



# Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club

"Conserving Arizona's Land and Wildlife Since 1936"

## JANUARY 2008

### Monthly Newsletter

**Don't forget your dues! Please pay to continue receiving important Club information !**

#### January Events:

No Activity Card Yet  
If you plan on chairing an event, please let President Ammons know so he is able to get you a spot on the activity card! Look forward to an event update at the next Club meeting.

#### Next Club Meeting:

*Date:*

January 2, 2008

*Location:*

American Legion Post #19  
2575 South Virginia Drive  
Yuma, Arizona 85364

*Time:*

6:30 pm

~ Happy (Almost) New Year! There is too much information to print in this month's newsletter about the good changes the club should expect and see in the upcoming year 2008. The new President, Jim Ammons, has already begun to take action with a number of items which should benefit all members.

~ A simple, but procedural change, will be the much anticipated President's Report shortly followed by the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Now, those who are unsure of attending will know exactly what will be discussed and whether or not you would like to be there. Don't misunderstand, we want every member in attendance! Also to come in the newsletter, is a treasurer's report stating the financial position the club is in. Just in case we need to purchase a few extra bicycles!!

#### Larry Smart Bighorn



#### Website

~ The website continues to display information about the club and its members. Please do not hesitate to peek in from time to time to notice any changes! Also, send in any pictures to photos@yvrvc.com to be posted on the site!

#### 2008 New Membership Drive

#### Frank Ferguson Kaibab Deer



Dear Members: Once again it's the time of the year that the club drives for new memberships. All 2008 memberships are due on January 1, 2008. The dues in 2008 have been increased by the Board of Directors to \$40.00 regular members, \$30.00 for seniors over 65 and \$20.00 for youth members 13 years or younger. Compared to other organizations these dues costs are still very low.

#### Phil Townsend Whitetail



~Check out the logo above for Southwest Wildlife Foundation! (Previously Water For Wildlife.) The Logo is compliments of MGM Design. If you need any quality artwork or website created, do not hesitate to contact Matt Molenaar, great work. I believe this captures the importance of the club as it directly relates to game water. Notice the mule deer drinking the water....This logo is definitely good enough to display at any function! By the way, Matt created this for the \$300 budget amount.

#### Newsletter

~ I'm sure Paul Williams would not mind if I added a few extra members to the electronic newsletter copy. Makes his job easier and saves Club mucho dollars! Please email newsletter@yvrvc.com and request to be put on the list. As an added benefit, I am printing and folding the newsletters free of charge to the club for 2008. Should save approximately \$4,000!

#### 2007 Big Javelina Contest

- Kevin Wilson : 64 pounds ( that's a whopper!!)
  - Frank Gaumer and David Fischer: 43 pounds
  - Tommy Ray: 40 pounds
  - Jeff Miller: 39.5 pounds
  - Bryon Strom: 38.5 pounds
  - Matthew Phillips: 37 pounds
  - Ed Stone: 36.8 pounds
  - Dick Fischer: 34 pounds
  - Bertin Lewis Sr.: 28.5 pounds
  - George Reiners: 25.5 pounds
- Congratulations to all. Prizes to be awarded at the January 2008 club meeting.  
Good hunting for all the 2008 hunts.

The club relies on our annual membership dues as a major fund raiser for the year. It helps support the various community service projects and club functions the club sponsors throughout the year.

Our Rod & Gun Club is one of the largest voices in Arizona defending the rights of Sports and Outdoor enthusiasts on state and federal issues. These efforts require funding through various fund raisers such as our annual dues.

During 2007 we had a membership of over 550 members, this year's goal is to exceed 600.

As an incentive to get members to apply early this year we will have two drawings of \$200.00 each for members who have joined the club prior to February 1, 2008. The drawings will be held on February 6, 2008. Winners need not be present.

For more information on membership contact Paul Williams at 928 343 9099



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.

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members:

Ready or not the new year is upon us. Hopefully, everyone had a great holiday season and was successful in the fall hunting seasons. Speaking for the club, 2007 was a good year. Membership was up and participation at the meetings and events was good. This was capped off by a well attended annual dinner.

I want to thank you for your confidence and voting for me as your president in 2008. Please remember this is your club and you as members make us successful.

Enclosed is the agenda for our January meeting. Try to attend. Frankie will have the Big Deer Contest winners as well as contest rules for the 2008 Specs Ferguson Big Deer Contest.

Lanny Brock is the chairman for the Big Bass Derby. Lanny has some new ideas and rules for 2008. If you are not able to attend, check with Lanny on the rules for qualifying for the Big Bass Derby.

Before I close, I would like to explain how the meetings will be run. The agenda is set after the board meeting. If you have something to be heard at the club meeting, please let me know by the board meeting date so it can be put on the agenda. Any last minute requests will be addressed during discussion from the floor. Since this is the first meeting of the year, there are several items on the agenda. With your help, we will move through the business part of the meeting in a timely manner.

As a final note, we have new door prize chairmen, two of our younger members, Jake and Taylor Baldwin. They will be handling the door prize table and the card tricks at the meetings.

I am excited to get started. Hope to see you January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jim

## YUMA VALLEY ROD AND GUN CLUB

**January 2, 2008**

### Agenda

Call to Order  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 New Members & Guests  
 Dinner Ticket Draw  
 Speaker – Arizona Game & Fish Department  
 Secretary's Report  
 Treasurer's Report  
 President's Report

#### Event Chairmen Reports

Legislative - Nick Heatwole  
 WCC – Doug Beach  
 Annual Dinner – Butch Clogston  
 Specs Ferguson Big Deer Contest – Frank Ferguson III  
 Big Javalina Contest – Dennis Florence  
 Roy Price New Member Bass Derby – Lannes Brock  
 All Member Bass Derby – Lannes Brock  
 Big Bass Derby – Lannes Brock  
 Ralph Quick Memorial Coyote Hunt – Bill Shook  
 Hunter Ed – Buck Appleby  
 Waterhole Development – Charlie Hansen

New Business

Old Business

Discussion from the floor

Adjourn