



As the New Year began to unfold, the AZ Legislature's 54th Session kicked off with a challenge from Governor Ducey to bring him a bill to help address Arizona's water issues. He signed the bipartisan supported Arizona's Drought Contingency Plan legislation on January 31st. The Bureau of Reclamation has indicated there are a few other considerations to move it all forward, so they are getting close to an agreement with the Federal officials.

The Arizona Senate confirmed James Goughnour, the Governor's appointment for the Arizona Game & Fish Commission with a unanimous voice vote on the floor on January 29th. Interestingly enough, the Sierra Club tried to stop the appointment in the Senate Natural Resources Committee with a last minute salvo to Democratic Senators resulting in a 4-3 Committee vote along party lines.

The Sierra Club's annual effort to do away with the Commission Appointment Recommendation Board (CARB) is being run by Senator Juan Mendez. SB 1132 would repeal CARB. As a refresher, CARB screens Commission applicants, interviews them, and sends selected candidate recommendations to the Governor for appointment consideration. This is prescribed in Arizona Statute 17-202. For more information click [HERE](#).

AZSFWC has agreed to sponsor legislation eliminating the word and definition of "trophy" from Game & Fish statute language. HB 2433 is sponsored by Rep. Regina Cobb.

AZSFWC is supporting HB 2272 sponsored by Rep. Timothy Dunn in conjunction with the Commission. This legislation would extend residency privileges in big game draws to the youth dependents of active duty service members who qualify as residents of Arizona.

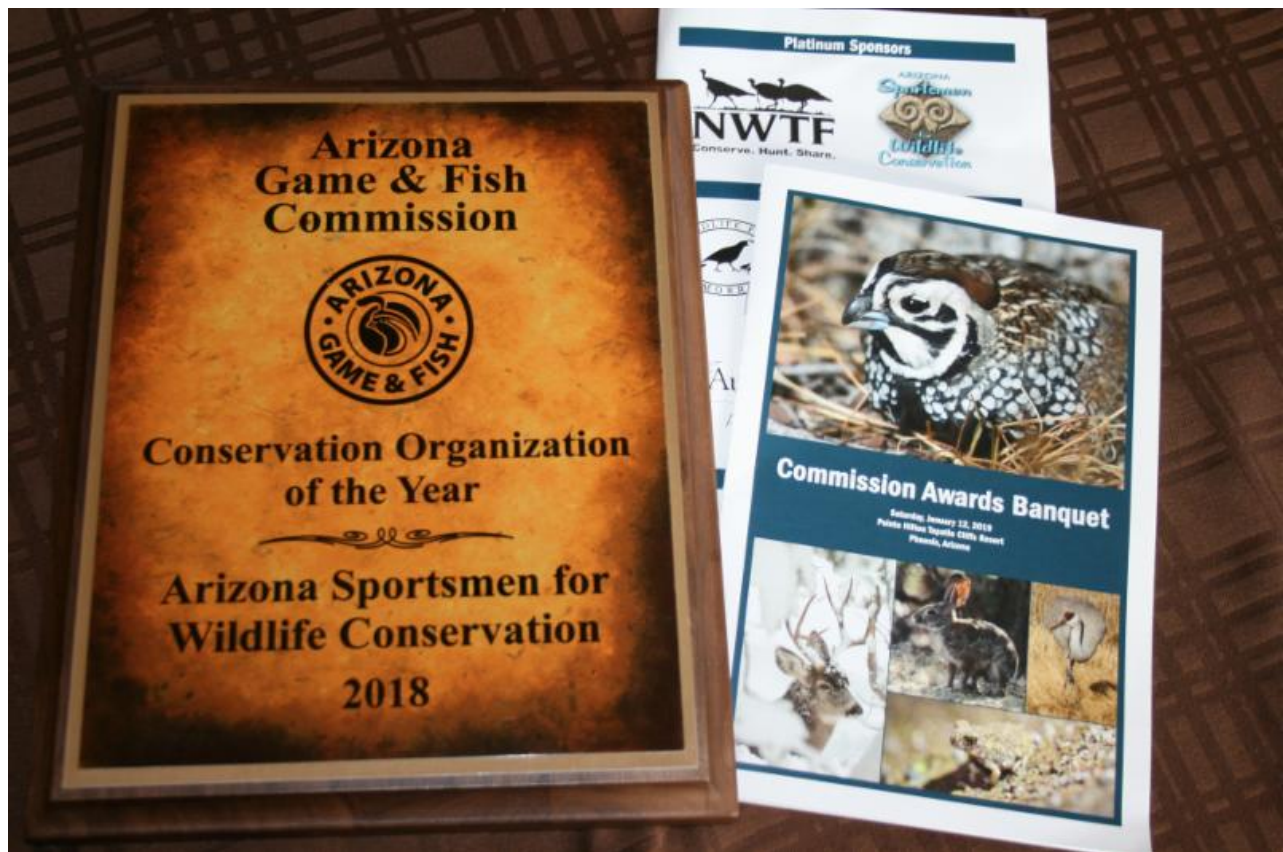
Finally, on our watch list is HB 2547. Rep. Mark Finchem introduced this bill which would "establish the Arizona Department of Public Land Management to provide for public land management by the state." Candidly it's highly unlikely that Congress or the Federal Government is going to yield control over the Federal public land in Arizona to the State, so we'll see where this goes. On the House side there are 25 co-sponsors and on the Senate side, there are 7 cosponsors. Here is a link to the bill language.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/1R/bills/hb2547p.pdf>

At the end of the Session's 19th day, 973 bills were posted, 2 passed, 1 vetoed and 1 signed, with a lot more to come. We'll keep you updated.

