



Well, if you were asleep last week, you missed some excitement!

We learned on March 31st the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) was going to throw in the towel on their "wildcat" signature drive and give up on getting the initiative to the ballot this year. Their acting CEO Kitty Block didn't let us down! Click [here](#) to read their email to "supporters".

The significance of HSUS quitting is pretty remarkable, considering over the last 25 years and being involved in 81 ballot initiatives nationwide, they have never quit an effort! This didn't happen because of one group, or specific individuals, this was a concerted effort on many fronts. Some gave "a lot" and some gave all they could. However, the important thing was the Decline to Sign campaign worked, and HSUS quit...for now.

Kudos and thanks to Arizona sportsmen and women who engaged on this issue, in concert with AZSFWC and our member groups that contributed to the cause; AZ Antelope Foundation, AZ Bowhunters Association, AZ Deer Association, AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, AZ Elk Society, AZ Houndsmen, AZ Chapter of NWTF and Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club's Southwest Wildlife Foundation.

The HSUS post mortem was also quite interesting! Some of the issues they blamed for quitting included these comments:

1. Bad legislation in Arizona (Strict compliance with HB 2244 and hourly compensation for signature gatherers with HB 2404)
2. Not enough money (Seriously! Even though they have MILLIONS in their bank accounts)

3. Unnamed national issues in DC (BBB downgrade? Loss of fundraising dollars? Sexual harrassment allegations?)

In the end, "we" get a reprieve and AZ Game & Fish can continue to scientifically manage all our wildlife. However we can't rest!

Arizona sportsmen and women need to continue to coalesce and work together to educate the vast majority of Arizona voters who will make a difference in future ballot initiatives and elections.

We are going to have to do it ourselves too, as we won't be able to rely on any national organizations to bail us out.

That takes us to [Conserve and Protect Arizona](#) (CAPAZ), a 501(c)(4) organization whose mission is to protect our conservation heritage by educating the public and seeking legislative solutions. Click [here](#) to read their press release on HSUS quitting.

Going forward, we all need to contribute and engage!

Once again, thank you, we're just getting started!

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

Congratulations to our winner Paul Martinez of
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Paul Martinez
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Member Group Activities



9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference

April 12, 2018

9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.

**Arizona Game and Fish Department Headquarters
5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ**

Sponsored by AZGFD and AZ TU State Council

Topics

- Keynote Speaker
- Trout Unlimited Southwest Native Trout Strategy and Projects
- Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) Programs
- Lees Ferry: Glen Canyon Dam (Tailwater) Management Plan
- Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI)
- Tonto National Forest "Needs to Change" Plan
- Citizen Science Programs
- Native Trout Recovery Programs in the Southwest
- Many other topics
- Conservation Awards for Distinguished Service

Free lunch and BBQ following the conference.

Registration and information at www.az-tu.com.

**ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION
SOUTHEAST SONOITA PLAINS FENCE MODIFICATION
APRIL 13-15 2018**

Project Location: We will be working on 4 different locations in the southeast Sonoita Plains with very short drives from our base camp at the Rose Tree Corrals.

Project Begins: Friday April 13th at 10AM, Saturday April 14th 7:30-5. Meet at camp for all start times. The campsite will be available on Thursday night. This is a 2-day project, but we need the most volunteers on Saturday. If you can only work one day, Saturday would be the best for our work crew allocations.

Project Activity: We will be modifying and repairing fences. On all fence locations we will be removing the 2 bottoms strands of barbed wire and replacing with a single strand of smooth wire at a height of 18 inches. Fence stays will be removed and replaced with new as needed.

Pronghorn Benefits: The good news! All 4 of these fence modifications have been caused by the increased herd in this area (now 120 animals minimum, up from 17 in 2012) utilizing and pioneering suitable habitat areas previously unoccupied by Pronghorn. This project is likely a final "Capstone" effort and will complete free pronghorn access in the southeastern portion of the Santa Cruz Plains pronghorn corridor improvement project.

NFWF Grant Benefits: All volunteer work hours and mileage will be use as in-kind match for our 6-year our Southeastern Arizona Pronghorn Enhancement project funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Arizona Game and Fish Habitat Partnership program.

Meals: Please provide your own lunches to eat in the field on the 2 work days. The AAF will be providing dinners on both Friday and Saturday nights and continental breakfasts with coffee and juice on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

What to Bring: Work gloves (The AAF will have a limited supply), snacks, water, personal gear.

Contact: Glen Dickens at (520-247-4907) for project information. If you are planning to attend, **please RSVP** to info@azantelope.org by **April 9th** so we can plan to have enough food and tools.

