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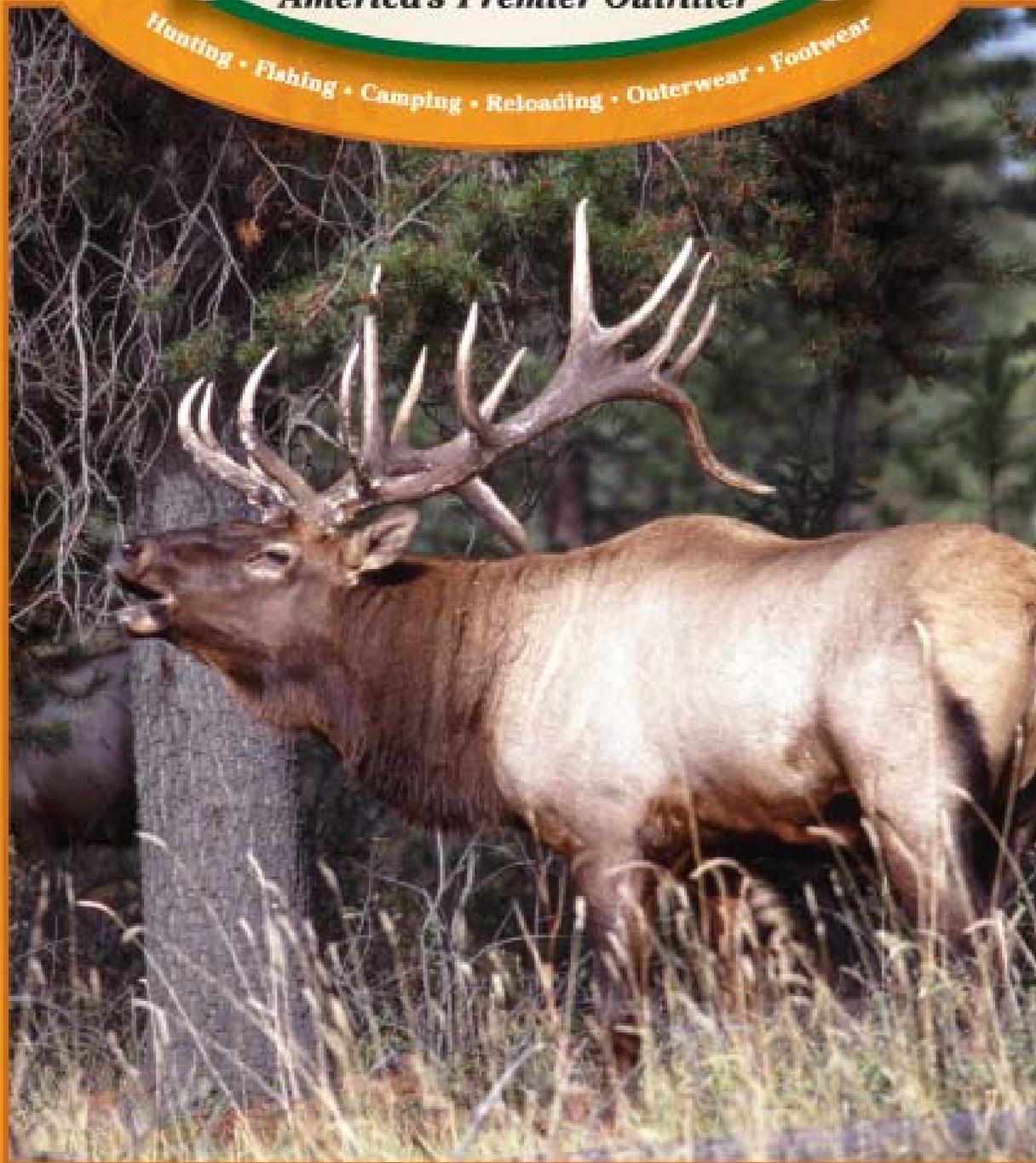
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Sportmans Mail Pouch

by John Underwood

Editor Scratchings

WHOA! Slow down and take a deep breath. HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome to the NEW, ARIZONA WILDLIFE NEWS. This news magazine will be published quarterly for our members and general public. As we start off the New Year, it is our desire to give you a new look in keeping with the tradition of the past magazines. You will notice that our staff and contributing writers have added some very interesting sections and articles for your enjoyment and information.

