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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year To All!

CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Happy Birthday, Arizona!

On February 14, 1912, after nearly 49 years as a U.S. territory and thousands of years as a sacred home to indigenous peoples, Arizona became the 48th state and the last of the contiguous states to enter the Union of the United States of America.

Nearly 10 decades later, the Arizona Centennial Commission has begun planning a celebration of Arizona's 100th anniversary of statehood, to occur on February 14, 2012.

Established by Executive Order 2008-24 of the Governor, the Arizona Centennial Commission (Commission) was created to execute a comprehensive plan to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Arizona's statehood and to coordinate national, regional, state, and local observances of the Centennial.

The Commission, through its non-profit arm, the Arizona Centennial 2012 Foundation, will organize a high concentration of Centennial Signature Projects, Signature Events and promotions to take place between September 2011 and February 2012. Additionally, the Commission will sanction community-generated Official Centennial Events taking place between February 2011 and December 2012.

The Commission is also working collaboratively with the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission to encourage observance of Arizona's Centennial through the promo-

tion and designation of Legacy Projects among local Arizona cities, town and communities.

Commission members represent a broad cross-section of Arizona communities and interests, including business, cultural, tribal and political leaders. They are committed to bringing Arizonans together to fulfill the Centennial vision – "to appreciate our state's rich past, celebrate the present, and together, create a vibrant and sustainable future."

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http://www.azot.gov/system/files/98/original/Arizona_Centennial_-_Presentation.pdf?1280257460

<http://www.arizona100.org/>

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<http://www.cityofprescott.net/history/centennial/>

http://azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/EO_2008_15_SDOC9733.pdf

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<http://www.navajocountyaz.gov/azcentennial/>

<http://www.yavapai100az.org/>

<http://www.lib.az.us/links/centennial-websites.aspx>

Editor's Note: During 2012, we at Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports are committed to bringing more information re: centennial celebrations in our state. If you know of anything related especially to boating, camping, fishing, hunting, RVing, watersports, and/or wildlife, please let us know at editor@azbw.com

NEWS FROM ARIZONA YACHT CLUB

Governor's Cup, Leukemia/Birthday Regatta Ahead

Governor's Cup rescheduled.

By Mike Ferring

The Governor's Cup lives: 11a.m. Monday, Dec. 26. Registrations will be honored, new registrations accepted, and an additional event will be included. This is the postponed running of the race that was canceled because of too much wind on Thanksgiving weekend.

See REGATTA on page 17



Photo by Chris Smith

Thistles On Lake Pleasant

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- NEW: Arizona Deer Association Auction
- NEW: Hunting the Rez Pavilion and North American tag auction
- NEW: Eastmans' Trophy Deer Display



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ALL UNDER ONE ROOF —Whether you are a hunter, an angler, a camper, a wildlife enthusiast, or any other kind of outdoorsperson, this is the show for you. Exhibits and seminars and demonstrations annually make the International Sportsmen's Expo a favorite Valley event, this year from Thursday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, Feb. 26.

- NEW: RMEF Great Elk Display
- NEW: Boy Scouts Activity Area
- NEW: Meet Lt. John Nores Jr., co-star of National Geographic TV's *Wild Justice*
- NEW: Meet *Hunt, Gather, Cook* author and super-forager Hank Shaw
- RMEF Ultimate Rifle Raffle
- Orvis Fly Fishing 101 free clinics
- Giant Casting Pond
- Accuracy-Casting Contest
- 3D Pop-Up Archery Range and Contest
- DockDogs Pool & National Contest
- Adventure Theater, sponsored by RMEF
- World Fishing Network Aquarium Tank
- AZ Game & Fish Department Youth Fair

Mark Your Calendars

ISE Phoenix
Thursday, Feb. 23 – Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012

HOURS:

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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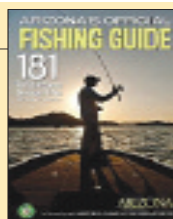
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Tight Lines

An Angler's Gift Idea

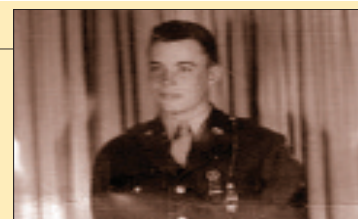
Rory Aikens, AZGFD, got an early Christmas present all of us can share: his *Arizona Fishing Guide*. See story Page 7



In Memory

He Served Us All

We honor and remember a very special World War II Vet: Donald Lewis Lemon. See story Page 18



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Fleet Details Malibu V Ride (12)

Boat Club Name: Bartlett Lake Boat Club
Vehicle Name: Malibu V Ride (12)
Short Description: 2006 21-foot Wake Board Boat
Category: Wake-Board Boat

Manufacturer: Malibu
Engine: In-Board PMC 320hp 5.7
Deck: 21 ft 0 in by 8 ft 0 in
Capacity: 8 people
Gas Tank: 25 gallons

Description: vRide After testing the Malibu vRide, WaterSki Magazine noted: "What Malibu considers 'entry level,' others would consider top-of-the-line." What can we say? Our engineers don't like the word 'compromise.' So the Malibu vRide has Precision Pro Speed Control and the Illusion X wakeboard tower as standard features, just like our more expensive boats. The 500 pound Malibu Launch System (MLS) is standard as well - enabling you to take your riding to that next level
General: Bimini Top, Storage
Skiing: Tubing, Ski & Wake Board, Launch Bar, Swim Blatter.



Fleet Details Malibu VLX (108)

Boat Club Name: Bartlett Lake Boat Club
Vehicle Name: Malibu VLX (108)
Short Description: Malibu VLX Wakesetter
Category: Wake-Board Boat
Manufacturer: Malibu
Engine: In-Board 330hp

Deck: 21 ft 6 in by 8 ft 2 in
Capacity: 8 people
Gas Tank: 46 gallons

Description: Not-so-secret weapon. It makes world-class athletes better. Imagine what it can do for you. The Wakesetter VLX is the official tow boat of Wakestock and WakeWorld.com, as well as the personal boat of pros such as world champions Phillip Soven and Dallas Friday as well as Chad Sharpe, Brian Grubb and Kevin Henshaw. Hard core riders will appreciate the optimized V25 Wake hull, the Malibu Launch System (MLS) and the Ballast Monitoring System (BMS) that can maximize your ride. Add the all-stainless patented power wedge or traditional wedge for increased vertical performance.
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Update your boating safety knowledge

Falling Overboard

- ◆ **To prevent persons from falling overboard:**
 - Don't sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or any other area not designated for seating.
 - Don't sit on pedestal seats when underway at greater than idle speed.
 - Don't stand up on or lean out from the boat.
 - Don't move about the boat when underway
- ◆ **If someone on your boat falls overboard:**
 - Reduce speed and toss the victim a throwable PFD.
 - Have other passengers watch the victim.
 - Turn your boat around and slowly pull alongside the victim, approaching the victim from downwind or into the current, whichever is stronger.
 - Turn off the engine. Pull victim on board over the stern, keeping the weight in the boat balanced.

Hypothermia

- ◆ **If you are boating in cold water:**
 - Dress in several layers of clothing under your PFD or wear a wetsuit or drysuit.
 - Learn to recognize the symptoms of hypothermia. Symptoms begin with shivering and bluish lips and nails, and progress to a coma and, ultimately, death.
- ◆ **To reduce the effects of hypothermia:**
 - Put on a PFD if not wearing one. It helps you to float without excessive movement and insulates your body.
 - Get as much of your body out of the water as possible.
 - Don't take your clothes off unless necessary — clothes can help you float and provide insulation.
 - Don't thrash or move about. Excess motion consumes energy and increases loss of body heat.
 - Draw your knees to your chest and your arms to your sides, protecting the major areas of heat loss.
 - If others are in the water with you, huddle together with your arms around their shoulders.



