 100 have legal access. The same is true for most of the lower elevation ranges held by the BLM.

Currently the Santa Teresa and Winchester mountain ranges are effectively off-limits to anyone without specific landowner permission to cross private stretches of road. Most of the Mule, Swisshelm, Mustang, Pedragosa, Peloncillo (north, and most of the south section) and Doz Cabezas ranges are also inaccessible. Significant portions of the Chiricahuas, Galiuros, Whetstones and Dragons are blocked off, as are

parts of the Santa Ritas and Huachucas.

Many of the roads that are now closed had been open to the public for many years, in some cases decades. Many had even been maintained over the years by county taxpayers.

The current situation is bad enough, but it has the potential to become even worse. Many of the major rural roads in southern Arizona cross stretches of private land that theoretically could be locked off should landowners decide to exercise that prerogative. Examples include the Ruby Road east of Pena Blanca Lake, Rucker Canyon Road circling around the southern end of the Chiricahuas, Happy Valley Road east of the Rincons, and High Creek Road between Bonita and the Galiuro Wilderness.

Virtually anyone needing to cross private property needs the landowner's permission. This includes officials from the US Forest Service, BLM and Game & Fish seeking to perform their duties, as well as any type of recreational user. It's an obstacle for hikers, campers, hunters, bird watchers, climbers, rockhounds, 4WD clubs, herpetologists and equestrians.

In Skeleton Canyon in southeast Arizona, a concrete monument marks the site of Geronimo's final surrender to General Crook. But you may not visit it without permission of nearby landowners even though the site is on Coronado National Forest land. To reach the surrender site just off a numbered forest service road, travelers would need to trespass for six or seven miles before reaching the forest boundary. A locked

gate about ten miles from the surrender site drives home the point.

Why Lock Out the Public?

Landowners include ranchers, mine operators, land speculators and developers. Their reasons for blocking access to public lands are as varied as the landowners themselves.

Landowners of all types typically cite litter and damage to natural resources as reasons for locking gates. Ranchers and mine owners worry about vandalism to infrastructure. And in southern Arizona's troubled border environment, many believe unlocked gates serve to invite more smuggling traffic.

Sometimes gates are locked for the safety and peace of mind of homeowners living next to the road. For example, the gate to Peck Canyon in the Tumacacori Mountains stayed open for decades until the owner, whose ranch house is only a few yards from the gate, finally had enough of living with a national forest access point located close to the border. Night traffic had increased dramatically, and his gate was being opened at all hours, often by people he'd rather weren't anywhere near his home. Rival smugglers were killing each other and leading law enforcement on high-speed chases punctuated by gunfire within minutes of the house. When he finally put a padlock on the gate, no one protested.

The Peck Canyon case is not especially unusual. There are others like it all along the border.

But other landowners are motivated by very different forces. Depending on

one's point of view, some of these other forces can be characterized either as good business sense or just plain selfishness and greed.

In many areas, national forest and BLM lands are effectively controlled and exploited much like private property by contiguous landowners. With the public locked out, these areas become the private playgrounds and hunting preserves for landowners' families, friends, business associates or those with whom they would like to curry favor. (The sheriff of one southern Arizona county is known to hunt on a ranch that is locally notorious for keeping hunters off its BLM allotment at gunpoint. Despite complaints of property and hunting rifles being taken by force, the allotment owners are not prosecuted.)

Some landowners partner with outfitters to sell guided hunts offering clients exclusive access to Federal lands. Previous owners of the Cross F Ranch in the Santa Teresa range advertised "old west-style buffalo hunts" on their ranch, which was mainly comprised of state trust and BLM lands with only a small percentage of privately deeded land. In the Skeleton Canyon area, private landowners are effectively managing the public's deer herds by managing the deer hunts. Game & Fish might decide how many tags to issue for a given Hunt Unit, but private landowners get to decide how many people will hunt on the Federal lands where they control the access.

