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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

- **Bluegill Bonanza – June 9th**
- **General Club Meeting – June 13th**
- **Turn-In Day @ AZGFD – June 26th**

REMINDER - BLUEGILL BONANZA IS JUNE 9TH

Terry Biagi

Remember to RSVP to Terry Biagi at 480-917-9006 or tbiagi@cox.net. As an added attraction, the club will be raffling two sets of Diamondback tickets at the Fish Fry later that evening. Please refer to the May newsletter for all the details and directions.

May's CRG Club Meeting

Eddy Corona

Jack and Ryan Justice from Von Hanson's Meat and Spirits were our special guest speakers. They taught us how to properly sharpen knives. Like so many people, I thought I knew it all and like my wife would say, "WRONG once again". I have been doing it all wrong. Jack and Ryan are professional meat cutters and game processors with over 25 years experience. They were two short of 10,000 deer processed in one deer season back in Minnesota. It's safe to say that they know what they are talking about when it comes to knives and keeping them sharp. They covered many different things such as what kind of stones to use, what causes the blade to lose its edge, and how to get that sharp edge back on the blade. Von Hanson's also does game processing and their location is at Warner and Alma School area just north of Warner on the west side.

They brought along Elk sticks, two different summer sausages, and cheese curds for everyone to enjoy.

Once the big game hunts start, we will have a club meeting at the Von Hanson's where they will cover how to process your own game by making the proper cut. They can make 68 different sausages and they also have a smoker that can smoke 600 pound in four4 hours. I would encourage everyone to visit them at the store. I can assure you that you won't be disappointed. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to them for their shared knowledge and for becoming CRG family members. They haven't hunted since they moved here three years ago. We at CRG will change that. You may contact them at the store 480-917-2525.

General Club Meeting – June 13th

Eddy Corona

Back by popular demand, Chris Denham will be our guest speaker. Chris was born in Showlow and raised in Douglas Arizona. He has been hunting the Southwest all his life. He spent ten years as an independent sales representative for multiple companies such as Berretta, Swarovski, Badlands Packs, Galco Leather, and more than a dozen others.

During the past decade he has been guiding deer, bighorn sheep, elk, and antelope hunts in Arizona, New Mexico, and Mexico.

A few years ago Chris and his good friend started a publication called Western Hunter Magazine. They publish four issues a year with a circulation of 20,000 copies. Chris is the managing editor, advertising salesman, secretary, janitor, etc. Along with the magazine, Chris operates a hunting application business in which he works with hunters from around the country, helping them navigate the tedious application processes for the various states. Booking hunters with various guides has also come into play in the last few years.

Chris still does some independent consulting work for various companies such as Swarovski. He is currently on staff with Danner as a "hunting expert". In fact,

everyone should check out the new Danner website, they are building the ultimate hunting vehicle and will be giving it away this fall <http://www.danner.com/home.do>. Chris will discuss optics, how to buy the best for what you can afford, how to use them properly, and how they are made. Chris comes to us with a lot of knowledge in which he has learned and used in our own back yard. We invite everyone to the June CRG Club meeting. If you would like to learn more about Western Hunter Magazine, you may contact him at 480-219-1503

Athletes, Parents, Coaches, Staff Members, and supporters of the Chandler Rod and Gun Club Team.

Tom Slaughter

The scores are in for the final round of AZ SCTP state competition. These trap scores are excellent. Every single shooter performed their best. This was a first shotgun competition year ever for most of the shooters but lack of experience did not hurt the scores. Previous competition was for three person squads but this trap competition called for five person squads. Eight of the shooters had not planned to enter competition but when their teammates called, they answered. The squads were all filled out making it possible for CRG/SCTP athletes to compete in the state championships.

Every one of our CRG/SCTP squads was in contention for a place on the podium. How close did you get? So close that next year you will be there. Better start practicing that smile now because next year you will have a lot of flash bulbs going off in your face.

Junior Varsity was really smoking targets although the heat and wind took a toll later in the afternoon. We did not make the podium but were so close that **two more** targets per shooter for each round of 25 would have won a **First Place**.

Junior Varsity second squad was only 19 targets out of 1000 behind our first JV squad. Absolutely great shooting!

Intermediate shooters also would have made the podium for **third place** with **two more** targets per shooter per found.

