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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 Meeting – August 13th
- Mud Bug Madness – August 16th

August 16th at East Clear Creek for our Annual Mud Bug Madness event. I would like to thank Phil Smith and everyone who showed up to help. Our goal was to make 15 and we beat that by eight traps. Way to go team.

AUGUST 13TH MEETING

Eddy Corona

Have you ever gone shopping for hunting boots or looking for a good back pack to take out in the field? This month's guest is that guy we as outdoorsmen want to be. He has a sweet job testing these two items out in the field. Many different companies send him their latest and greatest items for the outdoorsmen to test. He then has to write an article about what he thought about the boots and back packs. He also makes suggestions on how to improve them and why the changes should be made.

Have you ever found a great hunting boot without insulation? I have because he also hunts in our heat and in our Arizona desert. That boot was a suggestion that was made by him to a big name boot maker. In case some of you are wondering what his name is, then I'll tell you. Chris Denham is an Arizona native that grew up in Douglas, Arizona. He is the editor of Western Hunter Magazine and a field tester for many companies. He has had the opportunity to hunt around the world in different climates and terrains. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM sharp and will end at 9:00 PM. Please make plans to attend and bring your questions.

JULY 9TH MEETING

Eddy Corona

On July 9th at the Chandler Rod and Gun Club's meeting, we had Mr. Phil Smith come out and show us how to make a MUD BUG trap. We had around 20 members show up and help. We were able to make 23 traps and now we will be doing the field testing on

MUDBUG MADNESS IS HERE AUGUST 16TH

Eddy Corona

As you all know, this has been one of the favorite events for many CRG members. This year we are again having it out at East Clear Creek like we did last year. We are teaming up with the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council again for this event. I spoke to Emily and she was at East Clear Creek a few weeks ago scouting for this event.

Scouting Report: They are bigger and a lot more of them.

Emily is asking the Ranger Station to donate the use of the port-o-pots for the camp site. We will be at the same camp site as last year. From Phoenix take State Highway 87 north toward Payson, in Payson continue north on Hwy. 87 to Clints Well (approximately 34 miles), about 9-10 miles past Clints Well turn right onto FR 95 (just after the Blue Ridge Ranger Station). Follow FR 95 for about 3 to 4 miles and the camp site will be on the left side (north side). We will have CRG signs up so please look for them. Some of us will be leaving on Friday morning, August 15th, to set up and secure the site. Anyone and everyone are welcomed to come up early to help set camp up and set traps out.

Chandler Rod and Gun Club will provide the main course and we are asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert. If you need some help, here are some suggestions: dirty rice, red beans, cornbread, brownies, cake and more cornbread, dirty rice and red beans.

The CRAZY CAJUN, David Hoyle, will be leading this event. He took some time and went back to his home land of Louisiana this summer to collect some new cooking secrets that he will be testing out on us. Hey, that would make us test lab rats. I'm okay with that. You can't make the crawfish, crawdads and Mud Bugs taste worse.

Tammy Vidana and her assistant, Eric, will be heading the games for the kids and like last year, we will be giving away prizes for the youngsters. Tammy and Eric, if I haven't asked you for your help, and then I am asking now. Can you help? Thanks. Last year we caught just over 3000 and this year we are going to beat it. We have set our goal at 5000 and we can do it. Please come out and get out of this 115 degrees weather for a few days. The temperature has been around 50 to 87 degrees so bring sun screen, bug repellent, and a jacket or sweatshirt.

If you have a friend that wants to come along please bring them along so that we can give them a taste of Chandler Rod and Gun Club.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Tom Paz

CRG will continue to uphold the tradition of conducting a quality Hunter Education Class. We will be having our next class during the November/December timeframe. Dates, location, and range time will be determined soon. One change the board has directed is that we do not hold the full weekend "Sportsman's Education" part of the class until fuel prices come down significantly.

New instructors: We are always looking for new Hunter Education Instructors, the requirements are as follows:

- Be a CRG club member in good standing.
- Have successfully completed the AZ Game and Fish Hunter Education course.
- Approval by chief instructor and the CRG board of directors.
- Attend the AZ Game and Fish new instructor training (pass the background check).

If any member is interested, please contact Tom Paz tompaz@yahoo.com.

As always, any donations for classes are appreciated. Below is a list of items needed to have a great class:

- 22 cal Ammo
- Items for the demonstration -
 - Watermelons' (2)
 - Ice Blocks (3-5)
 - Tomato Juice (one can)
 - Large Potato (2)

- Bar Soap (must be square so it will stand up) (6 ea.)
- Large Tomato (2)
- Ammunition for the demonstration – 7mm Mag, or 300 Win Mag, Shot shell, etc.

- Help with selling Soda and candy bars during the breaks. (Any club member may help with the class.)

Next year we will try to support more Hunter Education classes. Thanks for your support!

CRAWDAD FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 24TH

This is a celebration of local food and environmental awareness!

Eddy Corona

Slow Food Alta Arizona and the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council are joining forces to present their messages of sustainable food systems and protection of wildlife corridors and habitat. There will be a crawdad boil, with crawdads harvested from northern Arizona waters; along with potatoes, corn, and dutch oven desserts. While crawdads are tasty and nutritious, they are an invasive species in our region and threaten native fish and other plants and animals.

The Crawdad Festival will be held at Ft. Tuthill County Park, Maricopa Ramada, on Sunday August 24 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Flagstaff AZ). Suggested donation is \$15.00 per person. We will be serving a plate of food, along with beer donated by local breweries. Live music will be provided by local musicians.