Statewide Boating Education Classes

December 2011

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	December 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Road Tempe	\$15	(480) 899-3373
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	December 17 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 North Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076

January 2012

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	January 7 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Sheriff's Substation 28499 N. Highway 188, at mile post 243 Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515

What To Do If Caught in Severe Weather

- ◆ **Prepare the boat to handle severe weather**
 - Slow down, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering
 - Close all hatches, windows, and doors to reduce the chance of swamping.
 - Stow any unnecessary gear.
 - Turn on your boat's navigation lights. If there is fog, sound your fog horn.
 - Keep bilges free of water. Be prepared to remove water by bailing.
 - If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. Stay as clear of metal objects as possible.
- ◆ **Prepare your passengers for severe weather**
 - Have everyone put on USCG-approved life jacket (PFD). If passengers are already wearing their PFDs, make sure they are secured properly.
- ◆ **Decide whether to go to shore or ride out the storm.**
 - If possible, head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach. If already caught in a storm, it may be best to ride it out in open water rather than try to approach the shore in heavy wind and waves.
 - Head the bow into the waves at a 45-degree angle. PWCs should head directly into the waves.
 - If the engine stops, drop a "sea anchor" on a line off the bow to keep the bow headed into the wind and reduce drifting while you ride out the storm. In an emergency, a bucket will work as a sea anchor.
 - If the sea anchor is not sufficient, anchor using your conventional anchor to prevent your boat from drifting into dangerous area.

Proof of Ownership Required to Register

To register a vessel, you must provide as evidence of ownership a complete bill of sale, a signed Arizona Certificate of Number, a court decree, or an original Certificate of Origin. If the vessel was registered in another state, you must provide the original title or registration (if non-title state).

- ◆ If a bill of sale is presented, it must include:
 - Buyer's name and seller's name and signature
 - Manufacturer's name
 - HIN (vessels manufactured after 1972)

- Previous registration number (if applicable)
- Purchase price
- Sales tax paid or purchased from a dealer or at an auction. A business purchasing a vessel for rental or resale must complete a tax exemption form. Call AZGFD (602-942-3000) for questions regarding sales or use tax.
- ◆ If previously registered in Arizona, the Certificate of Number must be signed by the previous owner and the new owner must complete the application on back.
- ◆ If registered in another state, the original title or registration must be submitted with the back side completed.

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162.450 MHz **162.550 MHz**
162.475 MHz

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Channel 6 Intership safety communications.

Channel 9 ICommunications between vessels (commercial and recreational), and ship to coast (calling channel in designated USCG Districts).

Channel 13 Navigational use by commercial, military, and recreational vessels at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 Distress and safety calls to U.S. Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels; often called the "hailing" channel.) When hailing, contact the other vessel, quickly agree to another channel, and then switch to that channel to continue conversation.

Channel 22 Communications between the U.S. Coast Guard and the maritime public, both recreational and commercial. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation, and other safety warnings are broadcast on this channel.

Channel 24-28 Public telephone calls (to marine operator).

Channel 68, 69, and 71 Recreational vessel radio channels and ship to coast.

Channel 70 Digital selective calling "alert channel."

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AS ARIZONA CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

Here's A Glance At The Evolution Of Life Jackets

By Cassandra Smith
For AZGFD

While many of us are familiar with the wide variety of typical modern-day life jackets, what



would you think if you were to see someone swimming along, grasping an inflated goat skin?

Around 860 B.C.E. an inflated goat skin was the typical, then-modern-day life preserver. Over the past several thousand years, the life jacket has



taken on many different forms, slowly evolving into what we wear today.

One Of The First

One of the oldest records of personal flotation devices (PFD) is found in London's British Museum on a stone panel exhumed from the Northwest Palace of Ashurnasirpal II. The limestone carving most likely depicts an event from Ashurnasirpal's campaign down the river Euphrates in 878 B.C.E., an incident described in detail in his written accounts.

When Ashurnasirpal reached the enemy capital, Suru, the enemy was forced into the river. The carving shows three men swimming in the river; two of the men are blowing air into animal skins to help keep them afloat while, from the bank, Assyrian archers fire arrows into the air.

After the Assyrian carving, records of PFDs were few and far between until 1757 A.D. when an unknown Frenchman created a flotation device made of cork for emergencies. One historical theory that helps to explain this gap in the PFD evolutionary chain suggests that there was no true need for the development of PFDs or life jackets until certain technological advancements in ship building were achieved.

An Iron Barge Changed Everything

John Wilkinson's iron barge, first launched in 1787 on the Severn in Shropshire, changed everything. When a ship made of steel was assaulted by enemies or shipwrecked, the unfortunate sailors who found themselves in the water could no longer depend on being surrounded by floating debris from a shattered wooden ship. Thus, the sailors needed something to keep with them, something that would help to keep them afloat should they unexpectedly find themselves in the water.

On November 16, 1841 Napoleon Edouard Guerin of New York City, New York was issued a patent for his life jacket design. According to the United States Patent Office, the patent was given for "Improvement in Buoyant Dresses or Life-



Preservers." Guerin's design, a double-layered jacket that could hold 18 to 20 quarts of rasped or grated cork, closely resembles the present-day life jacket.

Since Guerin's patent in 1841 life-jacket designs, requirements, and technology have come a long way. In 1852 Congress created a Board of Supervising Inspectors to enforce the newly passed requirement that all steamboats or commercial carriers have a life jacket for every single passenger on board. In 1902 Kapok, a natural fiber from the seed of the tropical Kapok tree, was first used in life jackets. It was banned shortly thereafter in 1904 both because it was flammable and because of the fiber's tendency to lose buoyancy after being compressed.

From The '20s To Today

Balsa wood was introduced as a life-jacket filler during the 1920s and then banned in 1960. World War II brought on the first inflatable life jackets, the most famous of these being the "Mae West," a vest that's shape, when activated by use of a CO₂ cartridge or inflated orally, strongly resembled the actress's — beautiful eyes!

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Editor's Note: And, as Kevin Bergerson and Ed Huntsman of *Arizona Game & Fish* keep telling us: "Wear It, Arizona!"

K9 Katelynn

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Plans Progress For 2012 Cruiser Convention

Pocket cruisers will gather Feb. 13 through 20, 2012 at Havasu.

By Sean Mulligan
Organizer

If you haven't checked us out for a while, we'd love to have you take a look at what we've got going on at the Havasu Pocket Cruiser Convention 2012. Many new seminars and activities are being added daily.

We are thrilled to announce that small-boat adventurer Howard Rice is flying in all the way from Micronesia to present and also spend the week interacting with our group. Rice is the driving force behind the Small Craft Skills Academy and recently presented his "Cape Horn Solo" to standing room only at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat show.

We also just announced that Karen Larsen and Jerry Powlas of *Good Old Boat Magazine* will also be presenting a semi-

nar on trailer sailing Lake Superior. Jerry Montgomery will give a basic racing primer prior to our fun races.

DaveBacon will present a Sail Trim around the Race Course seminar, Dennis O'Hanlon will show his incredible trip in his Spindrift 22 up the Inside Passage, and Richard Woods, multi-hull designer, will give you the 10 reasons that he says multi-hull sailors have more fun!

Dr. Bruce Heath will do a seminar on the research he's been involved in to determine if we are overfishing our oceans, Pete McCardle, "The Outboard Doctor," will show you how to maintain and trouble shoot that outboard, and Mark Wilson will host a seminar put on by our own attendees showcasing six of their "favorite" trailer-sailor cruising locations.

But, wait; there's more! John Owens of J O Woodworks will be constructing a John Welsford designed "Sherpa" dinghy right here at the show, and Mike and Jackie Monies will be here with the famous SCAMP from the Everglades Challenge!

Add to all that, the friendships, the evening social events, the sailing, fun racing, and more — and this year is shaping up to be the best ever! Hope you'll stop by the Web site and check it out. Then make plans on attending.

