

## ON THE COVER



## We Celebrate!

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

In addition to the thrill of having our Outdoors Editor inducted into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame, we feel honored to have both Margie and John Anderson as loyal and valuable contributors to our publications. Of course we honor the other four inductees as well; our wildlife benefits incredibly from their hard work, dedication, and commitment

Another reason to celebrate is the annual incredible fireworks display at Pleasant Harbor. We send a warm thank-you to them for honoring our Independence Day with this spectacular show.

On a more serious note, we hold our wild land firefighters in the highest esteem. This is an extremely difficult and painful time for them and for the residents of threatened communities. Please join us in helping through agencies such as the Red Cross (<https://www.redcross.org>) and the Arizona Game & Fish Department's water for wildlife ([www.azwildlifehero.com](http://www.azwildlifehero.com)), or another route is this: Text SENDWATER to 41444.

We wish you all a happy and safe Fourth of July, with safety wishes continuing into and beyond the long summer months ahead. ■

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# THE BEST FIREWORKS SHOW IN TOWN!

## Celebrate America 2021 At Lake Pleasant

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant will host its annual Celebrate America fireworks show on Saturday, July 3. Located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, conveniently adjacent to the Phoenix Metro area, Pleasant Harbor hosts this annual fireworks show, as well as food trucks, free kids activities, including water slides, bounce houses and live music. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with fireworks at 9:00 p.m. and activities running through 10:30 p.m.

### Admission And Tickets

Admission is \$20.00 per vehicle (vehicles only), with coolers and lawn chairs always welcome. The Preferred Parking Pass (vehicles, boats and trailers) is \$50.00 and provides the closest and most convenient parking and admission. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com) or at the lake on the day of the event.

### Open 365 Days A Year

Pleasant Harbor is the closest destination and entrance to Lake Pleasant, open to the public 365 days a year, and conveniently located off Carefree Highway and 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue (8708 W. Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383). Visitors exiting I-17, travel west on Carefree Highway, or take 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from Bell Road to Carefree Highway and then west to 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Harbor Boulevard.

### A Great Family Event

"This is a great family event and there's no better place to view the fireworks than on the shores of Lake Pleasant," said Glen Vortherms, General Manager of Maricopa Water District (MWD), owner and operator

of Pleasant Harbor Marina. "With the colorful reflections of fireworks over the lake, it's a magical sight."

For more information about the Lake Pleasant fireworks show or Pleasant Harbor, please call Pleasant Harbor events at 623-203-5173 or visit [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com).

### More About Pleasant Harbor

Pleasant Harbor is located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, conveniently adjacent to the metropolitan Phoenix area and open to the public, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The full-service marina, features Dillon's restaurant, H2-Whoa! – the world's largest floating waterslide, boat and slip rentals, as well as Jet Ski, kayak, paddleboard, and sailboat rentals. Additionally, *The Phoenix*, a 150-passenger boat cruise provides tours of majestic Lake Pleasant.

### RV Resort

Pleasant Harbor is also home to an RV Resort with 254 full hook-up sites, 60 partial hook-ups and unlimited dry camping sites. Featured amenities include a club house, pool and Jacuzzi, bocce ball, basketball, pickle ball, horseshoes, laundry facilities, showers, convenience store and picnic grounds. For more information, visit [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com) or call the Pleasant Harbor RV Resort at 623-235-6140 or the Pleasant Harbor Marina at 623-235-6130.

### Maricopa Water District

Maricopa Water District (MWD), owner and operator of Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, was formally organized in 1925, as Maricopa County Municipal Water Con-



servation District Number One. Maricopa Water District (MWD) controls more than 150,000-acre feet of water storage at Lake Pleasant, managing more than 100 miles of lateral pipelines, while providing water to a 60 square mile service area, including citrus trees, flowers, vegetables, farms and golf courses. Additionally, MWD is the owner of Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, sitting on 225 acres of pristine desert along the southeastern banks of Lake Pleasant. ■



**JOHN AND MARGIE ANDERSON** — We are ecstatic about Margie's induction into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame. She, as our Outdoors Editor, and John, as our Shooting Sports Editor, are invaluable assets to our publications. In Margie's words after she was notified of her honor said, "I couldn't do much without John!"

## CONGRATULATIONS!

# We Thank And Honor These Five

The Outdoor Hall of Fame annually recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions toward Arizona's wildlife, the welfare of its natural resources, and the state's outdoor heritage.

The 2021 Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame Inductees are Becoming an Outdoors Woman, Bill Hardy, Margie Anderson, Charlie Kelly and Randy Babb. The Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation invites you to join us and the Arizona Game and Fish Department in honoring these deserving and outstanding individuals and organizations for their many contributions to Arizona's natural outdoor conservation.

The 2021 Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet will be held Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park, Ariz.

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# Raffles And Rides, Skills And An Auction: All Ahead



**JULY 9-21**

## Arizona Big Game Super Raffle

Win The Hunt Of A Lifetime; enter the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle. If you win, you can hunt AZ big game species for 365 days (August 15, 2021-August 14, 2022). Get raffle tickets for elk, antelope, Coues, mule deer, black bear, desert bighorn sheep, buffalo, mountain lion, javelina, turkey. Mail order entries must be received by July 9. Online orders accepted through July 11. Main drawing date will be July 21, time and place TBA.

Go to the website to see details about the raffle and additional prizes and raffles. One winner for each of the listed Arizona species will be able to hunt for 365 days almost anywhere in the state of Arizona during the 2021-2022 season. For all details, go to <https://arizonabiggamesuper-affle.com>



**JULY 10, AUG. 7, SEPT. 4**

## Grape Train Escape Uncorked at Verde Canyon Railroad!

This summer, on select Saturday night evening trips, once per month during the train's Starlight schedule, Verde Canyon Railroad is pleased to feature a selection of sensational sips of various vintages from all over the world. Departing the depot at 5:30 p.m. and returning by 9:30.

The Saturday Starlight train rides serve up a spectacular blend of light and color in the canyon, ranging from bright daytime to rich sunset, from twinkly twilight to magnificent moon-glow. Paired with any award-winning wine in hand, any of the 2021 Grape Train Escape runs make for a sensory adventure suitable for every taste. Verde Canyon Railroad, 300 N Broadway, Clarkdale, Ariz. 86324, (800) 293-7245



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**JULY 14**

## Family Life from the 11th to the 14th Centuries

Ever wonder what Arizona was like one thousand years ago? Step back in time to the eleventh through fourteenth centuries and discover how ancient people in the Verde Valley of Central Arizona lived.

Showcasing some of the 50,000 artifacts recovered from the Dyck Cliff Dwelling in Rimrock, Ariz., this program offers a snapshot of daily life including shelter, diet, tools, household goods, clothing, and leisure-time activities.

Unlike so many other cliff dwellings in the Verde Valley that were robbed of their archaeological materials by pot hunters seeking treasures, the collection of artifacts and ancient food remains from the Dyck Cliff Dwelling provides a rare window into the Verde Valley's ancient past. The site, on private property, was professionally excavated from 1962 to 1972 by the Southwest Museum of Los Angeles. This program is part of "Arizona History On The Road" a partnership between the Arizona Historical Society and Certified Historical Institutions throughout the state. Contact: (480) 929-0292

**JULY 16-20**

## Hunting Skills Workshops

According to Douglas Burt, AZGFD, the hunting skills workshops continue; details are listed at <https://register-ed.com/programs/arizona/170-outdoor-skills-network>. **July 16** (plus two additional days) is the "Bowhunter Happening 3D Shoot" at Mormon Lake Rodeo Grounds, Mormon Lake, Ariz. **July 17** (plus one additional day) is the "Hike To Hunt 3D Archery Shoot" at Arizona Snowbowl, Flagstaff, Ariz. **July 20** is the "Elk Hunting Seminar & Show - CHA" at Calvary Community Church Phoenix, Ariz.

**JULY 17-18**

## Stunner Night Rides

Join Aravaipa Rides and experience the magic of night mountain bike riding in the Sonoran desert at the Stunner Night Trail Rides held on a rolling 10.5 mile loop at Utery Mountain Regional Park. With distance for all, come celebrate the first quarter moon with us! This race is part of the 2021 Insomniac Night Trail Ride Series with events across the greater Phoenix, Arizona area. Join us and "Carpe Noctem" to "seize the night"!

**JULY 31**

## AZGFC Proposes A Paperless Permit-Tag System

Public comments will be accepted through July 31. The public comment period on the proposed rulemaking is now open. Comments are being accepted through Saturday, July 31, via one of the following:

- Email: [rulemaking@azgfd.gov](mailto:rulemaking@azgfd.gov) or [ccook@azgfd.gov](mailto:ccook@azgfd.gov).
- U.S. Mail: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Celeste Cook, Rules and Policy Manager, 5000 W. Carefree Hwy., Phoenix, Arizona 85086.
- Telephone: Celeste Cook, Rules and Policy Manager, (623) 236-7390.

**JULY 24, AUG. 21, SEPT. 18**

## Rhythm on the Rails

The pulsing tempo of steel wheels on an iron track make for the perfect percussion to accompany live music amidst wild Arizona scenery. Back by popular



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demand, Verde Canyon Railroad proudly presents "Rhythm on the Rails" on select evenings during the 2021 summer season. Several musical groups representing diverse melodic genres will rotate throughout the train, performing private concerts in each of the historic passenger cars after the train rolls out of the Clarkdale depot at 5:30 p.m.

The euphonic adventure through one of the West's most scenic inner canyons is heightened by plush furnishings, fresh appetizers, and an extensive selection of wine, beer and chic cocktails served at one's seat ... savored to the sophisticated sounds of accomplished musicians. While melodies reverberate inside, the Canyon takes center stage outside the panoramic windows or from the vantage point of an outdoor-viewing car.

Throughout the journey, the soaring red rock walls are painted with a sunset radiance that gives way to a sky punctuated with vibrant stars and a romantic moon-glow. It's Arizona's longest-running nature show, the perfect venue for live entertainment. Verde Canyon Railroad, 300 N Broadway, Clarkdale, Ariz., 800-293-7245

**EARLY SEPTEMBER AND NOV. 6**

## An American Legion "Gala Fund Raiser" (from Rodger Wells, Adjutant)

When it is much cooler, here's a chance to support our veterans. They are planning to hold a gala fund-raising event on Saturday, Nov. 6 including great entertainment, food, drink, raffle prizes and a special "silent auction". The raffle prizes will be smaller items (baskets of booze, electronic items, etc.) that we will be soliciting from local businesses or individuals.



