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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 DATES

- **Wildlife Fair @ Payson – May 12th**
- **General Club Meeting – May 9th – Topic: Knife Sharpening**
- **Bluegill Bonanza – June 9th**

April Election Meeting

Randy Krecklow

The Chandler Rod and Gun Club held elections for new board and reelected board members on Sunday, April 15th at the home of John, Lorene, and Lia Schwartzlow. Before the actual elections, we ate some BEAST first.

Again this year, the Schwartzlows opened their home and freezer for some favorite elk, antelope and deer, which was barbequed to perfection. The barbeque team this year was Tom Paz, Eddy Corona and cousin, Vince, and a new member from the Hunter Education class, Brian, and his son, who brought along some bear chorizo to share. Thanks to all the other "cooks" who got to take advantage of the "taste test": every chef gets.

But, of course, there was more. I got my sister and husband to donate caribou and buffalo steaks. Add in all the salads, side dishes, and desserts and you have a CRG feast. Thanks for all the help in the kitchen and I know Lorene appreciated Patty and Sharon's help getting the meat ready for the fire. I know a lot of folks helped that night but I couldn't possible have seen it all. THANKS again to ALL. A special THANKS goes to the Schwartzlows for hosting. I believe we left the house as we found it, in one piece.

The meeting was finally called to order and Bob Griffith raised his hand to take on the vice president position. This brings years of experience to our club and fresh ideas. Bob and his wife, Barb, were active in San

Diego, acting as president for the local salt-water fishing club. I have been told Barb can get fundraisers together and Bob has already got the ball rolling on getting our expanding membership list organized. Along with Eddy Corona, the membership director, the list should be complete by the next meeting.

Tom Paz, who has been hanging around the meetings every month, was nominated by Kevin Easterbrook to do the secretary duties (taking meeting notes). His input has been valuable in the past and I know will continue to be. He showed up looking the part with computer in hand typing notes like a semi-pro. (His typing is a little slow.) No matter how fast he types, he's faster than I am and fills a position we needed last year.

John Schwartzlow will continue to run the Hunter Education courses. He has just rapped up the second one this year on March 26th with 35 students. He filled the vice-president spot last year and will continue to come to board meetings with input along with Lorene and her input.

The same folks are filling other board spots. Kevin Easterbrook will be treasurer again this year and myself "acting" president for **ONE** more year. We are fortunate to have David Hoyle and Tom slaughtering attending every month.

Not a board position but as important, we will have a new Newsletter Editor. Lorene has been the only editor since I joined CRG so I talked my Mom into doing it. Karen Rhoades will be taking over in June as soon as we get her set up and trained with this newsletter. Thank you Lorene for all those years and late nights you got it together and out, correcting my grammar errors and spelling.

After we ate all the great food that was brought for the evening, we got down to the fun part of the night. We asked members to bring used or never used items to auction off to other members. In the past, it has been a great way for folks to acquire some more gear to store in their garage or actually use.

David Hoyle took the lead and started the auction, Eric Vidona giving him a hand acting as Vanna White, making sure every one got a good look at each item. We had donated items from fishing poles to some nice household items. The good news this year, Kevin Easterbrook didn't win the bid on the tent he bought last year and the year before.

If anybody has new, fresh ideas or wants to help take on a project, drop a note to any one of us. Just go to the contact page and pick one of us.

Looking forward to the rest of the year.

CRG/SCTP TEAM SHOOTERS

Tom Slaughter

A long, HOT, dusty, stormy day did not stop the CRG/SCTP Team Shooters entered in the state trap competition. Our team scores continue to look good in spite of the windy weather and a broken foot. Personal determination of our shooters made the day.

Good job, everybody. Shooters were great. Fantastic support from the parents, coaches, staff members, and all the brothers and sisters who came along to see what the excitement every other Tuesday has been about.

We have a confirmed third place and fourth place squad in the Arizona State Trap Competition. More scores and information to follow when all becomes official and posted.

The regular season and state competition is over but the summer provides an opportunity to maintain the friendships, team spirit, skills, and communication to carry us into an exciting fall season for 2007-2008 SCTP. This summer we hope to have a few fun shoots using some of our award banquet proceeds to buy a few targets for our shooters to sharpen their skills for next year's competition. Most Tuesday nights at Red Mountain Trap and Skeet will find some folks from CRG/SCTP on the range or in the clubhouse. If you should need a little help from a coach, give a call. If you are interested in being on staff or instructing for the next season, your call could be very welcomed.

Meantime, you will find some interesting reading on the "**Calf Camp**" at the YMCA Chauncey Ranch next month. See article on Calf Camp in this newsletter.

