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# Ring In The New Year!



## IN JANUARY

### Become An Outdoors Woman

There is still time to sign up for this fun weekend in the desert: Becoming an Outdoors Woman: Jan. 25-27.

Learn to live and play in our unique Sonoran desert. Classes will be offered in fishing, hunting, tracking and desert survival. There are also sessions in hiking, paddling, geocaching, birding, outdoor photography and edible and medicinal plants of the Superstitions.

A trial ride through the Saguaro forest is also available. The Dutch oven class will prepare the evening meals.

Night-time presentations include Wildman Phil with his cast of desert critters and a stargazing event by the East Valley Astronomy Club. Another plus is that "bird lady" and javelina expert Tice Supplee will give a presentation about that most misunderstood desert dweller.

The venue is Saguaro Lake Ranch, which is an historical resort-style retreat located in the Tonto National Forest in the heart of the Arizona Sonoran desert.

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## THE TIME IS NOW

### For AYC's Birthday, Leukemia Cup Regattas

The 53rd Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta and their 14th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta is here: Jan. 18-19-20. Help fight blood cancers! Race one, two, or three days. Cruise! Party!

AYC has some great improvements in store for you and your "shore party."

**1) Lower Costs:** Two-day race registration last year was \$80. It's reduced to \$50 this year!

**2) Moving indoors:** The dusty tent is gone and the Saturday night event will move indoors to the Lake Pleasant Waterfront Grille. Enjoy inside and outside waterfront seating for cocktails, dinner, and dancing with music from our talented AYC musicians.

**3) Shuttles** will be running from the Spinnaker Point RV/Camping and boat prep areas to the Waterfront Grille throughout the day and evening.

**4) Marina Slip Rentals** are available for \$28/night. Stay the night next to the Water-



witness many fleets of strength

front Bar & Grille. Plus all registrations made before December first will be entered into a lottery for one of five free slip rentals.

**5) RV/Camping sites** have been reserved to make sure you have a spot for your tent or camper. Make a reservation before January first to claim one of the reserved spots.

For more information, call Emory Heisler

at (602) 679-0462. For more details on the Leukemia Cup fund raising, contact Liz Kaplan at Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS): (602) 567-7605.

Do it now! Help AYC in the fight to cure blood cancers and join them for another great Martin Luther King Jr. weekend of desert winter sailing!



**A BIG SMALL EVENT** — Shake off a frosty winter in Lake Havasu City as boating enthusiasts from around the globe race their small sailboats at the 6th Annual Havasu Pocket Cruisers Convention. From Feb. 9-18, 150 to 200 small sailboats and crews from across the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and as far away as the Netherlands are expected to participate in this week-long event. Festivities include sailing, racing, seminars, social events and a fundraiser. More information is available at [www.sail-havasucity.com/convention/](http://www.sail-havasucity.com/convention/)



## ON THE COVER

### Still Time To Winterize Your Boat

This seasonal photo has been sent courtesy of Bill and Sandy Lindsey at Starbrite. It accompanied a story run in the October/November 2012 issue of *AZBW/WOT*: "It's Time To Winterize Your Boat."

Even though much of Arizona does not shiver through many months of winter, some parts of the state do, and the tips in the article actually apply to all the Grand Canyon State's boaters.

So, the advice is to thoroughly clean your boat and stabilize its systems now to reduce potential problems when it's time to head back on the water this spring.

## BSA, ISE Partner For February Sportsmen's Expo



**BRINGING THE OUTDOORS INSIDE** — The 2013 ISE's 300+ exhibitor companies will sell the hottest new fishing, hunting, off-roading, RVing, boating and camping products and services, as well as spotlight travel destinations nearby and around the world.

The Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) Grand Canyon Council has partnered with the acclaimed International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE), co-locating its Scout-O-Rama with the state's largest annual outdoorsmen event for the entire family.

The Sportsmen's Expo will make its 13th appearance in Arizona during the week of Feb. 21- 24 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. BSA's outdoor Scout-O-Rama, on UoP grounds, will attract 15,000-20,000 youth and family members on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Some of the activities planned for Scout-O-Rama include Dutch-oven cooking, knots and lashing, push carts, monkey bridges, water rockets, archery and more. Families who participate in Scout-O-Rama will also receive ISE \$2 discount coupons.

### Scouts Challenge

Inside the Expo, the new Scouts Challenge will offer prizes to troops

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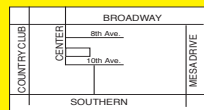
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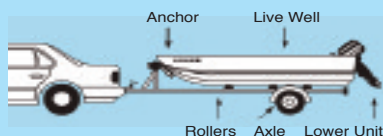




# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## Update your boating safety knowledge

### ATTENTION BOATERS... Don't Pick Up Hitchhikers!



#### What can you do? Inspect your boat

**Inspecting** — Thoroughly inspect your boat's hull, outdrive, trim plates, trolling plates, prop guards, transducers, and trailer. If you see any "hitchhikers," remove them. Remove aquatic plants and plant fragments clinging to the trailer frame, axles, wheel, hitch, motor's lower unit, and interior boat spaces. Spray down your boat and trailer before leaving any lake or stream or at home before setting out for a new boating.

**Draining** — Drain all bilge water, live wells, and bait buckets before leaving any waterway. Leftover bait should not be released or transported.

#### Remove and Dispose of Plants on Dry Land.

#### Stop the spread of Aquatic Pests

*Giant salvinia, quagga mussels, crayfish, and mud snails most often spread between waterways by hitchhiking a ride on vessels and trailers. When transplanted into new waters, these organisms proliferate, displacing native species and damaging the water resource and your vessel.*

## Statewide Boating Safety Education Classes

### January 2013

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	January 26 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Dept. Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

### February 2013

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 16 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Dept. Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

## 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.



## Remember, AZ, CA and NV Laws Vary on the Colorado

Download a copy of the Tri-state Colorado River Boating Safety Guide at [www.boatcoloradoriver.com](http://www.boatcoloradoriver.com) to know the laws along this "shared" body of water.

## BE A SAFE BOATER, GO ONLINE

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### GET YOUR COPY OF SPLASH!

Splash, The Movie is a boating education video unlike any other. Produced by the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 2008, this 30-minute movie about a little girl's experience at Saguaro Lake with her grandfather will entertain your entire family while covering important boating safety topics. For a free copy of the DVD, please call 623-236-7235.

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## BOAT SAFE, BOAT SMART, BOAT SOBER!

### Boating Safety Information From AZGFD: Hypothermia

*Wearing a pfd, staying calm and with your boat can help save your life.*

Do not let the temperature outside fool you. Cold-water immersion and hypothermia can occur in water as cool as 70 degrees at any time of the year, even on a warm and sunny day.

Arizona winters are mild, and recreational boating is popular year-round, but a sudden and unexpected immersion into cold water can cause hypothermia and even lead to a life-threatening situation.

Entering extremely cold water causes an immediate gasp reflex that can fill the lungs with water. After falling overboard or entering the water, it is important to be wearing your life jacket (PFD). A life jacket keeps your head above water and your body on the surface.

Stay calm and move slowly. Don't try to take off clothing in the water (a com-



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**THE COLD FACTS** — Even though Arizona boaters may not experience much of this type of cold boating, they still need to be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. "Cold cases" are too frequent even in the Desert Southwest. AZGFD has advice for boaters who fall into even seemingly mild waters.

mon misconception is that heavy clothing or waders weigh down your body when, in fact, both can trap air and help keep your body afloat).

If your boat has capsized, stay with it.

More than likely, it will not sink and it can be used as a platform to maneuver, so stay on top of it as much as possible, getting yourself out of the water and maintaining stability.



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Remember too the fully equipped aqua lodges that are available for a cozy getaway for just you or your family. In fact, they are a cozy way to spend a weekend or a special day such as Valentine's Day.

And, are you in the market for a party venue? Check on the party boat and perhaps take the office staff or fellow club members for a cruise.

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**AN ART FORM** — Learning the fine art of spinnaker sailing is on the agenda for the 24th Annual Women's Sailing Convention Feb. 2 in Corona del Mar, Calif.

## SCYA WOMEN'S SAILING CONVENTION

### Arizona Women Invited To BCYC

CORONA DEL MAR, Calif. — The West Coast's premier sailing convention for women is set to launch on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, Calif.

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) is primary sponsor of the 24th Annual Women's Sailing Convention, presented by the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA).

The event is open to all women from novices to experts and the 2013 program is packed with workshops to choose from — both on and off the water — including the following:

- Welcome Aboard (for beginners),
- Intro to Sailing,
- Marine Navigation 101,
- Docking,
- Anchoring,
- Nighttime Sailing and Navigation,
- Suddenly Single-Handed Interactive,
- Weather Wisdom,
- Sail Trim,
- Offshore Cruising, and
- Intro to Racing and Tactics, among others.

Top women sailors from all over Southern California, many of them US Coast Guard-licensed captains, present all of the workshops.

"This is a great event for women to learn and ask every question they have always wanted an answer to in a very relaxed learning environment," said Gail Hine, the event's organizer.

### Pettibone Featured Speaker

The featured dinner guest speaker will be world-renowned professional sailor Katie Pettibone. In 1995, Pettibone was selected from nearly 700 applicants to be one of a 28-member crew of *America 3*, the first all-female crew in the America's Cup.

From 1997-1998 she competed for Team *EF Education* in the Whitbread Around the World Race. Pettibone was a crewmember on *America True*, her second America's Cup, in Auckland, New Zealand in 2000 and crewed on *Amer Sports Two* in the Volvo Around the World race.

Also under her belt are a Worrell 1000, the Gulf Stream Challenge, several Mackinac races, and other international racing competitions. Pettibone will speak about her experience in the Middle East, training the all-female crew of *Al Thurya Bank Muscat* for the Sailing Arabia -The Tour.

### Registration Limited

This year's participation is limited to 275 attendees. Registration is \$185, which includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, all workshops, handouts, and a souvenir (after Jan. 28 it's \$200 per person).

To find out more or to register, go to [www.womenssailingconvention.org](http://www.womenssailingconvention.org) or contact Gail Hine at phone 951-677-8121 or e-mail [Gail@scya.org](mailto:Gail@scya.org). For more information on women in boating, go to [www.BoatUS.com/women](http://www.BoatUS.com/women).

## Kierland FlowRider Board Sport Simulator, Now Open

"Flowboarding" is not just a ride, it is a sport — a 21st Century alchemy that has the look of surfing, the ride of snowboarding, the tricks of skateboarding, and boards derived from wakeboarding.

The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona adds Kierland FlowRider as a part of a major expansion to the Resort's Adventure Water Park, bringing an additional 58,400 gallons of water to the water park, which currently boasts 575,000 gallons of water fun, including the 110-foot waterslide 900-foot-long lazy river.

Kierland FlowRider opened October 2012 as the first board-sport simulator in the Arizona resort market. Bringing the California beach lifestyle to the Sonoran desert of Scottsdale, this wave technology by Wave Loch™ will attract youth, families and all board sport enthusiasts.

### Wave Master Competition

The \$2.4 million Kierland FlowRider enhancement project will be managed by the Resort's very own "Wave Master," selected through a unique job-search process, where the finalists submitted a video along with their application and competed in a "surf-off" for the dream job during the FlowRider Festival on Oct. 6.

The 6,000 square foot dual Kierland FlowRider will include a viewing platform, seating and retail space, with FlowRider sessions available to purchase per hour. Kierland FlowRider will be open year-round, with the capability to heat the waves during the cooler months of the year.



Kierland

**GO WITH THE FLOW** — "Flowboarding" is not just a ride, it is a sport — a 21st Century alchemy that has the look of surfing, the ride of snowboarding, the tricks of skateboarding, and boards derived from wakeboarding. The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz., adds Kierland FlowRider as a part of a major expansion to the Resort's Adventure Water Park.

### Thrilling To Ride, To Watch

Thrilling to ride, thrilling to watch, and designed to handle wipeouts, Kierland FlowRider's waveform is a proprietary composite membrane ride surface that is designed to absorb the energy of impacts. Flowboarders may wipe out, but they'll get back up again and again and again.

Board sports such as surfing, snowboarding, and skateboarding are skill-based activities that challenge riders to develop new tricks to emulate their heroes. The best part about the Kierland FlowRider is that no skill is required to flowboard for the very first time, thus making this latest board

## Something New Is 'Cooking' At The Boat Show

*Sponsorships are available for this premier Southwestern event.*

It just keeps getting better — the 2013 Lake Havasu Boat Show is pleased to announce that it will host the inaugural Havasu Chili Cook-Off and Salsa Challenge at the boat show on Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21.

This will be an International Chili Society-sanctioned event, attracting some of the best chili and salsa chefs in the Southwest. Everyone is invited to bring their appetites and sample some of the finest homemade chili and salsa in Arizona.



And don't forget, the Lake Havasu Boat Show will also host the 2nd Annual Legends by the Lake Car Show (over 100 hot rods, classics and vintage muscle cars on display) plus world-class NWSRA water ski races on Saturday and Sunday too.

### Calling All Performance-Center Consoles

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### Kierland FlowRider SHRED SCHOOL

For those "flowboarders" who have done some shredding on Kierland FlowRider, or out on the real waves, SHRED SCHOOL is for experienced riders who are ready to learn some new skills, cool tricks and take their flowboarding to the next level.

For guests of The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, SHRED SCHOOL includes individual instruction from the Resort's very own Wave Master Steve Richardson.

SHRED SCHOOL is a held at Kierland FlowRider in a small-group setting of five surfers per class. Richardson will show burgeoning "Barneys and Bettys" or experienced "Big Kahunas" how to carve and kick waves, do 360-degree spins, kick flips and other professional tricks to becoming a Flowboarding "Icon."

### SHRED SCHOOL Enrollment

The \$70 per surfer fee includes 30-minute intensive class instruction and a one-hour open ride following class as well as SHRED SCHOOL awards given upon completion. (Price does not include \$15 registration required for new riders; registration not required for past Kierland FlowRider guests.)

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#### About AZGFD and the Outdoor Expo

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department manages for all wildlife in Arizona but does not receive any Arizona tax dollars. The Department is run on a user-pay, user-benefit business model, with funding coming primarily from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, tags, stamps, a portion of federal excise taxes on certain hunting and fishing equipment, and a few other sources such as watercraft licensing / registration fees, OHV decal fees, and the Heritage Fund (a portion of Arizona Lottery ticket sales).

