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The mission of the Chandler Rod and Gun Club is to preserve the heritage of hunting and fishing through its volunteer efforts with family, youth and individual activities by providing opportunities that encourage the proud tradition of hunting, fishing, and their associated activities. Educational opportunities promoting safe and responsible use of wildlife and our natural resources by teaching wilderness skills, resource management, and conservation.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- **Membership fees due NOW**
- **Annual Meeting and Officer elections on Sunday, April 15th!**
- **No general club meeting this month (4/11)**

Annual Meeting / Pool Party / Beast Feast – L. Schwartzlow

This year's **CRG Annual Meeting** will be a Beast Feast and pool party held on **Sunday, April 15th** at the Schwartzlows'. Membership dues will be collected if paid by check or cash, and officers will be elected.

You may also submit membership dues (\$40 family or \$30 individual) to club Treasurer Kevin Easterbrook or Membership Director Eddy Corona at any time. Payments can also be made via PayPal on the CRG web site at (<http://chandlerrodandgunclub.com/store.htm>).

Current candidates who have accepted nominations for Board positions are as follows:

President – Randy Krecklow

Vice President – Bob Griffith

Secretary – Tom Paz

Treasurer – Kevin Easterbrook

You may still submit a nomination via email to the [newsletter editor](#) by April 12th, or in person at the Annual Meeting on the 15th. You may volunteer or nominate yourself!

As for the fun stuff....The club will provide wild game steaks and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and you may also bring your own adult beverages if you wish. This is a pool party, so don't forget your swimsuits and portable chairs for yourselves!

And since we're always in need of fundraising for the club, we would appreciate donations for an auction to benefit the club and its members by subsidizing events and seminars. Bring your item(s), check them at the door, and let's see how much someone will pay for that hunting accessory that's collecting dust because you never get drawn for a big game tag. Any items, new or used, will be accepted, as this will be a No Reserve auction (no minimum bid requirements).

The party (and meeting) will be held on April 15th at the Schwartzlows' at 1127 E. Kael Circle in Mesa. ([Map Link](#)) The party starts at 3:00 pm, and please plan to arrive no later than 5:00. The party will last until everyone goes home. **RSVP to reserve your steaks by Thursday April 12th** via email to lschwartzlow@cox.net or by phone at 480-898-9819. Let us know at least the number in your party who will be attending. ☐

3rd Annual Saltwater Fishing Trip – Randy Krecklow

It's time again to get ready for some off shore fishing. This year's trip is July 22-24, and according to our charter master, this year can turn exciting.

Limited to just 25 people, there will be plenty of fishing room. The boat will depart Sunday night for the Outer Banks, fishing for Tuna, Yellowtail and Dorado, and will return Tuesday evening. This is a great opportunity for anyone who's wanted to go Off Shore fishing this summer. We have only a few spots left so if you're interested please call soon. The Price is \$485.00 and includes two days of fishing, meals, and Mexican permits. If you would like to join us or have any questions about this upcoming trip please call Bob Griffith, Chartermaster at 480-556-1982.

More info can be found on the CRG [web site](#). ☐

CRG's Jr. Javelina Hunt – Randy K.

I got the chance to hunt with 3 of our junior hunters this January who drew Javelina tags for 2007. Levi Krecklow, John and Josh Dale were those 3. Along for the adventure were Levi's dad Todd Krecklow, and John & Josh's grandparents Tom & Maryanne.

This year's javelina hunt was a bit different than the past years, with no assistance from Game and Fish on site this year. However, a few of the Wild Life managers were a lot of help. Levi worked his charm on Natalie Rudd, Wildlife Manager for unit 24A, at last year's camp. He kept her E-mail and sent off an inquiry about her unit. She replied with 3 good spots, one of which we scouted out and found a great campsite and country to hunt. Sharing this info with Josh and John, we had a plan for the weekend hunt.

Thursday night before opening day everyone made their way to our campsite. Todd and Levi got there first and lit up the night so we could find them later in the dark. Shortly all of us were hitting the hay to start early the next morning. John really needed the extra rest; he came to hunt despite the red nose the cold gave him.

Opening day came, and we headed out in about the same area, finding the highest hills to start the day glassing the countryside. With no luck from the first hill, we all kept moving hilltop to hilltop. With no sightings late in the morning, we headed back to camp where Maryanne (Grandma) had a pancake brunch waiting for us all. Who would have thought a CRG camp would have pancakes? Later in the early afternoon we headed out again with positive outlooks. We piled into the truck and checked out farther country.

The area we started in this time seemed promising. We noticed far more sign than the morning. We certainly put on the miles again, but all the glassing from 5 folks could produce no pigs. I think the boys saw a deer off in the distance. By now it was close to 4 p.m., so we headed back toward camp where we knew grandma had sloppy Joe's waiting for dinner. Todd and I got in the cab of the truck while everyone else piled in the bed, slowly heading back so as not to bounce the bladders of those in the bed. While looking out the passenger window I noticed 3 Javelinas about 15 yards off the road running along side the truck. Pointing this out to Todd he then hung out the window to show the boys in the back. I sped up a bit to get ahead of them and pulled off the road. By the time I got out the door the pigs slowed and ran across the road behind us. It wasn't long before all 3



hunters had fanned out across the field. The javelina circled and crossed right in front of all the boys. John went left, Levi up the middle and Josh to the right.

I was behind all 3 with a great view of all the pending action. I saw John take the first shot at one pig. I saw one that Levi was looking for and helped point it out to him. His first shot looked a bit low and the follow up shot looked right on the money, but it kept running. Of course it ran to the top and then down the backside of the hill. Levi and Todd went to see if the second shot connected. At the time Levi shot Josh had a pig running his way. He tells me he yelled "HEY PIG" and it stopped long enough for Josh to take his first big game with one shot.

By now the 15 minutes of mayhem ended. As John, Josh and grandpa went to recover Josh's pig at the bottom of the hill, I went after our packs in the truck. We got started on field dressing Josh's Javelina, and shortly after, we heard a shot over the hill where Levi went with his dad. A couple minutes later there was another shot, and then over the radio Levi shared the good news. He followed up the first shots on the hill and now has his first big game.

Getting them both field dressed out and back to camp took a little work, but we got back to camp with the news. We hung the trophies high in the trees that night to cool out; the temps dropped to the 30s overnight. The next day we got them boned out and packed on ice.

John pushed himself to hunt this weekend thru a very bad cold. Had he felt better and didn't have Kleenex hanging from his red nose, he may have had better luck, and the cold medicine didn't help.



Josh took a good shot and was thinking like a seasoned hunter yelling at his quarry to his advantage. The boys received new rifles for Xmas last year from Grandpa & Grandma that made this hunt even more memorable, plus that they got to come along on their first successful hunt.

Levi showed responsibility of following up on a shot he wasn't so sure of. And in the end, he ended up tagging his first pig. He now has one on his Dad, who almost had a shot on a pig this archery season.

During the 15 minutes of action, all 3 hunters made the CRG Hunter Ed. Instructors proud of how they handled themselves. They should be proud of themselves too. I certainly was. I'm looking forward to next year's hunt!



Map to the Schwartlows' house:

