



Hoist The Sails; We're Underway

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

It's a new year and we have all set sail into 2023. We wish you fair winds and following seas. The possibilities are endless for a wonderful journey ahead, and one of the best set of New Year's Resolutions I've seen have come from the Arizona Game & Fish Department. They suggest —

- Fish local.
- Support wildlife.
- Take a youngster outdoors.
- Pick it up.
- Be a wildlife viewer.
- Invest in good optics.
- Be a conservationist.
- Get hunting.
- Enter AZGFD's portal.

It's a great list, and there is more about each resolution later in this issue. I also suggest visiting local attractions such as the Hall of Flame and the Renaissance Festival.

Wherever 2023 takes you, we wish you happiness, good health, and a wonderful new year! ■

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SAILING CONVENTION FOR WOMEN

Do you know the right way to heave a line? It's one of the subjects on deck for this year's Sailing Convention for Women.

Sailing Convention for Women Returns To Newport Beach April 1

West Coast's premier sailing event for women now in 33rd year

After a Covid hiatus, the Sailing Convention for Women is back with full sails and expanded learning opportunities and slated for Saturday, April 1, 2023. Held at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona Del Mar, Calif., the event marks the 33rd year offering beginning-to-experienced women sailors a chance to learn and enjoy camaraderie and fun through an all-day series of on-the-water instruction and shore-based workshops.

Something Meaningful For Everyone

"The Convention gives women an opportunity to meet other women sailors, discuss options for cruising, racing and recreational sailing, and find out about women's sailing organizations in their area, as well as instructional programs available," described by

founder and producer, Gail Hine. "We have something meaningful for everyone," one attendee claimed, "The energy level and networking opportunity at this convention is amazing!"

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has sponsored the event for nearly three decades.

Workshop Topics

Some of the workshop topics include Suddenly Singlehanded, Steer with the Sails, Intro to AIS, Avoid Mistakes & Mayhem, Prepare for Passage Making, Basic Navigation, and the ever-useful, Docking. Three levels of on-the-water sailing instruction are also offered.

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Arizona Has Built A Proud History

To speak intelligently about the Grand Canyon State's firefighting history, we had to do some research.

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Recently the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting was invited to participate in the 2022 Arizona Historic Preservation Conference this past October in Yuma, on the topic of Arizona Firefighting History. We were very honored to do so, but we also realized that, while we have several important Arizona pieces among our displays, specifically Arizona history isn't a specialty of ours. To speak intelligently about the Grand



Canyon State's firefighting history, we had to do some research.

Used Hand Pumpers Until Late In 19th Century

We learned that Arizona used hand pumpers until quite late in the 19th Century; as late as 1895; for instance, Flagstaff

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Paddlesport And Boating Enthusiasts Need To Practice Coldwater Safety

Life jackets are a critical part of boating safety.

The weather is on the cool side, at least by Arizona standards, which is why the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) reminds under-terred paddlesport enthusiasts to practice coldwater safety.

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

Cold Water Immersion Can Be Deadly

"Cold water immersion can be deadly so every second you're in the water is a race against the clock," said

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TO HELP PLAN YOUR 'TRIP BACK IN TIME'

Here Are Some Answers To Common Questions

The Renaissance Festival is open Saturdays and Sundays including Presidents' Day Monday 10am-6pm every event day, rain or shine.

February 4-5, 11-12, 18-19-20, 25-26
 March 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26
 April 1-2

What is the Renaissance Festival?

The Renaissance Festival is a medieval outdoor amusement park, a 16-stage theatre, a 50-acre circus, an arts and crafts fair, a Jousting Tournament, and a feast, all rolled into one non-stop, day-long, family adventure.

Directions to the Faire:

From Metro Phoenix:

Take the Superstition Freeway (US Hwy 60) East, past Gold Canyon Golf Resort to the Festival.

From Metro Tucson:

Take the Tucson shortcut, The Pinal Pioneer Parkway (Hwy 79) to Florence Junction. West 7 miles on US Hwy 60 to the Festival Village.

From Casa Grande:

Take the Exit 185 to Hwy 387 connecting to 87/287 to Florence turn North on Hwy 79 to Florence Junction, West 7 miles on US Hwy 60 to the Festival Village.

From Flagstaff/Northern Arizona:

Take I-17 South to Phoenix connection to I-10 then East on Superstition Fwy (US Hwy 60), past Gold Canyon Golf Resort to the Festival Village.



Is parking available?

Parking is FREE courtesy of Bashas' and Food City stores.

What are the dates and times of the Festival?

The Festival is open on Saturdays and Sundays from February 4 through April 2, 2023. Including Presidents' Day Monday Feb. 20. Festival hours are 10am until 6pm.

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Should we use credit cards or cash?

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shops we welcome: VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, and DISCOVER. For the food and beverage locations, in addition to the games and rides, ONLY cash is accepted.

Is the Festival accessible for wheel chairs, etc.?

The Festival is held in a natural, outdoor setting. Wheelchairs and motorized wheelchairs are allowed. We have disabled accessible parking, disabled accessible restroom facilities and designated seating at our Jousting Arena.

Stroller, wheelchairs, wagons, and motorized scooters (325 lb. weight limit for scooters) are available to rent, on a first-come, first-serve basis, weather permitting, at the Belrose Costume Shop located just outside the Festival Main Gate. Prices are: Wagons \$25, Strollers \$20, Wheelchairs \$30 and Motorized Scooters are \$12.00 per hour with a 4-hour minimum or \$65 for the day (tax is included in these prices).

Are pets or service animals allowed at the Festival?

We do not allow pets to be brought into the park by visitors because of the great variety of performing animals in the Festival.

Pets are not permitted on the festival grounds; however, service animals are not considered pets by the federal government and are welcome at The Arizona Renaissance Festival.

Under the American Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is defined as a dog or miniature horse that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability.

ADA is also clear that emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals are not considered service animals and, therefore, are not permitted in the festival.

Please understand that your service animal may be excluded, and you may be asked to leave the premises if the service animal is disruptive, the handler is unable to take effective control of the service animal, the service animal is not housebroken and not cleaned up after, or causes the animals in performances at our event to behave aggressively or become agitated.

We want all our guests to have a safe and enjoyable experience at the festival.

Can we come in costume?

You are welcome to come dressed in costume. Costumes are available for rental at the Belrose Costume Shop located behind the box office prior to entrance to the Festival. Prices vary based upon costume choice. Adult costume rental prices range from \$35 to \$65 and child costume rental prices range from \$15 to \$25. Costume prop swords and daggers are permitted as long as they are properly sheathed, peace tied by our safety services personnel at the main entrance and remain sheathed during your Festival visit.

What happens if it rains?

We are open rain or shine. Unless otherwise determined by Festival management, all events (including the Pleasure Feast) are considered RAIN or SHINE. No refunds will be provided due to inclement weather.

Is there an ATM?

Yes, we have 8 ATM locations across the Festival grounds.

Huzzah!



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Under state law, life jackets are required to be worn by children 12 years old and younger, but it's strongly urged that everyone wear one while on the water. Life jackets save lives.

Before heading out on the water, it's important that boaters check to ensure that their life jackets are in good condition and that they are the right size and fit for passengers. Look for:

- Any rips or tears
- Missing straps
- Broken fasteners
- Ensure that the flotation hasn't shifted.

Life jackets should be inspected each boating season due to the environment's impact on their materials and replaced if necessary.



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VHF Marine Band Radio – How Do I Use It?

Follow these basic proper VHF protocols, and everyone will be in for a better boating experience — and a safer one, too.

BY ED HUNTSMAN
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It never fails — every time I'm on the water, be it on a powerboat, and sailboat or paddling I always hear a boater doing a radio check. And frequently, others demonstrating their total lack of understanding on proper radio procedure by engaging in two-minute plus conversations on channel 16 while everyone else listens in — not unlike the person speaking loudly on their cell phone in a restaurant. Many apparently just don't understand, or have not taken the time to learn how to properly use their VHF marine band radio. And next to a life jacket and anchor, a good VHF radio is one of the best safety investments you can make.

First Things First

First things first; read the owners manual! There's lots of relevant and good information on basic procedures — not to mention what settings should be used depending on how far you want to broadcast based on the wattage selected: low, medium or high. There's also generally a list of which channels should be used for specific types of traffic (communications) and which channels are restricted and shouldn't be used by recreational boaters.

It should be noted that often, many

recreational boaters depend on their cell phone as the principal tool for communication. And if there is a good, strong signal that's fine. However, in many recreational boating areas, particularly out west on inland lakes with high canyon walls and remote access, cell towers may be out of range. And it's important to note that should an emergency or other urgent issues arise, everyone that can help you has a VHF marine band radio and monitors channel 16.

