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Sportsmen & Women, we have to tap into the attributes of patience, persistence and perseverance whenever we venture afield. This could be on a hunt, casting a fly or trying to spot an animal. Be aware that environmentalists use these traits too, against us!

They use them in pursuing more national monuments, more wilderness, restrictive travel management, road closures, ending motorized game retrieval, limiting access, restricting wildlife management and ceasing timber harvests, ending mining, and removing ranchers.

A good example of this comes from California on the topic of gun control. (Click here: [Prop. 63](#))

While other groups spend more time advocating for gun rights than we do, we're subjected to the same efforts in the wildlife conservation arena. Interesting enough, many of the same folks that don't like your guns, also dislike the concept of multiuse on our public lands.

We need to be cognizant of that if we want to continue to enjoy what we do. So as you head outside this fall, cherish what we have, but don't forget to Vote!

Yours in Conservation,
Jim Unmacht President

**4th QUARTER GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE
DUE NOVEMBER 1
INFO & APPLICATION [HERE](#)**

AZ Trout Unlimited Lauded as "Best TU Has to Offer"

At the annual national meeting of Trout Unlimited on Sept. 30, the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited (AZTU) received the 2016 "Council Award of Excellence" for its long record of conservation successes-TU's highest award for state TU organizations.

The nominating letter for the award said that AZTU has "established itself as one of Arizona's leading conservation organizations. It has built tremendously productive relationships with the state's conservation organizations and key elected officials," and has brought together different fishing organizations in the state and "united their voices more cohesively than has ever been in the past."

The council is the governing body for AZTU's grassroots chapters, including the Grand Canyon Chapter #190 (Flagstaff), the Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited (OPTU) (Tucson), Zane Grey Trout Unlimited (Phoenix), and the Gila Trout Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Payson area).

"We're honored to receive this award, which is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our chapter members, volunteers and partners," said Steve LaFalce, AZTU council chairman. "Arizona's magnificent rivers and trout streams are a priceless asset for the state-and they face tough challenges, from wildfires to invasive species. We're eager to keep doing conservation work that advances TU's mission to conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries."

Read more [HERE](#).

Welcome Newest AZSFWC Member Organization

Welcome to Southwest Wildlife Foundation, our 29th member group. This group is the charitable foundation affiliated with the Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club. We are happy they are on board along with the following:

1.2.3.Go...	Anglers United	AZ Antelope Foundation
AZ Bass Federation Nation	AZ Big Game Super Raffle	AZ Bowhunters Association
AZ Catfish Conservation Assoc	AZ Chapter NWTF	AZ Chapter SCI
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited	AZ Deer Association	AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
AZ Elk Society	AZ Flycasters Club	AZ Houndsmen's Association
AZ Outdoor Sports	Back Country Hunters & Anglers	Coconino Sportsmen
Mohave Sportsman Cub	Outdoor Experience 4 All	South Eastern AZ Sportsmen Club
SRT Outdoors Inc	The Bass Federation Arizona	The Ryan Thomas Foundation
TRCP	White Mountain Fly Fishing Club	White Mountain Lakes Foundation
Xtreme Predator Callers		

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Calling All Volunteers

While the U.S. is busy with an upcoming election, we too at Arizona Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) are preparing for our 2017 election and we are looking for people to

serve. There are four officers responsible for leadership of the organization: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. AZSFWC is an umbrella group representing 29 wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation organizations.

AZSFWC raises money through a variety of means for grants to organizations in support of habitat recovery, education and recruitment. This is truly an opportunity to help wildlife conservation efforts in Arizona in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Please consider helping us help wildlife.

To find out more about us, please contact Gary Stinson at Gary@tfdnmail.net.

Raffle Winner

Congratulations to our latest raffle winner - Curt Parsons of Gilbert AZ won the Vortex Razor Spotting Scope! Thanks to everyone who supported AZSFWC by purchasing tickets. A special thanks to Vortex for their generous donation!



Goulds Turkey Raffle Winner Story

Earlier in the year, we reported that member organization the AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society agreed to conduct a raffle for a Mexican Goulds Turkey hunt, with all raffle proceeds benefiting AZSFWC. The winner of that raffle, Mike Petraska, shares his story below. Thanks again to ADBSS for helping us out!

