



Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club

"Conserving Arizona's Land and Wildlife Since 1936"

October 2007

Monthly Newsletter

Water For Wildlife Golf Tournament on October 21, 2007 @ Mesa Del Sol Golf Course

October Events:

- Coyote / Quail Hunt
October 13-14, 2007
- Water For Wildlife
Golf Tournament
October 21, 2007

Next Club Meeting:

Date:

October 3, 2007

Location:

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

Time:

6:30 pm

Website:

~ If you tag any game, please email it to photos@yvrvc.com. Slowly but surely an accumulation is occurring to proudly (in some cases) display "harvested" game taken by club members. Also, any changes you would like to see on the website, please email them to webmaster@yvrvc.com. Remember, I am not a profession web designer but I know enough to get the point across. Feel free to email any tips or suggestions and I'll do my best to make the changes!

Jason West



~ Finally the weather has cooled enough to actually entice some individuals to visit the outdoors. October is here and the anticipated Fall Big Game Hunts are around the corner.

~ Enjoy the pictures, from the few who emailed them in. Congratulations and good luck on any future hunts !!

~ The October Coyote / Quail Hunt is here. Follow the instructions on page 3 of this newsletter and be prepared to hunt. With this cool weather, it should be a great time. The cooks will be camping Thursday thru Sunday. Contact Bill Shook at 783-8110. Also, quail season starts Friday, October 12, 2007 so remember you guns and shells!!

Bruce Gwynn



Water for Wildlife Golf Tournament

~ Another year passes and October arrives with the anticipation of the annual Water for Wildlife Golf Tournament. Mike Daily, for several years, has coordinated a top notch golf tourney that benefits those who participate with prizes and money. The best part is, funds from the tourney go to the development of water holes. Those who are familiar with this subject realize the importance and should stand behind the club and participate this year. There is a sign up sheet with the newsletter, get a team together and send it in, and if you are busy that Sunday morning, you can help support the cause by mailing in a donation! See You There !!

John Halliwill and Rod Reed



Dove Hunters BBQ:

~ For those of you who were unable to visit the club at last months annual Mike Mitchells Dove Hunters Barbeque, you really missed out. This year, with the help of a handful of people (I'm not naming any names, keeps me out of trouble), this years event had the best turnout. Not only did the club far surpass the "fair booth" revenues, there was a plethora of prizes and good times. Learning from this event, if more individuals became involved, the amount of money to possibly raise for the support of the club is probably higher than some of you can count!! Keep this in mind when it is time to schedule next years events!

~ Three men go deer hunting, two are smart, and one is dumb. The first smart one goes out and 2 hours later comes back with a deer. The other two ask how he did it, and he said, "I found the tracks, I followed the tracks, I found the deer, I killed the deer."

So the other smart one goes out, and 1 hour later he comes back with a deer. They ask how he did it. He said, "I found the tracks, I followed the tracks, I found the deer, I killed the deer."

So the dumb hunter goes out, and 2 hours later, he comes back beaten and bruised. The other 2 asked what happened. He said, "I found the tracks, I followed the tracks, I got hit by a train."

Phil Townsend



Clint Curry Junior Dove Hunt



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
Water For Wildlife
Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, October 21, 2007 at Mesa Del Sol Golf Course, 8:00 a.m. Tee Time

Format: 4 person scramble with a TWO drive minimum---with 7 skill prize holes

Minimum Handicap 50 per team. (No more than one player with a handicap of 10 or less!)

Tournament Is First come First Serve!!!

- Registration Options:
- Player Registration** **\$75**
Includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch
 - Team of 4 people Registration** **\$300**
Includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch
 - Team of 4 people with a Tee Sign** **\$350**
Includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch & Hole sponsor sign
 - Hole Sponsor Sign and "One" Player** **\$140**
Includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch & Hole sponsor Sign
 - Hole Sponsor Sign** **\$100**
Includes a sign professionally posted at a Tee Box

\$5 MULLIGANS AND \$5 SKINS to be paid at the course TOTAL \$10 per player

Individual or Team Registration

Name _____ HDCP _____ PHONE _____

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HOLE SPONSOR SIGN NAME

Name:

A Calling Card is Good!

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone _____ Total Amount Remitted: \$ _____

Make all remittance to: YUMA VALLEY ROD & GUN CLUB
Mail to: Mike Daily c/o YVRGC Water For Wildlife, 8101 E. Hwy 95, Yuma, AZ. 85365

For further information call: Mike Daily 344-1886 or George Reiners 314-3890



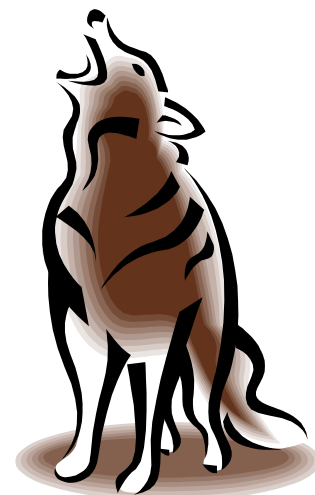
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Coyote and Quail Hunt

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007

Quail Hunting Starts: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007

FEE: \$10 FOR MEALS (Juniors-Free)



INFORMATION AND RESERVATION FORM

CAMP LOCATION; Go North from Dateland toward the old cotton gin. Follow the road as it turns right past the gin. Go to the second turn off on your left which is 2 miles past the gin. Take a left and go over the railroad tracks. Take the center main road to the telephone poles. Take a left at the poles and go to the second pole. Take a left at the second pole and you'll soon see the camp.