Four Levels Of Priority

You need to know there are four levels of priority when it comes to using a VHF marine band radio, especially when broadcasting on channel 16.

- The first, a "May Day" is an emergency event or situation that could result in serious injury and bodily harm, including the loss of life.
- Second, a "Pan-Pan" (pronounced pon-pon) used for safety and indicates a situation that may turn into an emergency, or that the Coast Guard (CG) needs to be aware of so in the event the situation goes south and immediate assistance is needed the CG is already a step ahead.

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I Found Sailing Alive And Well In The Land Of The Saguaro Cactus

BY RICH JEPSEN

US SAILING BOARD PRESIDENT

(Provided By Ed and Debbie Huntsman, Boating Co-Editors)

Yes, there's sailing in Arizona! That is the answer that Arizona sailors at several yacht clubs in Arizona have to give often to their out-of-state friends.

I traveled to Arizona recently to speak on all things US Sailing at the invitation of Bob Naylor, commodore of Arizona Yacht Club and on advice from my dear friends (and US Sailing volunteer leaders) Ed and Debbie Huntsman. I asked the three of them if I could meet with local leaders to learn what sailing means to them and challenges they must overcome sailing in the desert. They were delighted to organize my two days accordingly.

Bob Naylor, Ed And Debbie Huntsman

Bob Naylor is a smart, funny, kind, enthusiastic retired businessman; a connector and comedic talent who gets anyone he talks to enthused. He escorted the Huntsman's and I to several local sailing organizations for me to visit and tour. He also ably MC'd the monthly Arizona YC membership meeting, keeping the crowd laughing!

Ed and Debbie are avid cruising sailors, Arizona Yacht Club members and dedicated volunteers. Ed has spent several decades in boating safety professions including the US Coast Guard and the State Boating Law Administration. Debbie is past president of National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA), remaining on the board. She and NWSA have done incredible things for girls and women in sailing. They picked me up at Sky Harbor (neat name) Airport, PHX, and brought me to a wonderful restaurant nearby for an early lunch. Bob joined us and shortly afterward we were off on our tour!

First Stop: Tempe Town Lake

First stop was the Tempe Town Lake. Arizona YC and the Arizona Sailing Foundation, a community sailing center, are co-located on there, a reservoir in Tempe. The sailing area is small but works very well for dinghies. They have a great inventory of performance and basic sailing dinghies in a beautiful boat yard that has easy access to the reservoir.

Arizona YC is the epitome of grass roots. They call themselves a "paper club", where the most central parts are the relationships and the camaraderie rather than a brick and mortar building. They rent the club room of a local golf club to hold their monthly meeting/speaker series.

Arizona Sailing Foundation teaches adults and children of the community on a bootstrap budget with an all-volunteer teaching and admin staff. Amazing!

Next Stop

Next stop was a meeting with local leaders of AYC, ASF and Lake Pleasant YC where they presented their missions,



Rich Jepsen, US Sailing Board President, addresses Arizona sailors.

challenges and strategies for the future. I learned that the challenges and plans are similar to other local sailing organizations around the country. I'm optimistic that drawing them closer to US Sailing will pay dividends to them as they tap into the reservoir of best practices available.

Lake Pleasant YC is also a paper club that sails more on the larger reservoir, Lake Pleasant, named after the engineer who designed it rather than after its very, very pleasant vibe. Small keelboats are the coin of the realm at Lake Pleasant. Lots of Catalinas, from 18'-36' and lots of PHRF racing. Members also regularly join organized cruises to Catalina Island, using member and charter boats out of wSouthern California.

As you might imagine, there's substantial crossover in membership between AYC and LPYC even though AYC is mainly dinghy racing and LPYC is mainly small keelboat daysailing and cruising.

We traveled to Lake Pleasant itself to visit three commercial operations doing great things for desert sailing!

Tiller And Kites

Owned by Victor Felice, (pronounced Fel-ee-che) a Swiss American sailor, Tiller and Kites is a Lake Pleasant-based commercial sailing school with all types of boats from venerable Star Boats and flying Scots to Melges and J24s to three Nacra 17s! And they have 10 Etchells! Tiller and Kites loaned a J24 to an all-female Argentine team to sail in the Worlds at Corpus Christie placing 13th and winning the trophy for top women crew. It sponsored and supported the efforts of Michelle Lee, a blue water rower, who is about halfway from Baja to Sydney, Aus-

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tralia, as I write.

Tumbleweed Sailing Club

This operation has a shared ownership model using Catalinas on Lake Pleasant. It has enough Catalinas that boats are almost as available to members as if they owned one themselves. Bruce, the owner, also provides concierge service so many of the annoying tasks an owner has before and after a sail are taken care of. He's got big plans to expand the computer-based reservation system to other underserved lakes and reservoirs around the West and Midwest in years to come.

Sailboat Shop In Scorpion Bay Marina

Tom Errickson has been at this 2nd chapter business for 30 years now and rides around the mammoth marina at Scorpion Bay with a portable electric bike to give his knees and back a break. But he teaches basic and intermediate sailing and, as always, it was fun to compare sailing school owner observations, discovering just how similar our opinions about safety, seamanship and the art of teaching are, even though SF Bay is quite different than Lake Pleasant.

All Exceptional Organizations

Over the two days I gathered a ton of great data and recognized that these were all exceptional organizations dealing with challenges that operations in more traditional locales needn't face. Water levels varying scores of feet depending on the local agriculture needs and water available from the Colorado, daytime high temps in the summer up to 115 degrees, but seldom below 100, a population in the Phoenix/Scottsdale, Tucson region that is one of the largest in the country, but with

a population that didn't grow up with sailing and doesn't realize it can be done in Arizona.

And the immense difficulty of getting instructors properly certified in an area with fewer organizations and sailors than in more famous sailing locations.

Ruth Beals Regatta

The monthly meeting had the energy of most annual meetings with awards given, US Powerboat course certificates issued as well as basic sailing certificates issued. One of the joys of my position is sharing those milestones with sailors. The big award of the night went to a woman, who with her family as crew won the "female driver" regatta named after the founder of Arizona YC, Ruth Beals, 65 years ago! Amazing legacy started by a woman when women were almost invisible in sailing. Lori Lorenz, on her brother Dave Newland's sailboat won the regatta and I got to award her the perpetual trophy. Very cool.

I'll Return To The Land Of The Saguaro Cactus

I was incredibly well received and enjoyed my speech and the wonderful questions and suggestions that I got from the audience Tuesday night. My hosts had a nice glass of wine waiting for me at our table after the speech and I enjoyed great conversations with sailors, one of whom is a graduate of my old sailing club and another the son of a good friend of the late Bob Billingham, Olympian, San Francisco Bay sailing leader and beloved crewmate of so many, including Paul Cayard.

We are all making plans to host each other for sailing and sailing regattas, I can't wait to return to the land of the Saguaro Cactus to sail under its silent gaze.

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The Vacuum Mounts attach to 48" or 60" black powder-coated aluminum crossbars via solid marine-grade HDPE polymer and stainless steel hardware. These assemblies can be moved to any position to ensure a perfect fit on the ve-

hicle. The bars unscrew to make it easy to store them when not in use and are industry standard 1.325"/33mm dia. to accept other brands' accessories.

Installing SeaSucker Ridge Ready Monkey Bars is easy. Placed on any clean, non-porous surface, the integrated pump on each Vacuum Mount is pushed until the orange indicator band disappears. If the band reappears, a few quick presses will recharge the holding power. When it's time to remove the bars, the T-shaped tab is lifted to break the seal.

SeaSucker Ridge Ready Monkey Bars come with a spare vacuum pump and a

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RADIO

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- Third, "Securite" (pronounced securitay) is any type of navigational or safety information that could affect the safe conduct of navigation. For example, a submerged object just below the surface of the water.

- And forth, the basic and non-emergency hailing call to a land based station or another vessel with whom you wish to communicate.

In an extreme emergency where the risk of life or death exists, make sure your radio is on high power so your broadcast will reach the maximum distance possible. Your broadcast should be specific and communicate the nature of the emergency, name and description of your boat, location (latitude and longitude is preferable), number of people on board and the nature of help you need. This broadcast would start with "May-Day" stated firmly, and calmly three times followed with the rest of the information. Wait 30 seconds or so for a response from either the Coast Guard or other source of help.

Once you've established contact with another boater, you may get some questions such as the size and type of the boat you're on, the number and age of the people on board, if anyone has any medical training if it's applicable to the situation and what supplies you may need. Even if you don't get a response initially, continue making the complete broadcast every 30 seconds with those first pieces of information. Someone may be hearing you, listening and passing on the information to the CG or other authorities even if you can't hear them calling back.