Any donations after cost will be divided between Slow Food Alta Arizona and the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council to help advance their work. Both are 501c3 organizations. For more information contact Emily Omana at Emily@grandcanyonwildlands.org

CHANDLER ROD AND GUN ARCHERY

James Brown

Hello everyone. Did you know that CRG has another event? Every Thursday, starting at around 4:30 pm, we meet at the Usery Mountain archery range and have good time honing our skills. Young and not young, thin and not so thin, male and female, we are there. We are taking a break right now because of the heat but we will be back out at the range soon. If you would like to join us, this is a public range so we can't reserve a spot but we would love for you to show up. If you would like to get started in archery or just have questions, you can give me a call or if you would like to

just hang out for a couple of hours please join us. We also plan hunts together for those that hunt. Archery deer and archery turkey open in August and those tags can be purchased over the counter at game and fish or just about any sporting goods store. Also for all those interested, Reynolds Creek Campground has been rented by the club for the weekend of August 22nd and archery deer opens on the 21st so this would make a perfect place to have a camp. Anyone interested in coming up and camping at the campground is being asked to pay \$12.00 per family to cover the cost of the campground. So whether you hunt or just want to relax out of the heat for a weekend in the pines, come on up and I am sure we will leave a light on for you. Hope to see you there. My telephone number is (480) 671-9822

FISHING REPORT

James Brown

I hope everyone is doing well. For those who like to fish, the bite is on!! Catfish are biting in all the lakes. Worms, shrimp, waterdogs, and my favorite, mackerel, are all being taken by catfish. If I had to pick a lake, I would go to Roosevelt for cats. With all the new areas that are under water, cats are prowling, looking for an easy meal. For those of you who like crappie, again Roosevelt gets my nod for #1 with Bartlett close behind. For these fish, you'll need a boat to consistently catch them under a floating light. White bass are also hitting like crazy at Lake Pleasant under a floating light at night. Using netted shad for bait is the hot ticket there. The bluegills are still biting under the floating dock at Saguaro. Good Luck

WOMEN'S "STEP OUTSIDE" WEEKEND

Eddy Corona

Chandler Rod and Gun Club has been asked to help out for this event on Saturday and Sunday August 30-31 at Houston Mesa Horse Camp just north of Payson. We are teaming up with Arizona Game and Fish Department and Tonto Rim Sports Club to help women learn more about the outdoors. Chandler Rod and Gun Club will be helping with preparing the meals for this event and is looking for volunteers to help out. Please contact Eddy Corona at 480-529-8340.

The following is a flyer put out by the Payson Parks & Recreation (www.paysonparks.com).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WOMEN'S "STEP OUTSIDE" WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday, August 30-31 – Houston Mesa Horse Camp

Women are invited to "Step Outside" with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Town of Payson, Chandler Rod and Gun Club and the Tonto Rim Sports Club at the Houston Mesa Horse Camp just north of Payson, Arizona, to learn more about outdoor recreation. Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your outdoor knowledge and skills in a fun, non-threatening environment! This two day, overnight campout will introduce women to camping skills, wildlife conservation, fishing, shooting sports and archery at the Jim Jones Shooting Range. Activities will include camp and campfire set-up, instruction in shotguns, long rifles and archery, hiking, fishing, outdoor photography and natural environment education. The cost is \$50/woman, which includes all meals prepared by members of Chandler Rod and Gun Club. Pick up a handout with more event details and register June 30-August 22 at the Parks & Recreation office. Please call Mary McMullen @ (928) 474-5242 x 358 for more information.

JR. DOVE HUNT

Eddy Corona

As everyone knows, the Jr. Dove Hunt has been a part of Chandler Rod and Gun Club for over 15 years. This year we shall do it again on September 6th and 7th. It's only July but time flies and we need to start gearing up with members and volunteers for this event. It will be held at Robbins Butte Wildlife Area west of Buckeye. The dove population is coming back strong and we are hoping for a great hunt for the kids.

Chandler Rod and Gun Club will provide breakfast and Arizona Game and Fish Department will be out to help. With the economy the way it is, we still have to provide a great hunting experience for our youths. AZGFD is currently trying to find donations of nontoxic shot for the kids to shoot. Since we do not have a definite, we must make sure that our participants are aware that nontoxic shot is the shot of choice.

Phil Smith has again been working very hard following Chewbacca's direction on planting the fields and setting everything up. Every year we have around 200-400 people show up for this event and they all have a good time. We are looking to get volunteers to come out and help out with this event. We will get started on both mornings September 6th and 7th at around 4am and will be over at noon on both days. We will raffle off a shotgun to raise money to cover the cost. If anyone can come out and help please call Eddy Corona at 480-529-8340 or email me at corona2000@cox.net. Hope to see you all there.

ARIZONA OUTDOOR HALL OF FAME

Eddy Corona

Congratulations to all Chandler Rod and Gun Club Members old and new, current and past. Chandler Rod and Gun Club will be inducted into the Wildlife For Tomorrow Hall of Fame. On August 16th the 11th Annual Wildlife For Tomorrow Hall of Fame banquet will be held at the Scottsdale Resort and Convention Center, 7700 East McCormick Parkway, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Social hour, with music by the Back Porch Band(its), will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling 623-204-2130.

The Arizona Republic had a small article in the paper on Thursday, June 12th in the Outdoors section. Other inductees include Duane Shoufe who is the former director of AZGFD, L.V. Yates owner of Army\Navy Surplus in Phoenix, and Gary Barcom from the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society. CRG will have two members attend and if you are not at Mudbug Madness then please try and attend. Both events are on the same date August 16th

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

The Chandler Rod and Gun Club host 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
August		
13	General Meeting	
16	Mud Bug	
Cancelled	Baste and Blast	
September		
6 & 7	Junior Dove	
10	General Meeting	
October		
8	General Meeting	
17-23	Junior Elk Hunt	
TBD	Trophy Squirrel	
November		
December		
TBD	Beast Feast	

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