Some hunters have climbed over locked gates and trudged for miles up a forest service road believing they would be rewarded with less hunting pressure and a deer population where most of the bucks die of old age. Instead they find sprawling encampments of trailers housing a landowner's guests, clients and guides.

Real estate values are another factor. The ability to control access to adjacent BLM and national forest lands increases the value of a property. Sales brochures and websites entice buyers with the prospect of exclusive access to adjacent state and Federal lands.

More than 50 per cent of current cases involve ranchers with grazing leases on adjacent state and Federal lands, but a growing number involves mine owners and subdivisions.

When developers subdivide ranches that have roads leading onto Federal lands, they can offer gated communities with private access to government lands,

free from intrusion by non-residents.

Another reason gates become locked has to do with landowner relations with government agencies. Gates are sometimes locked in retaliation or to show a government agency who's boss. In Cochise County not long ago, a gate became locked after Game & Fish cited a ranch employee for killing a bear and leaving the meat to rot. Another ranch has been closed ever since a family member was convicted for participating in a poaching ring. In a recent Graham County case, a landowner closed a road providing sole access to a portion of the Galiuros because she was mad at the sheriff and wanted to call attention to a perceived injustice having nothing whatsoever to do with the road. (The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society took her to court and the road was eventually reopened, but this case illustrates the use of road closures as weapons in personal or political disputes.)

Obviously there are many reasons why landowners choose to lock gates. Some road closures are defensive. Others reflect recognition of opportunity and a decision to cash in on it. Some represent power struggles between landowners and government. There is even an extremely limited number of cases involving very wealthy landowners who have no interest in the economic aspects of exclusive access but simply choose not to share the public's land with the public because they aren't accustomed to do anything they don't feel like doing.

But all closures have one thing in common: landowners lock gates leading to public lands *because they can*. And how did that situation come to be?

How Can They Do This?

In territorial days, miners, ranchers and soldiers often found that the natural watercourses emerging from Arizona's rugged mountains were the easiest places to cut a road into the rugged backcountry. Not surprisingly, early homesteaders tended to settle along these same watercourses because the water table was shallow and timber and lush grass were plentiful. In many cases the surrounding topography was too vertical to accommodate alternative routes, so these old roads through the homesteads provided the only vehicular access to the rough mountains that would later become the "public lands" managed by Federal agencies acting as

public trustees.

This situation played out similarly throughout much of the West, but forest service officials believe Coronado National Forest is the worst in the nation for public access. This is due to a combination of the natural topography and to Arizona's state laws, state constitution and related judicial decisions.

Arizona Revised Statutes 28-7041(C) states that "All highways, roads or streets that have been constructed, laid out, opened, established or maintained for ten years or more by the state or agency or political subdivision of the state before January 1, 1960 and that have been used continuously by the public as thoroughfares for free travel and passage for ten years or more are declared public highways..."

That would seem to keep open most of the roads needed for public access today. But in 1993, the Arizona Supreme Court issued two court decisions that changed everything. In *Miller v. Dawson* and *Gotland v. Cave Creek*, the court essentially declared that the clause citing maintenance with public funds and use by the public for ten years in ARS 28-7041(C) was not sufficient to turn a private road into a public road for legal or ownership purposes. The court ruled that in order to take ownership of such roads, the government would need to pay the landowner for the property. And therein lies the rub.

Landowners, especially in the ranching community, quickly realized they could lock gates and get away with it because now, if the government wants a road opened, the government will have to pay them for "taking" their property. And for the most part, "the government" in its various forms – counties, Arizona Game & Fish and Federal land agencies – are either unwilling or unable to pay them.

Part Two will address some of possible solutions being considered for resolving the growing problem of declining public lands access in Arizona.

Editor Note: AWF has hot taken a position on this subject at this time.

Send any comments to editor@azwildlife.org

BOW 2008

by Linda Dightmon
A.K.A. *The Little Bulldozer*

Marketing

2008 proved to be year of extremes. In February and April, we were searching high and low for participants but when August rolled around we had to start a waiting list. This is the first time since I have been involved that there was a waiting list.

