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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

- **General Club Meeting – August 8th**
- **Mud Bug Madness – August 11th**

have contributed to the decline of spine dace and other native aquatic species. Therefore, Grand Canyon Wildlands Council is conducting an experimental control program involving traps and hand netting. Our work would not be possible without your help. We look forward to working with you this weekend! (See attached pictures.)

### August's Club Meeting

Eddy Corona

Just as a reminder that CRG August meeting guest speaker is Howe from Bear Mountain. He will speak on how to select a rifle, handgun or bow that works for you and your budget. How many times have you come across what appears to be a good deal and can't seem to feel good about buying it from a pawn shop, sporting goods store, private party, gun show or gun store. What do you look for and how can you tell if the thing even works or has been abused. Well my friends on August 8<sup>th</sup> Howe will give us the answer to help us become better shoppers. Howe has been in the hunting and outdoor industry for many years. He last worked at Don's Sport Shop and is now back at Bear Mountain. Please come and support our guest speakers. We will also be touching up on MUDBUG MADNESS which this year we share with two of the finest people to come out of Flagstaff, Lisa and Emily from the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council. Please forward this email to anyone who you think may like to attend and hear lies about our fishing and hunting trip. Sorry hunters and fishermen do not lie we just stretch the truth. If you have any questions please call me at 480-529-8340-cell.



### CRAYFISH INFO

Lisa Madigan of Grand Canyon Wildlands Council

East Clear creek is a tributary to the Little Colorado River flowing through a rugged ponderosa forest canyon. The creek is used by many species of wildlife as a food and water source and is designated as critical habitat for the endangered Little Colorado River spine dace. Nonnative crayfish, a voracious predator,



## MUDBUGS-MUDBUGS-MUDBUGS AND MORE MUDBUGS.

Eddy Corona

Hello everyone. Vince (brother) and I went out this Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, and worked with the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council on road closures. We had a great time and represented CRG. We met U.S. Forrest Ranger, Dick. While working and talking he gave us some great information about the MUDBUGS. We stopped and checked out East Clear Creek and did some scouting for next week's great event "**MUDBUG MADNESS**". We are not going to be disappointed. I'll cover some basic things. Bring a jacket it was 67 degrees at 3:30pm. I just watched the news and they mentioned that we are **NOT** going to have any rain in Arizona next weekend. Let's just hope they are right.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 87 up to Payson and continue on 87 to Pine and through Strawberry and into Clint's Wells. Go about 9 miles past Clint's Wells and begin to look for a road **SIGN** for the Blue Ridge Ranger Station on the East side of the road. Around 75 yards past the ranger station sign is FR-95 and turn right (East). The dirt road is very well maintained and any vehicle will do just fine on it. Stay on FR-95 for 3.8 miles to the campsite. Look for a brown road sign on the right side of the road that reads "Horse Crossing

Tank #20" and take a left. Now you are in camp. We will do our best to make sure that a CRG sign is posted on the road next to the campsite. The site is big enough to hold everyone and their trailers, 5<sup>th</sup> wheels, tents, pop-ups, and anything else. We will have a camp fire so please bring your marshmallow sticks/prongs. Bring bug spray and sun block. If you have a "camel back" or back pack bring it, you'll need it for carrying water. It took me about two hours from my home in Ahwatukee to the camp site for a total of 137 miles. I did not have phone service past Strawberry.

From the campsite take FR-95 East-to-East Clear Creek. Once you pass the bridge parking is located on the left side. Parking area is fairly large but if you can car pull please do so. Cross the bridge and take a right. Follow the flow of the water. Look for flagging tape and follow it. You will cross the creek twice so wear shoes that can get wet and dirty. When it's time to cross the creek look for more than one piece of flagging tape to be tied on a tree or bush. It will be on both sides of the creek. We will hang single pieces of tape on the trail. It will be tempting to stop and wet a line or catch a crawfish but hold back and keep hiking. From the bridge to the **HONEY HOLE** is about a 15-18 minute hike, the trail is easy to walk on but does have bushes and brush on both sides and is not too wide. Some of the water pools are around 100 YARDS long and around 25-30 YARDS wide and 5-8 feet deep. The area is great for kids to catch crawfish. When we walked along the edge they were like roaches moving away in to the water. The further we went the bigger the crayfish got. Please bring **WATER, WATER, WATER** for your self and kids. Leave the soda at camp but do bring some snacks. If you can carry a chair knock yourself out. I will bring a chair so if that means anything in helping you out. We also saw **TROUT** in the pools so bring your fishing poles and do not forget your fishing license. This next statement is going to be hard to believe. Never in my life have I seen so many **CRAWFISH** in one location. When you see what I have seen you will understand. I can't wait for Friday. Bring a bucket to put your **MUDBUGS** in and carry them out. Do not forget your cameras; the views are out of this world. Please check in at the main camp before going into the creek. Look for the CRG trailer. If you have two-way radios bring them with you. The sun glares off the water so bring some sunglasses. Other than TP I can't think of anything else. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Please forward this information to anyone who you think may like to join us.

