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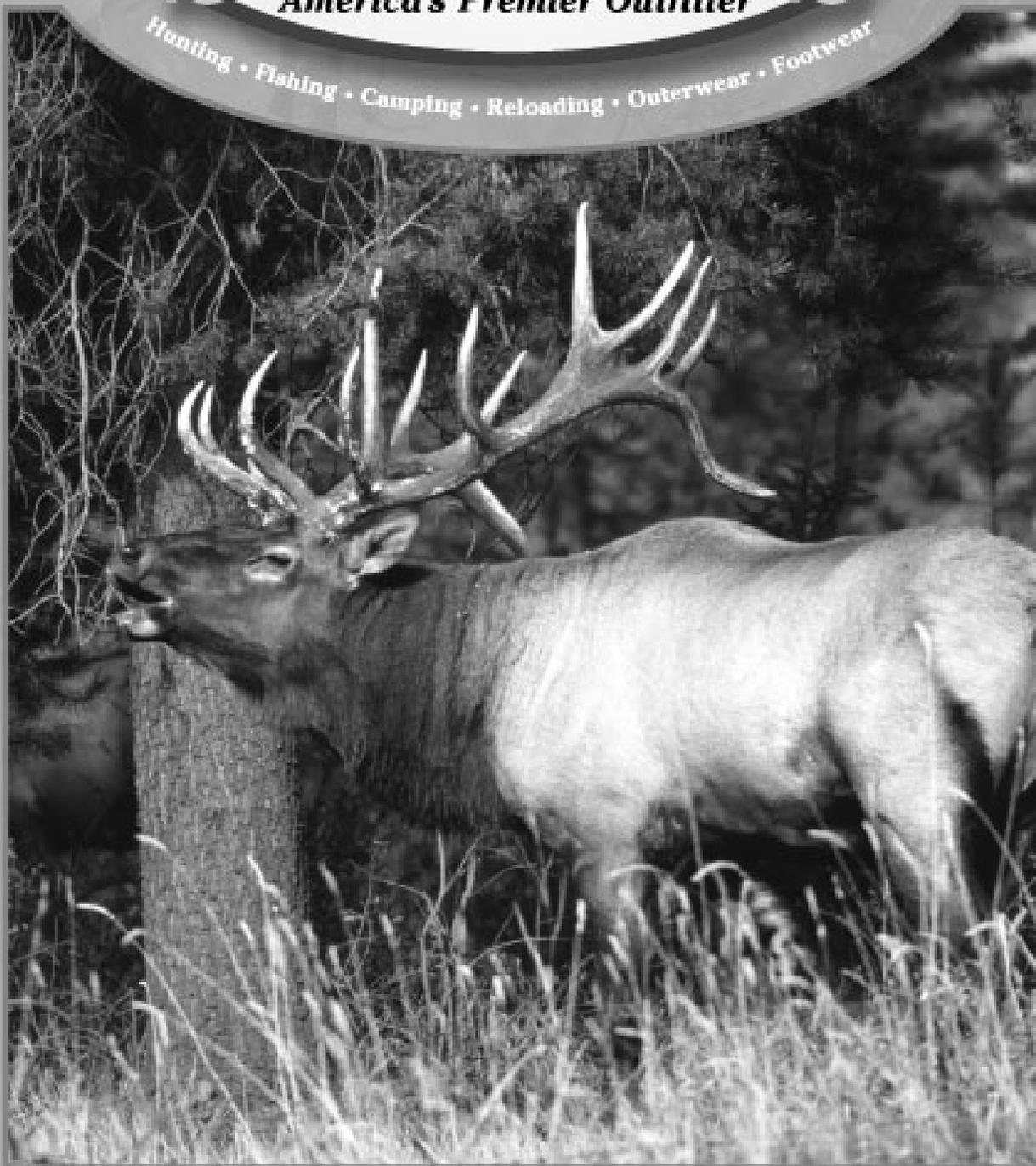
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# Sportmans Mail Pouch

by John Underwood

Dear Editor,

I cancelled my membership to the National Wildlife Federation and joined the Arizona Wildlife Federation. I am disturbed as looking at the magazine all I see is hunting, killing guns and Bow, trophies. If this is what my money is supporting, I wish to cancel my membership.

Thank you, Judith Trocke

**Editor:** Thank you for your note of March 31 about your concern for the Federation supporting hunting, killing, guns, etc. The Az. Wildlife Federation does represent hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and all outdoors sports. The Federation also represents and works for conservation and habitat for the continued well being of all wildlife and land.

We do have banquets to honor the game trophies taken within Arizona, articles relating to hunting and fishing and do have outings referring to "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" BOW, which were attended by over 135 women so far this year.

The Federation is also involved in important issues such as Global Warming (see From The President, Spring 2006 Issue of AWN), the governments attempt to sell western public lands of nearly 300 million acres to potential privatization (Winter 2006 Issue). Work projects include the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, tearing down barbed wire and removal of fence posts that impede wildlife migration, Anderson Mesa, Coconino National Forest, restoring grassland, fishing day at Tempe Town Lake for the Pappas (homeless) kids, Wild At Heart project installing artificial burrows for the Burrowing Owls and much more all by Arizona Wildlife Federation Volunteers.

So as you can see the Federation is comprised and involved in many facets and projects.

Folks such as you allow us to accomplish our missions. I hope I have given you reasons to still remain a member as we do value your support and your comments are always welcome.

Dear Editor:

First and foremost, I must thank and complement you all for the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program I recently attended in Prescott. The thanks are for making it possible for me to attend as I was a scholarship recipient, and the compliments are for the terrific job and energy expended to make the event memorable and do-able for everyone attending. I had no specific expectations, but when left I knew I would be returning.