We will be adding a youth section for those 16 and under for their stories and adventures that these young folks have to share. It is hoped that more young folks can be brought into the activities of the AWF. For they are our future.

The Sportsman's Mail Pouch will be your way to give us your thoughts and ideas, and we will publish as many as possible in each quarterly. So feel free to write or e-mail us.

Look at the cut out for the Trophy book and BOW information on their respective pages.

Historical Tales, will be an interesting step into past accomplishments and endeavors by the AGPA and AFW.

Streams and Game Trails will be your section to let the rest of us know about your adventures, Hunting, Fishing, Camping, etc.

My association goes way back to the 1940's, when my Dad was active in the

Tucson APGA. I attended the meetings at Roskrige School on East 6th street with him and there was always a good attendance by the members.

Some of the fondest memories I had, was the annual dove shoot. The 4th annual was held on September 12, 1948, on the shooting grounds arranged through Les Rogers, a resident of Florence, held on the ranch of Joe Padilla. Each hunter purchased his own shells and various members of the Association at their expense furnished transportation. As soon as each shooter had taken his limit, he quit shooting and returned to the cars and cleaned his birds. The birds were then given to the Arizona Children's Home and the folks at Ryland Home for the aged reports, "It was a grand sight to see the expressions on the youngster's faces and to hear them tell about how they are going to enjoy them." The gift each year of dove to the Children's Home is probably the only chance the youngsters had to taste wild game. The total number of birds was approximately 273. I was 10 years old at the time.

Since its inception as the Arizona Game Protective Association in 1923 to the association with the National Wildlife Federation in 1951 the enhancement and name change to the Arizona Wildlife Federation in 1968, our organization has lived up to the principals of promoting it's mission dedicated to educating, inspiring, and assisting individuals and organizations to value, conserve, enhance, manage and

protect wildlife and wildlife habitat.

This is your magazine, let us here from you. So once again, welcome to the NEW, ARIZONA WILDLIFE NEWS.

This is our first edition of the new quarterly magazine and as such we have no letters to the editor yet. We urge all our readers to communicate to us cheers and even jeers (given in good taste, of course). Keep your communications short and to the point, and all must be signed. If you send us questions, we will seek answers and print them here. There may be times mail volume may prevent us from publishing every letter we receive, but we will do our best to print as many as possible.

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From the President

by Mary Jo Forman Miller



Greetings AWF Members,

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season! December was a very busy month for the Arizona Wildlife Federation, as we joined a nationwide effort, led by the National Wildlife Federation, to fend off a public lands grab engineered by members of the House of Representatives.

The Budget Reconciliation Bill passed by the House in November, 2005 included provisions lifting a Congressional ban on the sale or "patenting" of public lands to mining claim holders, a ban which has been in place since 1994. Approximately 5.5 million acres of public lands with existing mining claims would have been up for sale immediately upon the Budget Reconciliation Bill's passage, including over 2 million acres of claims inside or within 5 miles of numerous national parks, wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, national forests and other prized public lands.

In addition, this provision would have opened large expanses of nearly 300 million acres of Western public land to potential privatization. The provisions excluded any requirement that land purchased actually be used for mining, essentially legalizing what was previously considered an abuse of the mining law and allowing mining companies, real estate developers and others to turn treasured natural areas into condos, resorts, and golf courses. It also removed a legal requirement that the lease holder show a "discovery of a valuable mineral deposit" before purchasing and developing the land.