No Arizona tax dollars are used in conducting the Outdoor Expo.

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Havasu Boat Show soliciting donations and support for this most worthy cause. Please help where you can.

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Well, you now have that opportunity, so grab your favorite fishing pole and make sure you have a 2013 Urban Fishing license because the "incentive" trout stocking was just completed on Jan. 12 at all Urban Program lakes.

To kick off the New Year in a big way, the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Urban Fishing Program has stocked incentive-size trout. In addition to the usual 11-12 inchers, incentive stockings include bigger fish and up to 20 percent more fish.

### URBAN FISHING REPORT

## Winter Is Trout Time!

Throughout the winter, lakes in the Urban Fishing Program (UFP) have been successfully stocked with rainbow trout at two-week intervals. More trout and bigger trout arrived the week of Jan. 7-12 as part of the UFP's annual incentive trout stocking, making this a great time to go fishing.

Many fish in the 12-15 inch range are part of this special delivery, and some 3-4 pound whoppers are expected. Get ready for some big fish action by making sure your fishing line is in good shape, your hooks are sharp and your knots are strong.

Don't forget to bring along a net to help hoist a lunker from the lake. Best baits for trout continue to be scented dough baits (such as Power Bait), worms or cheese. A new lure called Micetails has been working well for trout. Produced by Berkley's Power Bait division, Micetails look like a salmon egg with a 2-inch worm attached.

Lures such as Panther Martins, Rooster

Many of the more than 9,000 rainbow trout will be from 13-16 inches, and some even larger ones up to 4 pounds are expected.

"This is a great way to start off the New Year and helps highlight that an urban fishing license is one of the best recreational buys out there — it's a ticket to fun all year long," said Eric Swanson, who heads up the urban fishing program.

Trout are routinely stocked in the urban program lakes from early November through the middle of March. Starting in March, channel catfish are stocked.

"These urban lakes also have sunfish

and bass to catch. Plus, these lakes are all in city parks that also offer other recreational opportunities for the whole family," Swanson said.

The Urban Fishing Program is self-supporting, and the cost of the fishing license helps defray the cost of purchasing and stocking the fish. "It's a user pay, user play concept that can net you a lot of fun throughout the year," Swanson said.

For more information on the Urban Fishing Program, visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) or obtain one of the newly printed 2013 Urban Fishing Guidebooks.



and fill out the application for Big Fish-of-the-Year recognition. Daily trout limits are four fish at Urban Lakes and two fish at Urban Ponds.

So, purchase your 2013 Urban or Super Conservation Fishing license and don't forget to bring along a landing net to help lift that lunker trout out of the lake!

### Resolve To Be A Good Steward In 2013

Join the Anglers' Legacy program and take the pledge to share the fun of fishing with someone else in 2013. Ask a family

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**GOT BASS?** — Stay tuned or visit Don McDowell's [www.shakerattleandtroll.com](http://www.shakerattleandtroll.com) for updates on Bill Luke Bass Days, March 15, 16 and 17.

## 2013 Fishing Regulations Are Now Available

A summary of key changes is on page two of the booklet.

The 2013 Arizona Fishing Regulations are now available at all seven Arizona Game and Fish Department offices and at fishing license dealers throughout the state. They are also posted online at [www.azgfd.gov/fishing](http://www.azgfd.gov/fishing).

"Arizona's diverse fisheries offer great opportunities all year round," said Acting Fisheries Chief Eric Swanson. "If getting outdoors, staying healthy and spending quality time with family and friends are among your 2013 resolutions, fishing is a great way to meet your goals, have fun and make memories."

Bass, crappie and catfish are abundant in Arizona's large lakes and reservoirs. Mountain lakes and streams will be well stocked this year with trout. Local urban lakes are regularly stocked and are a terrific option for anglers who want to stay close to home.

### Summary Of Key Changes

A summary of key changes is on Page 2 of the 2013 Fishing Regulations booklet. Of special interest to many anglers are limit changes at Alamo, Cataract and Kaibab lakes.

Some of the regulation changes are — **Alamo Lake** — Slot limit for bass is removed, statewide limits now apply — six bass per day with no size restrictions.

**Cataract Lake** — Bag limits reduced to four catfish, four trout and two bass (minimum size 13 inches).

**Kaibab Lake** — Bag limits reduced to four catfish, four trout and two bass (minimum size 13 inches).

**Council Park Pond** (Somerton) — Bag limits reduced to two catfish, two trout, one bass (minimum size 13 inches), and five sunfish.

**Frye Mesa Reservoir** — Limits established to allow one Gila Trout daily (statewide limit of six trout still applies to other trout species: rainbow, brook, brown, cutthroat).

**Lake Powell** — Change walleye limits

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## FISHING UPDATES

### Arizona Anglers Report Their Fishing Stories To AZGFD

#### Canyon Lake

Ian S. recently submitted this report on Canyon Lake (central Arizona):

Hello - Got out to the Boulder Recreation area with a couple of friends on kayaks on Christmas Eve day. Fishing was slow from 8-11 a.m. The fish finder showed lots of fish grouped up deep, hugging the rock walls, but they weren't interested in what I was throwing.

No luck with spoons, Kastmasters, spinners or crank bait all morning. Kind of as a last resort, I finally just decided to very slowly drop shot some morning dawn color Roboworms at about 25 feet... eureka! The fish started biting hard and I pretty quickly bagged three largemouth bass in the 12- to 15-inch range.

I had a few other bites that I missed. It was a blast because I hooked them at about 25 feet down and about 100 feet off the side of the kayak, so the fight was pretty fun with that much line out, even though the fish weren't that big.

It was a beautiful day, a little windy, but the lake was pretty much deserted. My buddies didn't fare as well, so they decided to kayak to the back of the lake and take pictures. Thanks for the great fishing reports, I read them every week!

#### Parker Canyon Lake

Don and Bev recently submitted this report on Parker Canyon Lake (southern Arizona):

This lake right now is a great place if you want to catch some fish. Anglers on the dock were catching smaller trout. Up on the mainland by the marina, people were catching nice fish in the 9- to 17-inch range.

The rig I caught the most fish on was a 1/16-ounce sliding sinker on the main line and a swivel tied underneath the sinker. Attached to the swivel was a

snelled size 10 hook.

For bait, try PowerBait® or chunks of nightcrawlers. Hold your fishing rod! (at least if want to catch fish). For lures, try Kastmasters or Panther Martins. Also try rooster tails and flies.

#### Water Ranch Lake

Roger C. submitted this report from Water Ranch Lake (Gilbert, Phoenix metro area):

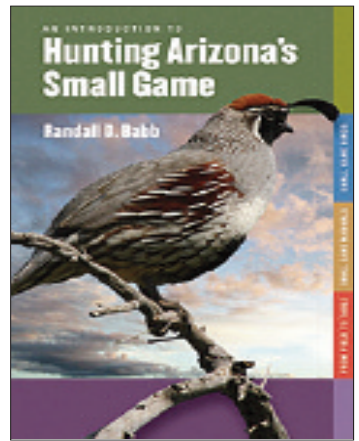
Fishing for rainbow trout is really good right now after restocking the lake. Fish are aggressive off the bottom and also taking spinners when spin casting. Not so much success using bobbers off the top. I was using worms and marshmallows off the bottom.