I can't really put my finger on what was that was so phenomenal about the experience, but when I called my husband on my way home he commented that I sounded high, and that it would be alright to call back when I calmed down! I have experience with the outdoors and am comfortable in camping situations...so that was not the big thrill...I guess it was just the "vibe" of the place and the participants.

Everyone was welcoming and friendly and seemed as psyched as I was to share

their experiences. I met a woman the first night who was a bit put off when she discovered BOW was supported by Arizona Game and Fish (she dislikes hunting of any type), but by the end of the weekend, she confided to me that she realized that some people like hunting and others don't, and rather than focus on that, she decided to just have a good time. Just wanted to be sure and let you know your program and good vibes are infectious!

Thanks! Vicki Seaver

**Editor:** Thank you for your thoughts and praise. The BOW folks try very hard to make every outing an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

For more information about past and future Becoming an Outdoors Woman events, please turn to pages 12 and 13 in this issue. We hope you can talk your friends into attending one of the upcoming weekends.

All you AWF members, Pat yourselves on the back for your support of the Federations Conservation and Wildlife issues! Without your support we would not be the oldest effective conservation and wildlife organization in Arizona.

You members give the Arizona Wildlife Federation the means to accomplish the goals through your membership, generous donations, volunteer time and loyalty. Wildlife, Wildlife Habitat, and Wildlife Conservation, thanks you from the bottom of their hearts.

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It is our goal to provide a well-written informative magazine and your feedback will help us do that. This is your magazine, let us hear from you.

**DANG!** Our Apologies To Jim Solomon.

Jim actually owns and broadcasts the outdoor show **Xplor the Southwest** every Sunday from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. on station 1060 KDUS. We erroneously reported last issue that he was host of the Arizona Sports Report. We stand corrected.

# From the President

by Mary Jo Forman Miller



Greetings AWF Members,

The Roadless Area Conservation Policy directive (Roadless Rule), issued in 2001, ended virtually all logging, road building, and energy and mineral leasing in 58 million acres of the wildest remaining national forests lands. The rule was the direct result of a tremendous outpouring of public support from the entire nation. In Arizona, over 16,000 public comments supported the rule, versus 1,100 opposed.

The 2001 rule protected 1.17 million acres of Arizona's 11.2 million acres of National Forest, while allowing temporary road construction in order to fight wildfires, protect public safety, and promote forest health.

Roadless areas are a vital tool for protecting our National Forests from harmful and costly road-building and commercial logging, while continuing to allow public access and opportunities for recreational activities like fishing, hiking, hunting, and camping. It is widely believed among scientists that roads and developments fragment and degrade wildlife habitat. Forestlands in Arizona already have more than 28,720 miles of roads, more than enough miles of roads to reach around the circumference of the earth. Roadless areas have tremendous economic value as wild backcountry destinations that drive economies in rural communities across Arizona.

In 2004, the Bush administration announced a huge setback for the protection of roadless areas and wildlife. The administration proposed to replace the national Roadless Area Conservation Rule with a state-by-state petition process. Under this proposal, individual governors may ask the Bush administration to identify or modify the management of roadless areas in their state—with no guarantee that the Forest Service will take action.

Several states and conservation groups have filed suit challenging the Bush administration's substitute Roadless Rule and seeking reinstatement of the original rule.

Currently, sportsmen and sportswomen, and other conservationists are working with Arizona's governor to protect all of the state's inventoried roadless areas as identified in the original 2001 presidential directive. The Governor of Arizona has tentatively planned approximately nine meetings in an open house format around the state beginning in late June and early July. It is very important that you attend one of these meetings to show your support for Arizona's roadless areas.

Watch the AWF website ([www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org)) for a list of the open house meeting dates and locations. Show up and show your support for Arizona's roadless areas!

Have a great summer!

Mary Jo Forman Miller  
President, Arizona Wildlife Federation

## "Whadda Ya" Know?

1. In what Arizona city is it still against the law for a woman to wear pants?
2. Where is a Wood Duck's favorite natural place to nest?
3. What four states are Joshua Trees found in?
4. At what age does a Bald Eagle's head feathers turn white?
5. In 2005 the National Audubon Society celebrated becoming how many years old?
6. Piestewa Peak near Phoenix is mostly what kind of rock?

(Answers on Page 18)

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- ✓ Sleeping bag,
- ✓ Jacket, and
- ✓ Other comfort items you may need.

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## Historical Tales

by Ryna Rock



### *Witch's Tales, Fancy Tales, Fish Tales and Solid Fact*

Excerpt by Nell Womack Evans from "Woman in the Woods"  
Arizona Wildlife News, January 1955

If you share with me a fascination with old superstitions and their reasons for being and also delight in nature-fish talk, you'll like what is to follow. It's a collection of such tales and somewhere therein we can account for our lack of finesse in snaring the water creatures. To aid you in that quest, I hope you find a lucky stone in your first fish of 1955.

That lucky stone is an **otolith**, an ear stone found in a small sac near the internal ear of nearly all species of fish. There are two of them, located under the gill covers and behind the eyes, and in each sac are two loose, white irregular stone-like objects. They actually are calcium carbonate and calcium phosphate and are soluble in weak acetic acid. They show periodic rings of growth, somewhat similar to the annual rings of trees and are often used to determine the age of the fish. They may function as auditory organs that play a part in the perception of sound waves; maybe they are in some way connected to the so-called "static sense" by which fish maintain their equilibrium in water. They are, according to the superstitious, good omens to the finder, working their charms like rabbits' feet and fairy crosses. In former times these ear stones of fish were used as a preventive or cure of colic and as a talisman to avert the evil eye.