If the provision had remained intact, it would have authorized the largest corporate sale of public lands in the history of the United States, a devastating legacy for future generations. The provisions would have threatened the sanctity of Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park and Oak Flat Campground, which are both subject to mining claims. Over 600,000 acres of Arizona's public lands would have been immediately subject to sale, with more to follow.

The Board of Directors of the Arizona Wildlife Federation took a formal position in opposition of these provisions. We worked to inform the Governor and the Game and Fish Commission of this outrageous land grab. We partnered with thirteen other Arizona hunting and fishing organizations to draft a letter of opposition that was sent to Arizona's entire Congressional delegation. All across the nation, sportsmen and sportswomen voiced opposition to the public lands grab.

It took several days, but ultimately WE WON. The public lands grab was defeated and withdrawn from the House Budget Reconciliation Bill.

What did we learn? We learned there are powerful people who will sacrifice everything we treasure to make a buck for themselves and their friends. And we learned that even regular folks like us can beat them if we join forces.

But we already knew that, didn't we?

Mary Jo Forman Miller
President, Wildlife Federation

"Whadda Ya" Know?

(Reprinted from the April 1939 issue of Arizona Wildlife and Sportsman)

- Mexican Jacana is the name of:
 - a shore bird
 - a dance
 - a game
 - a tree
- In area the largest county in Arizona is:
 - Pima
 - Coconino
 - Yavapai
 - Graham
- The first written game law is found in:
 - The Koran
 - Laws of the Ancient Greeks
 - Early British Law
 - The Bible
- The first game bag limit in America was in:
 - Iowa
 - Delaware
 - Virginia
 - Pennsylvania
- Tuzigoot is an Apache word meaning:
 - everything is fine
 - crooked water
 - fire water
 - cactus
- Parasitic Jaeger is:
 - a disease
 - a robber bird
 - a plant
 - a bug

(Answers on Page 14)



THEN

Historical Tales

by Ryna Rock

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

The following excerpts were taken from an article by Ding Darling which was published in April 1943

Fifteen million men pay license fees every year to hunt and fish. Fifteen million men could almost determine a national election, yet these fifteen million voters exert less influence on the national and state policies of conservation than the barrel-rollers union of Walla Walla, Washington, exerts on the Department of Labor.

Thirty-six thousand clubs, societies, leagues and associations are committed by their constitutions and by-laws to conservation but this great potential force is lost because there is no inter-correlation of their activities. A harness is needed to hitch all these wild horses together and attach them to the load.

There is an answer to this difficulty. Exploitation is the result of local pressure applied to agencies of government for private profit. Each project may benefit only a few and the cumulative loss of all of them together may amount in the long run to a national tragedy. Yet the people of the country at large remain in total ignorance of the inroads upon their resources until too late.

In each case a small group of private interests has outweighed the interests of all the rest of us.

Political servants naturally would rather serve the larger interests than the smaller, but yield to the only pressure that is systematically applied, namely: the small but organized private interests. It remains, therefore, to organize and coordinate them.

There is a lesson here for citizen and scientist. Scientists must teach the public and the public must teach the politicians. Only through their awakened responsibility to the world can the general public be informed and understand the chain of circumstances by which man's sustenance and wealth

is provided by nature. It is only through realization by the general public that beliefs and national policies become fixed in the minds of our political agencies of government. As long as we shall remain a democracy it will be so. A national consciousness of the tragedies that follow in the wake of continued exploitation is the first requisite of a changed national policy. We elect our public servants by ballot. Nothing is more interesting to our political officials than votes. Candidates and political officeholders bestow their favors where the most votes can be garnered.

Few, if any, of our public servants are even aware of the meaning of the word conservation, and it is a rare thing indeed to find a governor, a congressman or a senator--yes even a local state representative--in attendance at a conservation meeting.

