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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, BEAST FEAST – December 10th**

DECEMBER MEETING – BEAST FEAST CHRISTMAS TIME AT CRGC

It's that time of year when we all get together to celebrate the Christmas season with club members, family, and guests. As is Chandler Rod and Gun's tradition, we come together with food.

Its Beast Feast time. It's time to get out your favorite recipes. This year we are asking folks to bring their best wild game dishes and/or sides. We also need desserts to balance off the perfect meal. There will be space to plug in hot plates and pots to keep things warm but no place to do cooking. Everything needs to be ready to eat. The club will provide the plates, utensils, cups, and drinks for the evening. If you desire other than fruit punch, you should provide your own. **NO** adult beverages allowed.

It will be Wednesday, December 10th. We will be meet at the Chandler Community Center, 125 E. Common Wealth Ave., Chandler, AZ, Rooms 202-203. We will start at about 6:30 pm but we need to out by 9:00 pm. A few good elves' help would be nice to clean up and get the room back in order by 9:00 pm.

This is a great time to show off some photos of your hunting and camping outings in 2008. I know a lot of CRG members were in the field this year and tags were filled.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

BIG GAME SPRING DRAW LEFT OVER PERMITS

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Well now that the Spring Draw is completed, the list of leftover permits is now available. There are some permits still available for Turkey and Bear, and a lot for Javelina. These are available by mail-in application only and are currently being accepted. This means you fill out a hunt permit application as you normally would, include a check or money order for the correct amount, and mail it in to the Department at the following address:

Arizona Game and Fish Department
Attn: Draw Section
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

This is also a great time to get kids out into the field and hunting. When you look at the list you'll see just over 350 Junior's only permits in various Units around the state, but that isn't the only opportunity available to them. This spring, Junior hunters will have over-the-counter (OTC) Turkey tags in select Units (1, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B(except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 10, 12A, 23, & 27), available to them. These OTC permits can be purchased at any license dealer.

Remember, to hunt any Big Game species in Arizona requires a valid hunting license and a valid permit for that species. A "Junior" is defined as anyone under the age of 18 to the day of their birthday. You must be a minimum of ten years of age to hunt Big Game and those between age 10 and 14 are required to have taken the Hunter's Education course and have their card with them at all times while hunting.

SMALL GAME HUNTING

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There is no better way to start hunting than Small Game hunting and no other hunt provides such a long season. The dedicated membership of CRGC already takes advantage of this with the annual squirrel hunt, but that is just one species and one weekend in a long and extremely diverse hunting experience. There are many small game opportunities that even the most seasoned of hunters have yet to try. Plus the Arizona Game and Fish Department has made it even easier to turn these outings into a family event. Any child under the age of 18 and no minimum starting age can hunt Small Game without a hunting license as long as they are with a licensed hunter with a two child maximum per licensed hunter. Here are some ideas to get you going that are open to you right now.

Squirrel: Most of the membership already knows the joys of Abert's squirrel hunting, but did you know that there is a Grand Slam of Tree Squirrels in Arizona? In an upcoming article in Wildlife Views, you can read about Frank, a dedicated squirrel hunter from Alabama, whose sole purpose in coming to Arizona was to get the Grand Slam. So what is a Grand Slam? Well, it requires travelling from the Kaibab to get the Kaibab Abert's, (which is more black than a standard) down towards the Mogollon Rim to get a standard Abert's and red squirrel, then down to southern Arizona to bag the Arizona Gray and finally into to the Chiricahua Mountains to get the endemic Chiricahua fox squirrel. You don't have to do it in four days like Frank, but it is a neat accomplishment few have attained. General squirrel season is open until the end of December this year and there are special longer seasons in Unit 31 and 33.

Rabbits: Seems like every year I get some phone calls with questions about when you can eat rabbits in Arizona. There is a long standing myth that you should not eat rabbit until after the first frost/snow because of disease and parasites. This is completely untrue. As long as rabbits are handled properly and cooked fully there are no issues any time of year. The problem stems from the fact that during the warmer months parasites can grow to larger sizes and are easier to see when dressing animals which can scare the uninitiated. Cottontails are very delicious any time of year and the season is year long. Then there are two types of jackrabbits in the state (the black-tailed and antelope jack) which can also add to your table fare. They really are not rabbits but are actually hares. So when looking for recipes try to find European recipes that call for hare and you are set. This season is yearlong too.