General Club Meeting – May 9th

At the General Meeting in May, Ryan and Jack Justice of Von Hanson's Meats and Spirits in Chandler will be doing a knife sharpening demonstration. They will show us how to properly sharpen a knife. Members

may bring some of their own knives also. They do wild game processing and will speak on how to process your own game.

Opportunity for all at the annual 'Calf Camp'

SCTP Shooters CRG/SCTP Coaches and Family

Instructors, Staff Members, Parents,
Brothers, and Sisters, and Chandler
Rod and Gun Club Members

**Your kid's best friend
SCLay Shooters**

Trap, Skeet, and

Tom Slaughter

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Chandler Rod and Gun Club are cosponsoring a one-week 'Calf Camp' to be held at the YMCA Chauncey Ranch from June 3 to June 9. This is for kids age 10 to 16 with a desire to learn how to swim, canoe, rock climb, do First Aid, shoot a rifle, learn how to trail big game, go clay target shooting with a shotgun, practice archery hands on, discover new survival skills, and leave camp after one week with the coveted AZ Game and Fish Department Hunter Education combo certificate in hand.

The only qualification for the kids is a desire to learn about the outdoors and parent's permission to do so. You can sponsor your own offspring plus include cousins and best friends if you wish. Reservations have just opened for the 100 spots available. The one-week camp fee is \$250 per child for everything. Food, bunks, supplies, targets, ammo, protective safety gear, and lots of expert instruction are all included.

For more information and to make reservations, call the **YMCA** Camp Office at 1-800-660-1385 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm and mention that you are calling about the "**Calf Camp**". Chauncey Ranch is located near Mayer, AZ, NW of Cordes Junction, in the cool high desert at 4500 feet. The 5000 acre ranch has abundant wildlife attracted by the Aqua Fria River bottom running through the property.

Are you wishing you could go too? You can if you are a certified AZ G&F instructor. Instructors are needed for shotgun, boating, and other hunter education activities. If you are not certified but would like to participate, call me. It may be possible to get a few folks certified as instructors before the camp date. Fingerprints and background checks by AZ G&F as part of instructor certification are done whenever kids are involved.

You are invited to have your kids participate or get involved yourself in this premier event. When RMEF, CRG Club, YMCA Chauncey Ranch, and the AZ G&F Dept. team up on something, **it's got to be good.**

Spring Hunter's Education Class Graduates

John Schwartzlow

In fine CRG tradition, 33 new hunters' education graduates completed our Hunters' Education Course with the closing recital of "TAB." The spring course was our second course of the year and it was a good one. While it was certainly apparent that the students and family members enjoyed the course, possibly the instructors enjoyed it the most. I know I had a great time. Whether the accomplishment is hitting the bulls eye or just finding the confidence to stand in front of a class and recite "TAB," I truly enjoy seeing our young people succeed. Smiling faces, a few laughs, and a lot of learning is what it is all about. Thank you to all the hunters' education instructors and volunteers for making the Spring class a huge success. Looking forward, I hope, to see CRG produce one or two more classes this year. Of course, there is that little problem that we live in the desert and we don't want to cook our students or our instructors. As volunteers teach all of these courses, help is always needed. AZGFD has an instructors training course coming up in June. If any club member is interested in becoming a certified hunters' education instructor, see John Schwartzlow or Tom Paz. Time for rabbit hunting!

Annual Bluegill Bonanza and Fish Fry – June 9th

Terry Biagi

Last year, **Bartlett Lake** provided some pretty good fishing for us so let's do it again! Club members, family, and friends are invited Saturday, June 9th, for a morning of Bluegill fishing followed by the traditional fish fry and pool party at Terry Biagi's house. We will be meeting early Saturday morning between 6:00 am and 7:00 am at the Bartlett Lake SB Cove launch ramp. **Be sure to get a Tonto Pass before June 9th because there is no longer a pay station at the**