Why? The answer is plain. There are not enough voters who take conservation seriously, or-conversely-enough conservationists who take their voting privileges seriously. Exploiters who want something are as ravenous in their demands as a lion with hydrophobia. They vote their wishes.

Conservationists are as apathetic as a spring lamb with the hook-worm. Politicians don't know they exist. Exploiters are few in comparison to the population who in some form or other believe in conservation. Yet the exploiters get what they want, and conservationists have a perfect record of getting nothing.

It is, then, the duty of the scientists who have it in their power to prove or disprove the validity of the arguments set forth in this paper to teach the public mind and to cure the hook-worm apathy of the voting public. It is the duty of you voters to demand of your political officials a competent custodianship of your natural resources.


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Streams and Game Trails

by John Underwood



Reports on the past dove season were encouraging as many hunters were able to limit out during the morning shoot. The late dove season, which ran from November 28, 2005 to January 1, 2006, was also a success. The best areas were reported to be Picacho Reservoir and water tanks for early morning and late afternoon shoots. The Alamo Lake area water tanks provided excellent shooting for the taking of a limit.

Quail reports were also more encouraging this season, which runs through February 6th. Gambles were reported to be best through the middle of the state due to the increase in rainfall this past year. Alamo Lake Road, Bagdad east down towards the river, and over towards New Mexico. You can check the precipitation areas within the state on the Arizona Game and Fish web site: www.azgfd.gov.

Reports from southern Arizona for Mearns was better this season, which is also runs through February 6th, with some hunters bagging five to eight Mearns during the day. Only drawback was one party hunting with three dogs got into a couple of Javalina and one of the dogs received four

puncture wounds to the chest. Off to the Vet.

During this time of the year, reports begin to come in concerning promiscuous shooting by youngsters with their Christmas present be it a 22 rifle, handgun or pellet gun. No one likes to see a youngster in trouble for trying to learn a fine sport and the art of handling a gun but it is up to all of us who know how to handle a firearm to try and educate these youngsters. Arizona Game and Fish, has an excellent HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM. My Wife, Daughters and Grandson have been through the program and believe me it is well worth the time. For more information go to the Game and Fish web site or call them at 602-789-3235.

This column will appear in each of the Quarterly AWF magazines and we would appreciate any Hunting, Fishing, and Camping adventures in state or out of state. Please e-mail your adventures to Editor@azwildlife.org snail mail to AWF Attn: Streams and Game Trails. Any photos accompanying emails must be in jpg format.

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Arizona Wildlife Trophies

by David Brown

Even if you are only remotely interested in big game animals you will want to obtain a copy of **Arizona Wildlife Trophies: 2005**, published by the Trophy Book Committee of the Arizona Wildlife Federation in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Boone and Crockett Club. Skillfully edited by Dave Conrad, and packaged in a mauve dust jacket illustrated by wildlife artist Tom Findley, this 343-page book is a must for dedicated big game hunters.

This book ranks the scores of all of the pronghorn, elk, deer, bison, bighorn, javelina, bears and lions ever taken in Arizona and entered in a trophy book. Even the handful of jaguars that were measured before the species was protected in 1971 is included. Each category contains a table ranking the trophy's score, the name of the hunter who took the animal, and the location where taken. Also included are two photos of extraordinary specimens in each of the 14 categories along with a list of hunters taking exceptional animals. All in all, there are over 3,250 entries, a 20% increase over the previous edition. This is partially due to making this edition more comprehensive by including all of the B&C entries taken in Arizona in addition to the scores of record

animals taken since 2000. Among these totals are new world and state records for nontypical Coues white-tailed deer, pronghorn, mule deer, bison, and elk. Directions and diagrams on how to score the various species are also provided.

First published in 1970, and reissued every five years, this Eighth edition of the "Trophy Book" is also crammed with interesting and useful extras. Among these are articles on how to improve your trophy hunting ability, on which game management units produce the most trophies, on why so many large pronghorn come from Arizona, on relationships between variations in the weather and trophy numbers, on the genetic factors that contribute to antler size, and much more. Maps depicting Arizona's precipitation patterns, various vegetation types, and game management units supplement these articles. Also included are tributes to Doug Baker, the Trophy Book's founder, Arizona Game and Fish employees who fell in the line of duty, and important outdoor figures who passed away since the publication of the "Millennium Edition" in 2000.

All of the previous editions are much valued by their owners, and this one will be even more in demand.

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BOW Happenings

by Linda Dightmon

Looking for a Valentine's Day present? It is a week early but this retreat will make an ideal gift for the discriminating woman in your life. What makes this BOW special is the cushy digs. This is not camp, it is a resort. AWF President, Mary Jo Froman Miller calls it the "B & B BOW." We promise to provide lots of outdoor fun without the inconveniences of camping!



For the first time the Arizona Wildlife Federation will be sponsoring a winter Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) workshop. The dates are February 3-5, 2006. It will be in the Goldfield Mountain Range. At this retreat we will showcase the beauty and wonder of our desert.

The place is Saguaro Lake Ranch, which is a historical resort style retreat located in the Tonto National Forest in the heart of the Arizona Sonoran desert. The banks of the Salt River are a fly rod cast away and Stewart Mountain Dam, which backs up Saguaro Lake, is a short walk. This unique setting provides both trout fishing and bass fishing opportunities for BOW participants.

Arizona Audubon will be there pointing out the huge variety of birds, winter visitors and native. Amanda Moors will teach a session on hunting desert critters like javalina and Coues deer. She will also do a Trick Track Trial, Sonoran style. Eddie Murdock of the Phoenix Varmint Callers will set up a stand for photo opportunities for the ladies. Long time BOW supporter Joseph Berke will be there teaching photography and everyone's favorite instructor, Mark Hullinger will teach desert survival.

Lets go fishing! This venue offers some great fishing opportunities. Saguaro Lake bass pro, Joe Owens, will be taking some out on those big bad bass boats. Joe is new to BOW and is excited about doing this. If fast boats aren't your thing, Shirley Johnson will conduct an intermediate fly-fishing clinic on the river. Bring your gear or she will provide it. For beginners, Walt Oxley will be there with a basic fishing class. As with all BOW events, these instructors are volunteers.

Included in the base fee is a trail ride. This is not just a horseback ride. This class includes an hour of horse orientation and instruction. The trail boss will also touch on the history of American Quarter Horses and Stewart Mountain Dam. Afterwards there will be an hour and a half trail ride through the desert with spectacular views of Saguaro Lake and riding along the Salt. The trail ride will be offered at each session.

For evenings we are working on Native American presentations, cowboy singers and star gazing experts. The cost is \$435, which includes the horseback ride, instruction, program materials, use of equipment, deluxe lodging and meals Friday noon through Sunday noon.

Details of class descriptions can be found at www.azwildlife.org or call 480-644-0077. You can also email Linda at azodlady@cox.net anytime.



BOW Scholarships From the WCC



The Wildlife Conservation Council has approved a \$500 educational grant that will give two deserving ladies the opportunity to participate in the Spring BOW camp. We try very hard to keep the program affordable but for many the weekend is just not in the budget. Hats off and a big thank you to the WCC for stepping up and helping out.



Candy Flew in the Snow

by Candy Johnnie

Written 4/12/2005



(Editors note, thanks to Candy for sharing this letter to her mother.)

Dear Mom,

At BOW this past weekend ... this raven flew ... in total awesome flight as I dropped forward, wings (arms) spread in sheer terror from a 55' platform up a snowy Ponderosa pine that I had to climb in a ropes challenge class. I was harnessed or I wouldn't be writing this.

This was a BIG deal to me as I have a fear of falling. I can climb high anywhere and sit high...just have this incapacitating fear of falling... I could not talk to tell the team holding the ropes that I was ready like we were trained to do because I had no voice.