#### Pena Blanca Lake

Darwin L. submitted this report from Pena Blanca Lake (southern Arizona):

Went to Pena Blanca on Friday Dec. 28 and fishing was very slow. I fished

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### A 'MUST-HAVE' FOR ARIZONA HUNTERS

**This Hunting Resource Is Now On Sale At Game And Fish Offices Or Via Order Form**

The new Arizona Game and Fish Department book, *An Introduction to Hunting Arizona's Small Game*, is now available for sale at Game and Fish offices or by downloading an order form at [www.azgfd.gov/publications](http://www.azgfd.gov/publications).

This 198-page, 6x9" guide is an indispensable resource for new or experienced hunters. It provides loads of information and expert tips, including —

Where and how to hunt small game birds, squirrels, rabbits, ducks and geese in Arizona.

Detailed descriptions of small game animals and specialized information about their behavior and habits.

Which firearms and other gear work best for the specific field conditions you'll encounter while pursuing each species, and

How to prepare and cook your small game harvest, with illustrations and recipes.

The book contains full-color photographs, species distribution maps and a glossary, as well as a table of contents, bibliography and index.

Author Randall D. Babb is a hunter, biologist and naturalist who grew up hunting and fishing in Arizona. He is the regional information and education program manager in Region 6 of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The purchase price is \$16.95. There is a 40 percent discount for orders of five or more.

For more information or for an excerpt, visit [www.azgfd.gov/publications](http://www.azgfd.gov/publications).

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## AZGFD Seeks Input On Game-Management Hunt Guidelines

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is accepting comments on improving the hunt guidelines to continue the sustainable management of the state's game animals, while providing as much hunting recreation as possible.

Comments on the existing hunt guidelines may be submitted through Feb. 15 at [azgamebranch@azgfd.gov](mailto:azgamebranch@azgfd.gov), or by mail to Hunt Guidelines, Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

"This is the public's opportunity to get involved in the nuts and bolts of this bi-annual process," said Big Game Management Supervisor Amber Munig.

"We are seeking your ideas, comments,

concerns, or observations on how to meet the many demands by our varied hunting public, as well as fostering new opportunities for continuing our hunting heritage for future generations."

The hunt guidelines provide the biological and social parameters that make up the "recipes" used by wildlife managers to formulate the annual hunt recommendations (season structures, season lengths, season dates, permits allocated, etc.) and results in the hunts in which sportsmen, women and children participate.

However, wildlife biologists note that while wildlife is held in the public's trust, and hunting opportunity is important, using science-based principles in shaping

the guideline process remains paramount to assure healthy, sustainable, and diverse wildlife populations in perpetuity.

After all the comments are received, reviewed and processed, the department will host public meetings across the state to present the proposed revisions, answer questions, and collect any further public input. A final draft will then be prepared and posted at the department's Web site prior to being presented to the Game and Fish Commission in September.

For a copy of the current hunt guidelines and details about the guideline review process, visit [www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines).

## TROUT

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member, friend or neighbor to join you for a fishing trip to your nearby urban lake. Be their coach for the day, teaching them how to use fishing equipment, methods to catch fish, and the rules and ethics of fishing as a sportsman. Someone taught you how to fish, now it's your turn to pass it on.

Check out the Anglers' Legacy Web site for excellent information and to sign up at <http://www.takemefishing.org/community/anglers-legacy/home>.

Stay legal and informed. Purchase your 2013 Urban Fishing license (\$18.50), or for good value, buy the Super Conservation Fishing license (\$53 residents, \$63 non-residents) that covers all Urban waters, state waters and trout fishing privileges (it covers everything!).

Don't forget your 2013 two-pole stamp. Pick up the 2013 Arizona Fishing Regulation booklet and the 2013 Urban Fishing Program Guidebook at a license dealer.

Be a good steward of our precious resources by keeping only the fish you plan to eat and releasing all other fish carefully, quickly and unharmed. Help others learn how to release fish properly.

Remember the Web — [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) — for stocking schedules, the Fish & Boat Arizona Webmap, outdoor events calendar, the Urban Fishing Bulletin and other great fishing and outdoor information.

Also check out the Web for Weekly Fishing Reports, to submit your fishing photos, or to send us your latest fishing report. We are also on Facebook.

## Online Application Service Now Available For Arizona's 2013 Elk, Pronghorn Hunts

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has announced that the online application service for Arizona's 2013 elk and pronghorn antelope hunt draw is now available.

Hunters who haven't yet submitted an application for a hunt permit-tag now have the option of applying online by visiting <https://az.gov/app/huntdraw/home.xhtml> and scrolling down to the "Apply for a Draw" link.

### Antelope, Elk Hunt Draw Information

The 2013 Pronghorn Antelope and Elk

Hunt Draw Information Booklet is available online at [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw). Printed copies of the booklet are anticipated to be at department offices and license dealers around mid January.

The application deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013 by 7 p.m. (MST). Those applying online will have to pay the non-refundable \$7.50 application fee (which is charged as part of the tag fee whether applying online or with a paper application).

Also, a 2013 hunting license is required of all applicants to apply in the draw. If you haven't already purchased your license, you can do so through the draw ap-

plication process.

### Remember To Print

Please keep in mind that if you are purchasing your license online, you must have a working printer handy and print your license out at the time of purchase. The department does not mail out licenses that are purchased online.

Licenses are also available for purchase from Arizona Game and Fish offices and from more than 300 license dealers statewide.

The online application service allows

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## REGULATIONS

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to unlimited to conform to Utah regulations.

**Parker Canyon Lake** — Bag limits reduced to four channel catfish (other catfish such as flathead and bullhead remain unlimited).

**Pena Blanca Lake** — Extend current catch-and-release bass regulations through

Dec. 31, 2014.

**Live baitfish** — Gizzard shad are now legal baitfish, but only from specific areas (see page 13 of the regulations for more information).

**Archer Lake** at Christopher Columbus Park in Tucson — Closed to fishing.

For more information on fishing, visit the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website at [www.azgfd.gov/fishing](http://www.azgfd.gov/fishing).

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# Western Wildlife



Mexican Wolf

## Mexican Wolf Set For Release In Arizona: Replacement For Bluestem Pack Alpha Male

An adult male Mexican wolf, designated M1133, may soon be exploring its new territory in the Apache National Forest of east-central Arizona.

The Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Project's interagency field team (IFT) recently received approval from Dr. Benjamin Tugle, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Regional Director, in coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, to conduct this initial (a wolf

born and raised in captivity) release in mid-January adjacent to the Bluestem pack to replace the pack's alpha male that was illegally killed last summer.

The release is contingent upon the IFT's current survey work to determine and ensure no other male wolf has paired with the existing Bluestem alpha female, AF1042.

All initial wolf releases occur in Arizona in the primary recovery zone of the

Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area in compliance with the existing federal 10(j) rule covering the reintroduction project. The last initial release of wolves occurred in 2008.