Rookies made the podium taking **third place**. One more target per round would have captured second place.

Courage displayed by the CRG/SCTP athletes in competition was impressive. It takes bravery and fortitude to pick up a shotgun with 100 people watching and try to hit a little disk 40 yards away and going 40 MPH away from you. Now you know you can do it.

This summer we will have some fun shooting activities and, maybe, try a few new things. Next fall, we will be aback and continue to intimidate the competition with good attitudes and good shooting.

Parents, Coaches, Staff Members, and Supporters all deserve a big "WELL DONE" for their efforts on behalf of the kids to make it all possible. You made this season great. Ashley Lynch, Shooting Coordinator for AZ G&F, has given the SCTP Program and this team tremendous support. She attended several CRG/SCTP practices, spoke at our awards banquet, and attended all competitions. Meantime, she solved a hundred small problems for the Lead Instructor. Thank you, Ashley!

Turn in Day

Randy Krecklow

This year our help is needed again at the Mesa Game and Fish Dept. to help with the Deer applications, as we did earlier this year with Elk and Antelope. Eddy Corona is coordinating this again and we can use help as always, especially in the afternoon when folks realize the Internet gets jammed. Now they need to run and turn in a paper application.

This year things have changed. The online application has been discontinued. Please read the following article from AZGFD news release about the Deer applications. This could turn into good luck for some. Some of the applicants may not get this info, and may not get their applications in at all. It could mean lots of opportunity for CRG. We should see lots of folks at the East University office, more raffle tickets to sell, and possible memberships to solicit.

Watch for an update for this always-successful day spent with AZGFD. We will try to send out info via Email when new plans are made.

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

Randy Krecklow

The article following has been reprinted from AZGFD newsletter. This moves the date from June 12th to June 26th.

Arizona Game & Fish
MANAGING TODAY FOR WILDLIFE TOMORROW
azgfd.gov

Online application process no longer available for Arizona's fall hunts

May 21, 2007

Hunters applying after May 21 must submit paper applications only; deadline extended to June 26

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has indefinitely suspended the online application process for big game hunts, including this fall's hunts for deer, bighorn sheep, turkey, javelina and buffalo, after the department determined it could not resolve concerns that its online service provider could adequately perform under its contract.

Hunters applying after May 21 must submit a paper application form by mail. Paper applications can also be hand delivered to department offices.

The application deadline for the fall hunts has been extended from June 12 to June 26. All applications must be received by the department by 7 p.m. (MST) on June 26; postmarks don't count.

Printed application forms and 2007-08 Hunting and Trapping Regulations are available at all license dealers and department offices. They can also be downloaded from the department's Web site at azgfd.gov/draw.

"Hunters who already applied using the online process do not need to resubmit a paper application," says Harry Seck, assistant director for special services for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "Their online applications will be valid for the fall big game draw, and we'll be mailing them letters to that effect."

Hunters submitting paper applications must remember to include their tag and application fees, and license fee, if they haven't already purchased a hunting license. Those fees can be submitted by personal check, cashier's check or money order.

Department officials suspended the online process on May 21 after canceling the contract with its online service vendor. At issue was the vendor's inability to meet a performance bond requirement, and this undermined the department's confidence in the vendor.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause some of our customers," says Seck. "The department, however, could not accept what the vendor offered to resolve this issue."

The correction period for those applying with a paper form has been extended from May 30 to June 6. If a submitted paper application contains an error and is received by June 6, the telephone, if a telephone number is provided on the application.

Despite the changes in the draw application process, there will be no effect on the draw itself or how it is conducted. Draw results will be available online at azgfd.gov no later than Aug. 10, and hunt permit-tags for successful applicants will be mailed out no later than Aug. 10.

Refund warrants will be mailed out no later than Aug. 24, a week later than originally scheduled.

The department will accept first-come applications for leftover tags, if available, beginning at 8 a.m. on Aug. 20, a week later than originally scheduled. First-come hopefuls must apply by mail only, using paper application forms.

The department also announced that the option to purchase hunting and fishing licenses online or by telephone has been suspended indefinitely.

"The application process may be changing, but we're doing everything we can to make sure this year's draw will run smoothly and with as little inconvenience to our customers as possible," says Seck.

More information on the fall big game draw can be found on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Web site at azgfd.gov/draw.