I just stood there and spread my arms and took that leap of faith. Scared the beejabbers out of them but they held me and then let me down gently after I left the baby platform. Well...as you can tell I survived! And the fall left me shaking although the fear of falling was gone.

Then I took a game handling and cooking class. All that we cooked (moose meatballs, elk fillet, antelope steaks and sausage, dove shish kabobs, deer fajitas, javelin bites, and trout) went for hors d'oeuvres that night for the 106 women that participated in BOW... and I even learned to make prickly pear margaritas! I had prickly pear stain on my hands for 2 days...nice permanent stain for fabric also! An AWESOME TIME!!!

Anyway it was an awesome weekend!!
Your raven baglady daughter.



Discover Arizona






Three Workshops Scheduled for 2006

New for 2006!
BOW Deluxe
February 3-5 at Saguaro Lake Ranch
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All workshops feature evening entertainment, campfires and other night time activities to round out your outdoor experience. Classes include hiking, fishing, hunting, shooting, outdoor cooking, GPS, wilderness survival, rappelling, outdoor photography, birding, map and compass, camping, archery and many more!!

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Discover You!



Becoming an Outdoors Women is an Outdoors Skills Clinic for women. The objective of the program is to provide women with an opportunity to learn basic outdoor skill in a fun, non-threatening manner.

February 3 - 5, 2005 BOW Deluxe Registration Form			
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Work projects

by Duke Mertz

Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

The first two projects are scheduled for February 25 and April 8, 2006. The work days will begin with a Saturday check-in at the Refuge Headquarters at 8:00 a.m.

We will tear down barbed wire and remove fence posts that impede wildlife migration. AWF has acquired three additional hydraulic fence post jacks to assist in the process. Bring heavy duty wire cutters and loppers if you have them.

Directions: The refuge is located on the border between Arizona and Mexico. Take Highway 86 west from Tucson and turn south at Three Points/Robles Junction on Highway 286. Continue south for 33 miles to the Refuge Headquarters road.