NOTES:

Friday night is a FREE chili dinner (or the cooks pleasure). On Saturday, a delicious steak dinner will be served. Please pay in advance to reserve. Every hunter will receive a FREE door prize ticket just for coming out! The door prize drawing will be held at 8:00 PM Saturday night at camp. Reserve your steak dinner at West-Air Gases and Equipment or the Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club meeting.

Call Bill Shook at 783-8110. You can also sign up at the campsite.

We will be camping Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights

NAME _____ DINNER FEE \$10.00 _____

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SONORAN PRONGHORN MONTHLY UPDATE

September 11, 2007

Captive Breeding:

North Half: All the pronghorn in the north half of the pen are doing well. The pronghorn had been feeding heavily on natural forage in the pen after the rains, but have now increased use of alfalfa hay because the forage in the pen is drying out.

Southwest Quarter: The adult buck in this pen, which was captured from the US population, died on August 9. Loeta was working at the pen with a temporary Fish and Wildlife Service employee and they saw him the day before seemingly normal, and then couldn't observe him from Pack Rat Hill the following morning. As he is generally easy to find, Loeta became suspicious and immediately went into the pen to look for him. She found him dead, with blood coming from the anus. The body was packed in ice and sent to the University of Arizona Veterinary Lab for necropsy. The results came back that he died from Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease. This disease is spread by a biting midge that needs a wet, muddy substrate with emergent weedy vegetation, such as around earthen stock tanks, to complete its lifecycle. Outbreaks of the midge are common during the hot and humid monsoon season. Blood work from captured pronghorn show that most have been exposed to this disease, but for some reason, possibly stress associated with the rut, it killed this buck. So far, no other pronghorn have exhibited any signs of this disease. All the other pronghorn in this section are doing well.

Southeast Quarter: The 5 juvenile bucks in this section are doing well.

We have hired a new person, Sean Knapp, to work at the pen, and he will be starting September 24. He is from the Phoenix area, recently graduated from ASU and has been working seasonally with the Forest Service on spotted owl and northern goshawk surveys. He should make a good addition to the crew working at the pen. We have also advertised for the other vacant pronghorn position, and should be conducting interviews soon.

Water Projects: We hiked into the Antelope Hills water, which we suspected had a slow leak. We found that it was leaking at two connections, and we were able to fix one. However, to fix the other would have meant losing all the water in the storage tanks. We decided to come back with a pump and save the water, so we will have to make another trip in there soon to finish that project.

Forage Enhancements: We have begun watering at Charlie Bell forage enhancement again, and continue to see numerous pronghorn there, including several radio collared animals and the bucks released from the pen. We will start watering at the other plots in the near future.

The Marines are working on the environmental clearances needed for the new forage plot on the Marine range, near the Devil's Hills water.

Other Projects: At the August Recovery Team meeting, Curt McCasland put together a PowerPoint presentation detailing the pros and cons of 4 alternatives for establishing a second population; doing nothing, a free release, a temporary holding pen, and a second, likely smaller scale, captive breeding project at KOFA. After much discussion, the Recovery Team members voted for the 4th alternative, a second captive breeding project. The main reasons the Team decided on this alternative were: The Team thought the monetary cost of this alternative would be comparable to the cost associated with enlarging the current pen on the Cabeza to a size suitable for producing the number of animals needed for either a free release or a holding pen; a second captive breeding pen would greatly reduce mortalities associated with continually moving animals from the Cabeza pen to the KOFA; and the likelihood of eventually successfully establishing a herd on the KOFA was much greater using a captive breeding pen. Based on the recommendations of the Recovery Team, a meeting is planned with Yuma Proving Ground and BMGR personnel to discuss this proposal.

We are planning to conduct a range wide pronghorn survey in Mexico this December (December 6-10). We are also planning the assist the Mexican biologists in capturing and collaring 5 pronghorn in the Pinacate subpopulation with downloadable GPS collars. This should provide valuable data to help manage the pronghorn in Mexico. Biologists from Mexico were able to recover 4 GPS collars that have been put on pronghorn down there in January 2006. These collars can be refurbished and used again at a much lower cost than purchasing new collars. Many thanks to them for finding those collars. The survey and capture will depend on securing the appropriate permits from Mexico for these projects.

Wild Pronghorn: We conducted a telemetry flight on August 19. Unfortunately, it was very windy and was difficult to classify, or even see, pronghorn. Five radio-collared pronghorn were in the burned area on South Tac and the Cabeza Prieta refuge. One released juvenile was near the Charlie Bell forage site. Other pronghorn were likely with these groups, but were not seen. One radio collared animal was near the Point of the Pintas, but again was not seen and likely there were more there also. Four radio-collared animals were at the south end of the Bryan Mountains. In this group, there were 3 bucks, 7 females and one fawn. The last few telemetry flights have been windy or cloudy making classifying the pronghorn difficult. We suspect fawn recruitment is low this year due to the dry winter and late summer rains. Hopefully we will get better data on fawn survival during upcoming telemetry flights.