In January 2012, during its regular monthly public meeting, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission voted unanimously to give the department director the

See **WOLF** on page 14

## Survey Results Released For Desert Bighorn Sheep On Kofa NWR

*Populations remain low; management agencies' concern is still high.*

The recently completed survey of the desert bighorn sheep population on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Kofa National Wildlife Refuge in Southwestern Arizona resulted in a population estimate of 428 sheep (95 percent confidence interval of 376 - 492). The 2012 survey estimate is up slightly from the 2010 survey estimate of 402 sheep, and is the highest estimate since the 2007 survey.

The apparent increase in the population size is not statistically significant, however, and biologists' analysis of the past six surveys indicates no significant decline or improvement to the herd's population.

Wildlife management agencies remain concerned about the low population levels on the refuge compared to the estimated 812 animals of the 2000 survey. The U.S.



Desert Bighorn Sheep

Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) have jointly conducted Kofa bighorn sheep surveys since 1981.

Once a very robust population, the size of the herd on the refuge has dropped significantly since 2000. Wildlife experts attribute the decline to a variety of potential factors including drought, predation, water availability, disease and human disturbance.

Due to the significance of this sheep population, the USFWS and AGFD have instituted a comprehensive management program that addresses the suspected causes of the population's decline. Predation management, water improvement and disease monitoring are some of the ongoing projects.

For the past 50 years, the Kofa has been an important source of desert bighorn sheep for the restoration and maintenance of bighorn populations across Arizona and throughout the southwestern United States, including New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas.

An extensive Web site dedicated to the Kofa NWR bighorn sheep is available at [www.azgfd.gov/kofa](http://www.azgfd.gov/kofa). Launched in November 2007, everything from the latest updates, background information, frequently asked questions, past press releases, active management activities and more can be found at this one-stop resource center.



American Bison

## AZGFD Temporarily Closes Raymond Wildlife Area East Of Flagstaff

Recently, the Arizona Game and Fish Department temporarily closed to all public entry the Raymond Wildlife Area, located 30 miles east of Flagstaff. The closure will be in effect until March 7.

Game and Fish decided on the closure to assist wildlife managers with efforts to maintain the local bison herd on the department-owned property. The closure is necessary to protect ranching operations and property of nearby neighbors, as well as the safety of the public visiting the wildlife area.

The bison have been moving off the wildlife area because of pressure from visitors along with hunting activity. Although bison are the largest land mammal in North America, they can get nervous very easily and react by running away.

Bison have been living on the Raymond Wildlife Area since 1945 when they were transplanted from the department-owned House Rock Valley Wildlife Area. That move was necessary due to drought conditions threatening the survival of the House Rock herd. The Raymond Wildlife Area covers approximately 15,000 acres and is located 12 miles south of Interstate 40 and the Buffalo Range Road exit (225).

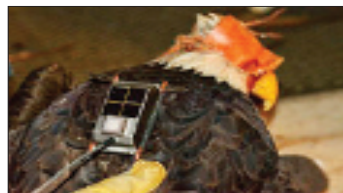
"Without people approaching them, the bison may stay on the wildlife area during the closure and allow our wildlife managers to work on long-term strategies for bison management," says Craig McMullen, supervisor for the Flagstaff Regional Office. "We will supplemental feed the bison to encourage them to stay on the wildlife area."

Game and Fish will be posting information about the closure at the Buffalo Range Road exit off I-40 and all entrances to the wildlife area. Information will also be available on the department's website.

The department would like to remind everyone that when observing wildlife, remember to do so at a safe distance, and do not feed or try to approach wildlife.

To learn more, visit the Arizona Game and Fish Department website at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).

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## Eagle With Broken Wing Now Soars Free At Roosevelt Lake

*Arizona's only satellite-tracked bald eagle was released by AZGFD specialists.*

After months of rehabilitation and preparation, Arizona's only satellite-tracked bald eagle soared free yesterday when it was released at Roosevelt Lake by Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists and rehabilitation specialists from Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation of Scottsdale.

The 4-year-old male was found at Canyon Lake with a broken wing that required medical treatment. Once the wing healed, rehabilitators at Liberty Wildlife worked with the bird to rebuild muscle strength for flying.

Hatched in 2008 from a nest site near the lower Verde River, the bald eagle was fitted with a solar-powered GPS transmitter prior to release. Biologists are excited at the rare opportunity to now track an adult bald eagle and learn more about its habits, migrations and possible breeding activities. The transmitter is lightweight and does not interfere with the bird's flight or activities.

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## Coconino Co. Parks And Recreation Opens Ramadas, Campgrounds To Reservations For The Summer Season

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Coconino County Parks and Recreation Department have begun taking reservations for picnic ramadas and the Fort Tuthill Campground.

Picnic ramada reservations countywide may be made by calling the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at (928) 679-8000. Fees depend on the size and location of the ramada. A \$100 refundable deposit is required with each reservation. All major credit cards are accepted.

Fort Tuthill Campground reservations may be made by calling the same number or online with the County's CocoRec reservation system at [www.coconino.az.gov/parks](http://www.coconino.az.gov/parks). From that site, visitors can also register for multiple outdoor recreation programs.

For further information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (928) 679-8000.



## Kartchner Caverns State Park Offers Hiking Trails, Guided Cave Tours, Camping In Southeastern Arizona

Kartchner Caverns State Park (near Benson, Ariz.) is a wet, "live" cave with stunning limestone in Southeastern Arizona. Water percolates from the surface and calcium carbonate features continue to grow in the darkness.

On the guided cave tours, visitors view dynamic structures such as stalactites dripping down like icicles and giant stalagmites reaching up from the ground, sometimes meeting to form a massive column. The caverns host some of the world's most diverse minerals and formations.

Kartchner Caverns State Park has three hiking trails outside the cave, and in 2013, there will be ranger-led hikes on Feb. 2, March 2 and April 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. on the Foothills Loop trail.

### The Foothills Loop Trail

The Foothills Loop Trail is approximately 2.5 miles, rated moderate to difficult. This is a hiking trail, with no bicycles or motorized vehicles permitted. The trail climbs the limestone hill north of the cave and descends into the wash that follows the fault between the Whetstone Block and the San Pedro Block.

A short spur trail leads visitors to the scenic Mountain Viewpoint and is at the upper portion of the Foothills Loop Trail. Visitors should meet at the Discovery Center and bring their own water, hat and sun protection. Visitors may bring a camera and/or binoculars, but it is not necessary. No reservations are necessary. Please call (520) 586-4118 for more information. Dogs are welcome on a 6-foot or shorter leash.

Other hiking trails include the Guindani and the Hummingbird Garden Walk. The Guindani is located on the east flank of the Whetstone Mountains in the Coronado National Forest, is 4.2 miles in length (first mile is an easy walk, next 2/3 of trail is moderate difficulty, and the last leg is strenuous).

This is a shared-use, non-motorized trail that is well marked with directional signs. The Hummingbird Garden Walk is located on the southwest side of the Discovery Center. The walk is lined with a variety of local vegetation.

### Two Guided Tours Inside Cave

There are two guided tours inside the cave at Kartchner Caverns. The Rotunda/Throne Room Tour is half of a mile in length and takes approximately an hour and a half to complete, 50 minutes of which is underground. On this tour, visitors will discover the role that water plays



Kartchner Caverns

in creating the caverns.