About 90 percent of the August workshop was new participants. Most had found out about it from a friend but the *Arizona Highways* article from last year is still working for us. Blurbs and articles in the *Apache Junction News* and Phoenix papers also brought in some participants. We were also featured in *Newsletters by Design*. This publication is distributed to 50,000 families of apartment communities here in Arizona.

There were 106 women that attended the August workshop. That number includes three scholarship awardees, as well as a reporter (Amanda Young Zajac) and photographer (Jennifer Grimes) from the *East Valley Tribune*. Amanda's article printed on Sunday, August 24th and is still available online as well as a slide show of Jennifer's images.

The *East Valley Tribune* also printed an article about a month before our workshop.

Bill Norman of *The Desert Leaf* magazine joined us Saturday night and stayed through Sunday. Every time I saw him, there was a big grin on his face. His story will print early next year.

Special thanks goes out to Paul Wolterbeek. Paul is a long time supporter of the BOW program and works pro bono for us. The press coverage that we have received is largely because of his efforts behind the scenes. He is also a good source for instructors.

Arizona BOW is always looking for help getting the word out. Marketing is still the biggest challenge. If anyone would like to pass out fliers,

knows of a group that would like a presentation or has a great idea, please let me know.

August BOW Staff

I want to thank the BOW staff for their hard work and dedication. It wouldn't happen without them. Kim is literally my right hand. She registers everyone; there were 106 participants with 4 classes each. The combinations are endless and she does a great job making sure that everyone gets the classes that they want. At the workshops, she checks in the participants and deals with a thousand questions. This frees me up for camp and instructor communications. Friday morning can be pretty lively at BOW camp.

Thanks to Crystal for help unloading and loading the van. We had a 15-passenger van loaded to the max with everything from pots and pans for cooking the game taste to goody bags for 106. By the way, the seats in these big vans do not fold down! Crystal is also good for keeping me focused and reminding all of us to take a breath and relax.

Thanks to Tracy Unmacht for finding and doing all the little details that always crop up. Chris Fonoti was did a great job manning the Bowtique and thanks to Grace for making us laugh. I cannot forget 'Evil' Larry. He is the instructor with a CDL license that drives the van with shooting participants to the range in Prescott Valley. This workshop, even with this many people, ran surprisingly smooth. The BOW staff is responsible for that.

2009 dates are set for another trio of workshops. We are still negotiating with Saguaro Lake Ranch for pricing. As soon as we get that resolved, the registrations will be ready to go. The date for the BOW Deluxe will be February 6-8. The Friendly Pines events will be April 3-6 and August 14-16.

The Other Side of BOW

By Lisa Bunch

I am riding home from another great BOW, but I find myself trying to figure out why this BOW somehow seemed different. Oh, the usual crowd was there. Linda, Kimberlee, Tracy, and Crystal were managing the activities by the hour. I assisted with parking when I arrived, which I hadn't done before. Is this why BOW seemed different? No.

I saw Jeff, Tice, Kathy & Don, Mark, Barbara, Holly, Walt, and I was so busy that I didn't have a chance to talk to most of them. Is this why BOW seemed different? No.

I worked with the usual firearm instructors, with some missing but some new faces also. I added a Laser Shot shooting simulation and a Power Point presentation along with my courses, so I missed the raffle, turkey talk, herp talk, night walk, owl watch and follies. Is this why BOW seemed different? No, well, maybe.

At BOW, there is much laughter, but also a few tears. Tears that women experience when they face fears – fear of heights, of guns, of water, even of the outdoors. They take courses that put them in the very situations they are afraid of. Why would women purposely expose themselves to a possibly uncomfortable, frightening, or emotionally painful experience? I had never really seen this side of BOW.