Then there's that popular notion that fish is a good food for developing the brain. That started during the nineteenth century with German scientists who sought to explain all energy in terms of material processes and popularized the saying, "No phosphorus, no thought," all mental processes being motivated by phosphorus, the one vital element, in their opinion. Chemists had already established the fact that fish is rich in phosphorus, so it remained for Louis Agassiz, the famous naturalist, to say that eating fish might develop the brain. Fact is, it takes more than phosphorous and fish, but there is another reason for the association of fish with intellectual development.

Fish is lighter and more easily digested than other meats making it good for persons given to occupations involving little physical exercise and much mental work. If, on the other hand, you put out the physical exercise and didn't get any fish to feed your brain, it might be because your bait didn't smell just right. From what is known at present, it is believed that the sense of smell, along with that of touch, plays a greater role in the life of a fish when it comes to obtaining its food, than that of sight. A fish doesn't smell with its gills, as is commonly claimed, but just like we smell—with a nose.

Fish are found almost everywhere, even in the desert. It's claimed that by digging through the sands of the Sahara, fish have been caught from the subterranean waters which flow underneath. Those showers of fish that occur in olden belief and as far back in literature as the second century A.D. are less factual. During heavy rain storms, whirlwinds and tornado

water spouts sometimes scoop up fish from bodies of water, transport them afar and drop them to the ground. People see them fall, sometimes alive, more often dead, and report a shower of fish. Some fish I think I could dodge should I encounter a fish shower but suppose the manti or devilfish dropped from the sky! This guy, one of the world's largest fish from the world's largest ocean—the Pacific—might measure 20 feet across and weigh 3000 pounds. He really is harmless, feeding on crustaceans and surface fish. It gets along fine with other ocean dwellers and bears only one large young at a time, alive.

And then there's the fish that catches birds called *Silurus*, native to European and American waters. One authentic record says one of these voracious fish swallowed a small child whole! It is called the angler fish because the top of its head is equipped with three upright filaments surmounted by glittering flesh appendages the fish employs as bait and line to lure other fish within its reach. He's four to five feet long and is also known as All-Mouth or Mouth fish, for obvious reasons, I would say.

In addition to these fish facts and fancies, fish bear upon us in our language. We have "the caviar crowd" to denote those persons who live well; "codfish aristocracy" to apply to those persons who, lacking real culture, make a vulgar display of recently acquired wealth. Then we have "fishwives", which I trust none of us are, since this term belonged to the women fish venders of the famous Billingsgate fish market in London who were coarse and vulgar in their language.

Let us not ignore in our gratitude the sperm whale (cachalot) from whose intestines ambergris, the fatty substance used in making perfume, is taken. This is important to the "fishing" woman—a facetious ending I couldn't resist.

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# NOW Streams and Game Trails

by John Underwood



Yours truly and fishing pard, Jim Eschner were lucky enough to get three days of fishing in at Roosevelt lake during late March. Fishing was very good, with the Crappie and Bass (mostly slot and smaller) hitting minnows w/#6 hook and small spinners. We practiced catch and release and kept a few for dinner.

Reports coming in now indicate with the weather warming up the Crappie are best at night and the Bass have gone deeper off the points. For cooler fishing there is always the White Mtns. or the Rim lakes. Check out the stocking schedules at [www.azgfd.org](http://www.azgfd.org).

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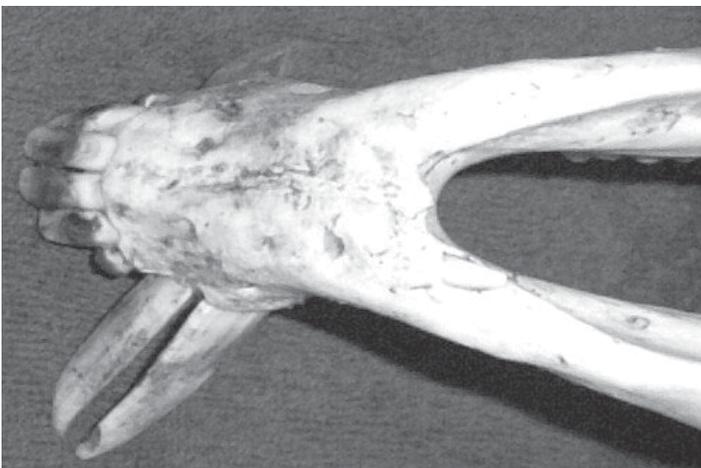
In the United States sportsmen/women contribute \$1.7 billion every year to conservation, according to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service accounting. Accomplished by paying surtaxes on guns, ammunition and other items. Sportsmen and women sent \$294,691,282 in 2005 to state conservation programs. Just the beginning of what they do for wildlife.

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Have any of you hunters out there come across any javalina teeth that look like the photo below?

## DENTITION ANOMALY IN A YOUNG JAVELINA

This year's Javelina camp, which took place in Unit 36B, was a great success with five of six tag holders taking Javelina. Field dressed weights ranged 20 pounds to 35 pounds. The smallest, taken by the author, had a dentition anomaly that is noteworthy.



Dentition anomaly in a young javalina

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Once again it just shows that good fortune comes to those who are patient. Mike Robinson, Chino Valley, Az. sent his experience in collecting this fine Mule Deer. Way to go Mike.

## DICKIE MO

Every year I anxiously await the results of the fall big game hunt. I fantasize about learning that my first choice has been granted and I will be pursuing a trophy mule deer once again on the Kaibab Plateau. Then the "good news, bad news," really is delivered. The good news, I was drawn. The bad news, I will be hunting the high deserts that continue to be encroached on by civilization and all its pressure.