You will see the discoverers' original trail, 45,000-year-old bat guano, delicate formations and "Kubla Khan," the largest column formation in Arizona. The Big Room Tour is available from mid-October to mid-April. It is half of a mile long and takes an hour and 45 minutes to complete, one hour of which is underground.

The Big Room's unique formations include: flowstone consisting of calcium car-

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## Oracle State Park Re-Opens For Weekends In February, March, April

Oracle State Park Center for Environmental Education will re-open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays beginning Feb. 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spring activities will include the popular guided bird walks and hikes, tours of the historic Kannally ranch house, an astronomy night, nature-based workshops and Earth Day programs.

Tours of the historic Kannally Ranch House will also resume weekly on Saturdays and Sunday starting Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. and offered again at 2 p.m. House tours are free with park admission where visitors will learn the stories behind its hand-carved corbels, stenciled walls, hand-formed fireplace, French casement windows and cozy ranch kitchen.

### The Kannally Ranch House

The Kannally Ranch House is a four-level pueblo-revival adobe home with Moorish and Mediterranean influences. It was built by the Kannally ranching family and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The displays include family photos, furnishings and several paintings by "self-taught" cowboy artist Lee Kannally. Picnicking on the patios is welcomed.

Environmental education programs for school children, first through sixth grades, are being scheduled by reservation on weekdays. Thousands of students have learned important environmental princi-

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## RV/Land Cruising

# January: Red Rock State Park Features Apache History, Geology, Bird Walks

Red Rock State Park is the perfect place to experience the red rocks of Sedona, several hiking trails, bird-watching and daily special events that feature the opportunity to learn about local geology, archaeology, botany, history and wildlife.

The diverse habitat, abundant with plants and wildlife, creates the perfect environment for the Park's mission of providing environmental education programs.

**Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. in January**, visitors will find bird enthusiasts joining a naturalist for a "Guided Bird Walk" directed at beginning and advanced birders. Bring your own binoculars; only a limited number are available for loan from the park. Visitors will see the many birds that make the park their home.

**Daily at 10 a.m.**, visitors can join a naturalist on a guided nature walk that lasts 1½

to 2 hours and will introduce them to the riparian ecosystem of Oak Creek and other aspects of the park. Plants, wildlife, geology, history and archaeology are some of the subjects that may be discussed.

**Daily at 2 p.m.**, the park hosts either a guest speaker or a ranger/naturalist led activity of approximately 45-minutes. Programs may include a nature-hike, a special presentation or an educational/nature video. This program may be an indoor or outdoor activity.

### Also, On Your Own

Visitors may also explore on their own. The family oriented trail system is well marked for both safety and pleasure. Five miles of trails consist of interconnecting loops, leading to red rock vistas or along the lush greenery of Oak Creek.

The three major loops are connected along the riparian corridor by the Kisva Trail, which also leads to the short loop of the Yavapai Ridge Trail. The Javelina Trail takes you into the pinon/juniper woodlands and back to the other loops. Detailed information is available at the Visitor Center. Bikes and horses are allowed on designated routes.

A **Junior Ranger program** is available for children between the ages of six and 12. Junior Rangers pledge their part in helping preserve the beauty of the park for everyone! Junior Ranger booklets, available at the Visitor Center, have activities to complete and, once approved by a Ranger, the newest Junior Ranger at Red Rock State Park is sworn in after taking the pledge and receiving a Junior Ranger button.

The **Park Visitor Center** features many displays about the area's geology, archaeol-

ogy, flora and fauna, including an interactive relief map of Sedona and computer programs about various park features. The popular video, "The Natural Wonders of Sedona," is shown several times daily in the Park Theatre. Aerial explorations reveal ancient Indian ruins and dramatic landscapes, colorful desert wildflowers and local wildlife.

### For More Information

For more information about Red Rock State Park call (928) 282-6907. Red Rock State Park is located at 4050 Lower Red Rock Loop Road in Sedona, AZ. Park hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance fee is \$10 per vehicle, up to four adults. The Arizona State Park Annual Fee is available for \$75 (some restrictions apply).

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### CAVERNS

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bonate, gypsum and other mineral matter accumulated on the floors and walls of the cave, turnip shields that look like turnips hanging from the ceiling, large fried egg stalagmite and brushite moonmilk. Note: Big Room Tours are not available for children younger than 7 years of age.

### Feels Warm And Steamy

The cave has an average temperature of 72° Fahrenheit (22° Celsius) and 99% humidity year-round, so it will feel very warm and steamy. Most areas are dimly lit and some passages may pass through narrow or enclosed areas. This may be difficult for persons with mobility, respiratory or claustrophobia issues.

The Discovery Center facility contains exhibits on cave formations, cave life, hydrology and history. In the Tenen-Tufts

Theater, a video presentation (15 minutes long) plays twice an hour. The program highlights the discovery aspect of the cave.

The Gift Shop offers a wide array of cave related and southwestern themed souvenirs, gifts and practical items to meet the needs of travelers. The Bat Cave Cafe is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for dining while at the Park.

Kartchner Caverns State Park also offers a large, modern campground adjacent to the Whetstone Mountains with views of the entire San Pedro Valley. Electric camping sites with water are available at a fee of \$25. All sites are developed as electric hook-up sites. NO sites have been developed or designated for basic "dry camping."

### Reservations, More Info

Non-electrical and tent campers are welcome to use these sites but the full fee will be required. A paid camping permit entitles the holder to use of the shower/restroom, water, electrical and dump station facilities. Reservations for camping can be made at AZStateParks.com or by calling

(520) 586-2283.

Reservations for cave tours can be made 24-hours a day at AZStateParks.com or by calling (520) 586-2283 between 8am and 5pm (Mountain Standard Time) seven days per week. Reservations are highly recommended for all tours. You will need to pick up your tickets at the park on the day of your tour; tour tickets are not mailed out. Bring your reservation receipt with you to the park.

Cave Tour tickets must be picked up at least 1 hour prior to your scheduled tour time. Late arrival may result in the forfeiture of your reserved tour time. Kartchner Caverns State Park is located on Highway 90, nine miles south of I-10 near Benson, Arizona.

For information about all 27 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703), visit the website and online camping reservations at AZStateParks.com, Twitter/Facebook AZStateParks.

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### PARK

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ples in these ranger/volunteer-led programs over the last two decades.

Oracle State Park has trails that offer varying degrees of difficulty including a four-mile section of the Arizona Trail that transects the park. Bring your camera, binoculars, notebook, sketchbook, bird-book and leash for your pet.

### Oracle Community Nearby

Oracle State Park is located northeast of Tucson in the northern foothills of the Catalina Mountains and features quiet picnic spots, miles of hiking trails, stunning views of the mountains, access to the Arizona Trail plus other oak-woodland trails. Restaurants and attractions in the quaint community of Oracle are nearby.

Elevations in the 4,000-acre wildlife

refuge range from 3,500 to 4,500 feet. The park features a diversity of animals, plant species and rock formations. There are also oak tree-shaded washes, mesquite scrub habitats and riparian woodlands with manzanita and beargrass.

A complete lineup of activities, most of them free with park admission, will be posted on the park website at AZStateParks.com. Visitors may also call the park office at (520) 895-2425 or go to the Friends of Oracle State Park website at friendsosp.org.