Just before this workshop my family suffered a tragedy. I was hoping that by keeping busy at the workshop that it would put the grief out of my mind. Wrong. That didn't happen. Instead, I became aware of the personal issues that the participants around me talked about. Stories of health problems, relationship problems, financial problems, or of a loved one who is gone. Stories like mine. I met women who have had - or are experiencing - emotional pain, and they are facing it head on. By forcing themselves into an uncomfortable situation, they are learning to cope with discomfort. They are strengthening their resolve and their crisis management.

As the participants laughed and cried, I also saw another emotion: elation. They experienced elation when they took on a challenge and succeeded. This elation is the result of them changing "I can't" to "I did". They felt their new power and confidence to face tough situations and deal with them. This elation was missing for me, along with its strengthening and healing ability.

So yes, for me this BOW was different. Though I received personal satisfaction in seeing other's elation when they meet and overcome dread, I did not get to experience this myself. But I did see the other side of BOW – personal triumph.



Night Fishing at the August Workshop
Photo by Instructor Mark Hullinger



The August BOW Geo-Girls
Photo by Instructor Dan Martinez

BOW Ladies: Getting Involved!

One of the goals of the program is to introduce women to conservation issues and to get them involved. We already know that women vote and that they care. The BOW workshops are a vehicle to bring the two together. We checked back on some activities and events sponsored by the AWF and we found these BOW ladies getting involved.

Conservation Daze, Tucson

Volunteers were Kathy Greene (BOW instructor), Linda Dightmon, Crystal Hirsch, Debbie Wesch (BOW alumni) & Meg Buchanan (Board member & BOW Committee member).

AAF/AWF Work Project

Annie Rollins-Protas, Gale Edwards, Sally Tyrrell, Karen LaFrance, Cherie Barker (brought family). These ladies are all BOW alumni. Jodi Allen (instructor). Kimberlee Kreuzer, Tracy Unmacht, Mary Keebler (more BOW alumni) & Tice Suplee (instructor).

Patti Ho Fundraiser

Barbara Kennedy (instructor), Wally Bornman (BOW supporter)

BOW alumni included Stacy Little, Ann Pollack (brought husband), Kathy Davis (brought husband), Cyndi Rusin, & Natasha Thompson. Mary Jo Forman Miller was originally found at a BOW and so was Chris Fonoti (current President of the AWEF).

You go girls!



2008 ANNUAL MEETING

President Ryna Rock called the 85th Annual Meeting of the Arizona Wildlife Federation to order, with delegates, representatives of AWF affiliates, AWF board members, and guests attending.

Current AWF affiliates: Arizona Antelope Foundation; Arizona Predator Callers; Phoenix Varmint Callers; Maricopa Audubon; Arizona Pointing Dog Club

Credentials Chair Jerry Thorson gave the credentials report and accomplished seating of the delegates and the delegate roll call.

Nominations Committee Chair, Larry Audsley, and Committee member, Emily Wunder, explained the nominations and voting processes, and Larry presented the Nominations Committee official slate for consideration. The Committee Chair made a call for additional nominations from the floor, of which there were none, so nominations were officially closed through due process. The delegates, through due process, elected the entire official slate by unanimous consent resulting in the following officers being elected for service on the AWF Board and Trophy Book Committee:

President – Ryna Rock
NWF Representative – Meg Buchanan
Vice Pres. Conservation – Brad Powell
Vice Pres. Operations – Jim Unmacht
Legislative Liaison – John Koleszar
Alt. NWF Representative – Ryna Rock
Director Emeritus – Lee Kohlhasse
2010 Dir. At Large – John Underwood, Kim Crumbo and Fred Fillmore
2009 Dir. At Large – Emily Wunder, Kate

Mackay, Jim Solomon
Reg. 2 Director – Tom Mackin
Reg. 5 Director – Larry Audsley
Reg 6 Director – Ken Alexander
Trophy Bk. Committee – Clay Goldman, Duane Aubuchon, Fred Peters, Rich Glinski