The joy of being drawn and the opportunity to spend time in the field causes me to prepare as if I am going on a once in a lifetime hunt. I have been on 30 plus "once in a lifetime" hunts that have taken place out my back door or with the city lights in the backdrop while pursuing "DICKIE MO."

This last season I drew a permit that allowed my step brother Mike Chapman, good friends Tony Ramirez and Mark Lopez and myself to hunt 40 miles west of home (Chino Valley). I was excited about the opportunity to spend time in the field knowing that we have seen good bucks and have found decent sheds prior to my hunt.

I was familiar with the unit and spent many days in the field during archery season and knew the previous year's pressure was light due to an immense amount of rain and roads that made the entire area almost impassable. In addition to the previous year's lack of pressure, my season was going to benefit from a new moon.

Once again, I had myself convinced this was my year.

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# Arizona Wildlife Trophies

by David Brown

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Rich Glinski

It is with great pleasure that I announce the two newest members of the Arizona Wildlife Trophies Committee: Rick Glinski and Fred Peters. As you can see from the biographical sketches below, both are well-qualified to continue the good things we have been doing for Arizona Big Game Awards.

We have been busy looking over the score sheets submitted for 2005, and have identified those that qualify for the annual awards to be presented at the Arizona Wildlife Federation Annual Trophy Awards Banquet on July 15, 2006, at the Mesa Hilton (see pages 9 and 10). Additional awards may also be presented in one or more of the following categories: Arizona Big Game Award, Arizona Trophy Antlers Award, Arizona Trophy Heads and Horns Award, or Arizona Trophy Hunter Award.

See you at the banquet!



Fred Peters

Rich Glinski is a renowned writer and editor, who looks forward to lending his expertise to future editions of the Trophy Book. Rich received a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Arizona in 1972. He received a Public Safety retirement from the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 2000, after 20 years with the department. His stint with AGFD included Game Specialist at the Mesa Regional office when that office first opened in 1981, and later at headquarters in the Nongame, Research and Habitat branches.

His professional interests include wildlife and habitat conservation, in particular raptors. He has published three books on raptors and numerous peer-reviewed and popular articles on a variety of topics from plant and insect ecology to birdwatching etiquette.

He is an avid hunter with both gun and bow, and took a record-book Coues deer with a bow in 1969. Presently he is Park Supervisor at Maricopa County's Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant.

Fred Peters is an avid hunter and outdoorsman who will provide a professional touch to the committee. He was born in Michigan, and moved to Arizona when he was one year old in 1946. Fred established his dental practice in orthodontics in Show Low in 1970, after attending Arizona State University, University of Southern California and University of Oregon.

Fred still lives and practices in Show Low with wife Karen, after raising three children who enjoyed the great outdoors of the White Mountains. Fred started deer hunting with his Dad in the 1950's, and was introduced to hounds and horses by Clell Lee. For more than 30 years, he maintained a pack of hounds for hunting lion and bear, mostly on the Fort Apache Reservation.

He has taken six sheep in North America, including two from Arizona. Fred keeps accumulating points for a rendezvous with a big bull elk, but right now his main outdoor activity is hiking and fly fishing for trout on secluded streams. Fred is a life member of the NRA and the ADBSS, plus a number of other hunting and fishing groups.

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# Trophy Banquet

by Kim Kreuzer

This year's Trophy Awards Banquet is a double whammy! Not only will we be presenting the annual Arizona Wildlife Trophies, we will also be giving out the biennial trophies for Bowhunting in Arizona!

There will also be a couple special awards for long time Arizona sportsmen. So all in all, it is an evening you do not want to miss.

We are currently collecting another impressive array of raffle items and some fantastic auction wares, including a sofa and loveseat specially made with outdoor landscape fabric.

Of course, there will be a wide selection of long guns, and some top quality archery sets provided by the Bowhunting in Arizona.

And some wonderful works of art...

## Ted Blaylock Oil The Elk in the Aspens

Ted Blaylock's art has been published worldwide and was selected for the 1990-91 Arizona Duck Stamp and Arizona Lifetime Trout Stamp in 1994. He was selected to show with the top one hundred Arts for the National Parks and Birds in Art, at Leight Yawkey Woodson Museum. His print of a South Bald Eagle family in the Salt River Canyon has helped raise funds for the Arizona Nest Watch Program.

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# BOW Happenings

by Linda Dightmon

## BOW Report 2006

With two successful camps behind us, and the August plans well underway, I am happy to report the Arizona BOW program is doing well. We launched a brand new winter workshop at Saguaro Lake Ranch. The April camp at Friendly Pines went smooth with even the weather cooperating. All of the August classes and instructors are lined up and registration is underway.

The winter BOW or 'BOW Deluxe' was great fun. Saguaro Lake Ranch is a smaller venue with real beds and sheets. This is important to some ladies and I feel that we were able to reach out to a different type of participant by just 'upping' the accommodations. Surprising was the fact that we were able to fill the Hunting Desert Critters class and there was no interest in a proposed RV class. We took ladies fishing on Saguaro Lake and set up a real predator-calling stand. We got some great

coverage from two different local television stations. I am extremely proud that the twenty-one participants raised over \$900 at the Saturday night auction/raffle for the BOW scholarship fund.

In April, 99 campers trekked to Friendly Pines camp in the Bradshaw Mountains. This camp has been notorious for challenging weather. In the past there have been "Snow BOWs" and ladies improvising trash bags from rain gear to paddle around in a hailstorm. We have had participants jumping from 40' pine tree platforms in the snow and shotgunners busting birds in a headwind. Not this year! Fickle spring weather took a hiatus and the always-hearty spring BOW ladies had an enjoyable camp. Gary Schafer filmed us for an upcoming segment of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's *Arizona Wildlife Views* television show. I kind of missed the weather though as it does make things a bit more interesting....naw.