Basic Procedures

Basic procedures for properly operating your VHF radio are really very simple. According to guidelines suggested by the Coast Guard,

- first, make sure you are on the correct channel and at the power level appropriate for the distance you wish to broadcast.
- Adjust the squelch control as low as possible without hearing static or "white noise". Push the button on the microphone to transmit (send).
- Speak in a normal voice into the microphone.
- When finished, take your finger off the button to hear the other person.

Always Monitor Channel 16

The primary channel used for contacting or hailing another is channel 16 and this channel should always be monitored. It is specifically for distress and hailing (contacting) other boats or shore stations. In high radio traffic areas, channel 9 is often used as an alternate to 16 and has been so designated for communications between pleasure boats and shore stations.

However – if you operate your boat in an area where you occasionally hear the Coast Guard, understand that depending on your location, safety and information messages aren't always transmitted on channel 9. Channel 16 is your best bet for all initial radio traffic and again, should always be monitored when your radio is on.

Once you've contacted the boat or facility with whom you want to communicate with on channel 16 or 9, ask them to "Meet you" or change to another appropriate channel such as 68, 69, 71, 72, or 78A. These are non-commercial channels. In most areas, channels 68 and 72 are the most commonly used by recreational boaters.

Standard For Non-Emergency

Again, as suggested by the Coast Guard, the standard procedure for a non-emergency call such as calling another vessel, marina, or restaurant to ask where to tie up for dinner, is as follows:

- Call the vessel, marina or restaurant on channel 16 in the following manner.
- Name of station being called, spoken three times.
- The words "THIS IS", spoken once.
- Name of your vessel spoken once.
- The word "OVER".
- Wait for the station being called to answer. Their answer should be in the same manner as your call.
- Once answered you should suggest a specific working channel to carry on your conversation.
- The word "OVER".
- Wait for a reply or confirmation from the station being called, switch to the working channel and repeat the process.
- When done speaking and leaving a specific channel use the word "OUT" at the end.

An Example Of A Non-Emergency Call Is —

- Calling Station: "Scorpion Bay Ma-

rina, Scorpion Bay Marina, Scorpion Bay Marina, THIS IS sailing vessel Gone With The Wind hailing you on channel 16. OVER."

- Responding Station: "Gone With The Wind, Gone With The Wind, Gone With The Wind, This is Scorpion Bay Marina. OVER.»

- Calling Station: "Please switch and listen on channel 68. OVER.»

- Responding Station: "Switching to channel 68, OUT.»

Keep Conversations Short

You would then switch to channel 68 and hail Scorpion Bay Marina using the same procedure and conduct your business. All conversations, whether on a hailing channel or a working channel, should be kept short and to the point, no more than three to five minutes.

If you're trying to contact a bridge operator or the bridge of a larger commercial boat such as a tug or freighter transiting San Diego Harbor or the like, use channel 13 for bridge-to-bridge communications. Should the need arise for you to contact the Coast Guard on channel 16, they'll likely ask you to switch and monitor channel 22A.

Radio Check

If you're in an area served by *Sea Tow* or *TowboatUS*, you can go to channel 68 and if they are monitoring, obtain a radio check with them. Another way to check is by simply keying the mic and looking at the amp meter on the face of the VHF radio to see if you're broadcasting. Yet another is to check on the lowest power setting to a nearby hand-held, acknowledging the transmission on the hand help to check the strength of reception. And finally, another good way to check if your radio is receiving is to check the local weather channel on one of the 10 channels available in your area. But however you choose to do your radio check, do not broadcast it on channel 16 as it is a needless and obtrusive invasion of the network's primary hailing and emergency channel.

VHF Is For Exchanging Operational Info

It's important to remember that the VHF is for the exchange of operational information. Examples would be navigational or weather information – even

where to meet for lunch – briefly. "Regular" conversations about last night's party or discussions about general day-to-day events are inappropriate. Some channels, such as 70 (Used for Digital Selective Calling [DSC]), are restricted and can't be used for voice communications. DSC is another article for later – but basically, it is a semi-automated method of establishing a radiocall that has been designated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as an international standard for establishing VHF, MF and HF radio calls. It has also been designated as part of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

DSC will eventually replace aural watches on distress frequencies and used to announce routine and urgent maritime safety information broadcasts. The system allows mariners to instantly send a distress call with GPS position (when connected to the transceiver) to the US Coast Guard and other vessels within range of the transmission, as well as initiate or receive distress, urgency, safety routine, POS Request, POS Send and Group calls to or from another vessel equipped with a DSC transceiver.

Everyone Can Hear You

Whatever type of conversation you're having, remember no one else within the range of your broadcast can transmit on that channel while you're talking. So keep conversations brief – no more than three to five minutes or so. And if communicating with another boat close by, switch to low power. (All fixed-mount and hand-held VHF radios have low-power settings, which limit the broadcast range and the number of other boaters you may be blocking because of your transmission.) It's also important to remember that everyone with a VHF radio can hear you.

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Harvest Limits Will Reset In August 2023

Over-the-counter archery deer hunters reminded of harvest limits and unit closures.

Hunters with over-the-counter archery deer nonpermit-tags are reminded that harvest limits have been set by unit and species, and hunters are required to report their harvest. Once the harvest limit is reached for a unit and species, that unit will close to further over-the-counter, nonpermit-tag archery deer hunting for the remainder of the season. Please note that harvest limits will reset in August 2023, not January 2023.

Season and closure status can be found at <https://harvest-tracking.azgfd.gov/>. Hunters will be responsible for checking online or by telephone (623-236-7961) before hunting to determine if their desired unit is still open. Some units have already reached their harvest limit and are closed for the January 2023 season.

More information about over-the-counter archery deer hunting is at www.azgfd.com/hunting/draw/archerydeerhunting/. ■

How About Making An Outdoor New Year's Resolution?

It's just about time to say goodbye to 2022. As we reflect on the changes we want — or need — to make in the new year, how about adding an outdoors resolution to the list?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers some simple resolutions, any one of which should be easy for an outdoors enthusiast to stick to:

Fish local. Make it a point to wet a line this year at one (or more) of the state's 40-plus waters in the Community Fishing Program that are seasonally stocked with channel catfish, bluegill and rainbow trout. This is a great way to introduce a youngster to a fun, lifelong sport. Your reward? Hearing that youngster squeal with delight while pulling in his or her first fish. Buy a general fishing license, or combination hunt and fish license, online at www.azgfd.com/license/ (youth under age 10 do not need a license).

Support wildlife. Wildlife lovers can put their money where their heart is by joining our Conservation Membership program. Your annual dues provide much-needed funding to sustain important wildlife and habitat conservation projects. Help to ensure a wildlife legacy for the future.

Take a youngster outdoors. Look for animal tracks together and identify the critter that made them. Armed with only a bird identification guide, embark on a "hunting" expedition and see how many species you can find. A day in the field will create memories that last a lifetime — for both of you.

Pick it up. Vow to clean up not only after yourself, but those who aren't as considerate. Take an extra trash bag along on your next outing, and spend a few minutes picking up those empty cans, cigarette butts or campsite trash. After all, respected



access is open access.

Be a wildlife viewer. Arizona provides some of the best wildlife-viewing opportunities in the nation, with more than 800 species of native wildlife. It's a fun, inexpensive activity the entire family can enjoy.

Invest in good optics. Most hunters know that success in the field begins with a quality pair of binoculars or spotting scope. Don't skimp. Better to buy the best you can afford that fits your needs than settle for a middle-of-the-road piece of equipment and be forced to upgrade later.

Be a conservationist. It's difficult to imagine what our wildlife populations might be like today without the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. For a presentation from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, produced by Arizona Game and Fish, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=WE4L9KicSeU.

Get hunting. Don't let the odds of being selected in the random draw keep you from applying for what could be the hunt

of a lifetime. If you've always dreamed of hunting bison, pronghorn or bull elk, then get in the game and fill out an application. Also, don't overlook small game or other species that can be hunted year-round. Buy a license online today at www.azgfd.com/license/.

Enter AZGFD's portal. The portal lets you create a secure account where you can view and manage your licenses, draw results, bonus points and memberships in your own personal "My AZGFD Dashboard" section. Just click on the "My Account" button in the upper right-hand corner of the www.azgfd.gov home page, then select the "Register" option.

Did You Know?

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

Download New Arizona E-Tag Mobile App Before 2023 Pronghorn, Elk Draw

Allows hunters to electronically tag their harvest in the field.