Resolutions Committee Chair, Don Hoffman, presented to the delegates the resolutions process and voting procedures. The action for consideration was retirement of outdated/irrelevant resolutions within the Omnibus Resolution. Don then presented each resolution being considered, with accompanying explanations for the action. The delegates after discussion, through due process, consented to acceptance of the Resolutions Committee recommendations regarding retirement of resolutions from the Omnibus Resolution. The Committee Chair informed the delegates that the Resolutions Committee would be continuing consideration of the Omnibus Resolution throughout the upcoming year with the goal of identifying those resolutions that had continued relevancy but required updating or minor changes in language. A point was made that historical context was an important component in those considerations.

President elect, Ryna Rock, spoke briefly about the coming year for the AWF, then introduced National Wildlife Federation Representatives John Gale and Kent Salazar, who each addressed the delegates and

guests.

Kent Salazar informed the gathering that NWF is evaluating affiliates to see what their needs are to strengthen the affiliates. Kent is pleased that we have engaged in National issues. Current and upcoming issues, Mining Reform, Clean Water Act and climate change.

John Gale complimented AWF as showing growth and greater leadership. In June, the House committee passed a resolution for a 3-year moratorium on mining claims. Next year another run will be made on mining reform. Climate change will also be an issue that will be a prominent issue in the next Congress. John also complimented AWF and Ryna for our work organizing the District 1 Candidate Forum – indicating that effort is being used as a model in other states. John also publicly thanked Jim Solomon for allowing NWF to be a sponsor of the Poacher Chronicles radio show. He indicated that it provides good visibility for NWF and associates them with an important and worthy issue.

President Ryna Rock then adjourned the 85th Annual Meeting of the AWF and invited everyone to take part in the Annual Awards Luncheon immediately following the business meeting.



Ken Alexander and Linda Dightmon at Bass Pro



Jason Lewis makes the trophy book awards. He also does all kinds of custom, original work. You can contact him at (575)-388-2245 or jlbronze@yahoo.com

THE JUNE 08 AWF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Ryna Rock gathered with the Board of Directors of the AWF at Bass Pro in Mesa. The first half of the meeting was spent doing Strategic Planning for the upcoming year.

The Arizona Wildlife Education Foundation will screen applicants for BOW scholarships, and funding based on fundraising at BOW Workshops will be provided through the BOW bank account. The Foundation will retain money from merchandise sales at BOW Workshops. The BOW Committee is working on an Arizona BOW Manual and developing policies specific to Arizona. Collaborative sponsorships for BOW Workshops are being investigated.

The 2008-2009 budget was discussed and must be approved at the July Annual Meeting.

Approvals of two Directors at Large vacancies were unanimously approved. The new Directors are Kate Mackay and Kim Crumbo.

Low-key ads will be dispersed under AWF & Trout Unlimited sponsorship for calling for sensible Arizona OHV/Travel Management policies. They are geared to increase pressure from the public on the Legislature regarding the issue. Bob Vahle and Brad Powell have participated at two national hearings in D.C. on Travel Management, which shows good AWF national involvement. The AWF is very active on all state forests on this issue. The state OHV Bill has not yet passed.

The Board agreed, after hearing a counter argument from Commissioner Martin, to sign on to a multi-group collaborative petition that requests the Arizona Game & Fish Commission take a formal position to strongly oppose legislative budget sweeps. All the directors believed it necessary that the legislature have no doubt as to the opposition to all such sweeps by the Game and Fish Commission.

AWF has sent comments supporting the current NEPA compliant process in order to implement a plan that can withstand legal challenge for Mountain Lion management on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge.

The Board decided to remain neutral on a position regarding the Transportation Initiative pending more information. It would be necessary to articulate the adverse impacts to wildlife in order to form a legitimate position. TIME would raise approximately 30-40 billion dollars over the next 20-30 years. There is concern that this

could allow the initiation of the I-10 Bypass project.

Brad Powell, AWF Conservation Chair, is developing a letter supporting the Black River land exchange, which will be sent to the Board for approval.