Deluxe BOW attendees at Saguaro Lake Ranch



The hunting class

### BOW Scholarships From the WCC



The Wildlife Conservation Council has approved a \$500 educational grant that will give two deserving ladies the opportunity to participate in the Spring BOW camp. We try very hard to keep the program affordable but for many the weekend is just not in the budget. Hats off and a big thank you to the WCC for stepping up and helping out.

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The "Camping Class"



Sitting up near the tree tops



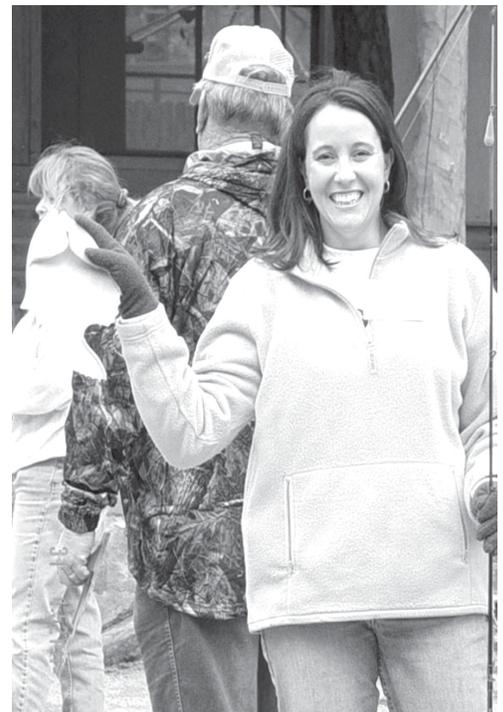
The Ropes Challenge

The Summer Becoming an Outdoors Woman weekend is coming up on August 18-20 at Friendly Pines Camp. If you know any aspiring outdoor ladies between the ages of 18 to 86 who might be interested in learning camping, hiking or hunting skills, tell her to sign up for BOW camp.

We are offering 33 different classes with the best instructors in the state. Really! The who's who of the Arizona outdoors are volunteering for the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program. But that is another column.

See ya in Camp!

Linda



Now, let's catch a real fish



Mothers and daughters at BOW



The Game Taste



# Foundation News

by Jim Solomon

I began working with the kids at the Thomas J Pappas Schools in December of 2005. After talking to the supervisors at the Phoenix location I realized that the homeless children at the school had no access to outdoor activities, such as archery, fishing, camping, etc.

How could I bring the outdoors to the homeless inner city kids at the school? I called my friend, Sandy Cate, at the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Phoenix and mentioned the concern to her. Between the two of us we came up with a long list of outdoor activities to bring to the school.

December 19, 2005, marked the first of what will be many outdoor field days that I will be bringing to the Phoenix location. The activities included; live wildlife and large reptiles, a rock climbing wall, archery. Arizona Game and Fish and the Phoenix Fire Department also helped with outdoor survival classes. State and local parks were on hand with a variety of information, and Tonto National Forest brought Smokey the Bear.

While this event was a rousing success, the kids at the Tempe Pappas School were unable to attend. After arranging a fishing opportunity with the Tempe Town Lake, I contacted Doug Thornberg at the Arizona Game and Fish Department, who gladly agreed to supply rods, reels, bait and tackle for the first ever, Thomas J. Pappas School, Fishing Field Trip to Tempe Town Lake.

I was very pleased to find that the Arizona Wildlife Federation and many of its members gladly volunteered their time to make a difference in these kid's lives, by mentoring and assisting the kids with their first fishing experience.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank my sister Patti, and close personal friends, Hank Burns and Ken Alexander, for making this so successful.

Now, I am proud to say that the Arizona Wildlife Foundation, the educational branch of the Arizona Wildlife Federation, has become a full-fledged partner in this endeavor and this has become an annual event!



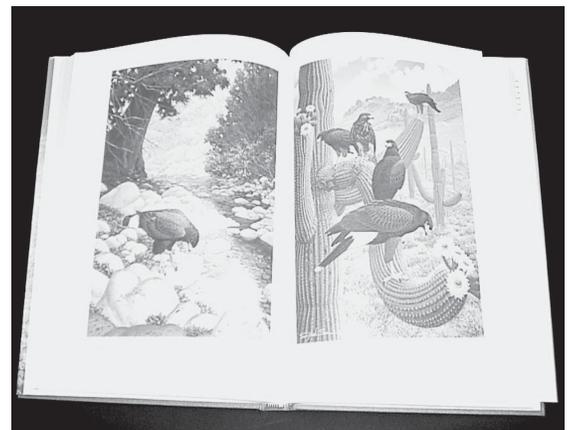
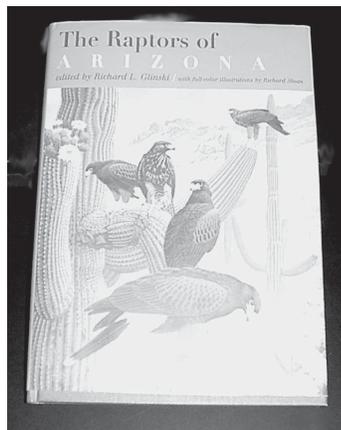
Neal Rackers, Arizona Cardinals

The Arizona Wildlife Foundation was formed in 1967 by conservationists of the Arizona Wildlife Federation. It is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization and is operated by an all volunteer Board of Trustees. The Foundation was on hold for the past 12 years and is now back in operation.

The Foundation has taken a bold new approach providing information to the public about Arizona's rich heritage through the development and production of books and related art. For example, this was accomplished with the publication of a book on Birds-of-Prey that soar over Arizona.