For the auction, we already have a few high-end items worth considerable amounts. We are asking members and others to consider whether they might consider donating items to the auction. Please understand that we mean items of significant collector value. (Please do not send or bring these items to the Post.) If you do have something that you might consider donating (perhaps as a tax write-off), please take a picture or two of the item and send them to Mike Hatounian ([mhatounian@cox.net](mailto:mhatounian@cox.net)). We hope to start bidding on these auction items in early September, so think about this request and contact Mike or Scottsdale American Legion Post 44 if you have questions or suggestions. ■



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# Our waterways are ready, but are you?

To learn more about boating safely in Arizona visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating) or call: 623-236-7258

**Wear a life jacket.  
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Every time.**

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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### 'DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL'

## Help Stop The Spread Of Harmful Invasive Species

Did you know that invasive quagga mussels cause millions of dollars in damage to boat motors, docks and water intake systems?

Or that unwanted turtles, tortoises, and other pets illegally released into the wild can hurt our native species by introducing disease or outcompeting them for habitat and food?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) recently participated in National Invasive Species Awareness Week. The nationwide event aims to educate the public about the harmful im-



part of invasive animals, plants and other organisms. During the week, AZGFD posted information highlighting some of the invasive species in Arizona, and how people can help slow their spread.

"Invasive species don't respect boundaries, which makes them a continent-wide problem that starts at home," said Sabra Tonn, heritage data management system supervisor. "The good news is that we can all play a part in helping stop their spread."

AZGFD and the North American Invasive Species Management Association encourage people to help in the following ways:

- Learn about invasive species, especially those found in this region. AZGFD's website and the National Invasive Species Information Center are both resources.

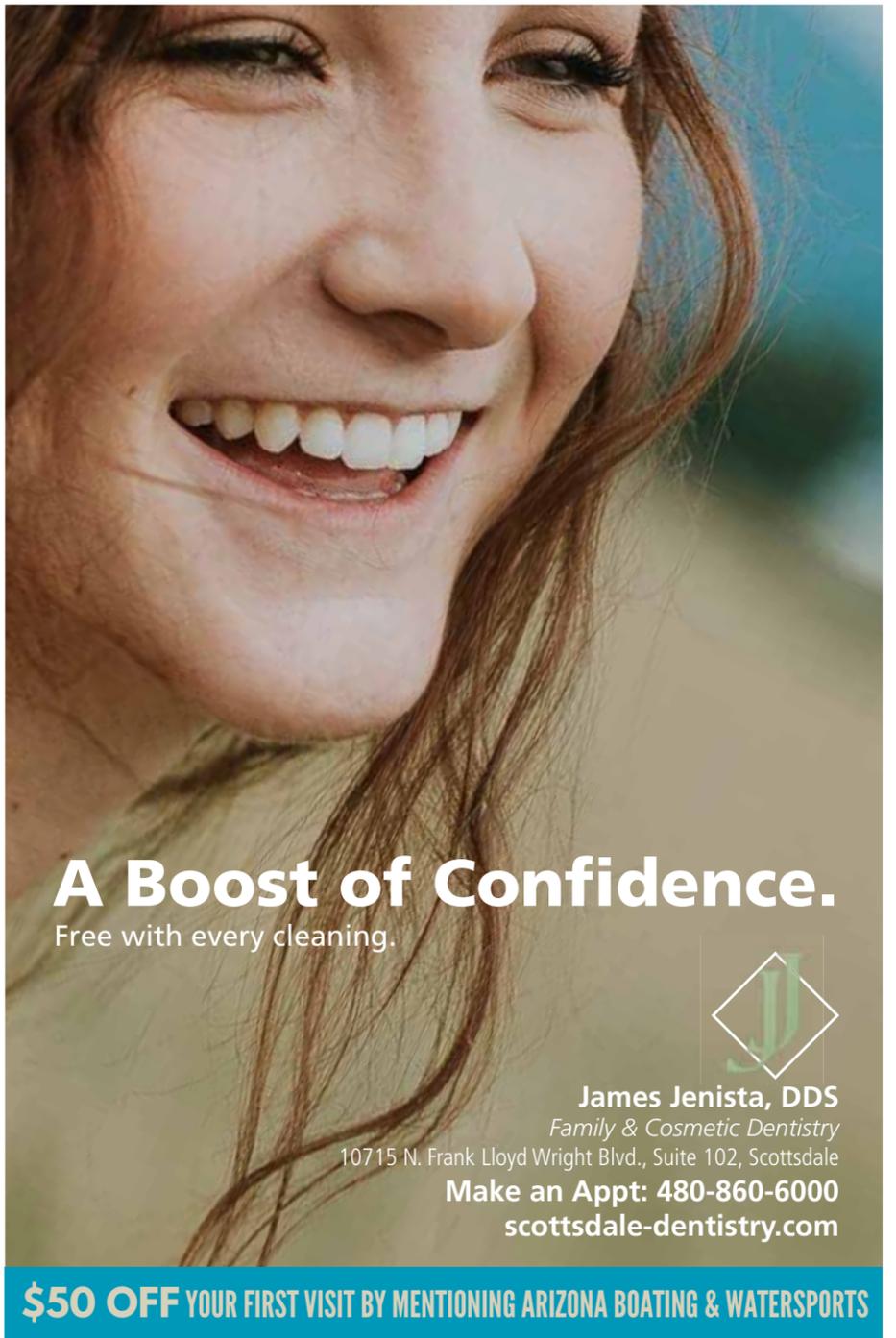
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# AZGFD Cautions Boaters, OHV Users During Monsoon

Monsoon weather is here, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) cautions boaters and off-highway vehicle (OHV) users that weather conditions can quickly change and become dangerous for those who aren't prepared.

The severity of monsoon storms varies greatly from a minor dust storm to a violent thunderstorm capable of producing hail, deadly lightning and flash flooding.

"Arizona is known for its often unbearable summer heat; it's also known for great places to get outdoors, whether that's on an OHV in the high country or one of our many lakes or rivers," said Josh Hoffman, boating safety education coordinator.

"However, it's important for people to keep the day's weather in mind. If severe weather is likely, or storms are starting to build up around you, it's a good time to safely get off the water or trails and head indoors."

Paddlers who enjoy the water on a



paddleboard should pay extra close attention to the weather. "In previous years most boaters caught in monsoon weather were paddlers," Hoffman said.

AZGFD offers the following advice to protect those recreating during a monsoon:

## When On A Boat, Personal Watercraft Or Paddleboard

- While life jackets are legally required for anyone under 12, everyone should wear a life jacket at all times while on the water. Storms can create large waves that could knock a passenger from the boat.

- Monitor the weather and use a weather radio or a weather app for updates from the National Weather Service. If storms are predicted, or are approaching, pull the boat out of the water or consider postponing the outing.

- Secure all gear above and below decks.

- Keep everyone aboard away from electrical and ungrounded components, and remain as low in the boat as possible.

- If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. Stay clear of metal objects as much as possible.

- Slow down, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering.

- Turn on navigation lights.

- If possible, head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach. It might be best to ride out the storm in open water rather than try to approach the shore in heavy wind and waves.

- Boats should head the bow into waves at a 45-degree angle. Personal watercrafts should head directly into the waves.

For more information on boating in Arizona, visit [www.azgfd.com/Boating/](http://www.azgfd.com/Boating/).

## When Riding An OHV

- Always wear proper safety gear, including a helmet, eye protection, long sleeves, pants, over-the-ankle boots and gloves.

- Seek shelter indoors if storms are developing or are nearby.

- Never cross running water. While it can look shallow, it might be deep enough that it could push the vehicle downstream or get it stuck in loose sediment.

- Drive slowly to not lose control on muddied trails.

- To avoid being struck by lightning, avoid open fields, high ground, trees, poles or other tall objects, and standing bodies of water.

- Be aware of, and avoid, flash flood zones.

For more information on riding an OHV in Arizona, visit [www.azgfd.com/OHV/](http://www.azgfd.com/OHV/). ■

## EVER THINK ABOUT DONATING YOUR BOAT?

# Why Waiting Until Year End Could Cost You

Single engine center-console boats wanted for on-water training programs.

Boat owners wishing to do good or take advantage of potential tax benefits may consider donating their boats to charity. Often this decision is made at the end of year just before the start of the new tax season. Waiting until the end of the year, however, could shortchange a boater's potential tax benefits, according to the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation and Boating Safety and Clean Water, which has decades of experience operating a successful boat donation program.

How can waiting to donate a boat until the end of the year potentially hurt you?

Most charities will sell your donated boat so they can receive the proceeds to fund operations and programs while you receive a federal tax benefit. However, the Internal Revenue Service bases the value of the charitable deduction on the actual selling price of the donated boat. This means both your and the charity's interests are aligned – the higher the price received on the sale of the boat, the more



**WHEN TO DONATE? — Donating your boat now — instead of at the end of year — likely increases the value of your potential tax benefit.**

you stand to gain in tax benefits in the form of tax deduction.

"Notwithstanding the pandemic, more boats are sold now than at any time of the year," said BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water President Chris Edmonston, "With demand at the greatest, boaters are likely to have the best opportunity for maximum donation value."

Another reason why waiting until the end of the year may not be the best time to donate your boat is that the vessel may not sell until the following year, delaying potential tax benefits.

Unlike many charities that accept boats, the BoatUS Foundation also actively uses many donated boats for training purposes, such as teaching new boaters how to operate a boat. In some cases, donated vessels – typically single engine center-console types – are needed for

Foundation on-water training programs. With these boats, the donor may use the surveyed value at the time of donation for tax purposes, and the write-off may be taken immediately.

Also, unlike other boat donation opportunities, the Foundation's program uses a partner broker to advertise the boat to help realize its highest value. The nonprofit also ensures that the donation pro-

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# It's Simple: Life Jackets Save Lives

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, conducted a half-dozen life jacket exchange events throughout the state on June 26.