Quail: Most know about the Gambel's quail which is proudly displayed on the Department logo and is found

mostly in central Arizona. Some know about the other quail, the Scaled quail in the grasslands of southern and eastern Arizona and the Mearns' in the mountainous areas of south eastern Arizona. Few know about a small pocket of California quail along the Little Colorado River in Unit 2A. All of them are open for hunting until February 8th of 2009. These tasty little birds are definitely worth the effort.

Dove: Second season doves are a great time because unlike first season, you can get to great spots and very few people are out there. For the most part the White-winged doves have migrated south, but Mourning doves are still to be found in good numbers. Also unlike first season, you can hunt all day long instead of just until noon. Eurasian collared doves are a treat if you can get into an area with them and they offer a bit more meat per bird. They generally tend to be on the fringes of urban and rural development. Mourning dove closes January 4th, 2009 while Eurasian doves are open yearlong.

Chukar: In isolated pockets on the north rim of the Grand Canyon you can find a bird that few in Arizona have ever taken here. If you are looking to hunt something different in one of the most picturesque settings you can find, this is the hunt for you. Don't be fooled, this is a hard to hunt for bird and the weather is unpredictable, so be prepared. This season runs to February 8th, 2009.

Predators and Furbearers: Winter predator calling is in full swing right now. Bobcat, coyote, and fox are in full winter pelage right now and look absolutely amazing. Coyotes and skunks can be taken year round while others such as raccoon, bobcat, fox, ringtail, weasel, and badger are only open until March 31st 2009. The Arizona Trapper Association will be holding their annual fur sale in Globe at the Gila County Fairgrounds January 31st, 2009 where your furs can be sold.

Other: Do you want to try something totally unique? One animal that isn't all that commonly hunted for is a coatimundi (pronounced ko-ät-i-mun-di). They are mostly found in southeastern Arizona along riparian corridors and vegetated washes. Mostly found in groups called "troops", they frequently walk around with their long tails up in the air. The season ends March 31st 2009 and only one can be taken per calendar year.

This should help to get you excited and into the field. As you can see you don't need to be drawn for a Big Game tag just to hunt. Get out and enjoy the outdoors and discover the joy of just hunting.

Arizona Game and Fish Department

2009 Spring First Come Left-over Permits – Updated
December 2 2008
Applications accepted by U.S. Mail only ON or After
December 1, 2008

For additional information visit www.azgfd.gov/draw

General Turkey		
Hunt No.	Number of Permits	Unit
4024	145	12A
4026	4	13A
4027	11	13B (See Hunt Regulations)
4028	12	13B (See Hunt Regulations)

General Javelina		
Hunt No.	Number of Permits	Unit
5002	78	10 and 18A
5003	181	16A
5004	156	17A and 17B
5005	163	18B
5006	159	19A
5007	194	19B
5008	92	20A
5010	14	20C
5016	65	27
5017	107	28
5018	92	29
5019	203	30A
5020	78	30B
5021	79	31
5022	133	32
5023	208	33
5024	427	34A
5025	54	34B
5026	51	35A (Except Ft. Huachuca)
5027	36	35B
5028	180	36A
5029	289	36B
5030	162	36C
5031	400	37A
5032	192	37B
5033	24	42 and 44A

Juniors Only Javelina		
Hunt No.	Number of Permits	Unit
5034	30	See Hunt Regulations
5035	30	See Hunt

		Regulations
5036	33	16A
5037	60	18B
5039	17	20C
5042	46	27
5043	20	See Hunt Regulations
5044	45	33, 37A and 37B
5045	27	34A and 34B
5046	16	See Hunt Regulations
5047	33	36A, 36B, and 36C

Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader Javelina		
Hunt No.	Number of Permits	Unit
5049	39	10 and 18A
5050	39	16A
5051	27	17A and 17B
5052	52	18B
5053	18	19A
5054	75	19B
5055	52	20A
5057	3	20C
5063	54	27
5064	26	28
5065	24	29
5066	62	30A
5067	94	30B
5068	50	31
5069	50	32
5070	159	33
5071	152	34A
5072	15	34B
5073	55	35A (Except Ft. Huachuca)
5074	54	35B
5075	105	36A
5076	76	36B
5077	78	36C
5078	153	37A
5079	34	37B

