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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 – November 14th
- AZGF Small Game Camp – Dec 1-2

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH SMALL GAME CAMP

Randy Krecklow

Chandler Rod and Gun has been asked to help with another Small Game Camp just like last year at Robins Butte. This year again will be for new hunters to Arizona, introducing them to the great hunting of Quail, Dove, and Rabbits. Although we all know squirrels are part of that list, I don't think we will find many at Robins Butte.

CRG has been asked to provide the kitchen and help out with the meals for the weekend, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and most likely breakfast and lunch on Sunday also. Again this will be a working weekend for the volunteers that come out to help. We need our finest pancake flippers this club has to prepare our famous morning meals. Then depending on the menu, the lunch and dinner prepared to perfection as well, as I know we can do. We should be able to get this done with at least 5 volunteers per day.

This will all take place on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1st and 2nd near at Robins Butte. Last year the camp was just past the turn to Robins Butte at a park down the road a bit. Camping was allowed in tents and trailers were out also. It's helpful to come out Friday night, to avoid the early morning drive to the west side.

One day or both days, if you can help out give us a call or E-mail Randy at randykrecklow@gmail.com or Eddy Corona at corona2000@cox.net. I can promise you your meals and all the coffee you need to keep you going all day.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Eddy Corona

How many times have you gone big game hunting? How many times have you taken game down? How many times have you thought what am I going to do once I gut it and skin it? Then you have to decide if you are going to process the game yourself or have it done by a professional. Right about then the EGO kicks in and you hear, "Hey, you can do this, how hard can it be?" My wife, Karen, and I have made many attempts to do it ourselves. Either we are getting better or our standards have gone down. Many of us would like to know and learn how to properly process big game.

Well my friends our request have been answered. Back by popular demand, coming all the way from the back hills of Minnesota, Carol Justice is bringing her side kicks, Jack the Knife and Ryan the Sausage Maker. Jack and Ryan are employees of Von Hanson's Meats & Spirits. They will process a deer and show us how to make the proper cuts. The meeting will be held on November 14th at the Von Hanson's store. The meeting will start at 7pm so please show up on time. Since we all know that Carol is the brains behind this operation, she will handle all the questions and answers. Please feel free to invite a friend that you think could benefit from this meeting.

Address: 2390 N. Alma School Road
Chandler, AZ. 85224
480-917-2525

It's on the West side of Alma School and North of Warner Road next to Garcia's Mexican Restaurant.

HUNT OF A LIFETIME

Eddy Corona

We have all heard of "Hunt of a Lifetime". This year one of our members Wendy Barns has donated her 6A bull elk tag to this organization. When I called to get information for Wendy, I spoke to Jennifer at the Mesa

AZGFD office and she directed me to Terry Petko, 602-689-9524, who is the Arizona Ambassador. I called him and he gave me the web site www.hoalarizona.org to print a donation form. I also asked how the process takes place. Terry told me that they match a hunt with a request of a child from anywhere in the United States. Cabela's donates all the hunting clothes and Savage Arms donates a gun for the child hunter to use and keep. The processing and taxidermy also gets donated. When I asked what they are lacking he said the manpower to help guide, set up, cook, and clean for the November 23rd to the 29th. The Elk Society is helping out getting volunteers for the manpower. I called Steve Clark of the Arizona Elk Society 602-885-0835 and introduced myself as a CRG member.

I am asking as a fellow hunter, CRG member and friend to help out this great cause. With Wendy's tag donation there are now three young hunters coming out along with one adult to fulfill a dream before they leave this earth. I cannot think of a better reason to donate my time and give up my 6A bull elk tag for this cause. God has given me more time than they have. I am asking to please look at your schedules and help out. Please call Steve Clark and let him know that you are available to help. If you have any questions, please call me if you wish 480-529-8340. I am looking forward to all Chandler Rod and Gun Club members to step up to the plate.

BEAST FEAST DECEMBER 12th

Randy Krecklow

Its that time of year again, for sharing of our favorite recipes and hunting stories of the year, Chandler Rod and Guns annual Feast with the club.

Every one needs to bring their favorite dishes to share. Hopefully we all had luck in the field and can share our success in a recipe. Some may need to empty the freezer for the hunts that up coming. or bring that favorite dish your proud of, so every one knows how good it is. The club supplies the plates, forks, and spoons. If you have some photos of this year's events, now would be a great time to share them.

We do need a place to hold all of us. This year we can't get into the Chandler Community Center, so if any one knows a place large enough to hold us all with tables and chairs for about 50+, could you give David an E-mail. He would like assistance in finding a location. Go to the web page and then contacts to David Hoyle.

So keep an eye out for the time and place and I hope the date will be the same. We will send out an E-mail invite with the information.