The Public Candidate Forum sponsored by the AWF on June 8th in Camp Verde for CD 1 was successful, possibly leading to a second forum in eastern Arizona. A complete video of the forum will be available on the AWF website and is being offered to all co-sponsoring groups and the candidates.

Work has restarted on the Anderson Mesa Wetlands Project and signing is being installed. Twelve miles of fence was rolled up and removed on the AWF/AAF work project weekend. A total of 60 volunteers participated from various groups and the public. The AWF's newest National Forest Foundation grant for continuance of the project is in process.

Deadline for member's stories for the fall issue of the AWN is August 18th. A new addition to AWN of a youth article is being considered. A youth membership will be offered at \$15/year and will provide special benefits and programs.

Brad Powell, AWF Conservation Chair, will try to attend the AGFD Commission meeting on June 28th in which Special Tags will be awarded. The AWF requested the Special Bear and Javelina tags, as we did last year. Those tags were auctioned off at the Patti Ho Memorial Fundraiser held earlier this year.

AWF received about \$10,000 this fiscal year from the Environment Fund of Arizona fundraising program. AWF is on the access list for employee donations through direct withdrawal via their paychecks. A total of 25 groups are included in the EFA to date.

Fossil Creek Wild & Scenic legislation is having trouble reaching the Senate floor based on some procedural barriers and election year priorities. The Climate Change/Carbon Reduction Act did not have enough votes in the Senate in a cloture vote so it is dead for this year and this Congress.

Meg Buchanan, AWF's NWF Representative relayed that all nine proposed NWF resolutions passed at the NWF Annual Meeting, with some revisions. Those resolutions, as well as past resolutions, are available on the NWF website. She, Don Hoffman, and Ryna Rock attended that meeting earlier this year.

Trophy Book Awards

Congratulations to the trophy book award winners. We are saddened to report that Shaun Friesen has since passed away.

Winners who were at the luncheon include.

Shaun Friesen	Pronghorn	(94 2/8)
Gage Conway	Typical Coues	(119 2/8)
Jacob Hanlin	Non-typ Coues	(120)
Jeremy Bohn	Typical MD	(186 1/8)
Duane Chapman	Typical elk	(404 1/8)
Brett C. Blum	Typical elk	(392 4/8)
Jerry Weiers	Typical elk	(360 6/8)
Scott McGill	Typical elk	(352 5/8)
Manuel Bercovich	Desert BH	(173)
Ed Turner	Rocky MT BH	(194 3/8)
Cynda Lilly	Black bear	(21)





Arizona's Bald Eagle Management Wins National Conservation Award

The Department of the Interior recognized the Southwest Bald Eagle Management Committee (SWBEMC) for its implementation of the Arizona Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program. Secretary, Dirk Kempthorne, presented the Cooperative Conservation Award to members of the SWBEMC at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The SWBEMC is a broad coalition of 23 government agencies, private organizations and Native American tribes. The plan includes regular monitoring and survey flights; banding and visual identification; contaminants analysis; cooperative partnerships with the other committee partners; and the nestwatch program to protect breeding activities.

Nestwatchers typically begin their four-month tour of duty in early February. In 2008, they are monitoring 11 breeding areas, most along the Salt and Verde rivers in national forests, on Native American lands, and in Maricopa County parks. The contractors observe from dawn to dusk, collect data about the eagles' behavior, educate the public, and notify rescuers of any life-threatening situations for the birds.

The program has been credited with saving the lives of over 50 eagle nestlings, which is equal to 10 percent of all the eagles that have lived to fly on their own in Arizona since the program started.

Recent surveys and monitoring show at least 39 pairs of bald eagles have laid eggs for the year and 47 nestlings have hatched. Biologists expect as many as 48 pairs of bald eagles to breed in Arizona this year.

Latest Lead Reduction Efforts and Outreach For Condors

by Kathy Sullivan, AZ Game & Fish Dept.