The Foundation relies solely on donations and sales of artwork and books to build and sustain our education and conservation programs. You can contribute to our efforts with donations, bequests, gifts in trust, annuities, life insurance policies, assignments of royalties, as well as through the purchase of our books and artwork.

**Mission Statement: The Arizona Wildlife Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about wildlife and wildlife habitat.**



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# Foundation News

Arizona Wildlife



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by Linda Dightmon

## Foundation News (Continued from facing page)



Jim Solomon, Diane Fernichio and her students



What a view of Tempe Town Lake

## An Old Fashioned Camping Trip

Fat raindrops were beginning to fall as we tossed the last of the bedding into the little tent. Giggling the whole time, the three of us piled in and zipped it up. Thankfully, we were mostly dry.

“Ok kids,” I instructed. “Make sure to set up the sleeping stuff in the middle of the tent. I hate sleeping in a wet bedroll.” My grandchildren obeyed, excited to be on their first camping trip.

Outside, Mom Nature was whipping up a dandy of a summer monsoon storm. I had chosen the tent sight well and we stayed snug inside. It is almost magical how a thin sheet of nylon can hold back the elements. A fact that was not lost to my grandkids. That night we killed flashlight batteries making shadow puppets and I dug deep into my collection of stories keeping two modern pre-teens entertained.

We spent three days on that camping trip. We ate freshly caught trout and crayfish, built a campfire and found a dead rattlesnake. Later they confessed how much fun they had without TV and video games. It is these kind of memories that I wish for everyone.

That spirit the Arizona Wildlife Foundation will be sponsoring the first Becoming an Outdoor Family event this summer. The dates are July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> with setup beginning at 9:30 Saturday morning. The venue is Bradshaw Pines Camp, located in the Bradshaw Mountains about 15 minutes from downtown Prescott. The cost is \$29 per person.

The premise is based loosely on the Becoming an Outdoors Woman concept. We are offering two sessions or classes. One will be on Saturday afternoon and one on Sunday morning. A cooking class in each session will prepare the main meals for the entire camp. No worries. Our very own camp master chef, Tom “Fuzzy” Anderson will be in charge.

We are also offering a modified survival class that I am calling “Woodsmanship” to be taught by AWF member Mark Hullinger. The perennial BOW favorite, Trick, Track, Trail, where

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The anomaly was present in the lower jaw and is described as follows: The canine tooth on the right side consisted of two separate teeth rather than one; the paired teeth jutted outwards at a 30 degree angle and slanted forward at a 40 degree angle. In addition, a third canine was present on the same side, but on the bottom of the jawbone growing directly backwards on a horizontal plane with the jawbone. This third canine tooth had a total eruption of 9.1mm.

The two canines on the right side measured 37.3 mm in length while the normal canine of the left side measured 40.1 mm in length.

A malocclusion (incorrect jaw bite) may cause uneven tooth wear which may be related to injuries, broken teeth, extra or missing teeth or improper tooth growth and development (Day, G.I. 1985). However, the javelina in question had a normal occlusion with minimal wear on the molars.

The anomaly did not appear to be a serious problem although the javalina was rather light in weight. It appeared to be healthy otherwise.

The animal was a young male estimated to be two to three years of age, with an approximate live weight of 28 pounds. The age determination was taken from a table in "Javelinas and other Peccaries" (Sowls, L. K. 1997), while the live weight was derived from a formula in "Javelina Research and Management In Arizona" (Day, G. I. 1985).

participants learn a little about identifying wildlife sign, go for a walk and make a "camouflage" t-shirt will be held.

The Audubon Society will also be there to lead a Sunday morning bird walk. If none of that interests you, we will also be providing equipment for family fishing at nearby Goldwater Lake. Folks will just need to bring along their fishing licenses.

On Saturday night, Greg Hansen will do a wonderful presentation on American Indian Culture through music.

This is a tent camping adventure so all fancy fifth wheels and toy haulers need to be left at home along with the family pet and anything that requires a battery. (Flashlights and cell phones excepted.)

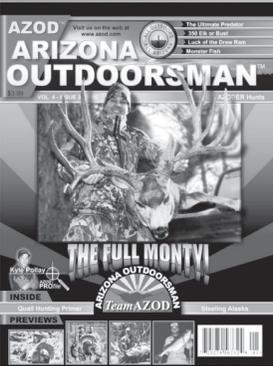
We are making this easy for first time campers. All meals and activities provided. The campground has showers and bathrooms. Basic camping instruction will precede setup. Tents are available for loan and Tom will rent sleeping bags, lawn chairs and just about anything else you may want at a discount and haul it up for you! Check out his website at [www.outbackaz.com](http://www.outbackaz.com) for more information.

Who knows, this could be the beginning of a lifetime of outdoor adventures. After all, even the best digital graphics can't compete with wonders of the natural world; just ask my grandkids, Stephanie and Joshua.

For details and the registration form you can go to [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org) or [www.azod.com](http://www.azod.com).

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# Agency News

by Duke Mertz



AWF has a full slate of habitat projects this summer. We will once more be assisting the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the National Forest Service to restore the grasslands of Anderson Mesa.

In addition, AWF has obtained a \$53,000 challenge grant from the National Forest Foundation in order to provide fencing around four endangered Anderson Mesa wetlands. The project work is being undertaken under the auspices of the National Forest Service, with matching funds from Arizona Game and Fish Department, as well as from several hunting and conservation groups, including the Arizona Antelope Foundation, the Arizona Deer Association, the Arizona Predator Callers and the Wildlife Conservation Council.