Cost? FREE!! That's right. NO registration fee. We want you to come. Great group resort and slip rates. Over 115 trailer sailor crews signed up already! Where will it go this year? Can we top 150? Don't know, but one thing is for sure — we want you to join us!

Check out the site to see who is coming, where from, and what boats they are bringing. See the sailors' pictures and bios in the "Meet the Sailors" section. Check out the seminars in detail in the "Seminars" section. Look at an interactive map of where everyone is from. Click on the "Everything you ever wanted to know about Lake Havasu" button for information on the town and community. Look at the current Wind/weather in Havasu. Find out about wonderful group rates at waterfront resorts. This site is updated daily:



Keith Bennett

AHEAD AT HAVASU — The 2012 Pocket Cruiser Convention is growing rapidly and includes some excellent seminars, according to organizer Sean Mulligan. Boats will gather Feb. 13 through 20, 2012 at Lake Havasu.

www.sailhavasus.com.

For more information and/or to sign up now, contact Sean at sailhavasus@aol.com.

Note: Keith Bennett, a participant, and one of Mulligan's "right hand men" in running this event just so happens to be a professional photographer and took some awesome shots of the Catalina crowd sailing under the bridge. His shots are of the highest quality and resolution and he provides them at no charge for us to promote the event.

PLAN AHEAD FOR HAVASU

Attend One Of The Southwest's Premier Boat Shows

This is THE show: Lake Havasu Marine Association 21st Annual Havasu Boat Show — April 20-22, 2012.

The Lake Havasu Boat Show has become one of the premier boat shows in the Southwest, featuring more than 40 different brands of family runabouts, pontoons, ski/wakeboard boats, fishing boats, cruisers, deckboats, PWCs and the largest se-

lection of performance sportboats west of Miami, plus hundreds of marine accessory products.

Spread the word folks: the Lake Havasu Boat Show has a HUGE event schedule. "Legends by the Lake" hot rod car show produced by the London Bridge Yacht Club will be featuring 200 of the finest vintage street rods in the Southwest

from the '30s through the '70s.

Have a need for speed? You're in for a treat with two days of high-speed water-ski racing competition by more than 100 of the top ski racers in the country. Racing off the beach at Windsor 4 starts at 9 a.m.

Shopping for a new boat? By popular demand, there will be a "Ride and Buy"

demo program on Sunday, April 22 from 3 p.m.-dusk and again on Monday, April 23 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Windsor Beach Launch Ramp.

Go to The Lake Havasu Boat Show Web site for more information, and don't

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THANK YOU! — Jim Allen, Ron Werner (middle), and Carol Allen are shown at the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron's annual Turkey Fry at Bartlett Lake. The Allens sincerely thank all their hosts; it was a wonderful prelude to Thanksgiving 2011!

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What, Exactly, Is 'Green'? *'Biodegradable' is certainly a good thing, but —*

By Sandy Lindsey

Many marine chemicals are now often labeled as "biodegradable" or "eco-friendly," which certainly seems like a good thing, but it raises the question: What is biodegradable?

In the United States, there is no actual, legal definition of "biodegradable," nor are there any standards for compliance. This results in a variety of claims being made, which usually cannot be verified by consumers. In Europe, the standard can be applied to materials that will break down into inert substances within six months, but there are currently no such requirements in the United States.

"Biodegradable" is most often described as materials that will decompose back into inert materials within a relatively short time. The problem is that many materials will only begin to decompose when exposed to air, moisture and bacteria.

How Important Is It?

However, while biodegradability is certainly a good thing, how important is it when choosing marine products? Most waxes or polishes cannot make this claim due to the use of petroleum distillates as a base. Many boat washes use the term, but without a lab analysis, there's no easy way to know just how "green" each product may be.

It is not wise to choose a cleaner simply on the basis of its eco-friendly claims. The "greenest" cleaner may be the least-effective cleaner.



WHAT DOES 'GREEN' MEAN? — Sandy Lindsey of Star brite answers this question in detail, with information for boaters about what marine products are both environmentally friendly and also do the job for which they are intended. In addition, she discusses the meaning of the DfE label that appears on over 2,000 products and has reduced the use of "chemicals of concern."

The first objective is to find a cleaner that works well, and then to look at its environmental impact. Some cleaners are extremely effective, yet dangerous to the user and the environment. Phosphoric acid-based hull cleaners and bleach fall into this category. They must be used with care and caution.

Waterproofing agents that utilize petro-

leum distillate bases are very effective, but care must be taken not to breathe the mists or allow overspray into our waters. If you are focused on minimizing environmental impact, look for solvent-free waterproofing sprays or polishes; these products do not tend to work as well as their solvent-based cousins, but they will have much less of an impact on our waterways and aquatic life.

Avoid Phosphates, Bleaches

When using a traditional polish or wax, do so where the "chaff" (the white residue) will not blow into the water. Most boat washes tend to be essentially biodegradable, but avoid any that contain phosphates or bleaches. These can either lead to algae blooms or will harm aquatic life.

Star brite was the first marine chemical manufacturer to offer biodegradable containers. These will decompose into an inert

humus within two years of being placed in a landfill. Star brite has been producing ecologically-responsible products long before "going green" became the trendy thing to do.

As an example, all of Star brite various boat washes, including the Super Citrus and the Power Pine, are biodegradable and safe for use while the boat is in or near the water and have been for the past 35+ years that the company has been producing these products.

What Does DfE Mean?

The company's Sea Safe line of cleaners uses many DfE (The EPA's "Designed for the Environment" cleaning agents), but only when doing so results in an effective, no-compromises product. The EPA set up the DfE program to advance their mission to protect human health and the environment by helping consumers identify cleaning and other products that perform well, are cost-effective and are safer for the environment.

The team means that the DfE scientific review team has screened each ingredient for potential human health and environmental effects and that — based on currently available information, EPA predictive models, and expert judgment — the product contains only those ingredients that pose the least concern among chemicals in their class, in effect creating a "best in class" designation.

At present, the logo is used on over 2,000 products in the marine, automotive, home, industrial and institutional fields and has lessened the use of the amount of "chemicals of concern" by hundreds of millions of pounds, according to EPA data. Star brite's Kinpak manufacturing facility has been a partner in this project since 2008, which isn't all that surprising.

As active boaters, Star brite's management team serves as the field testers for all new products and continuously evaluates existing items, updating them whenever newer, better formulations can be created.

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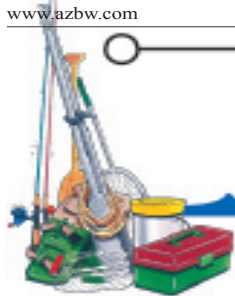
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FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



Arizona's Fishing Guide Hot Off The Press

This is a present that will keep on giving — to you, your friends, and family.

By Rory Aikens
AZGFD

I got an early Christmas present all of you can share in — the *Arizona Fishing Guide* we did in collaboration with *Arizona Highways* magazine arrived early. It wasn't supposed to be delivered until late December.

In a way, it's our present to all of you — 181 fun and interesting fishing holes to visit across the state. I am looking forward to fishing each and every one of them again. You can visit the *Arizona Highways* Web site and order one of these fishing guides.

I tried to capture the unique character of each lake, stream or river in the book. Those fisheries that I didn't know all that well I relied heavily on those who do, such as our regional fisheries staffs, wildlife managers, fishing guides, tackle shops, sporting goods stores, marinas and especially anglers I met along the way.

Plus the wildlife/fisheries staff for the Navajo, White Mountain Apache and San Carlos Apache tribes helped out a lot. I think those tribal lakes really help make this book special.

It was an intriguing journey of discovery for me, and my fondest hope is that this guide book will inspire many such journeys for you as well.

Presents Under The Tree

The *Fishing Guide* should make a pretty good present under the tree. But, here's another holiday present tip, especially for youngsters. Get them a cane pole for fishing streams. You might also want to get them a butterfly net to catch summer grasshoppers and the like. I did that for my youngest, Joshua, and it really turned our summer mountain excursions into Tom Sawyer-like adventures, catching insects to catch trout.