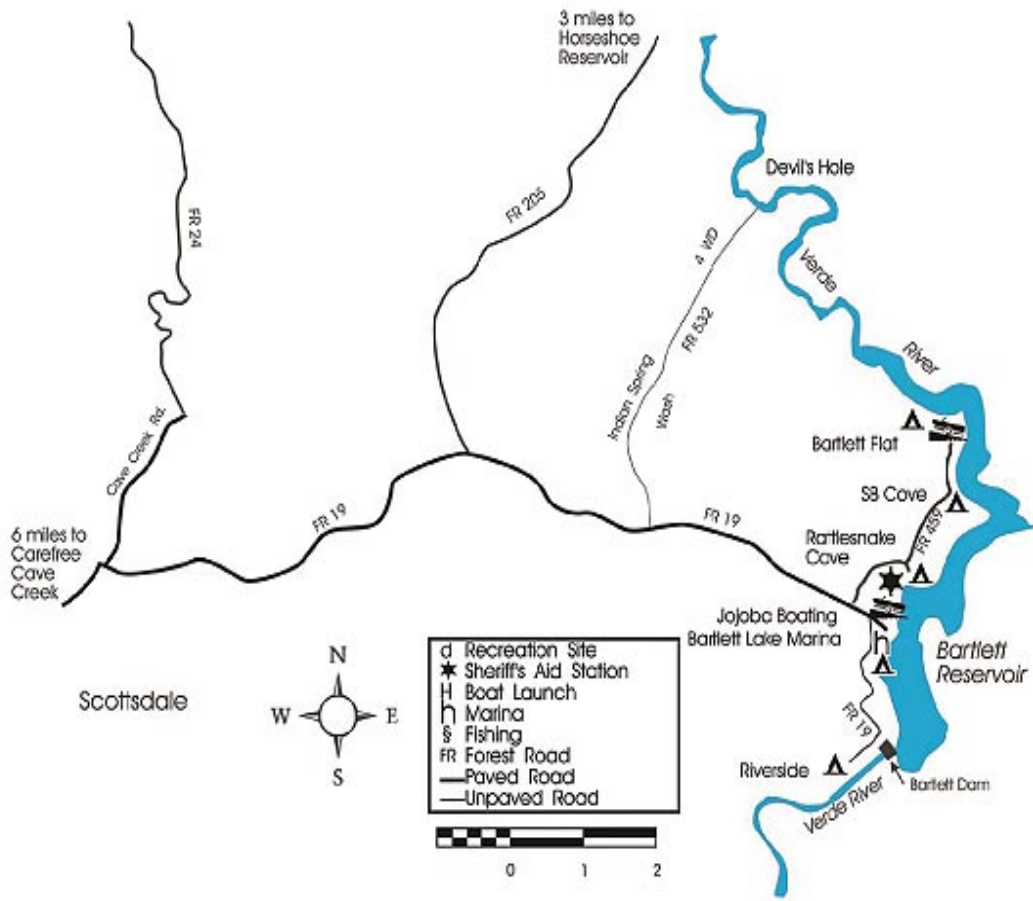
lake. Tonto passes are sold at various retail stores such as Big 5, Sportsmen's Warehouse, Food City, and some Circle K stores. For a complete listing of retail locations in your immediate area, log on to www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/tp/vendor.php and type in your city. A one-day pass will be \$6.00 per vehicle and \$4.00 per watercraft.

As you approach the lake on FR19 make a left, heading north to SB Cove, which is 3 ¾ miles up the road. There is a good launch ramp, ample parking, restrooms, and shore fishing at this location. We hope to get the ramada closest to the launch ramp, which will be used as a meeting place, and fish check-in and filleting spot. Final fish check-in will be at 11:00 am. It's a free fishing day; no license required! Bring your family band radio to communicate with other club members on channel 10. (See map on next page to SB Cove at Bartlett Lake.)



Whether you have been fishing or not, everyone is invited to the Biagi's house for a grand fish fry and pool party. Have fun playing horseshoes, ping-pong, or dive in for a game of volleyball. Please arrive at Terry's house between 5:00 and 6:00 pm at 700 N. Dobson Road, House #42. After dinner, don't miss the raffle and awards ceremony for the biggest Bluegills.

Please RSVP to Terry Biagi, 480-917-9006 or Tbiagi@cox.net by June 7th. We would like to pair everyone up with a boat if possible.



**Chandler Rod and Gun Club
Calendar of Events for 2007**

The Chandler Rod and Gun Club hosts numerous events and supports many opportunities for club members and for the public. Members are always invited to participate or to assist with any of our events. General club meetings/seminars are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Chandler Community Center at 7:00 PM. For more information on any of these events, please visit the web site calendar at <http://www.chandlerrodandgunclub.com/cgi-bin/crg-events/calendar.pl>.

***RSVP denotes activities/events where club member assistance is requested for camp chores and/or to staff a booth. See the details of the event for specific contact information or call 480-829-1264 to sign up.

Date	Event	RSVP
May		
9	General Club Meeting – Knife Sharpening by Van Hanson Butcher Shop	
12	Payson Wildlife Fair	
June		
3-9	Calf Camp	
9	Bluegill Bonanza @ Bartlett Lake; Pool Party @ the Biagi's	
12	Turn-In Day @ AZGFD Region 6 Office (Mesa)	
July		
22-24	Salt Water Fishing Trip	
August		
TBD	Mud Bug	
30 (Tentative)	Baste & Blast Red Mountain Trap and Skeet	
September		
1-2	Junior Dove Hunt	
TBD	Trophy Squirrel	
TBD	Fall Trout Fishing	
December		
12	Beast Feast	

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