The life jacket exchange program allowed anyone with an old, worn out or improperly fitting life jacket to swap it for a new one, free of charge (while supplies last). AZGFD kicked off the 12th year of the program last month with similar life jacket exchange events throughout the state.

In 2019, the department's Boating Safety Education program exchanged more than 1,600 life jackets.

"Life jackets have one main goal and that's saving lives, but only if they're still in good operating condition," said Josh Hoffman, boating safety education coordinator. "Like anything else, life jackets wear out with time, and these exchange

events are a great opportunity for Arizona's boaters and paddlers to ensure they have a life jacket that not only fits correctly, but is in great condition and ready should they need it."

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. When inspecting life jackets, look for any rips or tears, missing straps, broken fasteners, and to ensure that the flotation hasn't shifted. Life jackets should be inspected each boating season due to the environment's impact on their materials.

State law requires all passengers 12 and younger to wear a life jacket while on board, and each passenger must have a properly fitting, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket available.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 86



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percent of drowning victims in recreational boating accidents were not wearing a life jacket in 2019. So far in 2021, nine people have been injured and three people

have been killed in boating accidents on Arizona lakes.

"Through this program, the Arizona **LIFE JACKETS**, continued on page 19

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Despite its compact size of only 19" L x 7" H x 3" D, the Adventurer delivers 25 lbs. of buoyancy when inflated. Designed for chest sizes from 30" to 56", it's intended for anyone 16 years or older. This adaptability, combined with the Adventurer's low cost, means a boat owner can provide safety to everyone on board in comfort and style.

Using the Bombora Adventurer is straightforward. Pulling on the yellow handle activates the 24-gram CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder. Once inflated, the device is slipped over the head. Reflective tape and an attached whistle provide the wearer the ability to help in their own recovery. A manual inflation tube can be used to provide added buoyancy. Once the cylinder is used, it's simple to rearm and repack. A video is at [bit.ly/BomboraAdventurer](http://bit.ly/BomboraAdventurer).

With the Adventurer, there's no reason not to wear a PFD. It's lined with a soft, breathable neoprene-like fabric for all-day comfort. A zippered pocket, D-ring and front attachment loop offer ample places to secure small items. The Bombora Adventurer is available in two color combinations, blue and grey Quicksilver or teal and white Tidal. It costs \$140.

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## New Compact Speakers Elevate The Soundstage

The new Millennia MIL-S3501 3-1/2" Full-range Speakers from Prospec Electronics are the ideal small-sized solution for powerful, immersive sound. With a mere 4" outer diameter, they're easy to install in tight spaces.



While a pair of high-performance Millennia 3-1/2" Full-range Speakers make the perfect complement for an existing stereo system, they're also ideal for use as the primary speakers in golf cars, portable hot tubs, heavy equipment, smaller fishing boats and RIBs. They're likewise a great solution as VHF speakers. With integrated graphite grilles, they require a small 3" cutout and only 1-1/2" of mounting depth.

Despite their compact size, Millennia 3-1/2" Full-range Speakers are engineered to perform. They feature 25W RMS, 75W peak power with a frequency response of 55Hz-20kHz. With 4 ohms impedance, sensitivity is 89dB at 2.83V/1M. These figures translate into accurate, distortion-free mid-range and higher frequency reproduction, even at raised volumes. Perfect for OEM or refit, Millennia MIL-S3501 3-1/2" Full-range Speakers from Prospec Electronics retail for \$49.95 a pair.

Contact local dealers or Prospec Electronics, 3325 S Morgans Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466. [www.prospecelectronics.com](http://www.prospecelectronics.com); [www.facebook.com/ProspecAudio](https://www.facebook.com/ProspecAudio); [www.instagram.com/prospecelectronics](https://www.instagram.com/prospecelectronics); YouTube: [bit.ly/2wQmJWz](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2wQmJWz). ■

## Accon Pivot Simplifies Lifting Hardware Installation

When adding lifting cleats or eyes on a boat, the positioning of bulkheads and other internal structures below deck can sometimes make this equipment difficult to install. The new 209-PA Pivot Attachment from Accon Marine overcomes these tricky situations by allowing minor alignment variances between hardware components.

Accon's Pivot Attachment helps eliminate frustrating repeated adjustments when the threaded rod doesn't precisely mate to its hardware. During installation, the user can temporarily bend the device



up to 45 degrees to help navigate below-deck obstacles before placing the lifting cleat or eye components in position. For final mounting, Accon recommends variances of no more than 10 degrees from vertical to avoid undue stress on deck surfaces. Once in place, the nut on the 209-A is tightened.

This useful component boasts marine-grade stainless steel construction for unparalleled strength, durability and corrosion resistance. Measuring 3-1/4" H, the 209-PA Pivot Attachment's base is tapped for a 5/8-11 thread; its head features a 5/8-11 threaded stud of 7/8" in length. It's fully compatible with Accon Marine's line of high-quality 6», 8» and 10» lifting cleats, and array of lifting eyes. MRSP for the 209-PA Pivot Attachment is \$78.23.

Contact local dealers or Accon Marine, 13665 Automobile Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33762. 727-572-9202; Fax: 727-572-7621. [www.acconmarine.com](http://www.acconmarine.com). ■



## Hubbell Adapter Converts 30A Pedestal Power To 15A

The common method of powering party lights or an electric polisher while at the dock is to run an electric extension cord down the companionway, creating an unsightly trip hazard. With a Hubbell Marine HBL105GF adapter, it's easy to instead use a 30A 125V marina

power pedestal to run 15A 125V devices. Plugged into the shore power source, it offers a standard three-prong outlet with integrated ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) for peace of mind.

Measuring 22-1/2" L, the HBL105GF adapter has a fully molded IP55 waterproof housing for superior durability. Inside the 30A plug, a bull ring protects the exclusive copper crimp barrel terminations; the combination is 300% more secure than standard construction methods. Nickel-plated brass Twist-Lock® contact blades provide exceptional strength and corrosion resistance.

Built for maximum safety, the integrated GFCI on the HBL105GF automatically stops power from flowing if it senses a short—anywhere from the pedestal to the

end electrical device. A high-impact and UV-stabilized sealed PVC housing protects the internal electrical components. A large LED light illuminates when power is flowing. It includes test and manual reset buttons.

Hubbell Marine offers a wide range of straight and Y adapter combinations to meet virtually any power need, from 30A to 100A sources. The company's innovative Intelligent Y-Adapter plugs into two, oppositely-phased 30A receptacles to run a 50A boat. Offered in high-visibility yellow, the Hubbell Marine HBL105GF adapter retails for \$216.

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HOW TO KEEP YOUR GUNS

# Bob Corbin Answers In This Interview

BY JOHN ANDERSON

Bob Corbin, former Attorney General of Arizona, is a staunch supporter of our constitutional right to bear arms. He served as AG from 1972 to 1991, the longest of any other elected official. Mr. Corbin served as President of the National Rifle Association from 1992 – 1993 and is currently one of the ten board members who serve on the NRA Civil Rights Legal Defense Fund board.

Mr. Corbin met with Pastor Ryan Rice, who is now heading up the AZ Quail Today website ([www.azquailtoday.com](http://www.azquailtoday.com)), and we listened in on the conversation. Pastor Ryan had reached out to people on Facebook for questions they'd like to ask Mr. Corbin, and here they are, along with the answers, which are direct quotations from Corbin and Ryan.



**Margie and I are life members of the NRA and sustaining members of AZCDL. We feel that both are great organizations.**

own and possess firearms. To that end, we carry on many educational and legal action programs designed to better inform the public about the gun control debate”.

Mr. Corbin says they are a great group. He also familiar with the Arizona Citizens Defense League, which is based in Tucson. This is where grassroots activists take a stand, working at the Arizona legislature to get strong pro-rights bills written and passed into law, while stopping bad bills.

**Q. In the event that Biden is able to pass sweeping gun control legislation, does he (Mr. Corbin) think that the current AG will be filing suit to protect law-abiding gun owners/hunters?**



**Shooting is a valuable skill, plus it's a lot of fun. Our son David is helping our granddaughter Emily at the Ben Avery shooting range in this photo.**



**Hunting is just one reason why so many Americans love guns.**

**Q. How can we be proactive about protecting our gun rights?**

A. First of all, join the NRA. In the last two to three months, they've been getting 10,000 new members every month (this was in January of this year). The more members the NRA has, the more powerful and influential it is. Also, volunteer when the NRA reaches out for members to help with tabling, etc.

There is also another good group, the Second Amendment Foundation. Their website says that they are “dedicated to promoting a better understanding about our Constitutional heritage to privately



**My granddaughter Emily loves shooting rifles as well as pistols. She's also pretty good on the clays range with a shotgun.**



**This photo is from the NRA ILA Facebook page. ILA means Institute for Legislative Action.**

A. Mr. Corbin doesn't believe they can pass such legislation. Remember, there are lots of Democrats in the NRA. Because of the Heller vs DC ruling, in which the Supreme Court said that the second amendment protects your right to keep and bear arms for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, he doesn't think that the gun grabbers will prevail. This was the first case to decide that the second amendment protects an individual, not just a militia.

**Q. Since the governor of Arizona signed a bill saying that federal mandates that violate the second amendment won't be followed in AZ, what does that really mean? Is it in the realm of possibility that federal agents could storm the homes of gun owners in Arizona? Doesn't the bill just say that Arizona won't spend funds on those anti-gun mandates?**

A. Mr. Corbin believes that if the Feds try to tell us we can't have our guns, Arizona law says they can't take them. Arizona has the best laws for gun owners in the country, he says. Could Feds storm in? They may do that – he has no idea. The governor could call on the militia – who knows how big that is. There are a lot of sheriffs who flat out say they won't enforce laws if it comes to confiscation.

**NOTE:** The bill that Governor Ducey signed is the Second Amendment Freedom Act, which would block enforcement of some federal gun restrictions.

**Q. A letter came in the mail about gun grabbers and the UN Small Arms Treaty, saying that Biden and Harris are trying to get into our legal system, and call for gun registration, limiting guns and ammo, etc.**

A. Yes, a bill about the UN Small Arms Treaty has been sitting for twelve years and has not signed off as treaty, but there is an effort and they may sign the treaty, but the Constitution says that no treaty can override an amendment or any of the other principles in the United States Constitution. Article VI of the Constitu-



**She's rightfully proud of her target.**

tion makes that clear. However, the treaty could make it impossible to get guns from overseas, which would make it so it would be very difficult to get guns anywhere. It's been sitting for a long time, but now that Democrats are in power, they might sign it.