On To Powell Fishing

Okay, on to fishing. It looks like the fishing at Lake Powell is still doing well, thanks to the water temperatures lagging a couple of degrees behind the norm. Read the Lake Powell report below for why a couple of degrees make such a difference, especially for striped bass, but also for largemouth bass.

And, At Pleasant

We are seeing something similar at Lake Pleasant. My friend, Mike McFarland, who guides at Pleasant for Hook Up Outfitters, said the largemouth and stripers have moved back into the coves to feed on balls of shad. In other words, the autumn pattern has returned, at least for right now. Colder nights and lowering water temperatures can change this ac-



tion, so get out while you can.

McFarland said the largemouth bass are hanging right on the shoreline in shallow water, especially where there is any cover. The stripers are mostly being found in the submerged creek channels in the coves and are sometimes 30 to 50 feet deep. This time of year, your fish-finding sonar can be critical to find fish and getting on a bite.

Trout Time

While bass fishing may be experiencing its last hurrah of the autumn season, the winter trout stocking/fishing is starting to come on nicely.

The "Welcome Back the Trout" celebration just before Thanksgiving helped kick off the holidays and get people into the spirit of Yule Tide fishing. Tempe Town Lake was stocked during the week of Dec. 5, and it will also be done on back-to-back weeks for youngsters on holiday break. It will be stocked the week of Dec. 19 and the week of Dec. 26. It should be a great place to take the family fishing during the holidays.

I want to say thanks to Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman (pictured below the third from the left) for once again helping youngsters stock the first nets full of fish. He always has a ready smile, even when wiggling trout are splashing water on his suit.

Also, a big thanks to the professional anglers from Bass Pro and the guides from Cabela's who helped out at the Welcome Back the Trout Celebration and shared their fishing expertise. Excellent way to start the season of sharing!

Connections With Nature

During the event, my old friend Gary Senft (second from the left in the picture), who is a Nitro Pro angler for Bass Pro, told me about fishing a tournament at Roosevelt recently and seeing a mountain lion feeding on a deer along the shoreline, and it appeared to be a fresh kill. That's one of the things I love about our lakes, making such a connection with nature. A lot of times, I don't have wildlife run away from my boat, especially when moving very slowly on the quiet electric trolling motor.

More Stockings

Anyway, Dead Horse Ranch State Park and the Verde River are both scheduled to be stocked this week. The Verde is stocked between Cottonwood and Camp Verde, pretty much at any spot

where a bridge crosses the river, like near the entryway to Dead Horse Ranch State Park. Dead Horse is one of my favorite spots to take youngsters and oldsters — there is very easy access to the fishing ponds there.

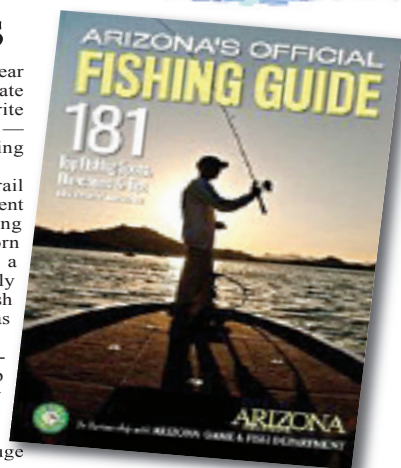
Canyon Lake along the Apache Trail near Apache Junction has also had recent stockings. If you fish here, take along some binoculars. The desert bighorn sheep at Canyon Lake have made a tremendous recovery and are routinely being seen. Saguaro Lake received fish the week of Dec. 5. Saguaro also has bighorns.

Want the opportunity to catch an 8- to 30-pound striped bass? Then load up your swim baits and head for Willow Beach along the Colorado River and fish near where they stock the rainbow trout each Friday. There is even a huge fishing pier there.

One of our regular fishing report providers, Garret Dauphars of Flagstaff, who is a professional photographer, shared a picture with us (on the right) from Upper Lake Mary on the day before Thanksgiving. Thanks Garrett, always look forward to your posts. By the way, once again he caught a really nice northern pike there.

Winter Solstice Dec. 22

Don't forget that the winter solstice is Dec. 22 (the longest night of the year) and marks the first day of winter. After that, the days start getting longer than the



nights again. The most recent full moon was Dec. 10. The next dark of the moon is Dec. 24, making Christmas Eve a viable night to use submersible fishing lights. Who knows that you may see against the backdrop of the stars while fishing at night.

While you are in the fishing spirit, don't forget that 2012 fishing licenses make excellent stocking stuffers. If you want a license to fish both the state waters and the urban, get a Super Conservation Fishing License. Enjoy your holiday fishing; maybe I'll see you out there.



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'Some If By Land; More If By Sea'



THREE BIG ON YIG — *Shogun* docked at Fisherman's Landing December 8 when skipper Norm Kagawa brought his 23 anglers home from a 13-day trip to the Hurricane Bank. The three cows aboard swept the jackpots, but there was more to the story. First place went to Jim Bowman of San Diego for his 212-pounder. He said it ate a chunk on a 7/0 ringed Owner Super Mutu hook. He used 100-pound Blackwater fluorocarbon and 130-pound Izorline spectra on a Tiagra 30 W reel and a Black Steel Seeker 6463 XXXXH rod.

2011 END-OF-YEAR REMINDERS

Two Kinds Of Stockings: In The Lakes And As Christmas Stuffers

• Winter stockings of rainbow trout will continue every two weeks through early March at all 21 Urban Fishing Program waters. Trout average 11-12 inches in size and are stocked in generous amounts.

• Stay on the lookout for golden alga, a microscopic organism that releases substances that are toxic to fish. Game and Fish is working with city park staff and lake consultants to regularly monitor for and control the unwanted algae.

• Please do your part to prevent the spread of golden alga by not moving water or wet objects or fishing equipment from lake to lake. Clean, drain and dry all equipment.

• The 2011 Class U Urban Fishing license is now 50 percent off through Dec. 31. Stop by a Game and Fish office or any of our sporting goods or retail license dealers and ask for your 2011 discount Urban license for \$9.25.

• Submit your big fish catches for the



2011 Fish-of-the-Year contest. With less than a month to go, there are plenty of chances to report your big fish catches in either of two categories; kept or released.

• Application forms and instructions for the contest are in the current Urban Fishing Program guidebook or AZ Fishing Regulation booklet. Updates on the current leaders can be checked out at www.azgfd.gov. Each year's winners receive a certificate, hat and other gifts.

2012 Fishing Licenses Make Great Gifts

In the midst of the holiday rush, don't forget to buy your 2012 Class U (Urban) fishing license for the new year. Urban fishing licenses are on sale for \$18.50 at over 330 license dealers statewide, any Game and Fish office or online.

The Class U license is valid only at the 21 designated Urban Fishing Program waters and is good for all fish species (including trout).

If you want one fishing license that covers all waters in the state, then the Class L, Super Conservation Fishing license is the way to go. At \$53 for residents and only \$63 for non-residents, this super license includes the state fishing license, trout stamp and urban license — all in one package deal.

You can even buy fishing licenses ahead of time as Christmas gifts for friends and family as long as you know the personal information that needs to go on the license. All anglers age 14 and over must purchase a license to fish in Arizona.

Urban Fishing Report

Fishing is good-to-excellent for anglers using scented dough baits (such as Power Bait), worms or cheese. Small spinners such as Rooster Tails and Panther Martins, or spoons such as KastMasters and Super Dupers work well for trout.

Rainbow trout stockings have started and will continue all winter long at two-week intervals. Trout range in size from 11- to 12-inches in length, with some recently stocked fish in the 14- to 16-inch range.

In addition to a good morning bite,

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A PRESENT FROM BOB RICH

New Book Has Great Humor For Anglers, Baseball Fans

ANGLERS' ANGLE — A great idea for Christmas giving — for the angler and/or sports enthusiast in general — is the new book by Bob Rich, Jr.: *The Right Angle: Tales From A Sporting Life*.



