



Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club

"Conserving Arizona's land and wildfire since 1936"

Monthly Newsletter

January
2007



For Every Member who signs 5 new members in 2007, automatically entered in Big Game Rifle Draw

January Events:

- Ferguson Big Deer Contest
Jan 1—Dec 31, 2007
- Big Bass Qualifying
Jan 1—May 1, 2007
- Big Javalina Contest
Jan 1—Fall, 2007
- Roy Price Bass Derby
Jan 7, 2007
- Ralph Quick Coyote Hunt
CANCELLED

Next Club Meeting:

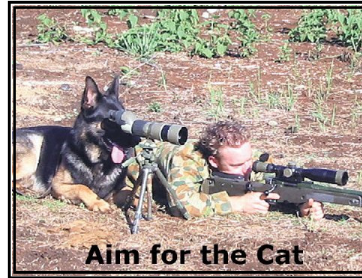
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~Happy New Year! As some of you might know, I have taken over publication of the award winning newsletter. If you were disappointed with my Father's opinions on sportsman's rights, you aren't going to be at all pleased with me! In an effort to bring new life to the newsletter, I will be creating an electronic format that members will be able to receive via email. Not only will this save on club funds for more important projects, it will allow those who participate more information including additional pages I believe is of interest. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter via email, please email at newsletter@yvrgc.com. The Club newsletter will also be available on the website so please check it out! If you have any ideas for the website, please email webmaster@yvrgc.com. call! Thank you and I look forward to serving the club.
Clint Underhill

zona and throughout the U.S.!



Anyone like cat hunting?

~If you would like your dog trained to view targets through your quality optics just like the one in the picture, call (800) get-a-job.

~In regards to cats, if any members do not understand the influence the club has with regards to wildlife issues, please Google "Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club mountain lions." This is a big issue effecting hunters in Arizona.

Ongoing Lion Issue on KOFA:

Ron Thompson arrived 12/11 and we will be making a capture/collar attempt. We have found fresh tracks of a female lion but no sign of any males. We have repositioned some of the remote cameras based on information a b o u t their movements we have learned over the last year, and have placed cameras in the Castle Domes see if we get any lions on film there.

We are tentatively planning a scat/track search before our next capture effort and would welcome any volunteers to assist with that effort. It will probably be over 3 days in February, but we have not worked out any details yet. We will send out information once we have the next capture planned.

Lindsay Smythe
Wildlife Biologist
Kofa National Wildlife Refuge



Steve Black powder Mullie

~Meet the commission is coming up on January 19th and the club will be sponsoring the event. 13 members are traveling to represent the club and give a good fair-well to commission Chairman Joe Melton. Unfortunately, his term as Chairman has expired. Thank you Joe for all you have done in support of Sportsman in Ari-



Matthew Philips Kansas Whitetail

1000 Members in 2007 ?

~As newly elected President, Dave Garrison is trying a tactic on raising the club membership to 1000 members this year. Dave has committed to purchasing a quality large caliber rifle to be put up for raffle. Which means, for every 5 new members a current member signs up in 2007, your name will be automatically entered into the

drawing that will be held at the annual Club dinner. More details as they come available.... How hard is it to mention the club to a friend who enjoys the outdoors? Give them the opportunity to partake in everything the Club has to offer. Not sure how Dave will be keeping track of the referrals so come to the next meeting and find out!

Fishing Tip:

Slow rolling a spinner-bait is done by casting out, allowing the bait to fall to the bottom then pulling it a short distance and letting it fall again. At least 90 percent of your strike will occur on the fall, so keep the slack out of your line as the lure falls or you will never know you had a hit.

I should have listened...I had no idea fishing was so simple. Why the heck did I spend \$30,000 on a boat?

Website

Finally the website is back up! I know it isn't much but for a few hours work, can't complain. I was tired of looking at the same ol' "under construction" statement that has plagued the club for some time now. Please visit it and send any suggestions via "contacts" page. The sooner I receive any members pictures of their successful hunts, the sooner I can post them on the

Our Mission includes, but is not limited to:

The conservation of wildlife, habitat and natural resources. Education of the public to include conservation issues and firearm safety. To support and defend the second amendment of the United States Constitution. Provide recreation and organized activities to members and the public and participate in charitable and other community service activities especially those related to conservation and sportsmanship.

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President's Report

I am sure everyone looks forward to the reassuring ways of the President and his victorious letters. Unfortunately, with the recent election and short notice, Dave is unable to fill this section. Look for it next month !

Yuma Women's Reel & Rifle Club Know Any Females who Fish, Hunt, Target Shoot???