Spring trapping and lead testing of the condor population resulted in nine lead exposures and two birds requiring chelation treatment. Reports of condors feeding on a coyote carcass and domestic dog carcass near Page were likely responsible for most of these exposures. X-rays revealed bullet fragments in the digestive tracts of two of the condors that fed on the dog carcass, which also contained bullet fragments. Both birds were successfully treated.

Letters were mailed to approximately 300 hunting license holders in the Kaibab Plateau area asking them to take lead reduction efforts when varmint, turkey and small game hunting. Condor-lead booths were staffed at the International Sportsman's Expo and the Department Outdoor Expo. Condor-lead presentations were given at eleven events. Approximately 4,500 individuals were contacted regarding condor-lead issues during this reporting period.

Almost all hunters have used the free non-lead ammunition offered by the Department during House Rock buffalo hunts and gut piles from buffalo harvested with lead ammunition have been made inaccessible to the condors.

Preparations are underway for the fall 2008 free ammo program. Approximately 2,300 hunters from Units 12A, 12B, and 13A will be eligible, and an additional 5,200 big game tag holders from Units 9, 10 and 13B will be asked to use non-lead ammunition on their hunts. The Department is working closely with ammunition manufacturers and retailers in an attempt to ensure that non-lead ammunition supplies are sufficient in 2008.

The Commission Chairman, Region II Supervisor, and Condor Program Coordinator attended a conference addressing the effects of spent lead ammunition on humans and wildlife in May. Proceedings will be published as early as this summer. Conference abstracts are available at: https://www.peregrinefund.org/lead_conference/2008PbConf_Proceedings.htm

Condor movement patterns have mimicked those of previous years, with increased activity at the release site and Navajo Bridge during the winter and shifts to the higher elevations of the Grand Canyon and southern Utah in the spring. As many as 30 condors have been foraging in southern Utah recently.

SUNRISE/SUNSET 2008-2009		
	Sept. 30	6:22 6:13
	Oct. 1	6:23 6:12
	Oct. 5	6:26 6:07
	Oct. 10	6:30 6:00
	Oct. 15	6:33 5:54
	Oct. 20	6:37 5:48
	Oct. 25	6:42 5:43
	Oct. 30	6:46 5:38
	Nov. 1	6:48 5:36
	Nov. 5	6:51 5:32
	Nov. 10	6:56 5:29
	Nov. 15	7:00 5:25
	Nov. 20	7:05 5:23
	Nov. 25	7:10 5:21
	Nov. 30	7:14 5:20
	Dec. 1	7:15 5:20
	Dec. 5	7:18 5:20

(Times shown are for central Arizona. Figure up to nine minutes earlier for eastern areas, nine minutes later for western areas.)

DATE	RISE	SET
Sept. 1	6:03	6:53
Sept. 5	6:05	6:48
Sept. 10	6:09	6:41
Sept. 15	6:12	6:34
Sept. 20	6:15	6:27
Sept. 25	6:19	6:20

Dec. 10	7:22	5:21
Dec. 15	7:25	5:22
Dec. 20	7:28	5:24
Dec. 25	7:31	5:27
Dec. 30	7:32	5:30
Jan. 1	7:33	5:32
Jan. 5	7:33	5:35

One Feathered Wing

Sportsmen should note that one feathered wing must be left attached to all migratory game birds, including Eurasian collared doves, until they reach their final destination.

Dove Notes:
 1. BAG LIMIT : Ten (10) Mourning and White-winged Doves per day in the aggregate, of which no more than (6) may be Whitewinged Doves
 POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) Mourning and White-winged Doves in the aggregate after opening day, of which no more than twelve (12) may be White-winged Doves. No more than ten (10) doves in the aggregate, of which no more than

six (6) may be White-winged Doves, may be taken in any one day.
 2. BAG LI MIT : Ten (10) Mourning Doves per day.
 POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) Mourning Dove after opening day, of which no more than ten (10) may be taken in any one day.
 3. Eurasian collared dove bag and possession limit: Unlimited



Leonard's Famous Steak Fingers

1 c. flour	1 egg
1 tsp. baking powder	1 c. milk
pinch or two of salt	1 Tbsp of garlic

Combine in a bowl and let sit while you take your favorite cut of hamburger (or steak) and roll the hamburger out in small finger-like rolls. Then coat them in the batter.