By Bob Rich Jr.

Fishing and sports fans rejoice, Bob Rich Jr., delivers yet another wonderful and humorous book filled with highlights from his life as a sportsman. *The Right Angle: Tales from a Sporting Life*, chronicles three of Rich's greatest loves — baseball, buffalo and, of course, fishing.

The Right Angle gives glimpses of Rich's life as an angler, taking the reader along on his adventures across the seas. He shares the solace of Islamorada, his dangers in Matanilla Reef, fly fishing for trout with a U.S. President, and his deep sea quest to catch the elusive grander.

Rich's stories and excerpts about baseball (he owns three pro teams) and other

sports capture his many sides. These engaging stories entertain and the reader can see the life lessons learned and optimism he's gained from his sporting life.

The author of three previous books, Rich's latest has received excellent reviews from readers and book critics alike. Monte Burke of *Forbes Magazine* wrote in part, "*The Right Angle* is a wise and often humorous look at what it means to live a fully engaged life. This is a dynamite book."

Bob Rich is chairman of family-owned Rich Products Corporation with 100 locations worldwide. He's board chairman of The Cleveland Clinic and among his many charity involvements is an active participant, sponsor and host of numerous

Redbone Celebrity fishing tournaments for cystic fibrosis research.

Ever the philanthropist, all sales proceeds from *The Right Angle* (\$27 for hardcover, \$12.99 for e-book), benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs. It's available on Amazon.com or Walmart.com and on Kindle eBook.

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Another Holiday Gift Idea: WaveSpin Reels Are Tangle-Free

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Five years ago Hannon re-invented the reel with WaveSpin's "radical" wave spool design, the antithesis of the spinning reel's typical smooth face found on all other reels for over 60 years. WaveSpin's popularity has since spread with tens of thousands of "tangle-free" anglers launching longer, effortless bird nest free casts for a

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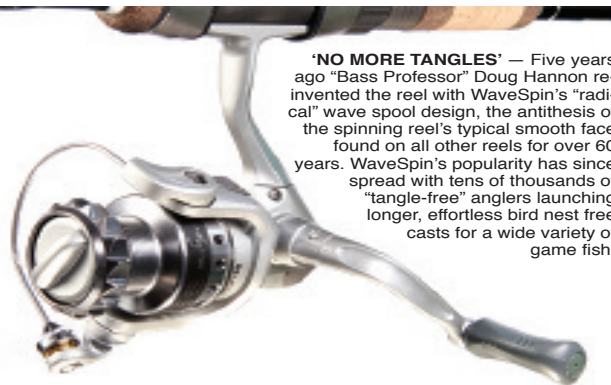
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Winner of *Field & Stream's* Best-of-the-Best Award, WaveSpin has been used for years by families as the Official Reel of Walt Disney World's Guided Fishing Excursions.

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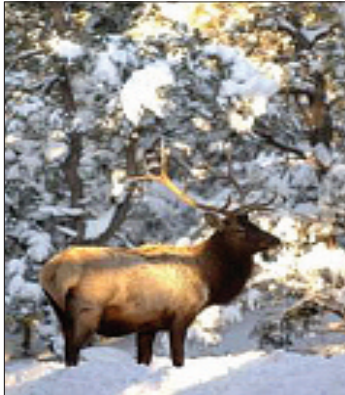
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AZGFD Commission Sets 23,383 Permits For Elk



PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Commission approved the 2012 hunt seasons for elk and pronghorn antelope during its Dec. 3 meeting in Phoenix, paving the way for hunters to start applying once they have the pertinent information available online in mid-December.

The Game and Fish Commission set 23,383 hunt permit-tags for elk (down 1,035 from last year). The commission also set 788 hunt permit-tags for pronghorn antelope (down 21).

Don't forget that the hunt-permit application deadline for elk and antelope is 7 p.m. MST Feb. 14 at all seven department offices — postmarks don't count.

The department anticipates having elk and antelope regulations posted online by mid-December. Once that is done, hunters can begin submitting applications.

The printed elk and antelope regula-

tions for 2012 will be mailed to license dealers at the end of December and should be available the first week of January.

Keep in mind that the online application process is back and is expected to be available in December, but it may not be available right when the regulations are posted. The department will send out a notification about when the online application process will be available to submit applications for elk and antelope.

Hunters applying manually via the paper applications will want to jot down this date: Jan. 20, which ends the correction period. During the correction period, if you make a mistake on your submitted application, the department will make three attempts within a 24-hour period to notify you by telephone (if a phone number is provided), and give you a chance to correct the mistake.

Applicants For Spring Draw Numbered 31,900

From AZGFD

Get ready to put some spring into your step — the 2012 spring draw for turkey, javelina, buffalo and bear has been completed and results are now available by clicking on the link at www.azgfd.gov/draw.

Draw results are also available by telephone by calling the main Game and Fish Department telephone number at (602) 942-3000 and selecting "option two."

There were more than 31,900 applicants for this year's spring draw.

The department's reimplementation of the online application service during the last week of the spring draw cycle was very successful. About 37 percent (11,706) of the applicants used the online application service. More than 95 percent of those surveyed indicated they were either "extremely satisfied" or "satisfied" with the service, with the other five percent indicating they were "somewhat satisfied." About 95 percent said the online service was easy to use.

If you didn't get drawn or didn't even submit an application for the spring draw, don't despair — there are 10,997 leftover hunt tags remaining for javelina, 380 for turkey, and 54 for bear.

There are two primary methods to obtain a leftover hunt tag.

First, first-come applications have been accepted by U.S. mail (U.S. Postal Service) since at 8 a.m. (MST) on Nov. 28.

Second, starting on Dec. 5 at 8 a.m. (MST), hunters could also obtain any remaining leftover hunt tags in person at any of the seven Arizona Game and Fish Department offices. A list of office locations is available at www.azgfd.gov/offices.

For a detailed listing of leftover permits, which includes hunt number, number of permits available and unit number, visit www.azgfd.gov/draw and click on the "View list of leftover permits for 2012 spring hunts" link.

ANOTHER GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT

Leftover Spring Hunt Tags Still Available

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for the hunter in your family?

There are still tags left over from the spring draw for javelina, turkey and archery bear. Starting Dec. 5, hunters interested in pursuing a springtime harvest can purchase one of these leftover tags in person at any Game and Fish office on a first-come, first-served basis.

To apply, hunters will need to submit an application with the four-digit hunt number from the listing of leftover tags.

There are plenty of great spring hunts to choose from —

Javelina

For those interested in hunting javelina, there are permits remaining for every hunt type, including the following:

Archery-only javelina, Jan. 1-26, 2012

Juniors-only javelina, Jan. 27 – Feb. 5, 2012

H.A.M. (handgun, archery and muzzleloader) javelina, Feb. 10-19, 2012

General (rifle) javelina, Feb. 24-March 1, 2012

Turkey

Spring turkey gobbler permits remaining will put hunters in excellent turkey country when these gregarious birds are displaying their courting rituals of strutting and gobbling, including the following:

Juniors-only spring turkey (limited weapon shotgun shooting shot), Apr. 20-26 and May 11-24, 2012

General spring turkey (limited weapon shotgun shooting shot), seasons vary starting April 27 and closing May 24, 2012



Bear

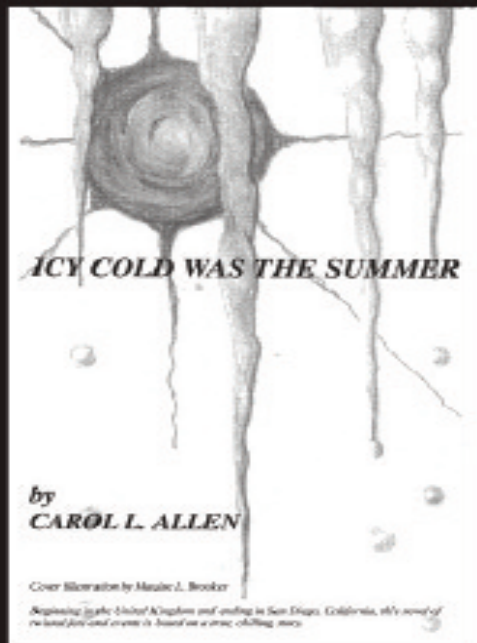
For those adventurous archery hunters, test your skills hunting spring bear (tags available in a couple of different units) during the following season:

Archery-only spring bear, May 4 – July 31, 2012

Leftover hunt permit-tags still also can be purchased (first-come, first-served basis) by mail application to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Draw/First Come, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

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Hunters May Be Able To Help Antelope, Sheep

Arizona Game and Fish Commission takes a cautious and surgical approach to implementing night hunting legislation.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission on Dec. 2 approved rules and commission orders to implement new short-term strategic tools that will allow hunters to help reduce predator numbers to aid struggling pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep populations in specific game-management units.