Archery Only Javelina		
Hunt No.	Number of Permits	Unit
5080	102	See

		Hunt Regulations
5081	413	See Hunt Regulations
5082	513	See Hunt Regulations
5083	96	20B
5090	57	27
5091	578	See Hunt Regulations
5092	295	33 and 37B
5093	232	34A and 37A
5094	165	See Hunt Regulations
5095	484	36A, 36B and 36C
Archery Only Bear		
Hunt No.	Number of Permits	Unit
8002	33	3B and 3C
8003	15	22
8004	18	23 North

For those who qualify, there are military hunts available at Fort Huachuca. For more information contact: Fort Huachuca at 1-520-533-2549

FIRST HUNTS



Hello Friends,

I hope your Thanksgiving was great!! I thought I would send this out and ask for a favor. As all of you know, I have been working on a TV series with kids due to air in 2009. We just launched an exciting part of First Hunts today called "Team First Hunts". As you will see, we have teamed up with Western Hunter Magazine which will include stories and photos from kids beginning in there next issue. They will also receive a TFH decal and there name will be put in for our giveaway of 45 hunts for the 2009 spring and fall seasons. All expenses paid for the hunter and parent or guardian. We will also be giving away several prizes from our sponsors. I would like for you to send this to everyone on your contact list. We at First Hunts want kids from across the nation to have the same opportunity. Until the show airs this will be one of the main ways to get this off the ground. I sincerely appreciate your help and hope you let me know if I can answer any questions for you. You may email me at www.firsthunts.com.

Thank You Very Much,
Darrell Nunez
First Hunts Show Host

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Jackie Thompson

Subject: New AZ State Law effective 1 Jan 2009 (UNCLASSIFIED)

This new law takes effect January 1, 2009. Please understand you can have a license plate frame holder as long as it doesn't cover the name Arizona on the top of your license plate. If the license plate frame holder covers the name Arizona, you'll receive from the nice police officer a \$130.00 ticket! This is your responsibility as privileged Arizona drivers to know new motor vehicle laws. The state doesn't send out mailings. So if you have a frame holder that covers the name Arizona on your license plate, remove it before January 1, 2009, and replace it with one that doesn't cover the name Arizona.

License Plate Holder Law - State law* A.R.S. 28-2354(B.) requires that the state name at the top of Arizona license plates must be visible. Any license plate holder or cover that prevents the license plate from being clearly legible is in violation of this new law.

November Meeting Jack "The Knife" Justice

Carol Justice

The guest speaker for the November CRG meeting was member, Jack Justice. Jack has been in the meat business for over 35 years. His presentation was the care and cutting of wild game.

Your hunt actually begins before you even leave home. An adequate supply of ice, coolers, and sharp knives is very important. A demonstration of knife sharpening was also given by Jack.

Once you tag your animal and take your pictures, skin it and gut it as soon as possible. If you hang your animal from a tree, be sure to keep it out of the sun and prop the chest cavity open, clean any leaves, hair, etc. off it and cover with cheese cloth.

The next step is cutting the meat. Trim as much fat and "silver skin" as possible. Wrap in single serving packages. A couple suggestions are vacuum/heat seal bags or double wrap using plastic bags or freezer paper. Be sure to date and mark what is in each package. Spread single layer in the freezer so it freezes faster. If handled properly your wild game can last up to a year in the freezer.

Now we are ready to prepare the meat. Tender cuts, the tenderloins and back straps, can be pan-fried or sautéed (best rare to medium rare over high heat).

Medium tender cuts include roasts and steaks. The roasts can be braised or roasted in liquid on lower heat. Tougher cuts, brown first, keep moist, and cook slowly.

Ribs can be boned out or left on the slab. Then we have the trimmings. Lean trim, from the tender cuts, can be used for stew meat, fajita meat or stir fry. Trimmings from tougher cuts should be ground for burger or made into sausage. Add at least 10% beef or pork fat to wild game meat.

Marinating gives your meat a different flavor and a little tenderizing. If you choose to do this, you can tenderize by hand or with liquids such as citrus juice, oil, or vinegar.

We left the meeting with valuable information for our next hunt. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Jack.

Chandler Rod and Gun Club

Calendar of Events for 2008-2009

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
Nov. 25th-Dec 18th	Hunter Ed Class (Combo)	
December		
10th	Beast Feast	
Janudary		
14th	General Meeting	
February		
7th-8th	Cast and Blast	

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