Pastor Ryan asks, does that mean confiscation or a limit on how many guns we can possess? Mr. Corbin says all we need is ten more Republicans in the House. Will we ever get to confiscation? God help them. So many states say they won't enforce such laws. You need to be proactive – join the AZCDL and get on the Arizona Legislation Right To Speak program.

**Q. What legal support does the basic NRA membership provide for in the event a citizen in good standing is being charged with a gun crime?**

A. The NRA's Civil Rights Legal Defense Fund has a lot of money, and if you get arrested for a gun crime, you get a lawyer and have him write to the SNR with the facts of the case and tell them how much money you need. If it looks like you have a good chance of winning the case (in other words, you are in the right), NRA will pay. They get a lot of requests, and Mr. Corbin is on the board that meets three times per year to review the

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# He Likes Free Rig For Bass In Arizona

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Daniel Elias found out about the Free Rig in early 2019 from Japanese bass fishermen on *Instagram*, in posts that weren't even in English. The rig is fairly simple – you use a cylindrical drop shot weight, but instead of a clip, there is just a small loop at the end – a pencil weight with an eye at the top. You simply slide it onto the line before tying on the hook, and it slides freely up and down the line: Free Rig. The Hook Up Tackle ([www.thehookuptackle.com](http://www.thehookuptackle.com)) has weights for this technique; just search for free rig weights.

## Watch And Learn

Elias uses a worm hook and rigs the plastic baits weedless – creature baits, finesse worms, etc. He didn't know how the Japanese anglers were fishing the rig at first. He rigged one up and threw it in the pool with a little Berkley Chigger and



Free Rig Bait Set-Up

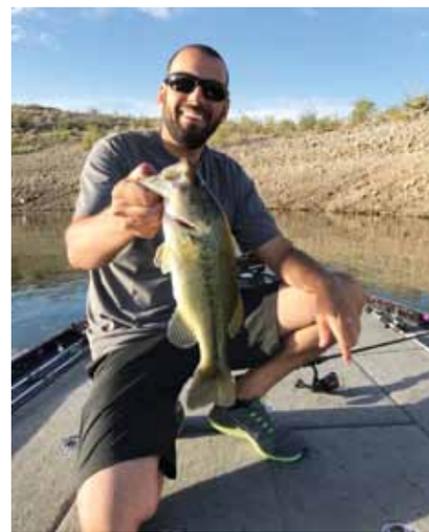
watched. The weight sinks straight to the bottom, but the bait stays up and sinks very slowly. If you pull it, the bait comes close to the weight. As he pulled it toward the deep end, the bait followed it.

He took the rig to the lake and tried it on 45 degree banks and stair steps, and he was getting lots of bites but not getting them hooked. "I think the baits were so

far behind the weight that I couldn't get the slack up," he says, "so I switched to a wide-gap finesse hook made for wacky fishing, and just nose-hooked the bait." That did the trick. Daniel says the Powerbait Jester has worked the best for him, especially the green pumpkin.

## The Key Is Length

He throws the Free Rig on a 7' 6" medium Abu Garcia spinning rod that is a little bit stiff. With this rod he can make long casts and good sweepsets. He likes Berkley Nanofil 12-pound-test. It has very little stretch and it's very sensitive but doesn't twist up. To this he adds an 8-pound-test Trilene 100% fluorocarbon leader. The key, he says, is how long the leader is. For this rig he says you need a really long leader – 20 to 30 FEET long. For the Jester he uses a 1/0 Berkley Fusion Finesse Wide Gap Hook. (The Finesse Fusion 19 is a weedless wide gap hook)



Daniel Elias

With the drop shot rig being fished to death, this rig is something the fish aren't accustomed to quite yet, so give it a try at any bass lake. He says if the cover is thick you can Texas rig it, but he adds that you'd be surprised how well that little nose-hooked bait will come through stuff.

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## LAKE POWELL REPORT (6/23/21)

# The Best Time To Fish Is Early Morning

BY A. WAYNE GUSTAVESON

Lake Powell is dropping. Inflowing water today is 10,000 Acre Feet less than outflow. The parched Southwest really needs Monsoon rain to fall this summer. Be careful when traveling on the lake. Stay in the middle of the main channel to ensure a safe trip.

## Stripers Still Hitting Bait

Stripers are still hitting bait in the normal spots like Buoy 25 Cove and Wall, Rincon, and Moki Canyon.

On my weekly fishing trip, we saw fewer slurping stripers in the channel between Wahweap and Navajo Canyon than in the previous week. This time we went to the back of Navajo Canyon looking for slurps. We did find about five quick slurps near the very back of the canyon and caught one fish per slurp. I think we just had an off day since lakewide reports of slurps were very positive.

## Good Reports

Good reports came from Last Chance to Rock Creek, Bullfrog to Rincon with

slurps lasting all day long. Further north the fishing was even better. Best lures were Ned rigs (with TRD), Zara Spooks and other small top water lures, and clear plastic grubs on a lead head jig.

The type of lure may not be as important as the approach to the slurping school. Stripers search for a shallow shad pod, line up shoulder-to-shoulder and rush through the pod, eating as many shad as possible. They are only on the surface for about 30 seconds before they dive, regroup and search for another pod. Best results happen when the striper school comes up a second time while still in casting range.

## Smallmouth Bass

Since stripers were not as energetic as expected, we switched over to smallmouth bass. Navajo Canyon is long and narrow with an occasional narrow slot canyon just wide enough for the boat to enter, or a longer side canyon with rocky structure. The best pattern was to cast to

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requests. They have \$300K to distribute at each meeting. If the board decides that you were in the wrong, or did something illegal, they won't pay. The ten-member board is all lawyers.

## Q. What can we do to protect our 2A rights?

A. VOTE. Join the NRA and the AZCDL. They are the ones who watch the legislators. In fact, Mr. Corbin's exact words were "Damn right we watch them."

## Links:

- National Rifle Association [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org)
- AZCDL [www.azcdl.org](http://www.azcdl.org)
- Civic Action Made Easy [www.ezaz.org](http://www.ezaz.org)
- Arizona State Legislature Request To Speak <https://www.azleg.gov/group/request-to-speak/>

You do not have to actually speak to the legislature to use this feature. Simply sign up, and when a bill comes up that you are interested in, you can log on and let your legislature know how you feel. The Arizona Citizens Defense League (AZCDL) sends regular newsletters to let you know when bills related to gun legislation are being heard. ■



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# AZGFC Proposes A Paperless Permit-Tag System

As part of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's goal to increase online services for customers, the commission proposes to amend rules within Articles 1 and 3 to establish a paperless permit-tag system.



TODD CROMAR

## Added Flexibility

The new system will give customers added flexibility following the purchase of a license or tag. An app on their own electronic device will enable customers to view their licenses and tags, allow them to electronically "tag" their harvested animal, and complete their harvest questionnaire. Hunters would still have the ability to receive a paper tag if they prefer.

## Enhanced Customer Service

The prevalence of mobile technology and apps has progressed to the point where they are now an integral part of most everyone's daily life. The commission envisions the paperless tag option would provide enhanced customer service

by providing faster delivery of tags and global access to the customer's license and tag information anytime, and possibly anywhere, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Both the Arizona Game and Fish Department and customers will benefit from a more efficient process and reduced paper waste.

Rules governing the use and possession of tags remain unchanged.

## Until July 31

The public comment period on the

next one. If there was a rock pile in the back, smallmouth were present.

## Largemouth Caught

The double bait performed well in the back of a 50-foot wide, by 100-yard long, narrow canyon with steep walls, a few rock piles and old dead trees sticking up. The double bait sank to the bottom and was gulped by a 2-pound largemouth bass. On the next cast, another largemouth hit the Ned Rig. Shortly thereafter, a 5-pound largemouth bass ate the tube bait. That was very exciting!

The best time to fish is early morning before the main channel rush-hour traffic arrives.

*At press time, lake elevation was 3561 and water temperature was 77-83F. ■*

proposed rulemaking is now open. Comments are being accepted through Saturday, July 31, 2021, via either:

- Email: [rulemaking@azgfd.gov](mailto:rulemaking@azgfd.gov) or [ccook@azgfd.gov](mailto:ccook@azgfd.gov).
- U.S. Mail: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Celeste Cook, Rules and Policy Manager, 5000 W. Carefree Hwy., Phoenix, Arizona 85086.
- Telephone: Celeste Cook, Rules and Policy Manager, (623) 236-7390.

The commission will consider the final rulemaking at its Sept. 24 meeting.

To track the progress of this rule, view the regulatory agenda and all previous five-year review reports, and to learn about any other agency rulemaking matters, visit <https://www.azgfd.com/agency/rulemaking/>. ■

## ELIAS

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When the fish bite it, they hang on, and it's really important that you have a big bow in your line while fishing. Sometimes he goes to move it and it just feels squishy – in that case, reel as fast as you can to get caught up, then just sweep and let the rod load up.

## Lots Of Water Movement

Daniel says this technique works best on those 45 degree banks or stair-stepped banks. These give the weight the opportunity to fall, and then the bait just sort of flutters down after it. The Jester is only about 3 inches long, but it's bulky, which creates a lot of water movement. Daniel says you might also try this on grass because the bait will stay up, or use it to fish a stick bait a lot deeper than you normally could. ■

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shady rock piles along the edge of the canyon or the back of a slot canyon with deep rocky structure.

We targeted bass between 5 and 25 feet with Ned rigs, tube baits and plastic grubs. The best lure was a double bait with a dark Ned rig on the end of the line with a weightless tube bait tied on 2 feet above the Ned rig. Bass really liked this presentation.

Smallmouth bass were common in very narrow shady slots where rocky structure was visible in 10-15 feet of water. Plastic baits worked very well as we moved from one rocky slot cove to the

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# July 2021 Hunting Calendar

COMPILED BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Unless you drew a bison permit, there isn't much going on this month except small game, but small game is a great way to get your kids out hunting this summer. Check the Game and Fish website for places to start looking. Also, don't forget to buy your tickets for the Super Raffle!

## For the Fall 2021 Hunt

Online applications at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) for deer, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, bison, sandhill crane were due by June 8, 2021. Tags mailed out by Aug 9, 2021.

If tags are left over, first come applications accepted by mail on or after 8:00 a.m. July 26, 2021. Available at Game and Fish offices after 8:00 am Aug 2, 2021.

## Arizona Big Game Super Raffle

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## 2021-22 Fees

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Report poachers: Operation Game Thief 800-352-0700 rewards for information that results in an arrest.

*Be sure to check the hunting regulations carefully before you hunt. Many of the following hunts have notes and legal requirements listed. You must check the regulations. Pick up a paper copy at outdoor stores, Game and Fish offices, or go online at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) and click on regulations to download the booklet. "Open areas" have restrictions beyond what is listed here. ALL HUNTS require a valid hunting license or combination license. Hunters under 10 need a license or they must be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid license. Falconry-only hunts require a Sport Falconry License. See regulations for daily limits and bag limits. This calendar is for convenience only. You must read and follow the hunting regulations found in the booklets and pamphlets available at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) and at retailers where licenses are sold.*



## Small Game

**Tassel-eared tree squirrel Unit 31:** July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 (year-round)  
**Cottontail rabbit:** July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges, and 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any cottontail.



JESSIE EASTLAND

**Cottontail rabbit in Buenos Aires, and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuges:** Jul 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (year-found) any cottontail rabbit.

**Cottontail rabbit limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot):** year-round. Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges any cottontail rabbit.

**Falconry-only cottontail rabbit:** year-round. Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges any cottontail rabbit.



## Predatory And Fur-Bearing Mammals

**Coyote and skunk:** year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M.

**Coyote and skunk Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge:** year-round

**Coyote, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge:** year-round

**Pursuit-only raccoon:** June 1- July 31 2021 and April 1 – June 30, 2022. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

## Other Birds And Mammals

**House sparrow and European starling:** year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M.

**Gunnison's prairie dog:** July 1, 2021 – Mar 31, 2022 Open areas north of the Gila River excluding National Wildlife Refuges, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

**All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed-ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves:** year-round. Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

**Jackrabbit Open Areas statewide including Buenos Aires and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife refuges, excluding all other Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M:** year-round

**Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) English house sparrows and European starling:** year-round. Open areas

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## UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

# At Press Time, These Ranges Are Closed

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Northern Arizona Shooting Range is closed indefinitely due to fire danger, dry conditions, and persistent wildfire activity that have forced a full closure of the Coconino National Forest.

The range, located about 20 miles east of Flagstaff, ceased operations at 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 23. The range will reopen only when conditions improve.

The 160-acre range, which features rifle and pistol ranges, as well as stations for trap, skeet, sporting clays and five-stand, is owned by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. The range is maintained and operated by the Northern Arizona Shooting Foundation.

For more shooting range information, visit [www.northernarizonashootingrange.org](http://www.northernarizonashootingrange.org), or [www.azgfd.com/Shooting/Ranges/](http://www.azgfd.com/Shooting/Ranges/). For the latest updates about conditions in the Coconino National Forest, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coconino/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD924914](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coconino/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD924914).

## Second Knoll Target Range Shuts Down

SHOW LOW, Ariz. — The Second Knoll Target Range closed indefinitely due to fire danger, dry conditions and persistent wildfire activity that have forced a full closure of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest.

The forest closed at 6 a.m. Thursday, June 24. The closure order is in effect until Sept. 1, unless rescinded earlier.

Second Knoll, located about six miles east of Show Low, sits on Forest Service land where the Arizona Game and Fish Commission holds a special-use permit for a target range. The range is maintained and operated by the White Mountain Shooters Association.

For more shooting range information, visit [www.azgfd.com/Shooting/Ranges/](http://www.azgfd.com/Shooting/Ranges/). For the latest conditions in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/asnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf). ■

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# How To Take Great Photos Outdoors

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Everyone loves to show off their outdoor adventures: some hand their phones around at work, others post on Instagram or Facebook or Twitter, some print them out and frame them. Unfortunately, not everyone takes rockin' outdoor photos. If you want to wow your friends, there are a few basic things you should remember when you are taking photos outdoors.

## Keep Your Lens Clean

Even if you're not shooting into the sun, water spots and fingerprints on your lens can make big blurry spots. Specks of dirt or mud will also show up as blurry marks. Even on your phone, you need to clean the lens before shooting. On a real camera, you should invest a few bucks in a UV lens that screws over the actual camera lens. That way, any scratches are not fatal — you can simply replace the scratched UV lens.

To clean the lens, first blow or brush away any loose dust with a very soft brush. Do NOT rub a dusty lens with a lens cloth — the dust will scratch the glass. Scratches show up on photos, especially if light hits the lens.

## Microfiber Lens Cloth

Once you've gotten the loose dust off, use a microfiber lens cloth to clean the lens. You can breathe a fog on it if you need to, or even use a bit of water, but Modern Spartan Systems makes the best lens solution I've ever tried. Their Crystal Clear lens cleaner has been used commercially on high-value optics like cameras, night vision goggles, cockpits, and missile domes for years.

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**These two photos were taken during the "golden hour" when the sun was very low on the horizon. The golden hour is particularly striking in the woods because of the shadows.**

tect the surface of the lens. It even refracts light so you get an even higher definition image. It won't damage the coatings or discolor, and it is also anti-fog. A little bottle will last you forever. Check it out at [www.modernspartansystems.com](http://www.modernspartansystems.com).

## Light

Light is absolutely the most important thing for photos. Early morning and just before dusk are called the Golden Hours for good reason, and if you just want photos of landscapes or scenery, these are the prime time to take those photos. Usually, though, you want to take photos during the day when you're doing things.

Light is still your prime concern. Try not to shoot into the sun without shading your lens — it makes odd little light spots show in your photos. John often uses his hat to shade my lens when I can't avoid shooting toward the sun.



**A photo of an angler swinging a fish in is a lot more fun than just a "grip and grin".**

## 'Those Darn Hats'

When I took Trinity's graduation photos in the forest, I used a piece of white foam core board to reflect light onto her face while she was in the trees. You can shoot toward the sun when it is filtered by trees and leaves, but you don't want shadows on faces. This also works great for illuminating an angler's face under his hat brim. Those darn hats! Outdoors people love them, but they always cast a shadow over the face. Light them up!

If you're going to be on a boat all day, bring that foam core board. You can keep your camera in the shadow of the subject and use the board to reflect light from behind them onto their faces. It works great and you'll get well-lit subjects with no squinting.

## Favorite Days Are Overcast

My favorite photo days are overcast. Clouds diffuse the light so that colors



**Using light and motion together can produce some fun images.**

look great and there are no enormous dark and light contrasts, even at noon. However, the sky can look washed out on cloudy days. There is always give and take with photography.

Here in Arizona however, overcast days are few and far between. If you face a subject into the sun so that you can see his face, he's going to be squinting, plus sometimes the sun glares off other things, like any fish he might be holding. But if you face the camera into the sun you get the fish and the fisherman in shadow and that's not good either.

You can either force your camera to flash and fill in the shadow, or you can put the fish in the livewell and move into the shade. I've done both. If the flash is too bright and harsh, use a tissue or something to filter it. Just hold the tissue over the flash as you take the photo — you can even do this with a phone.

## Think Action

Instead of static photos of your kids standing still facing you, try shooting some photos while they are clambering over boulders or walking toward you (or even away from you) on a beautiful trail. Some of my favorite photos of my granddaughters are the ones I've taken of them jumping off things — it's fun to catch them in the air. You could also have one of the

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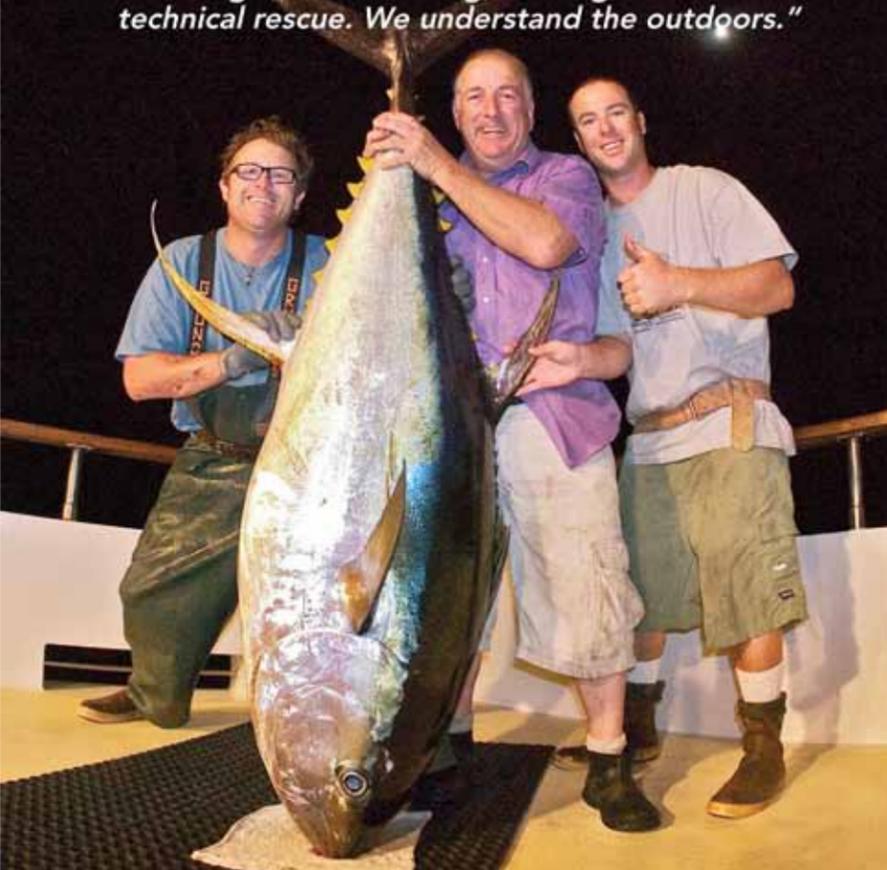
**The difference between using a filler flash and no flash. These anglers were in the shadow of the hills at Bartlett.**



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### PHOTOS

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kids carry another one piggy back. This not only gives your photo action, it gives you big smiles too.