In preparation for next month's opening of the 2023 pronghorn and elk draw, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is encouraging hunters to take advantage of an innovative mobile application to modernize the tagging process.

"Arizona E-Tag" is now available. Hunters can download the app from the Apple or Google Play stores, then opt-in to receive an electronic big-game permit through their AZGFD portal account (this is not an option selected through the draw).

The app provides real-time delivery of licenses and big-game permits purchased or drawn after the app has been downloaded. Hunters should ensure they have updated to the most recent version of the app, which is compatible with both Apple and android products.

The app also provides the ability to electronically tag a harvested animal and complete the hunter questionnaire. The app will help strengthen the hunt data from which biologists make hunt recommendations and the Game and Fish Commission makes decisions. For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov/hunting.

Hunters who choose to download the app and receive their big-game tags electronically will be able to:



- Receive an electronic copy of big-game permits on an electronic device, eliminating the need to keep paper copies.
- Electronically tag harvested big game in the field and complete harvest reporting.
- View hunting and fishing licenses.
- View and manage licenses, as well as big-game permits, for authorized dependent accounts.

Hunters can choose a material of their choice, such as flagging or tape, to attach a unique validation code (provided in the app during the tagging process) to their animal following a harvest. As a reminder, opting-in to receive an electronic big-game permit is optional. It is not required to participate in a draw. Any big-game permits that were drawn or purchased before the app has been downloaded will not appear as an electronic tag.

Join our Conservation Membership program and ensure a wildlife legacy for the future. ■

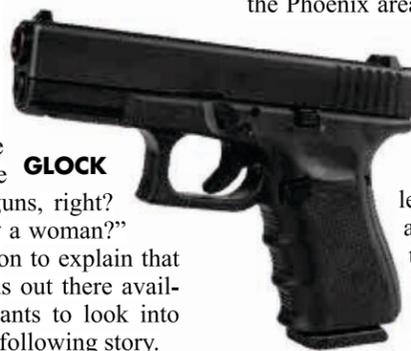
What's A Good Gun For A Woman?

BY TOM COLE, RETIRED MARINE
SPECIAL FEATURES WRITER

I was sitting at my local VFW and one of the lovely ladies who occasionally come in to visit turned to me and said, "Tom, you're knowledgeable about guns, right? What's the best gun for a woman?" Good question. I went on to explain that there are many weapons out there available to anyone who wants to look into them. I then related the following story.

My wife wanted to hit the range and shoot in order to make sure she could shoot (I knew she could shoot) and to

reaffirm that she could shoot (she scares me sometimes). I took her to a range in the Phoenix area with an array of pistols and ammo that I thought she would be comfortable with and that she should try. She was interested in home-protection/security so I left out the .357 magnums as I felt these were, 1. too large for her and, 2. I didn't want one of us to shoot an intruder and my neighbor at the same time.



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Jump In The 'Pool' For Population Management Hunts

AZGFD aims to meet elk objectives beginning in January.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is seeking to bolster its pool of hunters who apply to be randomly selected throughout the year for specific population management hunts.

Population management hunts enhance the department's ability to meet population and habitat management objectives when traditional harvest strategies are not meeting these objectives. At this time, a number of population management hunts for antlerless elk, and any elk, are planned for January and February in portions of Game Management Units 3A and 4B North, near Snowflake, Ariz. The proposed hunts will run for 10 days each between Jan. 6 and Feb. 19.

Only those hunters who have submit-



ted a Hunter Pool Application for population management hunts will have a chance to be drawn. Applicants should note that if they choose to participate in a population management hunt, and fill their annual bag limit for that species, they cannot take part in a general season for that species even if selected through the standard draw process. A successful hunter is still eligible to purchase a bonus point for elk in the upcoming general draw, however.

AZGFD encourages all interested

hunters to complete a "Hunter Pool Application," which can be found — along with detailed information about population management hunts — on Page 51 of the "2022-2023 Arizona Hunting Regulations." NOTE: Because of deadline considerations in the printing of regulation booklets, an expiration date of "Dec. 31, 2022" will appear in the upper left corner of the application. Applicants should simply cross out that date and write in "Dec. 31, 2023."

Applicants should mail their completed application and nonrefundable application fee of \$13 for residents, or \$15 for nonresidents (do not send cash), to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn.: Drawer FAB, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Ariz., 85086-5000.

A few points about population management hunts:

- AZGFD will purge the Hunter Pool Application list Dec. 31 each year. An application may be submitted at any time

during the year (do not include the Hunter Pool Application with a hunt permit-tag application. Each application must be sent separately.).

- If selected during a random drawing for a population management hunt, the department will attempt to contact the applicant within a 24-hour period. If that applicant cannot be contacted, their application will be returned to the pool for inclusion in future population management hunts that year.

- If a successful applicant agrees to participate in a population management hunt, it is likely that person will be asked to arrive in the field to hunt within a few days of being contacted. The purchase of a restricted nonpermit-tag and applicable hunting license prior to hunting is required.

- An applicant will not gain or lose bonus points when applying for, or participating in, a population management hunt. ■

ARCHERY DEER HUNTERS

Over-The-Counter Nonpermit-Tags Available For Nonresidents

After completing its verification process, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) made 102 over-the-counter nonpermit-tags available for purchase to nonresident archery deer hunters for the 2023 calendar year.

The archery deer nonpermit-tags will only be sold online — on a first come, first served basis — at OtcArcheryDeer.azgfd.gov. The archery deer non-permit-tags for nonresidents are no longer sold at third-party license dealers.

Nonresidents with a Pioneer, Lifetime, or Benefactor license must purchase their archery deer non-permit-tag from any department office or by mail (mail order form). The non-permit-tags will not be available at licensed dealers or online.

As a reminder, a resident hunter may purchase an archery deer non-permit-tag at any third-party license dealer or department office statewide. There are no restrictions on the total number of archery deer non-permit-tags available to Arizona residents.

A few additional reminders affecting both nonresident and resident hunters:

- A valid 2023 archery deer non-permit-tag is required to hunt all open seasons during the 2023 calendar year. These seasons include Jan. 1-31, 2023; Aug. 18-Sept. 7, 2023; and Dec. 8-31, 2023. Check online at www.azgfd.gov/ArcheryDeerReport for open areas; open areas will close when harvest limits are met. Some units have already reached their harvest limit and are closed for the January 2023 season.

- Harvest limits now apply to all archery deer hunts in Arizona. Harvest limits apply to hunts between August and January; they will reset each year in August. When the number of deer equaling the archery deer harvest limit for a unit and species has been reported, the unit will close to further archery deer hunting at sundown on the immediate Wednesday. The unit will remain closed until August of the next calendar year. All over-the-counter archery deer hunters are required to report their harvest either online ([DeerReport\) or by telephone \(623-236-7961\) within 48 hours of taking their deer.](http://www.azgfd.gov/Archery-

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- Season dates for over-the-counter, nonpermit-tag archery deer seasons vary by unit. Not all units are open for all time frames; hunters should check the status of harvest limits online (www.azgfd.gov/ArcheryDeerReport). The harvest limits have been reached in some units and these units are closed until the August 2023 season. Archery deer hunters are responsible for checking if their desired hunt unit is still open prior to hunting.

- The bag limit is one deer per calendar year. If a hunter harvests a deer during the over-the-counter archery season, that hunter may not take another deer (archery or general hunts) during that calendar year.

- A physical inspection is not required of a harvested animal taken during the over-the-counter archery deer season.

- AZGFD is strictly enforcing all changes, including failure to report a harvest and hunting in a closed unit. ■



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GALLEY PROOF

Venison Vegetable Soup

RECIPE BY JAIMEE

(UPDATED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2022)

An easy venison soup recipe. My husband is an avid hunter and this soup is the most requested every time he goes on a hunting trip. One bowl is never enough! Very satisfying.

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Total Time: 2 hours

Servings: 8

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound venison, cut into cubes
- 1 cup diced onion
- 3 cups potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans peeled and diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables
- 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Directions

1. Heat oil in a stock pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Brown venison in the hot oil. Add onion, cover pot, and simmer over medium heat for 10 minutes, or until onions are translucent.
2. Stir in potatoes, tomatoes, and mixed vegetables. Combine water, sugar, and bouillon; stir into the soup. Season with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and hot pepper sauce. Cover and simmer for at least one hour, or until meat is tender.

Venison Stew

RECIPE BY BUCHKO

UPDATED ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

This easy venison stew makes a satis-



fying meal when served over rice or large egg noodles.