SHOTGUN SHOOTING UNDERWAY FOR THE 2007-2008 SEASON

Tom Slaughter

Clay targets were being dusted and high fives exchanged as the Chandler Rod and Gun Club's SCTP team kicked off its fourth season. Fueled by burgers, doves, and other treats cooked by CRG members **Eddy Corona and Michael Lentz** with their crews; our young enrolled shooters tackled their task of learning how to safely and effectively use a shotgun. They are catching on fast and scores are climbing after only a couple practices.

Last month's article and call for help to staff Johnsonville **Bratwurst days at Bass Pro Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 for the SCTP/CRG team** had a good response. Parents and students have stepped up to provide event coverage. More hands make less work. Come join in by letting us know at Tuesday's shooting practice or by calling 480-628-9977. This should be a fun activity. It is also an opportunity to learn the art of cooking bratwurst on a massive outdoor state of the art cooker transported by Johnsonville in an 18-wheeler to our location.

Valerie DiCerbo and Robin Fritz successfully completed their training and joined their husbands as certified SCTP AZ coaches. The fall coaching class also included longterm CRG members **Bill Groeger and Dale Medders plus Alan Hanaoka and Paul DiCerbo**. Welcome Coaches! This boost to our coaching staff paid dividends at the last practice when we had all attending students out of the clubhouse and with their assigned coach by 7:10 PM. This new record launch time resulted in shooting being concluded by 8:45 and many students already cleaning guns in the clubhouse. Senior Coach **Mike Chapa** has done an excellent job creating a computer program to squad students based on age and ability combined for a two tier field practice.

Enrollment filled up fast for this 2007-8 season in the Scholastic Clay Target Program. However, members, if you have a cousin, niece, nephew or neighbor that wants in; call and we will try to accommodate them. Sincere thanks to all for the referrals and recommendations. You have made it possible for a bunch of really great kids to learn more about the responsible use of firearms.

The welcome mat is always out at Tuesday practice or join the staff for an exciting season.

JUNIOR ELK HUNT

Eddy Corona

This year I had the opportunity to take two Jr. Hunters and CRG members out in the field, Brendan and Colton Barns. They drew tags for unit 6A cow. Brendan flew in from Oklahoma Thursday night so we had to leave Friday morning. Brendan and I met Mike Wondrash by Ben Avery and headed north to our destination. Colton, Wendy, and Tom Paz were coming out Friday night. Leaving Friday morning meant finding a campsite, that was going to be challenging. Finally we found a good location and parked. We got our gear together and went out hunting. After about five hours of hunting, we headed back to our trucks to set up camp.

We sat at a water hole for the evening and had turkey and fox coming in to water. As the sun started to go down, we heard cow elk calling around us. The adrenalin started pumping and we got ready. The sunlight was not in our favor so we decided to slowly get out of the area as quietly as possible so we could come back the next day and try it again. We got back to camp and headed to Clint Wells to meet up with the rest of the group. While driving out to Lake Mary Road we came across a bull elk so big that if it leaned his head back he could have scratched his own backside. This guy was huge and a treat for us to see.

We met up with Colton, Wendy, and Tom at the restaurant at Clint Wells and had dinner. Heading back into the camping area we came across a herd of elk and all we could do is watch since it was nighttime.

Saturday morning Mike had to go back to Phoenix so Tom and I took Brendan out and headed south in unit 6A. We had elk across the canyon. They ranged them at 351 yards just out of Brendan's 250-yard range. They went down and started coming up on our side; the range finder had two cow elks at 76 yards. They stayed behind the thick brush and did not present a clear clean shot. We waited and hoped but no luck. They turned around and headed back down. Tom glassed more elk across the canyon so we made a game plan to move further west to better position ourselves for a shot. We quietly made our move and got to our position. The brush was very thick and nothing was coming. We waited for about an hour then we moved to the other side of the canyon. The smell of elk and the highway of tracks everywhere were very promising. We continue to circle around the canyon and could not find any elk. We headed back to the truck and were moving to another location when a heard of elk ran across the dirt road. Brendan jumped out with Tom and went after them; I moved the truck further down the road. Again lady luck was not on our side. As we headed out we came across Quigley from AZGFD and he checked our hunter. After a greeting

and conversation, we went to Mormon Lake to visit the AZGFD and Rocky Elk Foundation camp.

We headed back to camp and got ready for the evening hunt. Tom took Brendan back to the water hole and I took Colton and Wendy to a different water hole. None of us had any luck and nightfall came quickly. We went back to camp and made dinner. After cleaning up, we watched a movie and hit the sack. Colton was stuck to his sleeping bag so Tom and I took Brendan back out and as we were heading back south we spotted a heard running across a meadow. Tom and Brendan jumped out and got him ready. He took two shots and missed. The elk moved on and we had a very disappointed 12 year old on our hands. We headed back to the same canyon and sat for a few hours and nothing came out. We headed back to camp and broke it down.