#### Use Burst Mode

Use burst mode to take a bunch of shots during action while they jump, then you can pick the best ones to keep. Another thing that can make photos more fun is changing the angle that you take the photo from. Get down low or up high and shoot.

Nothing is as lame as a picture of a guy holding a fish with his arm stretched out toward the camera to make it look bigger. Seriously. Think action! Have your buddy take a few shots while you land that big bruiser. If your camera or phone has a burst mode, use it. This will take a series of shots just seconds apart, and you're much more likely to get at least one really good shot. Try swinging the fish aboard toward the photographer, or have him lean over the side of the boat and take a few shots as you lip the fish or scoop it up in the net.

#### Straight-On Shot

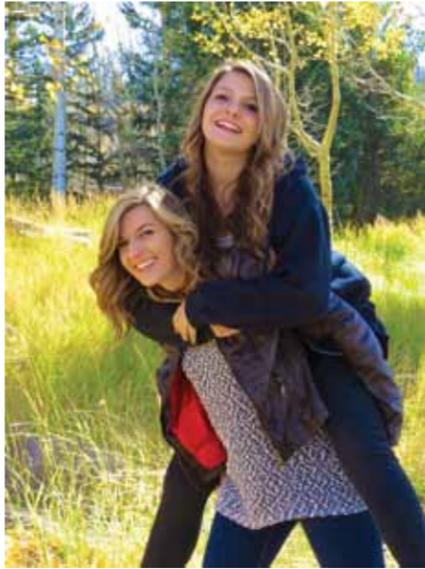
Straight-on shots can be boring. Have the photographer experiment. Have him get down low or up high. Put him on shore or on the dock. If you really have a once in a lifetime fish, put that bad boy in the livewell after the first few shots and let him rest if you are going to be taking some more.

#### Watch The Background

I have taken literally tens of thousands of photos, and I am continually amazed at the weird stuff that shows up because I'm so focused on the person that I forget to look at the background. I've had trees that look like they are growing out of the subject's head, people doing peculiar things on boats, cigarettes, and the all-time most common thing: a really slanted water line.



Get down low to take photos of smaller subjects.



Clowning around makes great photos too.

A slanted shoreline is common, but if the horizon is water and it's at an angle, that just looks weird. Sometimes it can be corrected by cropping and tilting, but other times if you try that you cut off the fish or part of the fishermen before you can even out the water. So pay attention to what is behind the subject.

#### Take Multiple Shots

I like burst mode, but it really eats up your memory. To avoid having my phone



Jumping off a very small rock near Alfa Fia Tank made a fun shot.



I reflected light onto Trinity with an inexpensive sheet of foam core board for this photo in the woods.

or camera tell me "no more" at a crucial moment, I try to use burst sparingly. However, I still take multiple shots, even of the same pose. It's way too easy to get so focused on the details that you don't even notice that the subject has a weird look on his face or that his hair is sticking up or whatever. Give yourself several choices when it comes to deciding which photo to share.

#### Practice

This may sound like a lot to remember, but it really only amounts to a bit of common sense and paying attention. You probably have your phone with you all the time, right? If you normally use your phone as a camera, take photos often, even when nothing special is going on. You'll soon get a feel for great angles and composition. ■

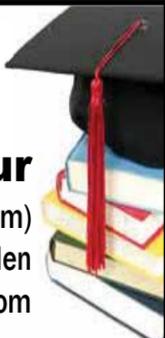


Photos with action are a lot more interesting. In this photo, everyone is in motion.

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# Review These Summer Season Tips For Visiting Grand Canyon National Park

**GRAND CANYON, Ariz.** - Visitors to Grand Canyon National Park this Memorial Day weekend and through the summer season can expect long lines, full parking lots and crowded conditions. To make the most of a visit to the park during this time, park rangers recommend the following pro tips:

**Pro Tip 1:** Make sure you're ready for your visit by checking the park website to begin planning your trip. Public health measures are in place including capacity limits, temporary closures and modified operations. As the NPS monitors and responds to the COVID-19 pandemic, the park is working closely with the NPS Office of Public Health to use the latest science to guide decision making. Additional details are available at [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

**Pro Tip 2:** The South Rim Entrance Station experiences long lines and visitors can expect to wait up to two hours to enter the park between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visitors traveling to the area from Highway 89 can enter the park through the East Entrance at Desert View for shorter wait times. Currently, Grand Canyon National Park does not require reservations or timed entry.

**Pro Tip 3:** To reduce wait times at the South Rim Entrance station, buy your park pass online at Your Pass Now, [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or in Tusayan at one of the following businesses: the IMAX Theater, Tusayan Chamber of Commerce Office, Canyon Plaza Resort, Red Feather Lodge, and Westwind Air Service. Once you have



purchased your pass, proceed to the South Rim Entrance Station and use the left lane as you approach and enter through Lane 1.

Parking lots will fill throughout the South Rim by 12 p.m. Visitors should consider arriving early (before 8 a.m.) or later (after 6 p.m.) in the day to avoid the worst congestion.

## Summer Shuttle Bus Operations

The following summer shuttle bus operations will be in effect through September 10:

- Passenger capacity is limited to 20 people per bus, face coverings are required on the bus, and passengers must enter and exit through the rear door only.
- The Village Route (Blue Route), the Kaibab Rim Route Westbound, and the Tusayan Route (Purple Route) will not operate until further notice.
- The Hermits Rest Route (Red Route), servicing Hermit Road west of Grand

Canyon Village, will operate from 4 a.m. until one hour after sunset. The Hermit Road remains closed to all private vehicles.

- There will be a Grand Canyon Visitor Center (Visitor Center) to Hermit Road Express Bus from 12-8 p.m. It will go directly between the Visitor Center and the Hermit Road Interchange and will not make any other stops.

- Visitors wanting to access Hermit Road via the park's shuttle system, should park in lots C or D near the Backcountry Information Center or take the Visitor Center-Hermit Road Express Bus between 12-8 p.m. Visitors can also ride their bikes to Hermit Road from the Visitor Center, a one-way distance of 2.5 miles/4 km.

- The Kaibab Rim Route Eastbound (Orange Route), servicing Visitor Center to the South Kaibab Trailhead will also operate from 4 a.m. until one hour after sunset.

- The early morning Hikers' Express Bus will operate and will run directly from the Backcountry Information Center near the Maswik Lodge to the South Kaibab Trailhead on the following schedule:

- o September - 5, 6 and 7 a.m.
- o July and August - 4, 5 and 6 a.m.

While in the park, keep these other pro tips in mind to have a fun and safe visit to Grand Canyon.

- Prepare for an inner canyon hike by reading the Hiking Tips page and check the Backcountry Updates and Closures page for current information on trail conditions and situations affecting the backcountry. Be aware that efforts to assist you may be delayed during the summer months due to limited staff, the number of rescue calls, employee safety requirements, and limited helicopter flying capability during periods of extreme heat or inclement weather.

- Desert View Drive is open to private vehicles year-round. Avoid congestion in the Village and enjoy 23 scenic miles (37 km) between the Village and the East En-

trance at Desert View.

- Stay on designated trails and walkways and always keep a safe distance from the edge of the rim. Do not climb over railings or barriers.

- Stay a safe distance away from and never feed or water any wildlife.

For more information on visiting the South Rim during the summer of 2021, please go to [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/sr-tips.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/sr-tips.htm).

## Visitors Urged To Hike Safely

Hikers and backpackers hiking in the inner canyon are strongly encouraged to be prepared for excessively hot temperatures greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit this summer season. Hikers attempting rigorous distances, such as "Rim to Rim" through the inner canyon, must be self-reliant and understand their own physical limitations to prevent emergency situations for themselves and responders.

Rangers at Grand Canyon strongly urge visitors who plan to hike in the canyon to take extra precautions and hike safely. Hikers should hike before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m., rest in shade whenever possible, and avoid hiking during the heat of the day. Important tips for a successful hike include the following: balancing real food, electrolyte, and water intake; drinking when thirsty; getting wet to stay cool; and stopping hiking if you start to feel ill.

All visitors should ensure they are drinking plenty of fluids, taking breaks in shade during the heat of the day, and watching for signs of distress in traveling companions. Drinking water is available on the Bright Angel and North Kaibab trails but not available on the South Kaibab trail. Visitors also are reminded they should be prepared to self-rescue while on the canyon's trails and recreate responsibly while visiting the park.

Additional information about hiking smart in the heat is available at <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hike-smart.htm>. ■

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## Tourism To Petrified Forest National Park Creates \$68.6 Million Dollars In Economic Benefits

Holbrook, Ariz. – A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 384,000 visitors to Petrified Forest National Park in 2020 spent \$25.3 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 328 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$68.6 million.

"Petrified Forest National Park values its gateway community of Holbrook, Ariz. and the visitor friendly businesses that play such an important role in the overall experience of visiting the park" said Superintendent Jeannine McElveen.

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists with the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey. The report shows \$14.5 billion of direct spending by more than 237 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 234,000 jobs nationally; 194,400 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$28.6 billion.

Looking at the economics of visitor spending nationally, the lodging sector had the highest direct effects, with \$5 billion in economic output. The restaurants sector was had the second greatest effects, with \$3 billion in economic output. Visitor spending on lodging supported more



Agate Bridge, A Fossilized Tree

than 43,100 jobs and more than 45,900 jobs in restaurants. Visitor spending in the recreation industries supported more than 18,100 jobs and spending in retail supported more than 14,300 jobs.

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available on the NPS Social Science Program page on NPS.gov

To learn more about national parks in Arizona and how the National Park Service works with Arizona communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to [www.nps.gov/az](http://www.nps.gov/az). ■

# AZGFD To Haul Nearly 3 Million Gallons Of Water To Thirsty Wildlife

Public can help by texting "SENDWATER" to 41444.

Water is the essence of life, and it's just as precious for Arizona's wildlife.

As drought conditions continue to worsen across the Southwest, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is preparing for another record-setting year of delivering lifesaving water to thirsty Arizona wildlife.

AZGFD trucked and airlifted an unprecedented 2.4 million gallons of life-sustaining water to catchments throughout the state in 2020. With little relief in sight, AZGFD anticipates hauling close to 3 million gallons of water in 2021.