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Cook Time: 2 hours

Total Time: 2 hours 25 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 pounds venison stew meat
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups water
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon salt
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 large bay leaf
- 7 small potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 pound carrots, cut into 1 inch pieces
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup water

Directions

1. Heat oil in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Add venison; cook and stir

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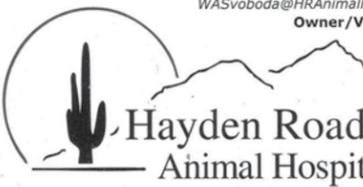


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Governor Ducey Nominates Jeffrey Buchanan To Arizona Game And Fish Commission

The Arizona Game and Fish Department was informed that Governor Doug Ducey has nominated Lieutenant General (retired) Jeffrey ("Jeff") Buchanan to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

LTG Buchanan earned a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology and is passionate about wildlife and natural resources conservation. He and his wife Laura (who also has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology) are members of various conservation organizations ranging from the Arizona Elk Society to the National Wildlife Federation.

LTG Buchanan retired from a distinguished 37-year U.S. Army career in 2019, having commanded at every level from Platoon to Theater Army. His assignments included tours in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, 25th Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division, the 10th Mountain Division, and I Corps. He served four combat tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan.

From 2016-2019, he served as US-

NORTHCOM's Joint Forces Land Component Commander and led the operational-level military response in support of FEMA for five major hurricanes (Matthew, Harvey, Irma, Maria, and

Florence) and in support of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency for Southwest border security.

Upon retirement, he and his wife moved home to Patagonia, Ariz., where he consults from his home office. In addition to serving as a Senior Fellow for National Defense University, LTG Buchanan serves as a Senior Mentor for the Department of the Army. He currently serves on three not-for-profit boards.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology, he also earned a Master of Arts in Leadership Development from the U.S. Military Academy.

Pending confirmation by the Arizona Senate, LTG Buchanan would replace commission member Leland ("Bill") Brake, whose term is expiring. ■

GUN

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First up was a .380 Taurus (hers). She hated it: too loud, too much kick, too small for her hands and control was an issue. Moved on to .45 calibers (my personal favorites). She tried a number of these: Ruger P-90, Colt Gold Cup, Colt Commander, Kimber Ultra-Carry II, and S&W Model 25, SpringfieldXP 3.3 & Tactical. Although comfortable with these, I could tell that she was okay, but not totally at ease with any of them.

We moved along to the S&W .38 Special. Not in love. Now during all of this

I might mention that she was hitting the "Black" the vast majority of the time (again, she scares me).

Now at that time I was working on the Kabul Embassy Security Forces in Afghanistan as a contractor and we used a Glock 19 9mm pistol. I had just bought one to practice shooting when I was home. She tried it and wow: 7 shots in the black at 6 o'clock and she loved it. Oh baby!

It was now hers, I took the .380 and I made the deal that I could use the Glock when home. Done deal.

And so, what's the best gun for a woman? Well, I guess it's like buying shoes — it's the one that fits. ■

LETTER TO OUR READERS

Day At The Docks Is Back!

SAN DIEGO SPORTFISHING COUNCIL

Exciting news to share! The Port of San Diego's Day At The Docks is a GO for 2023! After a long, three-year hiatus, we are pleased to bring back this well-known and anticipated sportfishing tradition.

As the San Diego fishing season has started earlier the last several years, Day at the Docks™ will be earlier too. It is now scheduled for: Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We want to thank those who have been Sponsoring Exhibitors in the past and invite you to be a sponsor in 2023. Sponsoring Exhibitors get immediate promotion on our website with hyperlink, logo identification in printed promotional materials, special recognition in the event program and promotional announcements from the stage during the event. Other sponsor opportunities are also available. If you are interested, ask for a copy of the sponsor deck.

Invites will be sent out in the next



week. Please be on the lookout in your e-mail inbox. Early registration provides discounted rates. In the next few weeks, promotional materials for the event will be available for download from our website. We hope you'll use it to help us publicize the 2023 Day at the Docks™.

Join us in March to celebrate the start of San Diego's spring saltwater fishing season. We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

Catherine Miller, Peggy Couvrette and Vic Gamboa

For the San Diego Sportfishing Council ■

VENISON

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until well browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Add onions and garlic; cook and stir until translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in water, Worcestershire sauce, salt, oregano, and

bay leaf. Cover and simmer until venison is tender, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

2. Stir in potatoes and carrots; cook until tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

3. Stir flour and water together in a small bowl; pour into stew and cook until thick, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove bay leaf before serving. ■

ROOF

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5gm container of maintenance lubricant. The 48" model costs \$549 and the 60" version is \$599; both come with a limited lifetime warranty.

Contact local dealers or SeaSucker, LLC, 1912 44th Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203. 941-900-1850. info@seasucker.com; www.seasucker.com; www.facebook.com/SeaSucker; www.instagram.com/seasucker.marine; www.youtube.com/user/SeaSuckerVideos. ■

Ben Avery Shooting Facility Master Plan Update Provided

A live webcast can still be viewed.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) held a public forum January 12, to provide an update on the master plan for the Ben Avery Shooting Facility (BASF).

The event was conducted at AZGFD headquarters (Quail Room), 5000 W. Carefree Highway, in Phoenix. The public also can view a live webcast at www.azgfd.gov/webcast. For those who miss the webcast, it will be recorded and made available at www.azgfd.gov/webcast.

Public comments can be emailed to BASFRPRCustomerService@azgfd.gov following the presentation. The deadline for AZGFD to receive those comments is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The BASF master plan was developed in 2007 to identify and establish short- and long-term objectives for the 1,650-acre facility in north Phoenix. The process included input from the public, user groups and AZGFD staff through workshops and focus groups.

AZGFD will be updating the BASF master plan and presenting it to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission at its public meeting Jan. 20 in Phoenix. The public forum will provide an opportunity to view the updated master plan and offer feedback before the Commission meeting. For more information about BASF, visit www.azgfd.gov/basf. ■

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Prepare Now For Upcoming Pronghorn, Elk Draw

Portal account needed to access draw results.

For hunters planning to apply for hunt permit-tags through the upcoming 2023 pronghorn and elk draw, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) offers the following tips to make the process go smoothly:

Check your AZGFD portal account. Take this time to review personal data, including application history and total bonus points (bonus, loyalty, hunter education). If something seems amiss, call AZGFD at 602-942-3000 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Open an AZGFD portal account. Just visit accounts.azgfd.com/Account/Register and fill in the required information. AZGFD encourages all customers to have an AZGFD portal account; that's the only place where draw results will be posted. Family account features are available with a portal account, so everyone — including youth — can view their draw results online as soon as they are available.

Applicants must possess a valid Arizona hunting license, or combination hunt and fish license, to apply for a hunt permit-tag. A license must be valid on the last day of the application period (Feb. 14). Licenses can be purchased online,



or at any AZGFD office statewide. Note: License dealers no longer sell paper licenses, but many offer to sell licenses through the department's online purchase system. AZGFD provides a list of dealers statewide that offer online license purchases at www.azgfd.com/license/. When purchasing an Arizona hunting license, or combination hunt and fish license, online, the license number will appear at the bottom of the customer's receipt. Don't throw it away! That license number will be required as part of the draw application

process. Know your Customer ID. This is a must to submit an application. There are four ways to locate a Customer ID: 1) Log into your AZGFD portal account, and click on "View Details" under "My AZGFD Dashboard"; 2) Check your hunting license, or combination hunt and fish license, if it was purchased online; 3) A Customer ID number can be retrieved by visiting www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Draw/. If the account is located, AZGFD will send the Customer ID number to that email address; 4) Call AZGFD at 602-942-3000 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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View "What You Need to Know," a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs), at www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Draw/. ■

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saguaro Lake Cleanup, Jan. 28

Come on out to Saguaro Lake on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, to join the Arizona Game and Fish Department and volunteers in a cleanup at the lake. The family friendly event runs from 9 a.m. to noon. You can either work on land or on the shoreline via a boat, if you have access to one. Participants cleaning up on land should meet at the Butcher Jones Recreation Area. Those with a boat, kayak, canoe or SUP should meet at the 2nd Boat Launch at Saguaro Lake.

Participants must register to participate in the event. To register, visit https://volunteer.azgfd.gov/need/detail/?need_id=761178. Note: The department will email all registrants in case the event must cancel due to inclement weather. ■



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Fishing Regulations

2023-24 FISHING REGULATIONS

The new Arizona Fishing Regulations for 2023-2024 have been posted on the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) website at <https://www.azgfd.com/fishing/regulations/>. The new regulations take effect on Jan. 1, 2023. The current 2021-2022 regulations remain effective through Dec. 31, 2022. Hard copies of the 2023-24 regulations are anticipated to be available at AZGFD offices and at license dealers soon.

