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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.

<p align="center">IMPORTANT DATES</p> <p>Turn In Day – February 10th</p> <p>General Meeting - February 11th, Room 203</p> <p>Bass Pro Spring Fishing Expo – February 28th</p>
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One will be for a knife and the other raffle will be for a hog hunt. The hunt will include two hogs at 200 pounds each for two days and lodging. This does not include license, transportation, food, or processing. We will be drawing the winners that evening after 7:00 pm when the tubes are locked down. Things start to get busy in the afternoon and then from 4:00 to 7:00 pm things pick up. This year Game and Fish is only accepting applications thru the mail, NO Internet applications.

FEBRUARY CHANDLER ROD AND GUN CLUB MEETING

Eddy Corona

Can you believe that one full month has already gone by in 2009? Before you know it, it's going to be June and the lines needs to be replaced and reels cleaned up. For this month's meeting, we need help with our fishing poles. They are tangled up and the more people we have the faster we can get through them all. Please bring a cordless drill if you have one to unwind the fishing line off the reels to be replaced with new. If you have a small screw driver set, bring it with you along with some needle nose pliers. We are going to store our fishing poles and reels separately so that they stay untangled, last longer, and easier for storage. If you have any ideas for storage, please bring them to the meeting. Hope to see you all there. Thanks.

CRG will be buying lunch for the folks at the University office and the volunteers who get there in time. Someone from CRG will be there about 10:00 am and lunch delivery around 11:00-11:30. We can use help through out the day to sell tickets and check applications, especially 3:00 pm until close at 7:00 pm.

Call Eddy Corona at 480-529-8340 or Randy Krecklow at 480-239-1361 for questions. No one will be turned away.

Good Luck

BASS PRO SPRING CLASSIC FEBRUARY 28th AND MARCH 1st

Eddy Corona

TURN IN DAY AT GAME AND FISH

Randy Krecklow

Tuesday, February 10th, this year is the last day to get your Elk and/or Antelope tags in for the 2009 draw. That means again Chandler Rod and Gun will be at the front door of Region 6 Headquarters, 7200 E. University, Mesa, AZ, helping folks out again. Whether it's a first time applicant or someone who needs to know about the over the counter elk tags, we are there to help. Mostly double checking math and that all the information is in order on the application.

Chandler Rod and Gun Club has been invited to set a booth up at Bass Pro Shops for the Bass Pro Spring Classic. Set up is on Friday, February 27th and Saturday and Sunday we get yet another opportunity to let people know about Chandler Rod and Gun Club. The Classic is from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm on both days and yes, we will need people to man the booth. The Outdoor Experience will also have a booth right next to CRG. If you can attend, please make plans ahead of time so that we can make a schedule for this event. I can be reached at 480-529-8340 or by email at corona2000@cox.net. We will need at least 12 people per day for two shifts of six people in the morning from 10:00 am till 1:30 pm and the second from 1:30 pm till 5:00 pm. The last shift on Sunday will help with

This is the best opportunity for a raffle. We will have two items to raffle off again this year during the day.

breakdown. If you can work all day or both days, then you will get a star sticker on your report card.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: PRONGHORN CAPTURE

Johnathan O'Dell

Wildlife management today is far different than it was in decades past, but every once in a while we can still see shades of an earlier time. In February, the AZ Game and Fish Department will be conducting a pronghorn capture in the Prescott area. The trap designed and used for this kind of effort has been in use for 60+ years and the method is very hands-on and physical. We now use a helicopter instead of trucks and riders on horseback to herd the antelope into the trap, but once they are inside, the rodeo is just starting. Brave men and women step into a fully fenced corral as small groups of antelope are released into the area with them, there is a mad rush to grab the antelope, get them to the ground, blindfold them, carry them outside of the corral, and then load them on to the waiting trailer.

There are four phases in the overall operation. Saturday Feb. 7th and Sunday Feb. 8th Phase 1 starts with construction of the funneling wing fences. Tuesday Feb. 10th Phase 2 begins with set up of the alleyway and corral. Wednesday Feb. 11th Phase 3 is the capture. Thursday Feb. 12th Phase 4 is the scheduled tear down. I know as much as everyone loves to be involved with the exciting capture portion, there is a great deal of other work that needs to be completed too, so this year it is required that in order to help with the capture you must be involved with the construction. A great thing about this is there will be plenty of Department folks around to interact with and chances to get some of those lingering questions we all have answered about the draw, a particular unit, hunting a particular species, a great fishing hole, etc..

The dates listed above are tentative and subject to change due to weather or a variety of other reasons. So if this sounds like something you'd be interested in attending or learning more about, contact Virginia Gouldsbury at 928-775-0497 and/or Erin Riddering at 928-692-7700 ext. 2330. As a primer to see what the capture looks like go to: http://www.azgfd.gov/video/ArizonaWildlifeViews2007_shtml and look for Arizona Wildlife Views 2008 Episode 1.