Other groups are currently deciding to pledge additional amounts to ensure that the entire \$53,000 grant is matched, and all the work can be completed. If you are a member of such an organization, please lend your support to this worthy cause. Or, you can send a check marked "NFF Match Grant," which will be used to obtain match dollars. Please mail the check to:

AWF  
644 N Country Club Dr., Ste E  
Mesa, AZ 85201

AWF and other groups will also be providing volunteer work on the project sites. The following dates have been set:

**June 17, 2006, in partnership with Arizona Antelope Foundation**

**July 8, August 12, and September 2, 2006.**

We still need groups to partner with us on the last three dates, so we once again ask for your help enlisting the support of other organizations where you have memberships.

Please mark these dates on your calendar. More details will follow via emails to members as the information becomes available.

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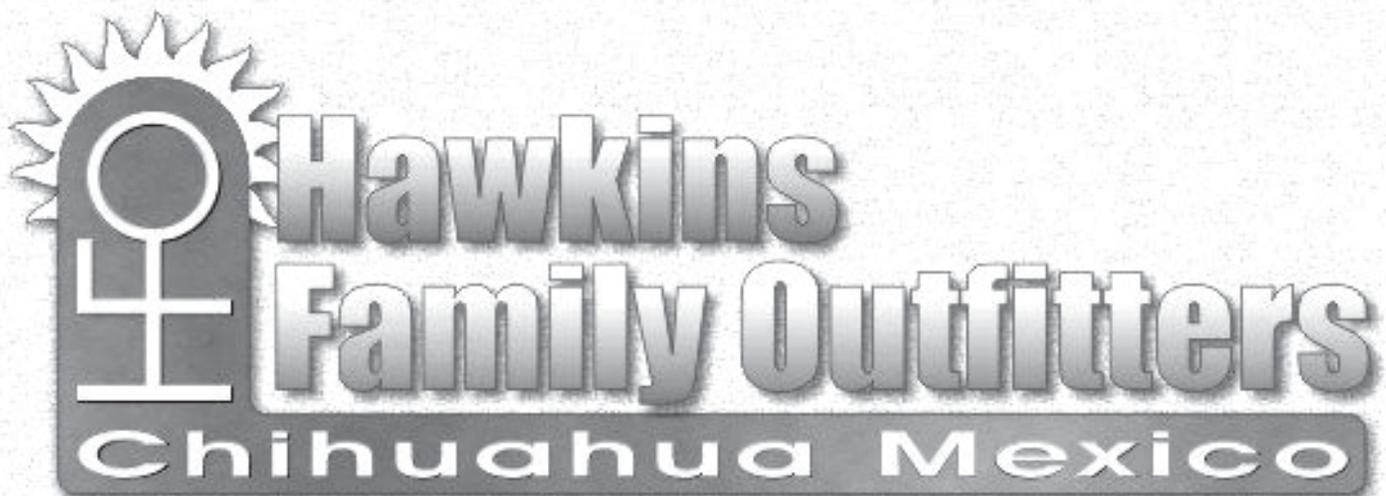
We are pleased to report that the Governor signed HB 2129 Poaching Bill and the attached Wildlife Feeding Bill, into law on May 2, 2006. This has been an effort by Jim Solomon to take the lead in getting this bill written and passed.

Congratulations Jim!

## Wetland Facts

The United States has lost more than half of its original wetlands and continues to lose more than 109,000 acres of the vegetated wetlands most important to wildlife each year. Most people don't realize that wetlands provide the following benefits:

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# Camp Cook

by Ryna Rock

## VENISON CHILI

- 2 lbs. Ground venison (or burger)
- ¼ cup of butter
- 2 cloves of garlic minced
- 1 tbsp salt
- 4 tbsp chili powder
- 2 tbsp cumin powder
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 1 quart water

Saute meat and garlic in butter, add spices and stir gently until meat is browned. Then add tomato sauce and water and simmer about 2 hours over coals or stove, cooking down as thick as desired.

Serve this over drained hominy or with cooked rice for a good chili supper.

## SPOTTED PUP

- 2 cups leftover, cooked rice
- 1 cup milk
- 1 or 2 eggs
- 1 tsp sugar
- 3 tbsp raisins
- Dash of salt and nutmeg
- Dash of vanilla (optional)

Take leftover rice, put it in a Dutch Oven and cover with a mix of milk, and one or two eggs (depending on amount desired). Add sugar to sweeten well, a dash of salt; raisins and a little nutmeg. Vanilla can be used for flavoring too.

Bake slow over coals or in a slow oven until egg mixture is done and raisins are soft. Serve warm.

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## Answers to "Whadda Ya" Know?

(From Page 5)

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Tucson                                     | 4. Four or five years of age         |
| 2. Large cavities in big trees like Sycamores | 5. 100 years                         |
| 3. Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and California      | 6. A type of granite known as schist |

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# Affiliates Department

by Jim Unmacht



## ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION

The year really ended on a phenomenal note for the Foundation when the Arizona Game & Fish Commission voted the Arizona Antelope Foundation the Conservation Organization of the year award! The Arizona Antelope Foundation has done some great work over the last 13 years, but this is the first time the commission has bestowed such an award on us!

We've had some members and Past Presidents who have received some individual recognition, but not the organization. So to have that type of recognition occur was extremely satisfying!

While the award will designate us the Conservation Organization of the year in 2005, I look at it as the culmination of a lot of people putting out a lot of effort over the last 13 years!

Editors Note: Jim Unmacht is the outgoing President of the Arizona Antelope Foundation. In addition to his many other conservation assignments, he is the incoming Secretary on the Arizona Wildlife Federation Board of Directors.

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Mike Robinson and "Dickie Mo"

I could not hear anything, and I did not have a single thought that took away from my focus. I shot!