New State Record Tiger Trout Caught At Woods Canyon Lake

Brian Morgan of Glendale, Ariz., was at Woods Canyon Lake in early December when he caught a large tiger trout while fishing from a boat. It was 24.6 inches long and had a certified weight (by the Arizona Game and Fish Department) of 5 pounds and 11.84 ounces — a new state record. He caught it on a Yakima Bait rooster tail spinner on an

ultralight 6-foot Pflueger Fishing spinning combo (with 6-pound line). "The lake was half frozen, I had to break through half-inch ice in places," said Brian.

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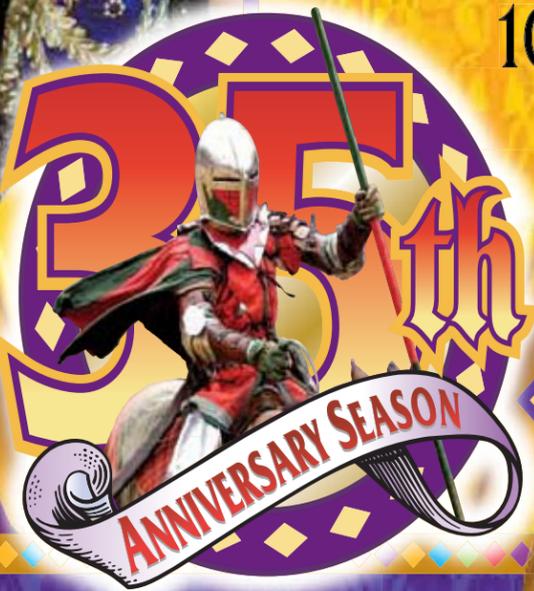
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- Canyon Coffee House at the Bright Angel Fountain, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Bright Angel Fountain grab and go, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Fred Harvey Burger, breakfast 8-10:30 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m., dinner 4-9 p.m.
- Arizona Steakhouse within Bright Angel Lodge is now offering dinner service from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily. Lunch service is from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.
- Fred Harvey Tavern, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- The Grand Canyon Rec Center, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.
- El Tovar Dining Room and Lounge-Breakfast, 6:30-10 a.m., Lunch, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dinner, 4:30-9:30 p.m., Lounge, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Patio (limited menu), 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Maswik Pizza Pub is open daily from 4-8 p.m.
- The Grand Canyon Kennel is open seven days a week with hours from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily



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- Canyon Village Market, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Deli 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Camper Services laundry and show-

er, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Other

- Grand Canyon Clinic: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (clinic is closed on holidays)
- Bright Angel Bikes, Rental: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (weather permitting), Café 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center

(GCVC): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Operations indoors for the winter season.

- Grand Canyon Conservancy stores regular hours: Visitor Center Plaza, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, Yavapai Geology Museum, Verkamps, and Kolb Studio 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.
- Grand Canyon Community Library: Monday-Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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- Please visit the Grand Canyon National Park website for a complete list of closures and available amenities. ■

NEW PRODUCTS

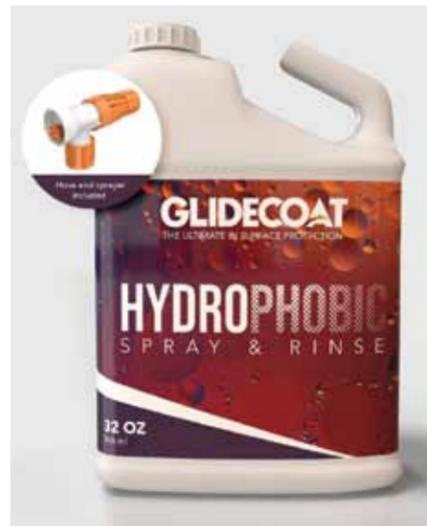
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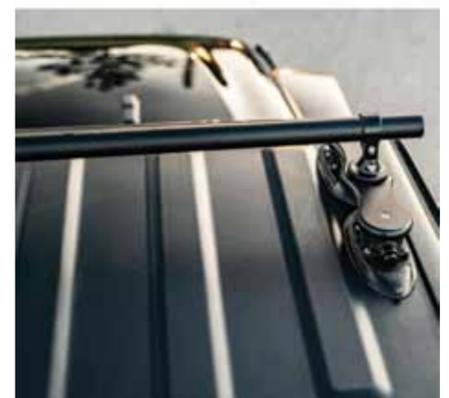
Finally, Crossbars For Vehicles With Roof Ridges

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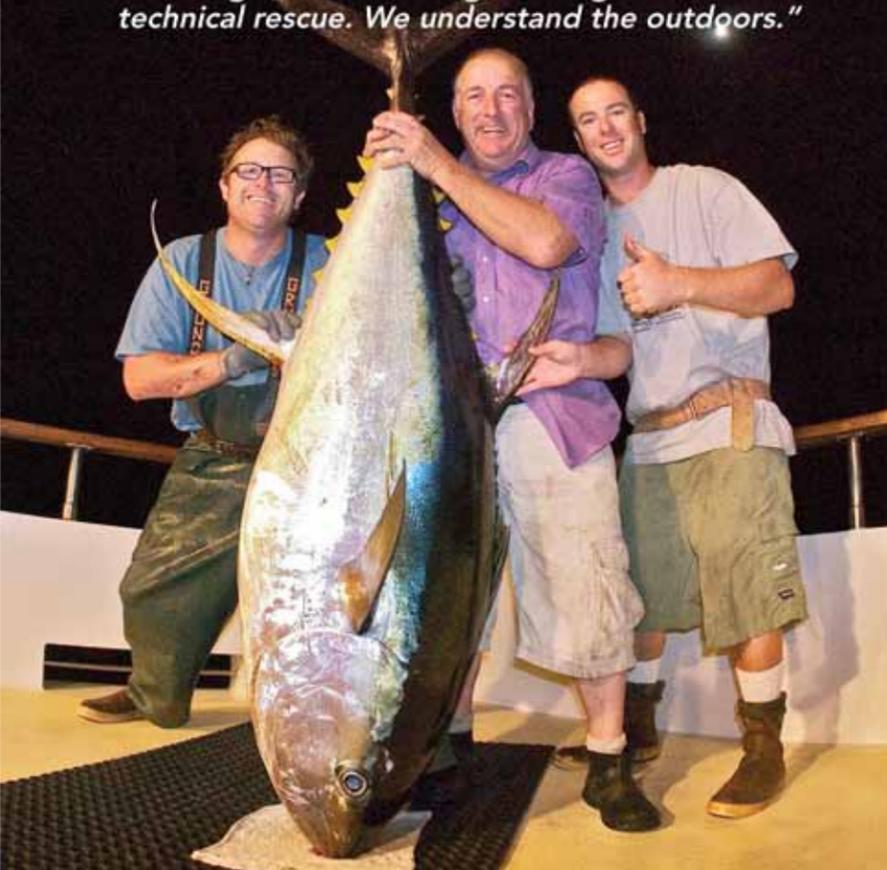
SeaSucker Ridge Ready Monkey Bars come with a spare vacuum pump and a 5gm container of maintenance lubricant. The 48" model costs \$549 and the 60" version is \$599; both come with a limited lifetime warranty.

Contact local dealers or SeaSucker, LLC, 1912 44th Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203. 941-900-1850. info@seasucker.com; www.seasucker.com; www.facebook.com/SeaSucker; www.instagram.com/seasucker.marine; www.youtube.com/user/SeaSuckerVideos. ■

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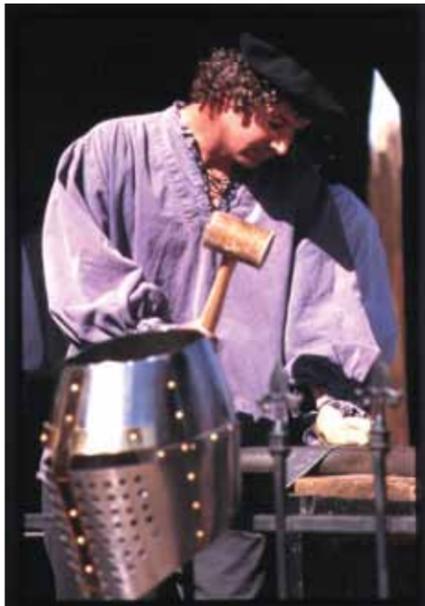
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- Draecstone Glassworks
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- Glass Robin
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- Indigo Turtle
- Knotty Lady
- Majestic Hair Flower
- Medieval Metal
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- Opinions In Bone
- Ravensburg Chain Maille
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- Regal Amber
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- Wild Vines Woodworking (On Hiatus; be back next year)
- Wizard of the Woods
- Ye Olde Puzzle Shoppe ■

Is There A Draft In Here?

