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- AZ Antelope Foundation
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- AZ Bowhunters Association
- AZ Catfish Conservation Association

Sportsmen and women, you might have picked up on a theme with me over the last couple years both subtly, and sometimes not so subtly, imploring you to get involved, get active and take a stand for your passion and your favorite past times. The urgency of that call is only becoming more important as time moves forward. As our population ages, and our ranks trend downward, recruitment efforts on all fronts need to be magnified!

There never was any intent to lecture, only to inform and maybe inspire. The other day I read an article from an online sportsmen related publication called Sporting Classics Daily. It frequently has some great articles or stories on many of the things we are interested in.

The story was written by Gene Hill, entitled "The Day They Took My Guns Away".

Here is the link: <http://bit.ly/2cNKilf>

Farfetched?

Maybe not so much if you really think about what is going on in our world, and all of the various "humane societies" that want to take away things we enjoy. Think about the anti-hunting crowd, the limitations being invoked on trapping, the desire to eliminate the use of dogs while hunting, travel management (forest and field road closures), curtailment of the multi-use doctrine, removing ranchers from the land, mineral extraction closures, preservation over conservation, no-shooting zones, predator management, wilderness, endangered species, timber harvest curtailment, and last but not least national monument designations. While our country and the world grows more urbanized and farther from the land, those same "humane" folks would love to have you stay in town and look at pictures on your smart phone.

Please reflect on what's happening right before our very

- AZ Chapter of NWTf
- AZ Chapter of SCI
- AZ Council of TU
- AZ Deer Association
- AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
- AZ Elk Society
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eyes. When you have an opportunity to get involved, it's time to take it.

Yours in Conservation,

Jim Unmacht President



AZSFWC Members Named for AZGF Commission Awards

Congratulations to the following Commission Award recipients, who are affiliated with AZSFWC through their involvement with our member organizations:

Advocate of the Year - Federal: Don McDowell, AZSFWC Board member, AZ Bass Federation Nation, SRT Outdoors and The Bass Federation

Media of the Year: Arizona Antelope Foundation's Pronghorn Magazine

Mentor of the Year: Steve Sams, AZ Chapter NWTf

Outdoor Writer of the Year: Jim & Carol Allen, Western Outdoor Times

Wildlife Habitat Steward of the Year: Bill Cordasco, AZ Antelope Foundation

Youth Environmentalist of the Year: Matteo Bailloux, AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, 1.2.3.Go...

Grant Success

On a recent Saturday morning in September, 75 youth and their parents showed up at Robbins Butte Wildlife area at 4:00 a.m. for the annual Youth Dove Hunt spearheaded by the AZ Chapter of NWTf. AZSFWC provided funding through the license plate conservation fund to assist in sponsoring this event. Looks like a great time was had by all. Read the complete story [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

Merry Christmas!



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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!

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- 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

**Get your tickets at:
nwtfarizona.org**

**Or by contacting:
Fred Deneke 928-642-8947
fjdeneke@yahoo.com**

Thank you for your support!



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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) of 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.

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<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.