Both votes were passed by a 3-1 margin with one commissioner absent. Arizona now joins 41 other states that allow night hunting of predators.

The commission approved rulemaking to allow the use of artificial lights at night for taking coyotes and mountain lions, as allowed by new laws enacted by the legislature last session.

Help During Spring Fawning

"The rules will enable implementation of these new management tools within game management units or smaller portions thereof," explained Game Chief Brian Wakeling. "In order to help struggling pronghorn antelope populations, we will use night hunting, using white light for coyotes in specific hunt units at critical times of year during the spring fawning period (typically April, May and June).

"Research studies and our own survey data demonstrate that if we can strategically reduce coyote predation during the

critical spring fawning period, especially during the first six weeks of life when the fawns are most vulnerable, then we can increase fawn survivability and pronghorn population size. Carefully timed coyote removal on the fawning grounds has proven effective at reducing predation," Wakeling said.

The orders that the commission approved will allow shotguns shooting shot for coyotes as a safety measure, with limited-range firearms.

The Hunter: Valuable To Wildlife Management

The commission adopted short-term night hunting seasons for coyotes in hunt management units 4A, 10, 13A and 35A to augment the department's ongoing enhancement efforts, and in units 2A, 17A, 17B, 31, 32, 34B, 35B and 36B to assist pronghorn where recruitment is less than 15 fawns per 100 does.

"It only makes sense to use one of our most viable and valuable wildlife management tools, the hunter, to help us achieve increased fawn survivability," Wakeling said.

The rules and orders adopted will allow a similar approach for achieving temporary, local mountain lion population reductions to help struggling desert bighorn sheep populations. Mountain lions have expanded their range and populations are currently robust and increasing in Arizona.

"With mountain lions, strategic night hunting is now a tool to be used only in those hunt management units where we

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Western Wildlife



Arizona Game and Fish Department Unveils HabiMap™ Arizona

Web-based tool helps proactively plan for Arizona's wildlife.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has launched an innovative new tool that utilizes the latest mapping technology to put wildlife data at your fingertips.

HabiMap™ Arizona is a user-friendly, Web-based data viewer that allows users to visually explore the distribution of the state's wildlife, wildlife conservation potential, and stressors to wildlife.

"This is a great example of how technology can be used to assist in transparent wildlife conservation and project planning," said Arizona Game and Fish Department Director Larry Voyles.



"We're excited to offer a tool that not only allows the department to better manage wildlife at a statewide scale, but also can be used to help address the growth needs of our state."

Planning For Wildlife's Future

Information available through HabiMap™ Arizona is non-regulatory and may be useful in making decisions about

our state's future growth by considering wildlife early in the planning process. Tools such as HabiMap™ Arizona can help ensure that current and future generations are able to experience Arizona's rich wildlife heritage.

"I can't think of a better way for the Arizona Game and Fish Department to proactively plan for the future of Arizona's wildlife," said Jonny Fugate, Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club.

"Arizona will continue to grow, so the question is not if but how we grow. HabiMap™ Arizona is a tool that can help us have both a healthy economy and healthy wildlife populations," said Rob Marshall, The Nature Conservancy Director, Center for Science & Public Policy. "We appreciate the department's investment in developing tools with the capacity to expand and grow as our state changes."

Framework For Priorities

HabiMap™ Arizona is a component of the department's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), which provides a framework for helping to set the state's wildlife conservation priorities. HabiMap™ Arizona provides a visual representation of the Species and Habitat Conservation Guide, which includes more than 300 layers of wildlife data and other information to identify the conservation potential at a statewide level.

Through aggressive protection, management and educational programs, the Arizona Game and Fish Department conserves, enhances, and restores Arizona's diverse wildlife resources. The department also provides information and suggestions on how you can enjoy and appreciate Arizona's wildlife. Learn more about the department at www.azgfd.gov. To learn more about HabiMap™ Arizona, please visit www.habimap.org.

Outdoor Recreationists Asked To Help Bald Eagles During Breeding Season

Each year as part of its highly successful program to manage and conserve bald eagles in the state, the Arizona Game and Fish Department asks outdoor recreationists to help protect important eagle breeding areas by honoring the closure of 21 areas across the state.



Various land and wildlife management agencies close the breeding areas for part of the year, beginning in December, to protect the state's 55 breeding pairs of bald eagles. Some of the closure areas are located near popular

recreation sites.

"Bald eagles continue to do well in Arizona, but they are sensitive to human activity during the breeding season, and it can take as little as 30 minutes of leaving the eggs uncovered for a breeding attempt to fail," says Kenneth Jacobson, head of the Arizona Game and Fish Department Bald Eagle Management Program. "Cooperation from outdoor recreationists during the breeding season has been a major reason that the population continues to grow."

The bald eagle was federally listed as an endangered species in 1978. Nationally, the birds recovered enough to be removed from the list in 2007.

Nest-Building Starts In December

In December, Arizona bald eagles begin rebuilding nests in preparation for laying eggs. During this time, land and wildlife management agencies enact the seasonal breeding area closures. Bald eagles nest, forage and roost at the rivers and lakes that have become some of Arizona's most popular recreation spots, and this time of year can be challenging for the birds.

Game and Fish's bald eagle management efforts are supported by the Heritage Fund, an initiative passed 20 years ago to provide for wildlife education and conservation through Arizona lottery ticket sales.

Tips For Visiting Eagle Areas

If you are visiting bald eagle country, an advance call to the local land management agency (USDA Forest Service district, etc.) or the Arizona Game and Fish Department may help you plan your trip to avoid disturbing bald eagles. By following these simple guidelines, we can all help ensure that our living wildlife legacy will last for generations to come:

- Enjoy bald eagles from outside the closures, especially during critical nesting

times (December to June). These areas are posted with signs and/or buoys, and many have daily nestwatch monitors. 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 or on the Verde River Canyon Train in Clarkdale.

- 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 in-

cubating eggs or brooding small young should never be off the nest for more than 15 minutes.

- Pilots should maintain the FAA-recommended 2,000-foot AGL advisory when flying over bald eagle habitat along the Salt and Verde Rivers, Lake Pleasant and Alamo Lake. These areas are designated on the Phoenix Sectional Aeronautical Map. Special brochures for pilots regarding this advisory can be obtained by

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Victorian Holiday Decorations At Fort Verde State Historic Park

From early December through Jan. 6, 2012, Fort Verde State Historic Park is decorated for the holidays. Visitors can glance into the past and see how those who once resided at Fort Verde celebrated Christmas on the Frontier.

Christmas trees and fireplace mantels are adorned with unique Victorian decorations, while wreaths and garlands help spread the holiday cheer.

Fort Verde hosted a Victorian ornament-making workshop, a Christmas bazaar, and the annual Christmas parade of lights on Dec. 10.

The following weekend, Dec. 16 and 17, visitors can join in the festivities as Fort Verde is hosting Candlelight Tours from 5:30-8:30p.m. Re-enactors dressed in period clothing are providing guided tours along Officer's Row with hot chocolate and light refreshments to follow.

Fort Verde State Historic Park is the best-preserved example of an Indian Wars period fort in Arizona. Spanning from 1865 through 1890, "Camp Lincoln,"



"Camp Verde," and finally "Fort Verde" were home to officers, doctors, families, enlisted men and scouts.

Today, visitors can experience three historic house museums, the Commanding Officer's Quarters, Bachelors' Quarters and Doctor's Quarters on Officer's Row, all furnished in the 1880s period and holiday grace.

These Arizona treasures are currently listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places due to their unique architectural and historic significance. In the former Administration building, the Park

offers visitors interpretive exhibits with period artifacts on military life, Indian Scouts and Indian Wars history.

For more information, call (928) 567-3275. Fort Verde State Historic Park is located at 125 E. Holloman Street in Camp Verde, Ariz. Park entrance fees for the candlelight tours are \$6.00 per person for those aged 14 and older; \$3.00 for youth 6-13; 6 and under are free.

Arizona State Parks offers a free Annual Pass to disabled veterans living in Arizona for those qualified at 100 percent disability. Active military personnel will enjoy a reduced park entrance fee of 50 percent off.

For more information about the 30 State Parks, statewide hiking opportunities, off-highway vehicle trails, and other outdoor recreational and cultural opportunities in Arizona, call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703) or visit AZStateParks.com. Follow Arizona State Parks on twitter.com/AZStateParks.



Public Input Sought For Vulture Mountains Regional Park And Recreation Area Master Plan

On Dec. 1 the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, made available the draft of Vulture Mountains Regional Park and Recreation Area Master Plan for public review.

"The agencies have worked closely with the public and stakeholders to create the draft Master Plan and are very pleased with the final product," stated Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson, District 4. "Independently, the agencies would not have

been able to handle such a project due to funding and staff restrictions. However, together they are able to provide cooperative management and oversight to the area which benefits the community," he added.

A full copy of the draft plan may be downloaded at <http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/vulturemtn.aspx>. Comments and feedback will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2012. For additional information on the project, contact Jennifer at (602) 506-2930.

Arizona State Parks Board Proposes Fee Changes For Facilities

The Arizona State Parks department staff recently reviewed all of the State Park fee schedules and proposed changes to some administrative fees and to the ranges of fees for some of the parks to reflect the busy seasonal demands. The public is encouraged to review these changes online and make recommendations as well.

The fee changes would be for specific uses such as booking ramadas, group day use, group camping, cabanas, and boat-in sites. Facility use fee ranges would be reduced to a minimum fee of \$15 from \$25. Ranges in fees for non-electric camping would be increased to \$15-25, electric \$25-50 and day-use entrance fees would range from \$2-10.

Parks with per person entrance fee ranges would have the upper limits changed to \$10 to allow for seasonal and promotional fee increases by State Parks partner organizations.

Standard Annual Passes (day-use only) would now be valid from November 1 to March 31 on holidays and weekends at the

Colorado River Parks which would allow for many more days of use of that pass.

Public comments will be accepted online until Jan. 13, 2012. Comments may be submitted online at www.AZStateParks.com/find/contact.html

Comments about these proposed fee increases will be presented to the Arizona State Parks Board at their February 2012 meeting. If the new fees are approved, the fee changes will become valid on April 1, 2012.

If you would like to get more information about Arizona State Parks, please go to AZStateParks.com/board. For more information about the 30 State Parks, statewide hiking opportunities, off-highway vehicle trails, and other outdoor recreational and cultural opportunities in Arizona, call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703) or visit AZStateParks.com. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook at AZStateParks.com.

Grand Canyon Now Recognized As 'StormReady' National Park

Grand Canyon, Ariz. — In late November, Grand Canyon National Park passed the final inspection necessary to become the nation's second StormReady national park.

According to the National Weather Service, Americans cope with an average of 10,000 thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and about two land-falling deadly hurricanes each year. StormReady is a nationwide community preparedness program that helps counties, communities, and even national parks develop plans to handle all types of severe weather, in part, by providing emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations.

In order to earn the StormReady designation, a community must implement a rigorous set of severe weather warning criteria and action plans. The intent is to ensure public safety; and delivery of timely warning information to park staff, visitors and community members to improve everyone's safety. For that reason, many of the steps required to achieve the designation center around timely receipt and dissemination of information.

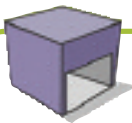
To be deemed StormReady, a community must —



STORM READY — Grand Canyon National Park employees Sean Fielding and Ken Phillips accept StormReady award from National Weather Service; left to right: Sean Fielding, Communication Center Manager, Grand Canyon National Park; Brian Klimowski, Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service, Flagstaff; George Howard, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Flagstaff; Ken Phillips, Chief Emergency Services, Grand Canyon National Park

- establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center;
- have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and to alert the public;
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Governor Appoints Kurt Davis To Arizona Game & Fish Commission

Gov. Jan Brewer recently announced the appointment of Kurt R. Davis to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

"Kurt possesses a wealth of expertise in government, communications and business," said Gov. Brewer. "In addition to an eclectic professional background, Kurt is both well-liked and well-versed in issues affecting the Arizona outdoors. He will be a tremendous asset to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission."

An avid hunter and fisherman, Davis is currently a founding partner at FirstStrategic Communications & Public Affairs, where he specializes in strategic public policy development for non-profit clients, issues relating to rural Arizona, and government relations. He also is on the board of directors of Great Hearts Academies, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, and ASU's Ramsey Executive Program for Public Policy.

Prior to forming FirstStrategic, Davis served as the vice president of public affairs and marketing at Northern Arizona University. Earlier, he was vice president of public affairs and corporate communications at Rural/Metro, a company that provides fire and ambulance services to communities across the country.

Before joining Rural/Metro, Davis was a deputy chief of staff and executive assistant in the office of former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington. In that role, he had direct oversight of executive agencies such as the departments of Transportation and Corrections. He has also served as director of intergovernmental affairs and issues analysis



Kurt Davis

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SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB, SAN DIEGO: Current — Guests are invited to visit their new facility; (619) 222-0438, www.southwesternyc.org.

FRED HALL FISHING SHOWS: March 2012 — March 7-11 in Long Beach and March 22-25 in Del Mar

BOATING

52ND ARIZONA YACHT CLUB BIRTHDAY REGATTA AND LEUKEMIA CUP: Jan. 13-15 — Pleasant Harbor Marina; participants from all over the U.S., 100 boats in 10 classes, sailboat race, benefits Desert Mountain States Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, free to spectators, 12:30 pm, <http://www.arizonayachtclub.org>

HOLIDAY LIGHTED-BOAT PARADES: See Nov.-Dec. issue at www.azbw.com

POCKET CRUISER CONVENTION: Feb. 13-20, 2012 — Lake Havasu; www.sailhavasu.com

CHANNEL DREDGING: December — Lake Havasu; for additional information and support, please log on to www.lh-marineassn.com.

ASF SAILING CLASSES FOR KIDS: arizonayachtclub.org.

AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

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For more information on camping, RVing, outdoor activities, see "Land Cruising" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

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CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

COMMUNITY

41ST ANNUAL TOSTITOS FIESTA BOWL FOOTBALL CLASSIC: Jan. 2 — Glendale University of Phoenix Stadium, 5:30 pm, 480-350-0911 or <http://www.tostitosfiestabowl.com>

COME DIG IN THE DIRT: Current — The weather is perfect for gardening; come and dig in the dirt at the Escalante Community Garden! It is open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. during the week and early mornings every other Saturday. Volunteers welcome! Contact Dave Tally at (480) 350-5896.