BY TOM COLE, RETIRED MARINE
SPECIAL FEATURES WRITER

The Draft; — popular with some not so much with others. We already have draft registration so why or why not go to a full blown draft? Let's take a look at the pros and cons.

A draft would place all eligible men AND women in the active service for a minimum of two years. All of these people would be trained and then, when discharged from active duty, would be required to be in the inactive reserve for four years (no meetings, you just have to maintain your uniforms).

All who received an Honorable Discharge would be eligible to put in for medical, monetary and educational benefits through the VA. And while active you accrue thirty days paid vacation per year. There are also other benefits such as the possibility of being able to join the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and in cases of war service, the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Another benefit to the nation is that the nation would have a trained and ready-to-hand armed force if required. A wonderful side benefit is that the men and women who serve would all have a common ground when they later meet at work or socially, bringing the people of our nation closer to each other—not to mention possible travel within and outside of the United States. I find travel to always be educational, maturing and



somewhat broadening in nature for young people.

Plus when the young people are discharged and they choose to go to college, they would have a more mature approach, have a better incentive to succeed in school and likely do much better than they would have straight out of high school. These are all what I see as positive points to the Draft discussion.

On the other side of the coin, the military is not easy. Depending on what service you are assigned to the initial training can range from not so bad to "Oh my GOD!!!" tough. The young people would be away from home for two years, with time allotted for leave home (thirty days per year). Moms and Dads will, of course, be concerned/worried a bit about their child, but they ARE moving toward adulthood and this actually provides a

Our Special Feature Writer: Tom Cole

Tom Cole was born on Chicago's west side, graduated from high school in California, and is a retired USMC Master Sergeant ('69-'92). Cole served over twenty years in corporate America management, two years on the Kabul Embassy Security Forces in Afghanistan, has an Associate Degree in computer science, a Bachelor of Science, and an MBA. He has traveled around the world on ships and planes, and is a Golden Dragon, Shellback and Imperial Turtle. Cole is a Vietnam veteran, and was involved in an Iran rescue attempt and a Philippine coup attempt. Cole retired in 1992 after Desert Storm. We know him as a loyal husband, dad of five and grandpa of six. In his own words, Cole describes himself as "a great BSer with a crazy sense of humor."

boost; they're on their own hook.

The pay is not high and based on rank, and rank in most cases is based on productivity. Some of the bases you can be assigned to are pretty darn good with surroundings that are very nice (you usually get off work and can frequent the local establishments in town). However, there are some bases that are pretty remote and liberty is not exactly wonderful.

Living accommodations in this day and age are pretty nice and usually two-person rooms. However, you do have weekly room inspections to put up with and you're hoping you have a good roomie (not guaranteed).

And finally, the cost to the government (i.e., the tax payers) is high. Training (boot camp and then technical), uniforms (dress and utility), living

accommodations, dining facilities and food, travel between bases, and processing and administration all come at a price and is not cheap. I don't have a number to hand, but you may imagine the selection and training of millions of people.

Oh and let's also not forget that there will be the protesters who will march in the streets crying about the draft which will cost cities some cash to monitor and quell. Hmm.

So there we have it, a somewhat unbiased look at the draft and what it might look like. I would like to add that if we were to do a draft that there should be no deferments for anything but physical or mental unsuitability for service which would be set by the military.

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Wild Arizona: Restrictions Are In Place

Bald eagle breeding season begins.

Arizona's bald eagles are back, and they will soon be preparing for the next generation of eagles at breeding sites statewide.

To assist with the state's continued bald eagle population growth, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) encourages outdoor recreationists, aircraft pilots, drone operators and motorized paragliders to do their part by not disturbing the state's 94 eagle breeding areas.

To protect breeding attempts, some portions of public land and water areas will be temporarily closed to help these majestic animals and ensure even more young eagles take to the skies this spring.

"Arizona's bald eagles are hard at work preparing their nest for what we hope will be a productive breeding season," said Kenneth "Tuk" Jacobson, bald eagle management coordinator. "The birds nest, forage and roost at rivers and lakes that are also popular recreation spots. That's why we must be vigilant to help protect the birds and ensure their populations statewide continue to flourish. That success wouldn't be possible without the cooperation of outdoor recreationists who respect the closures during the breeding season."

During the 2022 breeding season, 78 young hatched, and 61 reached the important milestone of their first flight, known as fledging.

Pilots are reminded to maintain the FAA-recommended 2,000-foot above ground level advisory when flying over bald eagle habitat, while drones and paragliders are asked to avoid the areas completely. Bald eagles are sensitive to even



short durations of low-flying aircraft activity near their nests, and just a few minutes of disturbance can lead to a nesting failure.

Airspace Advisory Statewide

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has established a 2,000-foot above ground level (AGL) advisory along the Salt and Verde river drainages and lakes such as Lake Pleasant, Roosevelt Lake and Alamo Lake. These areas are designated on the Phoenix Sectional Aeronautical map and also include Alamo Lake, Ashurst Lake, Greer Lakes, Crescent Lake, Luna Lake, Show Low Lake, Chevelon Canyon Lake, Woods Canyon Lake, Lake Mary, Dogtown Reservoir, White Horse Lake and the Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge. Special brochures for pilots regarding this advisory can be obtained by calling the Arizona Department of Transportation or AZGFD's Terrestrial

Wildlife branch at 623-236-7506.

Seasonal Closures Verde River

- A closure for the Verde River below Sycamore Canyon Wilderness is not planned this year unless the eagle pair resumes nesting. Verde River below Sycamore Canyon Wilderness may be closed to foot and vehicle entry from Dec. 1 to June 15. Floating through is allowed, but contact the Coconino National Forest, Red Rock Ranger District office for more information at 928-203-7500 or 928-203-2900.

- Verde River near Chasm Creek is closed to foot and vehicle entry from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed. Contact the Prescott National Forest, Verde Ranger District, at 928-567-4121.

- Verde River near Cold Water Creek, allows watercraft to float through but no stopping on the river or landing is allowed Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact the Prescott

National Forest, Verde Ranger District, at 928-567-4121.

- Verde River upstream of the East Verde confluence is closed to vehicle and foot entry from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed, but no stopping in the river or landing is allowed. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, at 480-595-3300.

- Verde River near Mule Shoe Bend allows watercraft to float through but no stopping in the river or landing is allowed from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, at 480-595-3300.

- Verde River below Bartlett Dam is closed to foot or vehicle entry from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed, but no stopping in the river or landing is allowed. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, at 480-595-3300.

- Verde River at the Needle Rock Recreation Area is closed to foot and vehicle entry on portions of the west side of the river from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, at 480-595-3300.

Tonto Creek

- Tonto Creek from Gisela to 76 Ranch is not planned to be closed to vehicle, foot entry, and floating through from Dec. 1 to June 30, unless the eagle pair resumes nesting within the closure area. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Tonto Basin Ranger District, at 928-467-3200.

- Tonto Creek inlet to Roosevelt Lake is closed to vehicle and foot entry within 1,000 feet of the nest on land and to watercraft within 300 feet on water from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact the Tonto National

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CONVENTION

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The day begins at 8 a.m. and runs until 8 p.m., starting with a generous breakfast to fuel the sessions of morning instruction and workshops. A buffet lunch will launch sailors into an afternoon of continued learning opportunities, followed by a spirited happy hour. The evening is capped with dinner and guest speaker Marie Rogers, who in 2019, became the first black woman to serve as commodore at

the historic Los Angeles Yacht Club, and likely one of the first to helm a major U.S. yacht club. Rogers, who will share stories of inspiration and passion for sailing, is the 2021 BoatUS/NWSA Leadership in Women's Sailing Award honoree and an avid racer. She completed the 50th Transpac and races today along the West Coast aboard *Marie*, a Nelson Marek 55, with her husband, Bill. Closer to home she's at the helm of her J-29, *Rush Street*.

Mark Your Calendars

Those interested in attending should mark their calendars for February 1 when

HISTORY

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replaced its 500-hundred-gallon water tank, belonging to a lumber company and used to feed a bucket brigade, with a hand pumper, the first municipal fire equipment the city purchased. The city's department formally organized in 1899 with this pumper and three donated hose carts.

It's unclear which community founded the first organized fire department in Arizona. Prescott has sometimes claimed the distinction, but they cite 1885 as their founding date, and there are other towns that go back a few years earlier. The founding or expanding of fire departments in Arizona seems usually to have been reactionary, in response to fire disasters, as with the very destructive Bisbee Fire, as late as 1905.