"We usually get a break from hauling water in August after monsoon rains refill much of our water catchments," said Joseph Currie, habitat planning program manager, who oversees AZGFD's water-catchment efforts.

"However, due to this extreme drought, we haven't stopped hauling water from 2020. We anticipate having to haul more water this year than we ever have before."

Trail cameras document the results of this critical



work, with images of elk, deer, bighorn sheep and other species leaning over for a refreshing drink at one of 3,000 catchments maintained by AZGFD.

"Water catchments don't discriminate; they're used by all wildlife from big game to some of the smallest squirrels, lizards, birds, bats and even bees," Currie said.

To help defray the rising costs of providing water for Arizona's wildlife, the public is encouraged to support the department's "Send Water" donation campaign by simply texting "SENDWATER" to 41444 from any smartphone.

All funds that are raised ensure that AZGFD can deliver water to remote areas of the state, as well as help to mitigate population fluctuations caused by severe drought conditions.

"Historic drought periods, such as this one, were typically followed by massive die-offs of wildlife," Currie said. "By hauling water, we are able to stabilize those populations, keeping them alive and out of urban areas in search of water."

While AZGFD partners with several wildlife organizations, the department bears much of the costs of hauling water. It also maintains about 1,000 of its own catchments statewide, some of which must be filled with water flown in by helicopter. In addition, AZGFD maintains 1,000 Bureau of Land Management and 1,000 U.S. Forest Service catchments.

This is the 75th year that AZGFD has been hauling water to Arizona wildlife, with the first "Arizona Guzzler" assembled in 1946.

For more information about how AZGFD conserves and protects 800-plus wildlife species that call Arizona home, or to make a donation to the Send Water campaign, visit AZwildlifehero.com. ■

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**Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) Gunnison's prairie dog Unit 11M:** year-round.

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**General nonpermit-tag required spring javelina July 1-Dec 31, 2021** 39 South, 40B, 41, 43A, and 43B. See 2021-22 regulations for exclusions and regulations.

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### Arizona Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW)

The Arizona Becoming an Outdoors Woman program (also known as BOW) began more than 25 years ago and is sponsored by the Arizona Wildlife Federation and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. It is part of the national Becoming an Outdoors Woman program started by Christine Thomas, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Resource Management at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Pointe in 1991.

### Three Times A Year

The Arizona BOW workshops/camps are held three times a year (January, April and September) and are designed to give women age 18 and older the opportunity to learn outdoor skills in a supportive environment conducive to learning, making friends, and having fun.

Using elements of the national curriculum with adaptations for Arizona, the workshops offer classes such as hiking, fishing, hunting, shooting, outdoor cooking, GPS, wilderness survival, rappelling, birding, map and compass, camping, archery and much more. All workshops feature evening entertainment, campfires and other nighttime activities to round out the outdoor experience.

### Over 50 Workshops

Linda Dightmon and Kathy Greene are the volunteer organizers that make BOW camps happen year after year, and they have constantly improved BOW over the years. They and a team of dedicated volunteers provide a mix of over 50 workshops developed and taught by volunteer instructors at BOW camps and Beyond BOW experiences from advanced archery, whitewater rafting, and rappelling to what is now a traditional annual women's hunting camp for the HAM javelina hunts in units 36 A, B, and C. Hundreds of



women of all ages have been to Arizona BOW, many of them as their first-time outdoor experience.

### Will Resume This Year

Covid 19 limited camp opportunities in 2020, but camps are scheduled to begin again in 2021. Arizona BOW, through the Sandra Nagiller Fund administered by the Arizona Wildlife Federation, provides scholarships to assure all women have an opportunity to attend. The AZ BOW Facebook page has nearly 2500 followers. [https://www.facebook.com/Arizona-Becoming-an-Outdoors-Woman-295848287943/photos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/Arizona-Becoming-an-Outdoors-Woman-295848287943/photos/?ref=page_internal). An eight-minute YouTube video featuring Kathy and Linda provides a great background about the program <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lic1kxCrJ1Y>.

### Bill Hardy

Bill Hardy has had a positive impact on countless wildlife enthusiasts and outdoor recreationists. While he and his wife Midge were raising their children in an outdoor lifestyle, Bill also became a mentor to many young kids and adults who were interested in the outdoors, patiently teaching them outdoor ethics, safe handling of firearms, and respect for Arizona's wildlife. He is a steadfast promoter of women's becoming hunters, and many of the women with whom he has shared his skills and knowledge have gone on to become hunters even though they were not from hunting families.

### Teaching Wildlife-Watching

Bill was also a leader in teaching wildlife-watching skills to people in south-eastern Arizona. Working for what was then the most popular sporting goods store in Tucson, he became a self-taught expert in using binoculars to enjoy our native wildlife. Creating a technique to use binoculars attached to a camera tripod to glass for wildlife, Bill would spend many desert evenings perched behind his binoculars adjacent to Pusch Ridge, watching desert bighorn sheep and other wildlife.

Many people, including some young Game and Fish wildlife managers, learned his techniques to glass for wildlife at that location. His techniques were adopted by many western hunters, and his enthusiasm and sharing of knowledge helped spawn businesses that manufacture optics, tripods, and binocular attachments for tripods.

### Shooting Sports Enthusiast

Bill was an avid shooting sports enthusiast. When the Tucson Rifle Club relocated its shooting range to the Three Points area due to the construction of the western campus of Pima Community College in the 1960s, Bill and several other prominent Tucsonans jumped in and volunteered to make many of the needed range developments at that location.

Bill donated hundreds of hours of his off-work time to help construct that facility. Over the last 50 years, thousands of local shooters have been able to use the Three Points range to take firearm safety courses, learn safe firearm shooting, and have a venue to safely shoot their firearms.

### Margie Anderson

Arizona native Margie Anderson is an outdoors writer who has been promoting wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation for more than 35 years. She writes about fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, survival skills and off-roading in Arizona, advocating for conservation and encouraging people to try new adventures and get their kids outdoors.

### Teaching Kids

Margie actively promotes teaching kids about the outdoors by setting up celebrations for National Hunting and Fishing Day, taking her own kids, grandkids, and their friends outdoors to fish and hike, and by promoting fishing and outdoor recreation in Arizona through her informative articles in numerous outdoor magazines and websites, both Arizona-based and national.

### Outdoors Writer

Margie has been the Fishing Editor for *Arizona Hunter and Angler*, the Outdoor Page writer for the *Arizona Republic*, and the Outdoors Editor for *Arizona Boating and Watersports* and *Western Outdoor Times*. She has also been a freelance outdoor writer and is an active member of the Professional Outdoor Media Association (POMA) and the Outdoor Writers' Association of America (OWAA). Margie also promotes Arizona's wildlife and nature through her blog, *OutdoorAZfun*, and loves to write stories about young people who are conservationists and outdoorsmen.

### Heritage From Her Dad

Margie's dad was an Ojibwa who began taking her hunting and camping when she was very young, and he instilled a deep love for the outdoors in her. He taught Margie to respect the earth and its resources and taught her by example, always picking up any trash he found and leaving their campsites even better than they found them. He had a deep respect for wildlife and our amazing natural resources, and he passed this outdoor ethics ethos on to Margie and his other kids.

### Charlie Kelly

To get a sense of the magnitude of Charlie Kelly's involvement in the conservation of Arizona's wildlife and support of its outdoor heritage, one only has to glance at a list of his activities and or-

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ganizations to which he belongs. Charlie is the Marketing Director and Treasurer (and a Past President) of the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle, where he has been active since its founding in 2006. The Super Raffle has raised more than \$8.4 million for wildlife and wildlife management since its founding.

### He Wears Many Hats

Charlie is a Member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board, appointed by Governor Doug Ducey in 2016. He is also a General Board Member of the Arizona Livestock Loss Board, appointed by Governor Ducey in 2019. Charlie has been Treasurer of Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation since 2019 and has been Treasurer of Conserve and Protect Arizona since its founding in 2017. He is a Past President (2019) and long-time Officer, Director, Fundraiser Chair, and Life Member of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, is a Board Member of the Wild Sheep Foundation, was a Founding Member of the Arizona Elk Society, and is the 12th Life Member of the Arizona Antelope Foundation (there are now 88

Life Members since 2003).

### Phoenix Precast Concrete Products

Charlie and his wife Linda founded Phoenix Precast Concrete Products in 1992. He served as President and Linda as Vice President for 26 years when they decided to sell the business and “retire”. Long before they sold Phoenix Precast, you could hardly attend a major wildlife fundraising event where you did not have an opportunity to bid on or buy a donated Phoenix Precast product of some sort. Charlie appreciates the importance of raising money for the cause of wildlife conservation. He has also regularly participated in on-the-ground wildlife habitat projects such as Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society water hole projects over the last couple of decades.

### Awards Of Excellence

Charlie’s efforts to make a difference for Arizona’s wildlife have been recognized with an Award of Excellence from the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in 2011 and again in 2020.

### Randy Babb

Randy Babb’s passion for wildlife led to a lifelong career in wildlife conservation, including more than 30 years with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

This Arizona native and self-educated naturalist is a lifelong hunter and angler as well as an accomplished writer, artist, photographer and taxidermist.

Randy started with the U.S. Forest Service as a biological field technician before joining AZGFD in 1986 as the Aquatic Education Program Manager. From 1992 to 2013, he was the Region VI (Mesa office) Information and Education Program Manager, serving as a Department spokesperson for media interviews, drafting news releases, writing articles and scripts for the Department’s magazine and television show, and presenting at public events.

### Publications And Reptiles

During this time, Randy wrote the book *An Introduction to Hunting Arizona’s Small Game*, a valued resource for small game hunters in our state. He also wrote text and drew illustrations for many Department wildlife education posters, including the popular “Sport Fish of Arizona” and “Native Fish of Arizona” fish identification posters and multiple bird identification posters. He developed interpretive signage for Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area, Robbins Butte Wildlife Area, and The Arizona Trail. Randy’s expertise with reptiles enabled him to curate a live venomous serpent collection for

Department outreach at community and educational events across the state.

In 2013, Randy became AZGFD’s Watchable Wildlife Program Manager. He developed an innovative model for wildlife-viewing events that showcased the Department’s expertise and provided for cost recovery. He also researched and developed the Department’s live wildlife cam program, collaborating with different programs to set up multiple and often complex live cam sites. The cams achieved unprecedented reach, drawing viewers from 32 states and 38 countries.