Members of the Yuma Women's Reel & Rifle Club (YWRRC) ask if you know of any women (young and old, all ages welcome!) that might be interested in the YWRRC????? If so, please have them contact President, June Wolfe (782-7738) or Vice-President, Julie Foster (376-0974) for information on this historic and FUN club. **2007 welcomes the 59th Year!**

1ST MEETING OF THE YEAR – Thursday, January 25th – 6:30pm at the American Legion Post #19 Ladies Auxiliary Room. **TIME TO JOIN FOR 2007** - - - Enjoy fishing, hunting, target shooting and competing with women of all ages! Share stories, get involved in the community and habitat conservation & build memories. Come to the meeting and join or contact June for dues information.

2006 Late Bass & Catfish Derby & Striped Bass Contest WINNERS

The Late Bass & Catfish Derby is held from October 1 through November 30th. Winners included Monica Robb, 1st Place Catfish 7.4lbs, Julie Foster, 2nd Place Catfish 5.04lbs; Jean Wilson, 1st Place Bass 3.25lbs, and Julie Foster, 2nd Place 3.24lbs. The Striped Bass Contest also ran from January 1st through November 30th and Gale Edwards took 1st Place with a 1lb fish, and Emily Whiteford took 2nd Place with an 8 oz whopper!

HUNTING TOURNAMENTS The Annual Dove Tournament continues during the 2nd Season with several members competing (Emily Whiteford, Lois Kitchell and Gale Edwards all have birds in hand). Winners for this tournament will be announced in January. The Annual Quail Tournament follows the season! Gun safety presentations and target shooting events are also being planned!

Interested in support of habitat and wildlife locally? Consider your individual or group involvement in the Southwest Arizona Habitat Partnership Committee (HPC). For more information, contact Chairman, Frank Geary (342-1766) or June Wolfe (782-7738).

**** FOR MEMBERSHIP FLYERS & INFORMATION Call June Wolfe ****
Members of the YWRRC wish you & yours a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!

Everyone Needs to Read This !!

Fox Television Joins Movement to Ban Trapping

(Columbus) - Fox Sports Net, which provides regional sports programming to 85 million households, has refused to cancel a gratis anti-trapping advertisement produced by the nation's largest animal rights group.

News Corporation, the parent company of Fox Sports Net and other Fox Cable Networks, approved a 15-second anti-trapping commercial, produced by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), as a public service announcement. Fox Sports rejected a request by the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, the nation's leading sportsmen's advocacy organization, to immediately pull the spot. The company will run the ad through the end of December at no cost to the anti's.

The advertisement features HSUS leader Wayne Pacelle and a second animal activist urging viewers to support trapping bans. To add to the sensationalism, the spot opens with a loud clank as a foot hold trap with teeth - a trap that has been banned throughout the country for decades - snaps shut.

A senior official for Fox told the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance that he and other associates had reviewed the ad and believe the content meets their criteria for public service announcements.

"This is not a public service announcement; it is a free political advertisement for a movement that wants to eliminate trapping, hunting and all other forms of animal use," said U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance President Bud Pidgeon. "Hunters and anglers must understand that the Humane Society has repeatedly stated that a ban on trapping is merely a means of softening public sentiment to clear the way for a ban on all hunting and fishing. Hunters, trappers and anglers should generate a flood of complaints from friends, family and everyone they can reach out to."

Trapping is recognized by every wildlife agency at the state and federal level as a viable and important conservation tool. It helps keep furbearer populations at healthy levels and is important in stemming the spread of wildlife diseases that threaten animals and humans.

The Humane Society of the United States opposes all animal use, including trapping, hunting and fishing. It has a multi-million dollar budget that it invests in legislative and ballot campaigns to ban trapping and hunting. It also has a legal arm to challenge sportsmen's rights in court.

Sportsmen can make a difference in this fight. In 2002, Jeep raised the ire of sportsmen when it aired a blatantly, anti-hunting commercial called the "Deer Hunter." After a flood of sportsmen contacts, Jeep pulled the commercial in three days.

Sportsmen nationwide should contact News Corporation and demand that the spot be cancelled. Let the company know that outdoorsmen object to the network acting as a mouthpiece for the animal rights movement. Explain that state wildlife professionals support trapping and see it as a necessary tool for managing furbearers. Inform News Corporation that trapping has proven to be a critical element in the comeback of waterfowl populations, and that managers see it as extremely important in protecting the public from outbreaks of diseases such as rabies.

Contact Rupert Murdoch, Chairman/CEO, News Corporation, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, 8th Floor, New York, NY, 10036. Phone (212) 852-7000. Fax (212) 852-7147.

WATER FOR WILDLIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Chairman; MIKE DAILY

The Water For Wildlife Golf Tournament for 2006 was a huge success. There were 136 golfers, and all had a great time. The Tournament so far has netted \$6,122.77 with a few more sign fees still to come. I would especially like to thank all who came out to help GEORGE REINERS and JERRY GOTCHIE for signing up the golfers and selling a huge amount of door prize tickets! I also would like to thank the sign guys, who put up and took down all those signs STEVE FISCHER, DICK FISCHER, and ADAM DAILY!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE TEE SPONSORS!!!!!!!!!!

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