Here is some more information on the Pronghorn Capture provided by Darren Tucker.

Arizona Game and Fish Department has invited anyone from Chandler Rod and Gun Club to help out with a pronghorn capture set from February 7th till

February 12th. You do not have to be there all the time but if you can then that will be a great experience. Mr. Darren Tucker from the Prescott Valley Region has sent out the following information. Please read it and plan ahead. I will be out of town but plan to attend on February 10th through the 12th.

Trap construction and Pronghorn Capture:

When: Feb 7-8, Sat-Sunday trap construction

Feb 10, Tuesday trap construction

Feb 11, Wednesday capture

Feb 12, Thursday trap breakdown, if needed

Where: Prescott Valley, AZ. Specific times and directions will be sent in a later email. Description: This project involves the construction of a pronghorn corral trap on Sat, Sun, & Tues (Feb 7, 8, 10) and a pronghorn capture on Wed, Feb 11. Trap breakdown will follow the capture, if there is enough daylight, or occur on Thurs, Feb 12. If you are interested in volunteering for the pronghorn capture, we ask that you attend a construction day.

Special notes: This project involves building over a mile of fence and a corral trap with working parts. It is labor intensive and may involve some heavy lifting. Gloves and closed toed shoes are suggested

Dress appropriately for cold temperatures or rain showers. Several layers are suggested. Volunteers will be transported to the capture location; vehicles will be left at a parking location. Volunteers will need to pack lunches, snacks, and drinks for themselves as these items will not be accessible once at the capture location. Last year this capture was cancelled due to weather, so please check your email before leaving for the project.

The antelope trap set up and capture is scheduled in area unit 19A, just a few miles east of Chino Valley. If anyone from your group is interested in participating, the best way to sign up is by visiting the Department's website. Click on "volunteer opportunities" within the green shaded area. Then select "current and upcoming volunteer opportunities". I know the actual capture is the fun and glamorous part, but the set up and take down of the trap is where we really need the help. Hope this helps and maybe we'll see you there!

Darren G. Tucker
Wildlife Manager III
Arizona Game and Fish Department

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ARIZONA GAME AND FISH EXPO AT BEN AVERY MARCH 28th and 29th, 2009

Eddy Corona

Chandler Rod and Gun Club will once again have a booth and The Outdoor Experience will be next to it. We are going to need some help with this one and I am calling on everyone to help out. AZGFD also asked if we can man the youth 22 rifle range on both days. If you haven't been to this expo, please make plans to do so. For those who help out, I need your shirt size emailed to me and let me know what day you can attend. We are in need of 20 volunteers for this weekend so please make plans to help out. Last year about we set up on Friday and if you can help out that day let me know. For the volunteers, AZGFD will have a cookout on Saturday night and they also have a silent auction and raffle.

I met with Ty Gray and Marty Fabritz about the set up. Last year they had us outside and this year they have gone out and got a huge tent for all the nonprofits to set up inside. The rifle range will be at the DPS range which is about 50 to 75 yards from the main tent. AZGFD will provide all the firearms, ammunition, eye protection, and ear protection. They would like one on one with the guest. This is another great opportunity for Chandler Rod and Gun Club to let people know who we are and what we do. With many changes in our economy and in the White House, we need to get the word out to everyone about our Hunting Heritage and this is one of the many ways to do so. If you can, email me or call me and let me know as soon as possible to get a schedule in place for this expo. Email address corona2000@cox.net use EXPO as the subject line or I can be reached at 480-529-8340 on my cell phone.

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION 2008 AWARD WINNERS

Eddy Corona

First of all let me start by saying CONGRATULATIONS to everyone from Chandler Rod and Gun Club. I had the pleasure in representing this great organization yet one more time in accepting the Award of Excellence on January 17th 2009. That is not all; we also had one of our members receive the award for Volunteer of the Year. A BIG congrats to Mr. David Hoyle for this award and all the work he does out at Robbins Butte to get it ready for the Jr. Dove Hunt every year. Thank you David. Also in attendance was Shawna Hoyle, Phil and Lori Smith, and David's parents. With me, I had my better half my wonderful wife, Karen. Let me take some time to thank all of our spouses that allow and understand what we do, why we do it, and how

much we love doing it. Thanks for your understanding and support.



Now a little history on the Commission Awards:

The Commission held its first awards banquet in 1991 to honor individuals and organizations for contributions to Arizona's wildlife and wildlife conservation efforts. Honorees are selected from public nominations in twelve categories:

Award of Excellence, Youth Conservationist of the Year, License Dealer of the Year, Media of the Year, Outdoor Writer of the Year, Conservation Organization of the Year, Outdoor Woman of the Year, Conservationist of the Year, Environmentalist of the Year, Volunteers of the Year, Wildlife Habitat Stewardship Award and Educator of the Year.