### Not Really ‘Retired’

Since retiring from Game and Fish, Randy hasn’t slowed down. Throughout his career, he served as a biological consultant for National Geographic Television, Discovery Channel, and BBC programs on desert wildlife. As a member of Wildlife at Risk (WAR), he has made annual visits to Vietnam to monitor the effects and recovery of wildlife from human conflict and has documented many new or thought-to-be-lost species.

### For More Information

For more information and a list of previous Hall of Fame inductees, contact [wildlifefortomorrow@gmail.com](mailto:wildlifefortomorrow@gmail.com)

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Game and Fish Department hopes to prevent boating tragedies and help to ensure everyone is safely enjoying Arizona’s waterways,” Hoffman said.

The life jacket exchange is conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Maricopa County Parks, Bullhead City Fire Department, Mohave County Sheriff’s Office and funded by U.S. Coast Guard grant money. For more information about boating in Arizona, or to sign up for a free safety course, visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

**Editor’s Note:** The photo with this story is generic and symbolic only; it does not show the type of pdfs exchanged by AZGFD and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. ■

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- Boaters and anglers should remember to clean, drain and dry your boat (and leave the plug out) before moving to another water. This helps stop the spread of quagga mussels and other aquatic invasive species. It’s not just a good practice; it’s the law. [www.azgfd.gov/AIS](http://www.azgfd.gov/AIS)

- Anglers should clean and dry their gear. Don’t forget to clean those wading boots. Never transport live fish from one body of water to another. [StopAIS.org](http://StopAIS.org)

- Don’t release pets into the wild. It is illegal for pet owners who no longer wish to care for their exotic pets to release them into the wild, or dump their aquariums into bodies of water, potentially harming local ecosystems. [DontLetItLoose.com](http://DontLetItLoose.com)

- Land recreationists should clean their hiking boots, off-road

vehicles and other gear to stop invasive species from hitching a ride to a new location. [PlayCleanGo.org](http://PlayCleanGo.org)

- Campers should not move firewood. Instead, buy it where you’ll burn it, or gather on site when permitted. [DontMoveFirewood.org](http://DontMoveFirewood.org)

- Slow the spread of invasive pests by taking extra care when traveling, gardening or moving recently killed plant material. Buy plants from a reputable source, and avoid using invasive plant species. [HungryPests.com](http://HungryPests.com)

- Buy forage, hay, mulch and soil that are certified as “weed free”.

- Be a Citizen Scientist and report observations of invasive species at [imapinvasives.natureserve.org](http://imapinvasives.natureserve.org).

“Everyone can do something to help prevent invasive species from impacting our natural environments,” Tonn said.

For more information about National Invasive Species Awareness Week, visit [www.nisaw.org](http://www.nisaw.org). ■



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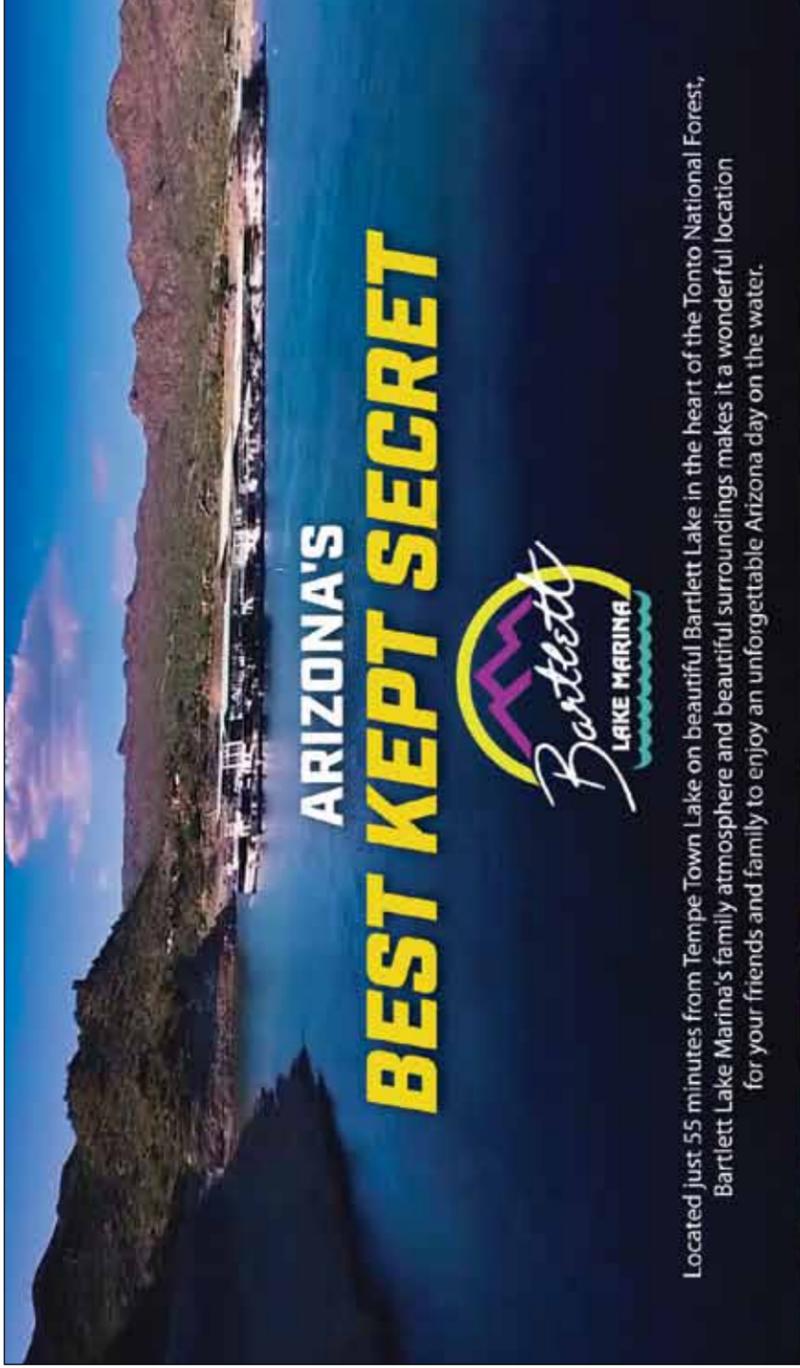


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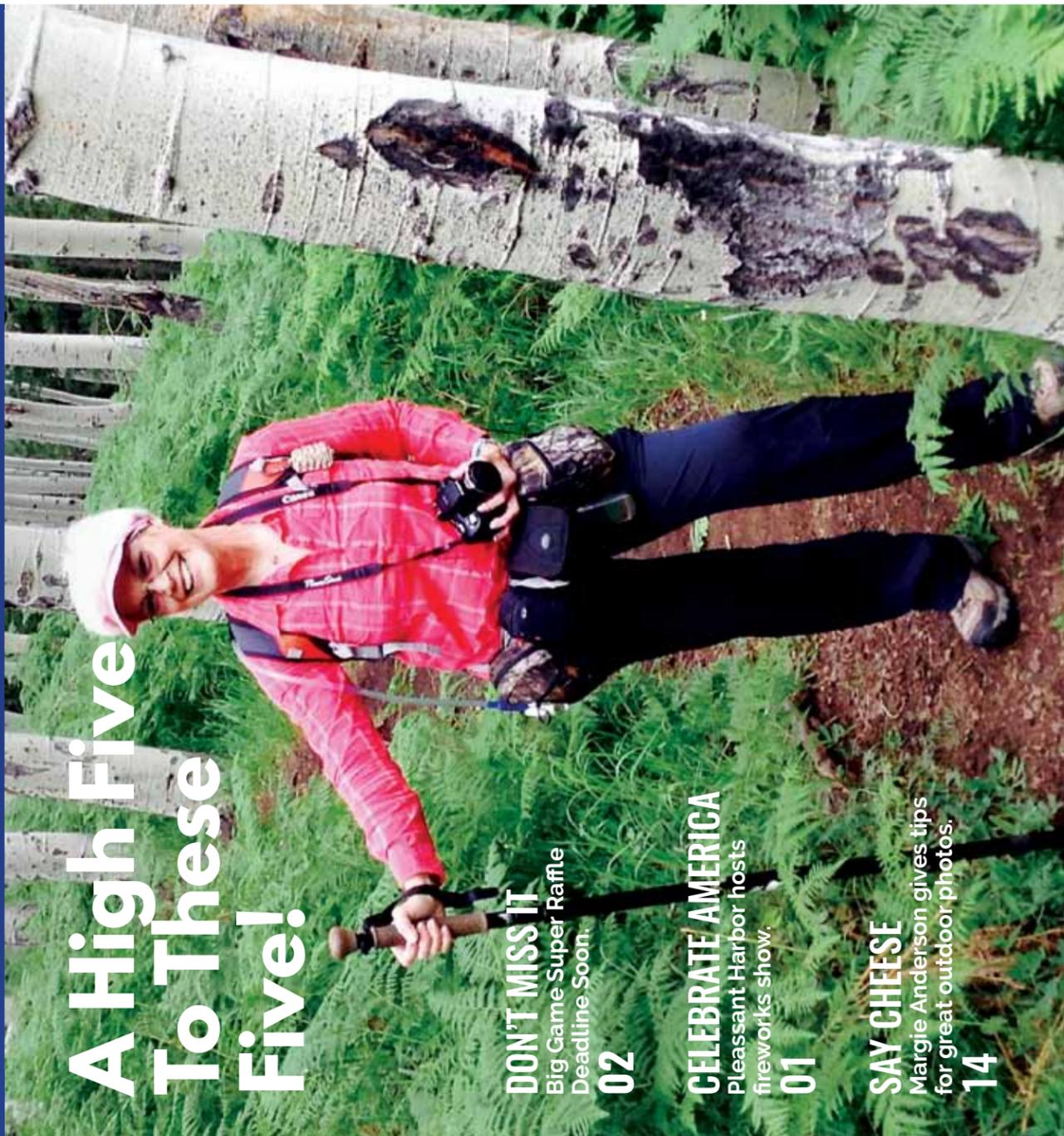
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