Heat oil in a Dutch Oven over coals, taking care the oil doesn't get so hot that it catches fire. When hot, slowly place the dipped meat in the hot oil. Cook them till golden brown to tan on both sides. Salt will tend to bring the garlic taste out so be careful of the amount of salt you use. Place cooked meat on paper towels. A raw potato cut into French fries can help keep the oil clean and makes for another side to your meal.

Onions and Mushrooms

2 lg onions, sliced and separated	
1 lb. portobello mushrooms, sliced	
1/4 c. butter or margarine	1 Tbsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. salt	1/8 tsp. pepper

Cut an 18 in. 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.

Easy Open Fire Cake Dessert

2 c. flour	1/4 c. sugar
1 tsp. baking powder	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 egg	1/2 c. water
3 fresh apples, chopped up very small and covered with sugar (other fruit can be used)	

Mix flour, sugar, cinnamon, and baking powder together. Add egg and water. Place mixture in hand-greased Dutch Oven. Add apples over top of mix. Cover and place to side of coals. Keep turning oven slowly to bake evenly.

Presidents Message (from Page 5) tells me that we have literally made possible 10-12 years work in 3 years. Just a few weeks ago a workday on this project turned out 60 volunteers from various groups, and the public. Nine of them were AWF BOW graduates. That is called "making a difference"!

One of the best parts of volunteerism is the learning experiences we get just from being out in nature, or from learning skills for the outdoors from more experienced folks than ourselves. For example, the AWF Becoming An Outdoors Woman program continues to be staffed with highly skilled instructors and a coordinator that I am convinced is the best outdoors person I have ever known.

Our three BOW Workshops held throughout the year remain one of the AWF's best success stories. It has been so successful that we have elevated the BOW Committee to a management level committee that is currently in the process of creating an Arizona BOW Manual, which will provide a guide for years to come about exactly what those things are that make the Arizona BOW Program so special. Our attendees keep coming back for more, and they come from all over these United States. An outreach program to underserved women is under development as well, which will fit nicely into the BOW Scholarship Program that is now in place, administered by the Arizona Wildlife Education Foundation (AWEF).

The AWF's sister organization, the Arizona Wildlife Education Foundation, remains dedicated to raising funds for conservation education. Foundation trustees raise funds

through a variety of service related activities and selling merchandise at AWF and BOW events.

By far the most astounding happening in our AWF year was the gift of an inheritance we received notice of in late summer 2007. A former member by the name of Patti Ann Ho had an unfortunate accident, which resulted in her death. Our major fundraising event for the year was based solely on the incredible amount of unique, wildlife and outdoors related items in her estate. To sustain her memory and our gratitude for her gift we have renamed the AWF Lifetime Achievement Award to be the Patti Ann Ho Lifetime Achievement Award.

As yet we do not know the true value of the estate due to the complexities of the estate settlement process. What we do know is that Patti has given the Arizona Wildlife Federation the gift of longevity and perhaps validity as well. It is up to us to decide how to make the gift she gave us work for us in ways that will keep the AWF at the forefront of the conservation arena.

I end as I began. The Arizona Wildlife Federation's greatest challenges remain connected to its greatest assets. These are not money, but people. If we have money, but lack people with the dedication and energy it takes to govern, to organize, to speak out, to do the work, then we will after all just "be". Let us not be content with that! Let us keep moving forward, staying true to our Mission and the conservation ethic we follow in a very pro-active way, knowing that the future of wildlife and habitat in Arizona lays in our hands.

Membership

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**

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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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