**Notice:** Campsite subject to change. Please watch for signs on the road as it may be moved closer to Hwy 87. Watch for Forest Road FR 95 and FR 513. Also there will be giveaways and/or drawings for games, etc. Be sure to bring your favorite side dish/dessert for the dinner on Saturday night.

## JR. DOVE HUNT

Eddy Corona

First of all let me start by apologizing for my mistake. The Jr. Dove Hunt is actually on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Its location is the same at Robbins Butte. I have not heard from anyone to help out so please let me know as soon as possible because time is running out. We as always are expecting a large group of people. Breakfast will be served. CGR member please ring my phone 480-529-8340 and let me know that we will give this event the manpower it needs.

## SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM

Tom Slaughter

**Chandler Rod and Gun Club team members in the Scholastic Clay Target Program** had some worthy competition in the Arizona State SCTP finals. National Shooting Sports Foundation has released standing for the just completed National Championship in San Antonio, Texas. Take a look at the how the Arizona State teams we competed with in at the state level, finished in the Nationals. The following comes from NSSF:

**"The two-day competition, held July 14-15 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, was the largest skeet and sporting clays championship in SCTP history.** Nineteen states were represented among the nearly 400 shooters in varsity, junior varsity, intermediate and rookie divisions.

The championship featured some of America's best young talents. Some will be selected to attend an Olympic development camp next month in Colorado Springs; others will go on to compete at the collegiate level.

"Standout shooters are emerging all across the country. For example, in skeet, 15 competitors from seven different states shot championship rounds of 195 or better out of 200 targets. Remember, these are just high-school students, but some have already signed college letters of intent. We also had a national shotgun coach here this weekend to observe the event

and the new, young talent," said Zach Snow of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), which coordinates SCTP.

**"Arizona was the weekend's biggest winner with seven total medals including two national championships.**

"In skeet, the Hot Shots (Brisden Eaton of Sierra Vista, Brielle Eaton of Sierra Vista, Scott Usry of Hereford) **were crowned junior varsity national champions after missing just 22 out of 600 targets over two days.**

"Coach Charlie Cornett of Sierra Vista said, "These guys were in the zone. All three of them shot to their capabilities. They know how to support each other. They give advice and take advice. All three are good kids and I'm proud of them."

The Ben Avery Clay Crushers (Paysen Unger of Phoenix, Dylan Karvanek of Anthem, Casey Coleman of Goodyear) earned a sporting clays title in the rookie division with a team that's already accustomed to winning in spite of its young age.

**"These guys won Arizona state championships in all three-shotgun disciplines. And now they have a national championship, too. Let's just say the future looks bright for SCTP at Ben Avery," said coach Mike Bonner of Cave Creek.**

"SCTP, for youths in grades 12 and under, has been called "the Little League of shooting sports." Almost 10,000 students in over 40 states competed in 2007 in trap, skeet and sporting clays."

Keep your eye on SCTP/CRG team shooters this coming year. They are committed!!

**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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>RSVP</b>
<b>August</b>		
8	General Meeting	
11	Mud Bug	
30	Baste & Blast Red Mountain Trap and Skeet	*****
<b>September</b>		
8-9	Junior Dove Hunt	****
12	General Meeting	
<b>October</b>		
10	General Meeting	
<b>November</b>		
14	General Meeting	
TBD	Trophy Squirrel	
TBD	Fall Trout Fishing	
<b>December</b>		
12	General Meeting – Beast Feast	

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