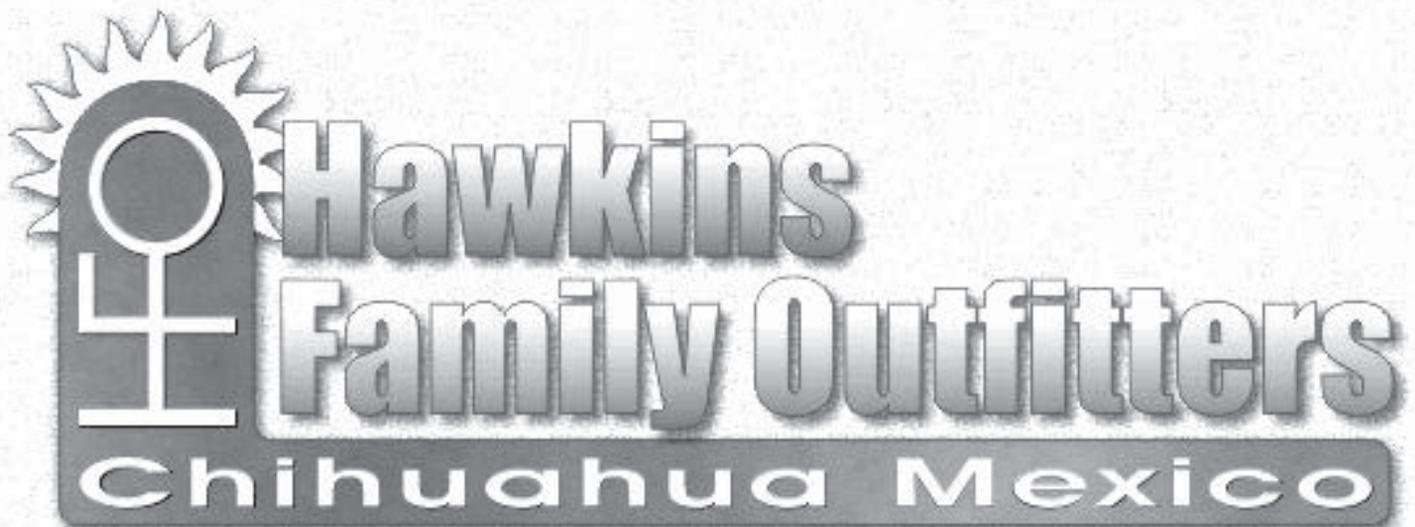
Anderson Mesa, Coconino National Forest

The first two projects will be held on May 20 and June 17, 2006. The work days will begin with a Saturday check-in at 8:30 a.m. at Mud Lake.

We will cut small junipers, pinyon and ponderosa pines with loppers and handsaws in order to restore grassland. AWF and Arizona Game and Fish will supply hand tools, but you are encouraged to bring your own. Please note that we **cannot allow the use of chain saws** because of safety concerns.

Directions: At the south end of Mormon Lake, on Lake Mary Road (Forest Highway 3), turn east on Forest Road 12. Go five miles to the junction with Forest Road 82. Turn right and go about three miles to the sign up station.

Work Project Basics – After a safety meeting, we will divide into teams and drive out to the work sites. Wear long pants, boots and a long-sleeved shirt, and bring sunscreen, a hat, gloves and lunch or snacks. Water will be provided. The work day will probably end early-afternoon to allow for some sight-seeing, or for travel time for those who do not intend to spend the night. Camping will be available in both locations on Friday and Saturday night. Call the AWF office or email awf@azwildlife.com for additional directions if you plan to camp.



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Agency News

by Kim Kreuzer



New License and Tag Fees

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission approved new fees to be charged for fishing and hunting licenses, stamps and hunt permits. The new fees will affect licenses, tags and stamps that will be used in 2007.

The commission made some modifications to the department's original fee proposal, including the elimination of class A or "premium" deer and elk tags and a change to the cost of a nonresident bighorn sheep tag from \$2,000 to \$1,400. The commission also kept youth licenses near current prices and created new youth hunt permit-tag fees for elk at \$50, deer at \$25, javelina at \$15 and turkey at \$10.

Youth tags will be offered to resident and nonresident minors who apply for hunts dedicated to youths (not for hunts that adults may also apply for).

Examples of the new pricing structure are: a general resident fishing license currently is \$18 and will go to \$23.50; a resident elk tag currently is \$78 and will go to \$114; a resident deer tag currently is \$19.50 and will go to \$34.75; a resident hunting and fishing combination license currently is \$44 and

will go to \$54; and a youth combination hunt and fish license is currently \$25.50 and will go to \$26.50.

This was the first time the fees have been raised since 1998.

Future Options for the Ben Avery Shooting Facility

The Arizona Game and Fish Department continues to work on three options for future operation of the Ben Avery Shooting Facility and Ben Avery Clay Target Center in north Phoenix:

- (1) Taking over operation of the clay target center when the current vendor agreement expires in 2006;
- (2) Drafting an intergovernmental agreement with the city of Phoenix to allow the city to operate the clay target center and;
- (3) Issuing a request for proposals inviting business groups or individuals to submit proposals to operate either the entire Ben Avery facility or just the clay target center.

The request for proposals was issued on December 6, 2005. Responses are due by 3 p.m. MST on March 3, 2006. A decision is expected by May or June 2006.

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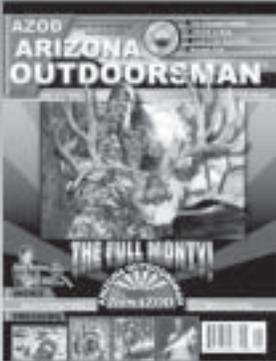
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AWF Round Up

by Duke Mertz



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