LUCKY DRAW by Mike Petraska

Almost every turkey hunter I know harbors the dream of one day killing a big Goulds turkey. Listening to his gobble shatter the silence as it struts to within range of your weapon of choice. This dream became my reality when the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society phoned my home to congratulate and inform me that the raffle ticket I had purchased in the recent raffle was drawn as the winner of the 2016 Goulds turkey hunt in Mexico. As a hunter and conservationist, I love to support worthy organizations that work to conserve our resources and wildlife, but like most people, I don't expect to win when I enter a contest. I was shocked and in disbelief when I was contacted that my ticket had won the hunt. The reality of it all set in when I lifted the large Goulds tom and put him over my shoulder to head back to camp.



I arrived in Douglas, Arizona, the night before my hunt and was met the next morning by my guide Darr Colburn who would be taking myself and another hunter, Jeff, into the state of Sonora in Mexico in pursuit of our two Goulds turkeys. Darr and his business partner Jay Scott, run Colburn and Scott Outfitters and had so graciously donated the hunt. I was impressed at how smooth the border crossing and travel into our camp was. Colburn and Scott have been chasing birds in Mexico for over 15 years, and it shows....

Read the rest of the article [HERE](#)

Support our Member Organizations Activities

31 DAY GUN RAFFLE

November

Happy
Thanksgiving!

Thursday	24th	Sig Sauer 1911 Nightmare .45ACP
Friday	25th	Mossberg 500 H/D W/Insight Lite 12GA
Saturday	26th	Remington 700ADL PKGE. 243
Sunday	27th	Glock 17 GEN 3 9MM
Monday	28th	Browning BPS 12GA
Tuesday	29th	Ruger Predator 22-250
Wednesday	30th	S&W 642 .38SPL

December

Thursday	1st	Weatherby Upland 20GA & 28GA Barrels
Friday	2nd	Savage 111 300 MAG W/ Nikon Scope
Saturday	3rd	Ruger SR40 40S&W
Sunday	4th	Benelli Nova 12GA
Monday	5th	DPMS A-15 223/5.56
Tuesday	6th	S&W M&P 9 Shield 9MM
Wednesday	7th	Beretta A300 12GA S/A
Thursday	8th	Weatherby Vanguard .308WIN
Friday	9th	Glock 43 .380ACP
Saturday	10th	Ruger GP100 357MAG
Sunday	11th	Mossberg MVP Predator 5.56 NATO
Monday	12th	Springfield XDM Compact 40S&W
Tuesday	13th	Remington 870 12GA & 28GA Barrels
Wednesday	14th	Ruger AR-556 .223REM
Thursday	15th	S&W M&P 40
Friday	16th	Winchester Black Shadow 12GA & 28GA
Saturday	17th	Henry Silver Eagle 22 Lever
Sunday	18th	Kimber Ultra Carry .45ACP
Monday	19th	CZ Upland Ultralight O/U 12 GA
Tuesday	20th	DPMS Oracle 308WIN
Wednesday	21st	Ruger SR9C 9MM
Thursday	22nd	Winchester SXP Defender 12GA
Friday	23rd	Savage A17 17HMR
Saturday	24th	Kimber TLE Ultra 45ACP



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31 DAY GUN RAFFLE



Tickets: 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, 7 for \$100

Purchase Your ticket by November 10th to be entered in the Early Bird drawing for a Browning Yukon Gold 23 Gun Safe!

- Once a winning ticket has been drawn for a daily prize, that ticket will no longer be eligible for any other prizes. One win per ticket excluding early bird drawing.
- All prizes are eligible for exchange at Sportsman's Warehouse for store credit only.
- Winning party is responsible for meeting all of the Federal requirements for obtaining the firearms and FFL transfer needs.
- For winner updates and announcements please visit any of the following: Facebook: NWTf-Arizona, jwatts@nwtf.net or www.nwtfarizona.org. The winner will also be notified at the end of the day via email or phone

DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

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Look at our beautiful license plate. 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.

These plates can be purchased online and can also be personalized. To order an AZSFWC Conservation License Plate go to:

<http://www.servicearizona.com>

Click on "Personalized/Specialty Plates" then if you wish to personalize it, check its availability. Once you have verified the availability of your personalization, or if you only want to order the AZSFWC Conservation Special Plate, click on "Order My Plate". Order your plate as a sequential shelf plate for \$25.00 per year or as a personalized plate for \$50.00 per year.

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>

The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonan's 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.