Even though we got skunked we were very proud of our hunters. Brendan the whole time carried his own stuff and hiked hard and quietly. His performance was better than some adults that I have hunted with. Never once did he say I am tired or I need water or food. When we walked he walked, when we drank he drank, and when we ate he ate. I have had the pleasure of hunting with both kids and they have taken a lot of game. They have bagged around 13 white tailed deer and bagged over 20 turkeys. They were disappointed but happy that they got the opportunity to hunt elk. They both asked if they could do it next year. Tom, Mike, Wendy, and I are very proud of these two. I can't wait till next year. A very special thanks to CRG members Tom and Mike for helping out.

THE TROPHY SQUIRREL HUNT 2007

Tom Paz

The club Trophy Squirrel Hunt this year was a huge success. We had 34 squirrels measured for the hunt; additional squirrels were taken both on the Friday before and the Sunday after. This has been a banner year for squirrels. The smiles on everyone's face proved that CRG always has a good time at our events. The nights were cool, but the days were wonderful. We had a record for both juniors and adults alike. Kevin Johnson won both the longest tuffs (181mm) and aggregate score (5 squirrels @ a total of 690mm).

For the adults, Eddy Corona had the longest tuffs for one squirrel (also 181mm) and Mike Wondrash had the aggregate high score for 5 squirrels (745mm). Skur'l Bob made a special/rare appearance. Thanks to all that helped make this happen. A special thanks goes out to Eric V., we could not done it without you Bro... Needless to say, this is a must do event and most of us can't wait till next years Trophy Squirrel Hunt.
Hunt'em Up
Tank

CHANDLER ROD AND GUN CLUB ARCHERY GROUP

Eddy Corona

Chandler Rod and Gun Club now has a group of members that get together every Thursday and shoot archery. We first met in late September and talked about getting this group off the ground. You might ask why have an archery group? Well this is another way for CRG to expand into other avenues of sportsmanship. We discussed what we wanted to accomplish as a group, building better bonds as friends and archers; create hunting opportunities; create a diverse group of ages, skill level and gender.

We all applied for javelin archery hunts in January that gives us an opportunity to hunt archery deer also. We also applied for spring turkey and bear. We will meet at least once every two months and discuss other plans and goals. We meet on Thursday nights at Utery Pass Archery Range at 6:00 pm and shoot till 8:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 per carload and that gets paid at the gate to the park. The range has floodlights and is on timers. We would like to put a 3-d shoot together in the near future. Other things we discussed were out of state hunting, is it possible and what is the cost? The budget is zero and there is no cost to join the group if you are a member of CRG. For any nonmembers, we ask that they join Chandler Rod and Gun Club. We have had your men and girls come out and shoot. We have women coming out and, of course, the guys. The average attendance on Thursday night has been around 12 people.

If you want to get involved and you do not have a bow, James Brown has helped out by looking for the best deals on new and used bows for some of the group. Mike and Tommy Chapa sold an extra bow to a group member. I have two old bows and James told me to throw them away. He said that Robin Hood would not use them if he had a chance. If you would like to join us please feel free to contact James Brown at 480-

671-9822 or Eddy Corona 480-529-8340 or you can e-mail me at corona2000@cox.net. Come out and join us, we are having a lot of fun.

OCTOBER EARLY DEER HUNT IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Eddy Corona

Ten people, eight tags and five Chandler Rod and Gun Club members: Vince Gomez mule deer; Jason Hurst white tail deer; Eddy Corona mule deer; and helping out Shawn Hurst and Mike Wondrash. We left Thursday morning and met up with the other people in the party, John Dollar, Danny Lanios, Greg Gray, Albert Gavino, and Santos Gavino which all had deer tags. We got up early Friday and headed to our happy place (hunting grounds). Right away we had deer far but we had deer. We made our moves and made more moves. The first shots were taken by myself, Eddy, at a nice mule deer buck running full speed at about 150 yards and I missed. It was hot and the deer were only moving early in the morning. The moon was full which made the deer feed and water at night. We all hunted from sunrise till about noon then from 3:00 PM till nightfall. This went on till Sunday at around 11:30 AM. Finally the word came across the radio that a deer was hit. It was a nice 4 by 3 mule deer. More than one hunter shot at it and we were unsure who made the shot that put the animal down. The deer was given to the hunter who has never taken any big game. He tagged it and Vince took the lead of quartering the deer out. They all agreed to take equal portions and then they also gave everyone else a steak to take home. It was nice to see that a man's ego doesn't get in the way of being a good person. Giving the kill to a first time hunter in the group goes to show that ethics and friendship still exists in our hunting community and club. Vince made the suggestion and everyone agreed. Good job to everyone and yes we had a great time.

**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
November		
14	General Meeting	
30	Arizona Game and Fish Small Game Camp	
30	Bass Pro Cooking – SCTP	
December		
1-2	Arizona Game and Fish Small Game Camp	
12	General Meeting – Beast Feast	
March		
28-30	Arizona Game and Fish Outdoor Expo	

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