The next hour was excruciating, fighting off the temptation to pursue my trophy while waiting for my hunting companions to arrive. I knew I had hit him well, and my experience told me he was worth the wait. After topping the hill and finding this magnificent animal, my hunt had been fulfilled.

The animal failed to make Boone and Crocket, scoring a respectable 197 3/8 for a non typical 6x6 (by Clay Goldman in Payson) and was 29 1/2 inches wide. Special thanks to Officer Mike White, with the Arizona Game and Fish Department for all his assistance in helping me retrieve my trophy, and my friend Troy Smith from Paulden, owner of Authentic Taxidermy.

It's good to know that there are still bucks of a lifetime south of the Colorado river.

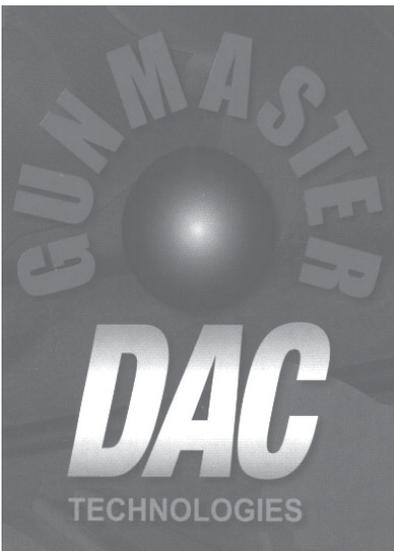
Happy hunting, Mike Robinson, Chino Valley, Arizona.

### Streams and Game Trails (Continued from Page 7)

After my seventh day in the field, my confidence began to wane and I was thinking about taking the next small buck and just calling it a season. After all, this wasn't Kaibab and exactly what could I expect to be hanging out within eye shot of the Bagdad mine. Earlier in the hunt, I passed on a decent three point and was starting to regret this decision. Just when it seemed like the same result, yet a different year, I spotted the hind quarters of a deer with its head stuck in a juniper. I instantly knew that a body that size did not belong to a doe or a small buck. I froze in my tracks waiting to see what cleared the juniper in the way of antlers. The next few minutes seemed like an eternity. I estimated my distance at 150 yards with no wind and a flat shot. And then he stepped out, as if he didn't have a care in the world. It was as if time stopped.



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# AWF Round Up

by John Underwood



Bob Hirsch and Jim Solomon



Anna and Jack Childs

The Arizona Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting was held on April 29, 2006 at the Mesa Hilton. The presence of longtime Arizonan, writer, editor, broadcaster, Bob Hirsch and his lovely wife of 50+ years Mary highlighted the meeting. Bob was on hand to receive the AWF Lifetime Achievement Award for all his contributions to the Arizona Outdoors.

Mr. Jack Childs accompanied by his lovely wife Anna, gave a presentation, "On the Trail of The Jaguar". Mr. Childs has hunted Mountain Lions since 1963 and in 1996 had the fortune to video tape and photograph an adult male Jaguar. He is the author of the book "Tracking The Fields of The Borderlands".

Mr. Hirsch and Mr. Childs held the audience spellbound with their wit and presentations.

The meeting started at 9:00 a.m. with a call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, AWF Pledge, motions and welcoming remarks. At 9:10, we got down to business. All AWF board seats were filled with exception of the Regional Representative for Yuma. Future issues of the Arizona Wildlife News will feature the incoming board members. There are a lot of important matters confronting AWF in the coming fiscal year and with the talent on the board and your continued support; your Federation is well equipped to meet the challenges.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. The Annual Meeting/Convention for 2007 will be held on April 28, 2007. Location TBD. We hope to see all you members there. Let's make the next Annual Meeting a memorable one.



John Gale, Steve Torbit and Chuck Olsted of NWF



Annual meeting working group



# AWF Round Up (continued)

by John Underwood

## Welcome New Members

Gale Andrews	Mesa AZ
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Chuck Beshears	Gilbert AZ
Cal Clausen	Veradale WA
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Paul Corens	Phoenix AZ
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Ken E Proter III	Apple Valley CA
Mike Robinson	Chino Valley AZ
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Daniel Rooney	Mesa AZ
Lewis Scott	Florence AZ
Jake Shinnars	Saginaw MI
Arthur E. Storey	Show Low AZ
Mike Underwood	Tucson AZ
Bob Vahle	Pinetop AZ
Ken Waddill	Gilbert AZ
Travis Wilda	Buckeye AZ
Steve Wilson	Muncy PA

We want to send a special thanks to Duke Mertz, who has served as the AWF Director of Administration for the past two years. Duke has accepted a similar position with the Arizona League of Conservation Voters.

Duke is a Life Member of AWF, and he and his wife, Lynn DeMuth, plan to continue to attend AWF work projects.

Good luck in your new endeavors, Duke!



Duke Mertz, AWF  
Director of  
Administration

We also want to send a special note of appreciation to **Dale Slocum**, who donated his collection of *Arizona Wildlife Sportsman* issues from the 1950's and 1960's.

Dale served as Executive Director for AWF during this period of time, and it is our good fortune that he recognized the value of the artwork and the articles in these publications. The cover art from Dale's magazines have been used in the past couple of issues of this magazine, and with all the samples that Dale provided us, we have enough for a long time in the future. Thank you, Dale!

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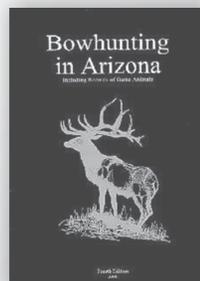
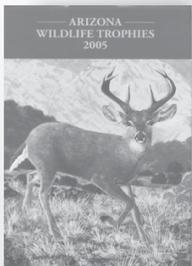
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