Yours in Conservation

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director



Support Our Member Group Activities





**Activities with Impact
White Tanks Camp
February 22 & 23**

Camping in this desert environment will demonstrate that there are numerous ways to camp- not just in the woods.

Some of the activities at this camp include hiking, setting up a tent, and investigating owl pellets. The youth will also get to enjoy the gourmet cooking of one of the best Camp cooks in the State of AZ.

<https://azoutdooradventures.org/>



Saturday, March 9, 2019



Ben Avery Clay Target Center
5060 W Skeet Street, Phoenix, AZ



Registration from 8:00 to 9:00 am
Shoot Starts at 9:00am



Adult Registration, Lunch & Fun - \$100

Youth (16 and under) Registration - \$25

Includes free chance to win a gun and everything included in adult ticket!

Stand Sponsorship (includes 1 shooter) - \$250

Sponsor is welcome to occupy their sponsored stand and support shooters. We will acknowledge sponsors. Sponsors are welcome to also display advertisement at their stand.



Purchase tickets or for more information contact Steven Robbins at 480-694-6356 or by email at realestate@stevenrobbins.com or online at <https://www.pheasantsforeverevents.org/event/3700>

RAFFLES!

Gun Raffles – winners will choose firearm of their choice from the Banner of Guns.

LUNCH!

All contestants will receive a raffle ticket and earn additional tickets for broken birds.



Arizona Deer Association



23rd Annual Fundraising Banquet



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

RUSTLER'S ROOSTE AT THE ARIZONA GRAND RESORT

8383 SOUTH 48TH STREET • PHOENIX, AZ 85044
DOORS OPEN: 3:30 PM • CONCERT: 4:00 PM • DINNER: 6:00 PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

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TAGS FOR MULE DEER & COUES WHITETAIL DEER

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DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS 3/20/2019
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

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Raffles • Hunts • Firearms
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Artwork • Trips • Jewelry

TICKET PRICES:
\$75 FOR INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
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\$700 FOR ENHANCED TABLE OF 8
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INCLUDES:
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BRYAN WHITE!

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Please Join Us!

for the

4th Annual

Valley of the Sun Quail Forever Banquet
Saturday, March 30, 2019

The VOS Quail Forever is holding its annual fundraising event on Saturday, March 30th at Ben Avery Pavilion. Please invite a fellow hunter, conservationist, or friend to join us in having a great time

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Ben Avery Pavilion
5060 W Skeet Street, Phoenix, AZ 85036

Fun Shoot	3pm - 5pm
Shooting Clinics with Anna Van Nostrand	3pm & 4pm
Social Hour and Live Music	5pm - 6:30pm
Banquet	6:30pm

Membership, Fun Shoot and Meal	\$120
Includes QF membership, entry in the fun shoot and meal at banquet.	
Membership and Meal	\$65
Includes QF membership and meal at banquet.	
Spouse / Life Member Meal	\$35
Includes just a meal for banquet for life members or to accompany a member.	
Youth (18 and under)	\$20
Includes meal at banquet.	
Youth (18 and under) Fun Shoot and Meal	\$45
Includes meal and fun shoot.	
Event Sponsor	\$250
Includes ad in event brochure, one membership and 2 meal tickets.	
Table Sponsor	\$1,000
Includes 4 memberships and 8 meal tickets.	

To Purchase Tickets or for more information contact Taylor Lee at 701-870-2735
or by email at taylorlee12@gmail.com
or online at <https://www.pheasantsforeverevents.org/event/3619>



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Got Wildlife?
Get Your License Plate
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By purchasing this plate you will be making a contribution to Arizona's wildlife and wildlife habitat. Seventeen dollars (\$17) of each twenty-five (\$25) special license fee will go to AZSFWC's conservation fund. AZSFWC will review and approve all grants from the special license plate program revenues. These grants will fund important outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and on-the-ground wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement projects. (More info [HERE](#)).

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Here is another helpful link when ordering your special license plate. You can have many of your questions answered here:
<https://servicearizona.com/webapp/vehicle/plates/showInfoPage.do>

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The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonans an opportunity to contribute to programs that benefit our wild creatures. **Step up and support "Wild Arizona".**

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations throughout the state and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat and to provide, via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives. The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (Wildlife Conservation Habitat Fund). The fund is derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible to apply for those funds.