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### Rewarding Rehabilitation

"It is very rewarding to take a bald eagle that may not have otherwise survived and rehabilitate it to the point where it can be released back into the population, especially a bird that was hatched in the state and will hopefully contribute to the population in the future," says Kenneth Jacobson, head of the Arizona Game and Fish Department Bald Eagle Management Program.

The state had 54 breeding pairs of bald eagles this year. The bald eagle population in Arizona has grown nearly 600

percent since it was originally listed on the federal Endangered Species list in 1978, thanks in part to management efforts supported by the Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund is a voter-passed initiative that was started in 1990 to further wildlife conservation efforts in the state, including protecting endangered species, through Arizona Lottery ticket sales.

### Protective Closures In Spring

Courtship and nest building begin in October and November, and the bald eagles lay eggs from December to March. During the spring, many areas are closed to protect breeding bald eagles around the state.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department manages the bald eagle as part of the Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee (SWBEMC), a broad coalition of 23 government agencies, private organizations and Native American tribes.

Additional information on bald eagles and the breeding season closures can be found at [www.azgfd.gov/baldeagle](http://www.azgfd.gov/baldeagle) or [www.swbemc.org](http://www.swbemc.org).



## WOLF

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authority to approve a wolf release, in coordination with the Service, in cases where an animal is lost from the population due to an unlawful act.

When a wolf is lost by any other cause of mortality, the commission, not the director, must approve the release.

The IFT closely manages all initially released wolves to reduce the potential of nuisance-related behaviors and livestock depredations once they are free-ranging in the wild. Past experience has shown that initially released wolves sometimes require intensive management to assist them in learning to avoid situations that may lead to conflict with human activity or with livestock that also utilize the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

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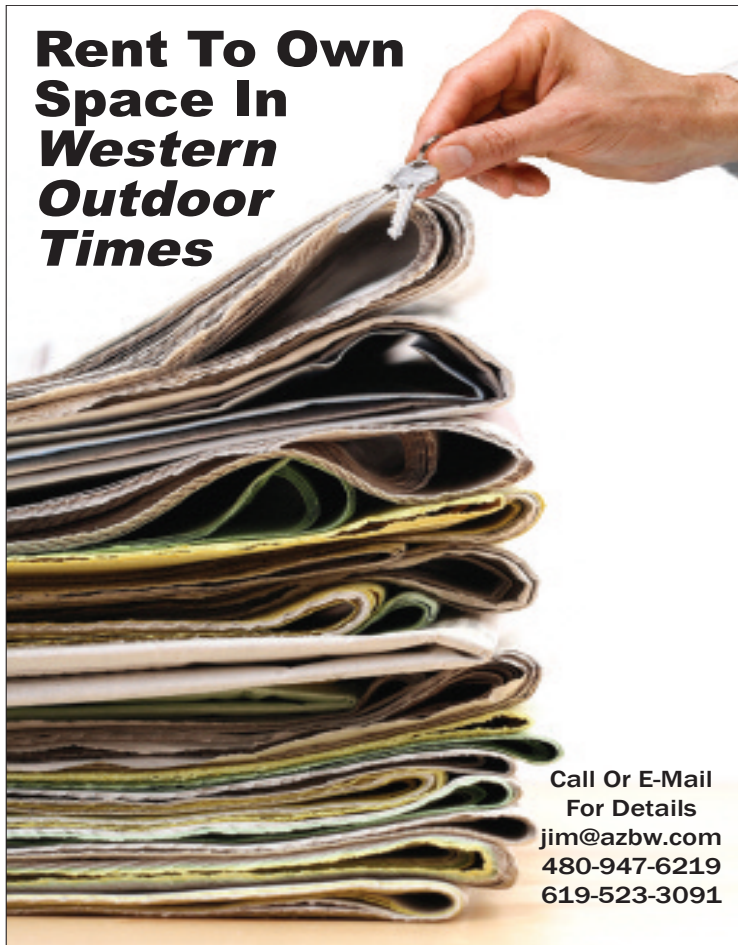
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**ARIZONA YACHT CLUB BIRTHDAY REGATTA/LEUKEMIA CUP:** Jan. 18-20 — Lake Pleasant; (602) 679-0462. Information on the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society is available by calling (602) 567-7605.

**CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

**STATE AND COUNTY PARKS OFFER DEMONSTRATIONS, CAMPING, HIKING, TOURS, MORE:** Current — See story on page 11.

**BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN:** Jan. 25-27 — See story on page 1.

**CLASSES/SEMINARS**

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

**COMMUNITY**

**SCOTTSDALE:** Feb. 9 — 60th Annual Parada Del Sol Rodeo Parade — starts at Indian School Rd to Oak St. on Scottsdale Rd, free, 9 am, followed by Trail's End Party, 480-990-3179 or [www.paradadelosol.org](http://www.paradadelosol.org)

**PHOENIX:** Feb. 2 — 61st Annual Great Canadian Picnic — South Mountain Park, celebrate all things Canadian, with live music, games, bring a picnic or purchase, bring a donation for the food bank, free, 10 am — 3 pm, 480-255-5865 or [www.canadianpicnic.com](http://www.canadianpicnic.com)

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**INPUT SOUGHT ON HUNT GUIDELINES:** Through Feb. 15 — See story on page 9.

**AZGFD'S NEW BOOK ABOUT SMALL-GAME HUNTING:** Beginning Jan. 17 — See story on page 8.

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**FLAGSTAFF:** Feb. 9-10 — 2nd Annual Dew Downtown Flagstaff Urban Ski & Snowboard Festival — Historic Downtown, a high-octane, two-day demonstration and competition, sport daredevils of all ages are invited to grind, jump and shred over park benches, trashcans, guardrails and other urban obstacles, <http://www.dewdowntownflagstaff.com>

**FLAGSTAFF: ARIZONA SNOWBOWL 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Feb. 1-10 — festivities include a free torchlight parade, a snowman-building contest, sunset skiing and snowboarding, discounts, raffles, a fireside chat with the ski resort's famous skiers, downtown events and the Arizona Snowbowl 75th Anniversary SnowDown, Friday, 2/8 at the High Country Conference Center, Snow-Down is \$38, commemorating the ski area's first season in 1938, <http://www.arizonasnowbowl.com/celebrate>

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**Swimming:**  
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**WILLCOX: 20TH ANNUAL WINGS OVER WILLCOX BIRDING & NATURE FESTIVAL:** Through Jan. 20 — Willcox Community Center, a celebration of birds, nature and culture, includes guided tours and field trips for bird watching, photography, geology, ranching, agriculture, history and more, free seminars, a crafts and trade show, live animal educational booths, workshops, banquet, silent auction and keynote speaker, \$5-90, 800-200-2272 or <http://www.wingsoverwillcox.com>

**ADOBE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE CENTER AUXILIARY:** Feb. 17 with 9 a.m. start — The 8th annual "Bikers Soar for Wildlife Poker Run"; poker-hand participation not required to ride; start and end location is the Buffalo Chip Saloon at 6811 E. Cave Creek Rd.; pre-registration until Feb. 8 (single rider @ \$25 and rider with passenger @ \$35); prices rise after Feb. 8; registration includes lunch and for the first 200 paid registrations, a T-shirt and ride pin; more music and activities plus wildlife viewing: [www.azwildlifecenter.net](http://www.azwildlifecenter.net); (623) 587-0139

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Along with the expansion of areas covered, we are also expanding our geographic reach. Although *Arizona Boating & Watersports*

([www.azbw.com](http://www.azbw.com)) will remain virtually the same, our new site *Western Outdoor Times* ([www.westernoutdoortimes.com](http://www.westernoutdoortimes.com)) will cover the same topics but will also include all of the states in the Western United States.