July's Club Meeting

Eddy Corona

The Grand Canyon Wild Lands Council will have two of their best representatives here in July to cover crayfish also known to us at CRG as MUDBUGS. We met them at the AZGFD Expo out at Ben Avery shooting range. At first I must admit that Tom Paz thought they were anti-hunters. Okay so did, I but we were wrong. They are very much involved in creating habitat, fixing habitat, and removing MUDBUGS. Their focus is on the Mogollon Rim. Their last project took place on May 19th and 20th. They worked to restore a beautiful spring-fed meadow! to push back the invasion of nonnative weeds at Bucks Spring meadow in the Mogollon Rim district of the Coconino National forest. Many different species use this delicate water source throughout the year to drink and feed. They focused on removing mullein and bull thistle from this sensitive area. Lisa and Emily are the leaders of the pack and are very excited to team up with CRG in helping pass on their knowledge on the destruction that the MUDBUGS cause to our lakes and streams. Make plans ahead of time because the seats are filling up. If you would like to know more about the Grand Canyon Wild Lands Council please contact Lisa Madigan at her email lmadigan@www.grandcanyonwildlands.org or 928-556-9306. She is the Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST DOVE SEASON.

Eddy Corona

September 1st is just around the corner and that means only one thing, "JR. DOVE HUNT". September 1st and 2nd are the dates for the Jr. Dove Hunt out at Robbins Buttes Wildlife Area. Chewbacca has been working his tail off this year getting the fields ready for our future outdoors men and women to enjoy. We are asking for

volunteers starting now so that we may make it even a bigger success than years past. We need volunteers to cook, clean, help with check in, help kids out in the field, cleaning dove, drivers, and helping plan this great event that CRG helps put on with AZGFD. Check in is at 4:30 a.m. for a safety briefing. Hunters under 14 may hunt without a license when accompanied by a licensed adult. (Each adult may bring up to two young hunters). Some of you may not know this but Chewbacca has become a father and with that he has passed most of the responsibilities to young Phil Smith. Phil has to keep up with the pace that Chewy as set. Thanks to Chewy and Phil working together we are expecting great results. If you wish to join the Dove Team please contact me at 480-529-8340 or by email corona2000@cox.net. Make sure that you add Jr. Dove Hunt as the subject so that I do not delete your email. As I get more information, I will update everyone. Thank you AZGFD for mentioning Chandler Rod and Gun Club in the new hunting regulation on page 18.

NTA/FBU Circle of Life Video

John Schwartzlow

Below is the ad for the NTA/FBU Circle of Life Video. This is a very good video and I would recommend

everyone to purchase as well as suggest for others and use to set up at booths. This explains the animal rights movement and why wildlife management is important and quality of life.

\$6.00 VHS OR DVD

The Circle of Life

FurBearers Unlimited

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FurBearers Unlimited, Inc. is pleased to announce that the "Circle of Life" video is now available. This long-awaited video will help to show the hypocrisy of the animal rights movements. Assuring a quality of life is the only influence humans can have on the living things that inhabit earth. Created to stimulate the human thought process and reconsider the human position and relationship with all living things, this video will provide an opportunity to remind viewers the reality of life and living.

Videos are available through the FurBearers Unlimited Office
Call 812-378-9677 or 812-277-9676 or mail payment to:
FurBearers Unlimited
2815 Washington Avenue
Bedford, IN 47421

**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
June		
3-9	Calf Camp - Cancelled	****
9	Bluegill Bonanza @ Bartlett Lake; Pool Party @ the Biagi's	****
13	General Meeting - Chris Denham of Western Hunter Magazine	
26	Turn-In Day @ AZGFD Region 6 Office (Mesa)	****
July		
11	General Meeting – Mudbug Madness, Lisa Madigan and Emily Omana of Grand Canyon Wildlands Council	****
22-24	Salt Water Fishing Trip	
August		
8	General Meeting	
TBD	Mud Bug	
30 (Tentative)	Baste & Blast Red Mountain Trap and Skeet	*****
September		
1-2	Junior Dove Hunt	****
12	General Meeting	
October		
10	General Meeting	
November		
14	General Meeting	
TBD	Trophy Squirrel	
TBD	Fall Trout Fishing	
December		
12	General Meeting – Beast Feast	

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