23RD ANNUAL INSIGHT BOWL: Dec. 30 — Tempe, Sun Devil Stadium, sixth ranked teams from the Big 10 and Big 12 Conferences, football, \$10-50, 3:30 pm, 480-350-0911 or <http://www.insightbowl.com>



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RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing — Heather L. James-Davis; www.azanimalassistance.com

FISHING

For more information on fishing, please see "Tight Lines" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

WINTER TROUT FISHING DERBY: Jan. 14 — Litchfield Park; Tierra Verde Lake Park; fish with more than 500 lbs of trout stocked in the lake, food, prizes and giveaways, license not required for this event, \$4 per pole 15 and under; \$6 per pole 16 and over, 7 am — 3 pm, <http://www.litchfield-park.org>

COMMENTS ON GLEN CANYON DAM: By Dec. 30 — See page 9 of this issue for details re: submitting your comments.

BILL LUKE BASS DAYS: March 16-18, 2012 — Lake Pleasant; Don McDowell: don@shakerattleadntroll.com

ARIZONA FLYCASTERS CLUB MEETINGS: Ongoing — Shake, Rattle & Troll Bass Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

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SHOWS/EXPOS

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REAL PIRATES EXHIBITION: Through Jan. 15, 2012 — Arizona Science Center; AZSCIENCE.ORG

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42ND ANNUAL POLAR BEAR DAY: Jan. 7 — Lake Havasu City; Nautical Inn Beach; brave the cold temperatures of Lake Havasu with the Lake Havasu Boat & Ski Club, \$5-8 swimmers, noon - 4 pm, 928-486-0106 or <http://www.golake-havasu.com>

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*How like ships are the REALIZED dreams,
Sailing proudly in seas ever new,
Lasting, loving life's journey through.*

YET

How like dreams are the BROKEN ships.

*Ships can sink in waters angry, waters deep,
And dreams can die if the sailors sleep;
Once-new craft run too fast, run too slow,
Can meet, in death, lost dreams below.*

SO

*Dream well, Sailor, the waters are ready;
Sail well, Dreamer, the ship is steady;
Make life's voyage the best it can be;
Ride high through the waves and conquer the sea.*

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DAVIS

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at the Arizona Attorney General's Office, and executive director of the Arizona Republican Party.

Davis has held a variety of state and federal appointments, including with the Arizona Board of Regents and Arizona State Board of Charter Schools, as well as with the administration of President Ronald Reagan, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. He received a Bachelor of Science from Northern Arizona University in 1984.

Davis awaits confirmation by the Arizona State Senate before joining the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. His appointment was made to fill the upcoming vacancy that will be created by the departure from the commission of Robert Woodhouse, whose term is expiring.

HUNTERS

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have instituted multiple bag limits for mountain lions in an effort to assist struggling desert bighorn sheep populations," Wakeling said.

Since The 1940s

Wakeling added that since the imple-

EAGLES

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calling the Arizona Department of Transportation or the Arizona Game and Fish Department's nongame branch, (623) 236-7506.

• Help from anglers is especially needed. Monofilament and tackle has killed two nestlings and has been found in two-thirds of all bald eagle nests in the

GRAND CANYON

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• promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars; and

• develop a formal hazardous weather plan that includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

"By taking the extra steps necessary to become StormReady, we have also improved our ability to respond to other types of emergencies, further ensuring the safety of the parks nearly 4.5 million visitors per year," said Grand Canyon Superintendent David Ueberuaga.

According to Emergency Services

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mentation of sound scientific wildlife management back in the 1940s, hunting has been one of the most effective wildlife management tools available to biologists and to the Game and Fish Commission.

"Keep in mind that through the decades, hunters have not only been instrumental in wildlife management, but they have also paid for most wildlife conservation efforts in Arizona and nation-

state. Every year we remove this potentially lethal material from nests and/or entangled nestlings. Ospreys, shorebirds, waterfowl and songbirds also succumb to this litter. Do not discard any type of monofilament along rivers and lakes, but recycle it at fishing stores. Keep your monofilament fresh; do not use old brittle line. Make sure to use the correct test line for the fish you are trying to catch. Also,

Branch Chief Ken Phillips, there have also been more immediate benefits, including improved "situational awareness" for rangers. "With the online weather information system that the park is now using, our dispatchers can see weather systems approaching in real time and immediately pass that information on to rangers in the field."

To learn more about achieving Storm-Readiness, please visit <http://www.storm-ready.noaa.gov/>. For additional information about StormReadiness in Grand Canyon National Park, please contact Emergency Services Branch Chief Ken Phillips at (928) 638-7792.

STOCKINGS

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some anglers have reported excellent fishing midday and late afternoon. Patience is the key, as the trout bite sporadically throughout the day. When the bite is on, anglers are catching limits in an hour.

Action for catfish, bass and bluegill has slowed due to colder water temperatures. Trout fishing is good to excellent at Green Valley Lakes in Payson with Power Bait, worms and small spoons working best. Top flies for fly fishermen have been copper Johns, wooly buggers, simi seal leaches and pheasant tail nymphs.

Last Trout Stockings

At press time, the last trout stockings were done through Dec. 3 in Phoenix and Tucson urban-program waters. Green Valley Lake, Payson, was also stocked.

wide," Wakeling said. "The support and contributions by hunters and shooting sports enthusiasts have funded conservation efforts that benefit not just hunted species, but all wildlife species that Arizonans enjoy."

He added that most people may not realize it, but America has the most successful and envied wildlife management approach in the world.

do not cut the line when an undesirable fish is caught and return it to the water with the hook and line attached.

You can help bald eagle research and recovery efforts by reporting any harassment or shooting of bald eagles. Call the Arizona Game and Fish Operation Game Thief Hotline at 1-800-352-0700 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement at (480) 967-7900.

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The 30 sailors who showed up ready to brave the high winds and cool weather to participate in the 2011 Governors Cup Regatta were greeted with winds steady above 20 knots, and gusting well over 30 blasting down the lake. The waves (with 4 miles of fetch) crashing on the dam were reminiscent of the ocean swells crashing on harbor breakers.

There were already three victims on the beach — one small sailboat on the rocks at the base of the dam and two on the island near Pleasant Harbor.

Our start line just happened to be yards in front of the dam. For the safety of the racers and their boats, I abandoned the race for the day.

Mike Parker, event organizer

Leukemia Cup Fund Raising — Help Cure Blood Cancers!

Posted on 04 December 2011 by cheisler



Fund Raising Sign-up continues at the December AYC General Membership meeting. Our Desert Mountain States (DMS) Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS) partners will be on hand to register sailors for Leukemia Cup Regatta Fund Raising and — chances to win cool prizes.

Members may contact **Tiffanie Hawkins** at DMS/LLS to get their fund-raising Web sites up and running!

Also, if anyone (AYC members or not) loot for the LCR auction on Jan. 14, ballgame tickets, time-shares, art, sports memorabilia, even a bottle of rum — they're all worth silver and gold and will help us in our cause to Cure Blood Cancers!

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Goodbye, My Brother; I Love You

Honoring Donald Lewis Lemon, Nov. 15, 1924-Dec. 4, 2011

By Carol Lemon Allen

During World War II, my brother served as a U.S. Army MP in Germany. As he was directing military traffic one afternoon, someone placed beside him a store mannequin that was posed in such a way that she seemed to be helping Don guide the passing vehicles.

A press photographer happened by, saw this un-

usual scene, and snapped a picture. It was later shared with the wire services and soon became a featured photo in newspapers across our country and beyond.

And, that was the start of a deluge. People from all corners of the nation (and the world) clipped the picture from their newspapers and sent copies to Don's parents. Some letters were humorous; some were informative; some were very sad.

However, no matter what the messages, Mother

and Dad were touched by the hundreds of pieces of mail they received. They felt a kinship with fellow Americans and others — along with a joy that was a precious commodity during that ugly war.

Editor's Note: I wanted to share with you one special memory of my brother Don Lemon, 87, World War II vet from Yakima Wash. His life reflected that of many from "The Greatest Generation." We thank them all. And, to Don, a special thank-you for being such a wonderful Big Brother.



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