Tombstone May Have Been First

Tombstone may have been first. The mining town founded Tombstone Engine Company #1 in September of 1880; Wyatt Earp was elected Secretary. The department was insufficiently equipped, mostly with brigade buckets, to combat the town's worst fire, in May of 1882, but the addition of Rescue Hook and Ladder Company in 1881, along with fire hydrants and a steam pumper bought sec-

ond-hand from San Francisco, improved matters. Tombstone's fire station still stands, by the way.

Around the same time, Tucson was also seeing the need for a true fire department. Discussions about starting a fire department had been ongoing after word reached Tucson of Tombstone's serious fire. When a gun-powder magazine explosion broke every window in town in June of 1881, the Tucson Fire Department was officially founded three days later. It would be more than a year, however, before main plumbing became available.

Yuma Came Late To The Party

Yuma came very late to the party; they had no organized fire department at all until 1897, and that was equipped with just a single hand-drawn pumper, 250 feet of hose, three ladders, a few pikepoles and ten brigade buckets, among other odds and ends.

When we arrived at the 20th Century, it's possible to put a more positive spin on Arizona firefighting history, as the origin, for instance, of improved communication like the Phoenix call center displayed in Gallery III at the Hall of Flame, or of innovations in response policy like Automatic Aid between Glendale and Phoenix in the 1980s. The fire service may have been late to develop in our state, but in that time, it's built a proud history. ■

convention registration opens at sailingconventionforwomen.com. A special early bird attendance for \$250 will be available through February 28 and includes workshops, breakfast, lunch, dinner, souvenirs, raffle prize tickets and session handouts. Registration fees increase \$20 each month through April 1. Prepaid registrations are required and for the best selection of classes women are urged to register early.

For more information on the convention, contact Gail Hine (gail@sailingconventionforwomen.com). ■

SAFETY

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Josh Hoffman, the department's boating safety education coordinator. "That's why it's critical to make sure you are prepared for the worst, before heading out on the water by making sure you're properly dressed and always wearing a life jacket. It's really the simplest thing you can do to save your own life and return home safely."

Whether a person is enjoying Arizona's waters from a paddleboard, kayak, canoe or boat, life jackets are a critical part of boating safety. They help to keep a person's head above water and body on the surface. Life jackets are required for those 12 and younger, but wearing a life jacket is a simple step that will save a person's life of any age.

If You Fall Overboard

If you do fall overboard, stay calm, move slowly and don't try to take off clothing while in the water. If the boat has capsized, it most likely will not sink and can be used as a platform. It's advised that boaters stay on top of the capsized vessel or paddleboard as much as possible in order to stay out of the water.

Survival may also depend on how well you're dressed to cope with cold water. The National Center for Cold Water Safety and the National Safe Boating Council recommend the following:

Recommendations

Wearing thermal protection like a wet-suit or drysuit so that you don't experience cold shock. Wearing enough protection to keep you functioning if you have to swim or get towed to shore, and if you can't get to shore, enough protection to keep you alive long enough to be rescued.

Wearing a float coat provides the comfortable fit and warmth of an insulated jacket, while also providing the functionality of a life jacket. A float coat does not provide hypothermia protection or replace anti-exposure coveralls or a dry suit. Be sure to check that it's U.S. Coast Guard-approved.

A dry suit, or anti-exposure coveralls, keeps the boater dry and protects him or her from hypothermia. It's worn over proper clothing layers. Boaters should try it on with their clothing layers to ensure they still have needed mobility for the boating activity.

Carry at least two communication devices that will work when wet, such as a VHF FM-DSC marine band radio and an emergency position-indicating radio beacon or personal locator beacon.

Keep emergency spare blankets on board in case someone is suffering from hypothermia symptoms.

Boaters also can brush up on their knowledge by taking one of AZGFD's free education courses. Class schedules and details are posted online. ■

WILD

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Forest, Tonto Basin Ranger District, at 602-225-5395.

Salt River

• Salt River from Horseshoe Bend to Redmond Flat allows watercraft to float through, but no stopping in the river or landing is allowed from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Globe Ranger District, at 928-402-6200.

• Salt River near Meddler Point is closed to vehicle and foot entry within 1,000 feet of the nest on land and to watercraft within 300 feet on water from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Tonto Basin Ranger District, at 602-225-5395.

• Salt River below Stewart Mountain Dam is closed to vehicle or foot entry on the south side of the river from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District, at 480-610-3300.

• Salt River near Goldfield-Kerr Fire Station is closed to foot and vehicle entry on the north side of the river from Dec. 1 to June 30. Floating through is allowed. Contact the Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District, at 480-610-3300.

Crescent Lake

A portion of land west of the lakes is closed to all entry from March 1 through Aug. 31. Contact the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Springerville Ranger District, at 928-333-6200.

Fool Hollow Lake

A portion of the shoreline may be closed to foot entry from Dec. 1 through June 31. Contact the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Lakeside Ranger District, at 928-368-2100.

Greer Lakes

(Tunnel and River). Depending on the nesting location, portions of the lakes may be closed to watercraft and a por-

tion of the shoreline may be closed to foot entry from March 1 through July 31. Contact the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Springerville Ranger District, at 928-333-6200.

Horseshoe Lake

Depending on the nesting location, a portion of the lake may be closed from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact AZGFD at 623-236-7506.

Lake Pleasant

No vehicle, watercraft or foot entry is allowed into a portion of the Lower Agua Fria Arm from Dec. 15 to June 15. Contact Maricopa County Parks and Recreation at 928-501-1710.

Luna Lake

Depending on the nesting location, the portion of land to the north or south of Luna Lake may be closed to vehicle and foot traffic from Jan. 1 to June 15. Contact the Apache National Forest, Alpine Ranger District, at 928-339-5000.

Lynx Lake

Depending on the nesting location, a portion of the trail on the lake's east side is closed to vehicle and foot traffic from Dec. 1 to June 30. Contact the Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw Ranger District, at 928-443-8000.

Show Low Lake

A portion of the lake may be closed to watercraft and a portion of the shoreline may be closed to foot entry from Jan. 1 through July 31. Contact the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Lakeside Ranger District, at 928-368-2100.

Woods Canyon Lake

A portion of the shoreline is closed to foot entry from March 1 through Aug. 31. Contact the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Black Mesa Ranger District, at 928-535-7300.

Tips For Visiting Eagle Areas

If you are visiting bald eagle country,

an advance call to the local land management agency, such as the local U.S. Forest Service district office, or the Arizona Game and Fish Department may help to plan your trip to avoid disturbing bald eagles. By following these simple guidelines, we can all help to ensure that our living wildlife legacy will last for generations to come:

• Enjoy bald eagles from outside the closures, which are marked with signs and/or buoys. Watch from a distance using a spotting scope, binoculars or telephoto camera lens. If the eagles are persistently watching you, observation at a greater distance is advised.

• Anyone approached by a nestwatcher and asked to cease an activity or leave a closed area should comply. A few good places to see bald eagles without disturbing them (during December and January) are at Lake Mary and Mormon Lake near Flagstaff, on the Verde Canyon Train in Clarkdale, or Roosevelt Lake.

• Bald eagles protecting an active nest will let you know if you are too close. If a bald eagle is vocalizing and circling the area frantically, you are too close and need to leave the area quickly. Bald eagles incubating eggs or brooding small young should never be off the nest for more than 15 minutes.

• Help from anglers is especially needed. Fishing line and tackle have killed two nestlings and been found in two-thirds of all bald eagle nests in the state. Biologists remove these lethal hazards from nests and/or entangled nestlings every year. Discard any fishing line properly in specially-marked recycling containers or at fishing stores. Also, use fresh line that isn't old and brittle. Use the correct test line for the fish you are trying to catch. Also, do not cut the line when an undesirable fish is caught and return it to the water with the hook and line attached.

• Duck hunters should scout out their hunting area to ensure that bald eagles are not nesting nearby.

You can help conserve and protect bald eagles and conservation research and recovery efforts by reporting any harassment or shooting of bald eagles. Call the Arizona Game and Fish Operation Game Thief Hotline at 800-352-0700 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement at 480-967-7900.

AZGFD's bald eagle management efforts are supported by the Heritage Fund, an initiative passed more than 30 years ago to provide for wildlife education and conservation through Arizona lottery ticket sales. ■



POPULATION INCREASES

The annual interagency survey of the endangered Mount Graham red squirrel showed an increase in the latest population estimate in the Pinaleno Mountains of southeastern Arizona. The Mount Graham red squirrel population peaked at about 550 animals in the late 1990s, but typically ranged between 200 and 300 individuals until the 2017 Frye Fire devastated much of their habitat.



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