There are many things that affect all of us in the outdoors world. It is the goal of *Western Outdoor Times* and *Arizona Boating & Watersports* to bring these happenings to the public in an effort to let them not only enjoy the resources and events, but also to have some say in how their outdoor activities are managed.

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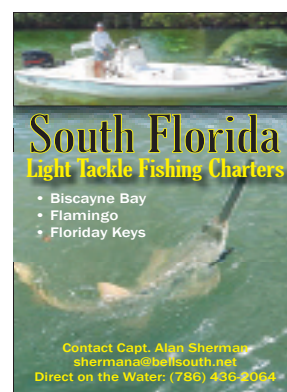


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Coyotes Curling Club Hope For Dedicated Facility

*Plans are underway for the first one of its kind in Arizona.*

Dear Editor,

The Coyotes Curling Club has been in business for over eight years and has been built on a solid foundation of membership enthusiasm, dedication, and spirit of volunteerism. Our club's mission is to "Promote access to and participation in the sport of curling, and commit to its international traditions of fellowship, sportsmanship, and team competition."

The club is experiencing record interest and is generating year-after-year membership growth. We are happy to report that the organization has proven to be a viable and flourishing sports option in the Greater Phoenix area, and as a result, has outgrown ice availability at its current venue.

Due to this, the Coyotes Curling Club is committed to found our own dedicated curling facility, the first of its kind here in Arizona.

We project that in a dedicated curling facility, the Coyotes Curling Club will have 300 members to support four sheets of ice by the end of its first year. It will allow us to provide for programs that attract participants of all socio-economic, age, gender, generational, and ability ranges with leagues designed for youth and teens, seniors, young professionals, the disadvantaged, and physically challenged. Future Olympians will train here.

A dedicated ice facility will position the Coyotes Curling Club to host national and international competitions at the elite level and to be the club of choice in the United States Curling Association Mountain Pacific region that includes the states of Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, and Arizona.



The Coyotes Curling Club is offering a first of kind opportunity to be apart of the curling legacy in Arizona through tax deductible donations and gifts. Through continued efforts of past and present club members, the Coyotes Curling Club has already raised \$400,000 towards this capital campaign. Our 501(c)3 organization is currently seeking an additional \$500,000 in support of this capital project with a detailed business plan and experienced board of directors to guide this effort.

Since its inception, the organization has received amazing interest and support from the business community and local area residents, now we are looking to persons/trusts/corporations with renowned histories of innovation, success, and philanthropy.

The beauty of our project is that it has both present and sustainable future benefits. In the short term, it will grow club membership and promote competitive excellence at all levels. In the long term, it will positively influence the community by promoting social integration, teamwork, and interest in physical activity regardless of age or ability.

To request a copy of our 'Project Fact Sheet' and 'Definition of the Market' from our business plan that further define our efforts, please email CarolAnn Naso at carolann@coyotescurling.com or Greg Gallagher at greggallagher@coyotescurling.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

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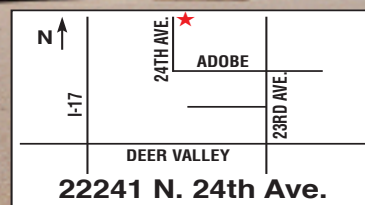
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from the bank with Panther Martin Spinners and Little Cleo Spoons and did not get a strike. A family of fisherman in two separate boats told me they caught eight rainbows with power bait, and a fly fisherman in a pontoon boat said he caught a couple of fish.

The lake is experiencing an algae bloom and it appeared heavy in certain

parts of the lake.

### Sahuarita Lake

**Ricardo V. submitted this report from Sahuarita Lake (Tucson area):**

My nephews Andres (pictured) and Ysidro caught a nice-size trout the other day using a piece of hotdog Weiner.

It was late in the day (about 4 p.m.) and we weren't even planning on fishing, but Andres had the good sense to bring

along his pole and gave it a shot - it paid off since he and Ysidro shared their catch of the day for dinner.

They were practicing maneuvering on my brother's new canoe in preparation for longer fishing expeditions we've planned up north throughout the year. Should be an excellent angling season and this was a great way to start the New Year.

My best to AZGFD and all the great

work you all do - we'll keep you posted on any new reports!

**Robert N. submitted this report, also from Sahuarita Lake:**

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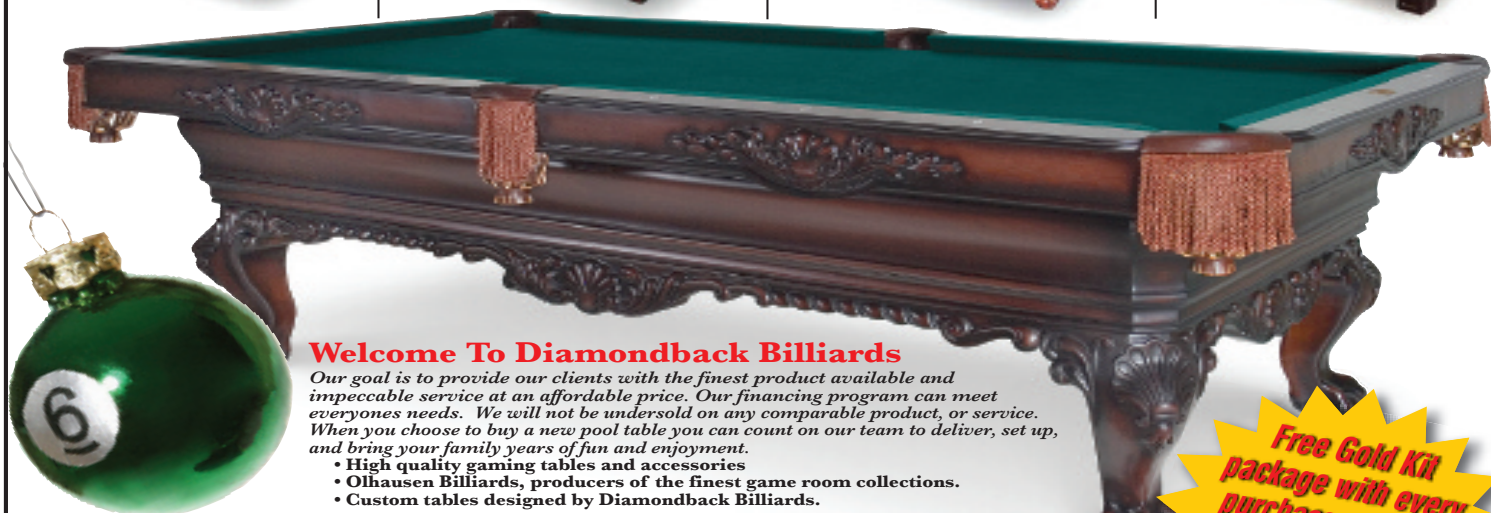
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