Arizona Game and Fish Department's Mission:

To conserve, enhance, and restore Arizona's diverse wildlife resources and habitats through aggressive protection and management programs, and to provide wildlife resources, safe watercraft, and off-highway vehicle recreation for the enjoyment, appreciation, and use by present and future generations.

If you know of anyone who needs to be nominated please visit www.azgfd.gov and get that person in. People are watching even when we think that no one see us. They are watching. CRGC, keep up the great work and once again congrats to everyone.

MY FIRST BIG GAME KILL

David Harrison

Friday 23, 2009, my dad and I were in Unit 23 for the Juniors-Only Javelina Hunt. We awoke about 6:30 that morning so we could glass the hillsides early. After a couple hours, I was ready to go back to camp for some rest and a hot breakfast, figuring we wouldn't see anything.

As we were getting ready to head back out in the field, we ran into an Arizona Game and Fish warden (Craig McMillan) who was checking my hunting license and tag. He asked us if he could help us out so we accepted his offer and Craig led us down the road to a side road. We parked and glassed the hillside for about an hour. We were getting ready to move to another spot when Craig's buddy (Jarrod Mcfarlin), another game warden, called him on his radio and told him he had sighted a herd of javelina. Craig led us a couple miles down the road to where Jarrod was watching the herd's every movement. Jarrod pointed out the herd, but we were still too far away.

He and I eased up the road trying to find them but we couldn't figure out where they were so we moved into the wash where they had been earlier when Jarrod first sighted them. Jarrod climbed up a rock to get a better view of the area but he still couldn't find the herd so we walked in about a mile searching for them. Mean while, Craig was back on the hillside looking for the javelina, when he spotted a different herd ranging along the hillside about a half a mile from where we were.

After walking up the hill to get to the second herd, we lost track of them and we figured they had bedded down so Jarrod and I decided to take a chance and walk up the other side of the hill and glass the wash between the two hills. After about ten minutes of glassing it, Jarrod spotted the herd bedded down about 125 yards from us in the wash below. Jarrod and I got in position, and he showed me a technique using a bipod and a tripod to stabilize the gun. I was determined to get my first big game kill. I was all set-so we waited and waited for the javelina to get up. After about ten minutes, we got tired of waiting and started throwing rocks, clapping our hands, clapping rocks together, and yelling at them. It took about fifteen minutes of noise-making to get the herd of javelina to stand up.

I saw that I only had a neck shot and I went for it. I aimed and I shot him, puncturing its lungs. The javelina went down and I was extremely excited. We

Following is the information on the Raffle for the Hog Hunt that will be at Turn In Day.

jogged down to the wash, tagged the animal, and hauled it to the top of the hill to get pictures and to quarter it. After the kill, we all took a long rest.



ICE FISHING PRESENTATION AT THE JANUARY CLUB MEETING

Tom Paz

The January meeting found a great seminar on Ice Fishing. Eric V. did a great job of educating some of us rookies. Eric had a good outline and slide show to show us, after some technical difficulties were overcome. We all learned about the equipment, conditions, and bait for a successful trip to the frozen lakes up north. Big thanks to Eric for sharing some great information. See you all in the field....



TEXAS HOG HUNTS

RAFFLE

CHANDLER ROD AND GUN CLUB
AND
THE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

THE **DIAMOND "C" BOW HUNTING RANCH** LOCATED IN CADDO TX (ONLY 70 MILES WEST OF FT. WORTH TEXAS) HAS DONATED AN ARCHERY HOG HUNT.

ONE PERSON, 2 DAYS, 2 HOGS UP TO 200 POUNDS EACH AND LODGING.

DOES NOT INCLUDE, TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, PROCESSING, OR LICENSE. THE LICENSE IS ONLY \$45.00.

\$5.00 PER TICKET
\$10.00 GIVES YOU 3 TICKETS
\$20.00 GIVES YOU 8 TICKETS

VISIT: WWW.TEXASBOWHUNT.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

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
February		
10 th	Turn In Day AZGFD	
11 th	General Meeting, Room #203	
28 th	Bass Pro Spring Fishing Expo	
March		
1 st	Bass Pro Spring Fishing Expo	
7 th -8 th	Tres Rios Festival	
11 th	General Meeting, Room #203	
28 th -29 th	AZGFD Outdoor Expo	
April		
8 th	General Meeting, Room #203	
May		
13 th	General Meeting, Room #203	
June		
10 th	General Meeting	
TBD	Blue Gill Bonanza	
TBD	Hunter Education Class	
July		
8 th	General Meeting	
August		
12 th	General Meeting	
TBD	Mudbug Madness	
September		
9 th	General Meeting	
October		
TBD	Trophy Squirrel Hunt	
14 th	General Meeting	

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