Directions to Camp:

AAF project/camp site will be about 10 miles southeast of the intersection of Highways 83/82 at Sonoita.

Travel 20 miles south of Tucson on I-10; turn south on Highway 83 and travel 25 miles to the town of Sonoita intersection.

From this point turn east on Highway 82 and travel approximately 5 miles to the Upper Elgin paved road.

Turn south again and follow AAF signs from that point. Camp will be located 3.4 miles south located on the east side of the roadway at the historic Rose Tree corrals and stone bunkhouse immediately adjacent to the roadway.

Visit our website for a larger printer-friendly map
www.azantelope.org





BEYOND THE COMFORT ZONE

Jennifer Griego is a 16 year old sophomore at Notre Dame Prep High School in Scottsdale and has two teenage brothers. She really enjoys the outdoors, especially hunting with her dad and



one really enjoys the outdoors, especially hunting with her dad and brothers, and plays tennis for her high school.

Jennifer was born with a genetic disease called cystic fibrosis which is a life-threatening disease that affects her lungs and intestines. She has a very demanding medical regimen that she has to adhere to everyday to help slow the progression of her disease.

She takes 25 pills daily, six nebulized breathing treatments throughout the day, and connects to an electric vibrating lung machine 2 to 3 times a day. She has a gastric tube in her stomach that pumps formula into her while she sleeps so that she receives the needed nutrition to help her maintain her weight. When she gets even a simple cold, this regimen increases even more.

However, meeting Jennifer you would never know that she is even sick. Despite all this, Jennifer is a typical teenager who enjoys life and makes the most out of every day.



OE4A 10TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

Keynote Speaker: Jennifer Griego • Live Auction • Raffles • Silent Auctions
Saturday May 12, 2018 • Doors open at 5:00 pm • Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Embassy Suites Phoenix-Tempe – 4400 South Rural Road, Tempe

The evening will include dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles for guns, optics, camping equipment, and other items. Tickets are \$75 each with sponsor tables for 10 at \$800. Ticket price includes a salad, plated dinner, dessert, free beer (while it lasts), tea, and water! Child ticket (12 and under) for \$35 includes hamburger, fries, dessert, and drink.

*Get your tickets today! This is a plated dinner
and tickets will NOT be sold at the door.*

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If you have a tag in Arizona that you will not be able to use you can donate it to OE4A for use by one of our special kids or an American Disabled Veteran/Wounded Warrior!

Visit www.OE4A.org or call Eddy Corona at 480-529-8340 for more information.

Win a Kimber!





Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$10 per ticket! Proceeds support Arizona Chapter of SCI programs like the upcoming Junior Deer Camp.

Visit www.azsci.com
for all the details.

An advertisement for Coues Outfitters is shown at the bottom. It features a logo of a deer head with antlers on the left. To the right of the logo is the text 'Coues Outfitters'. Further right is the 'Outdoor Experience 4 All' logo, which includes a sun icon and the tagline 'Changing Lives One Adventure at a Time!'. Below this is the main text 'MEXICO COUES WHITETAIL DEER AND GOULD'S TURKEY HUNTS' in a large, bold, serif font. At the bottom of the ad are two small photographs of men in outdoor gear.



Coues Outfitters and Outdoor Experience 4 All are teaming up to bring you an awesome opportunity to hunt in Mexico for trophy Coues whitetail deer and Gould's turkey.

Both hunts are fully guided and outfitted by Coues Outfitters.

The Coues deer hunt will take place in either Dec. 2018 or Jan. 2019. The Gould's turkey hunt will take place in the spring of 2019. Dates to be determined. The first person drawn will get their choice of hunts and the second person drawn will get the remaining hunt.

— ONE TICKET GIVES YOU TWO CHANCES! —

Purchase tickets at www.OE4A.org and click the RAFFLES tab.

Tickets are \$25 each. Only 650 tickets will be sold.

Raffle winners will be drawn after the last ticket is sold.



For more information about the hunts and the location of the Mexico ranches, please visit the Coues Outfitters at www.couesoutfitters.com or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CouesOutfitters

Transportation provided from Tucson, AZ to the ranch and back, for both hunts. Does not include taxidermy, cape and meat transport or permits, weapon and ammunition. Additional person can be added for a fee.

Contact Coues Outfitter for details at 520-490-8367 or bobby@couesoutfitters.com.

Raffle will be conducted through Outdoor Experience 4 All.

Call 480-529-8340 with questions or visit www.OE4A.org to purchase tickets.

ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION



26th Annual Hunter Clinic

Trophy Scoring

Recognition and Fundraising Banquet

June 16th 2018

Embassy Suites Phoenix

4400 South Rural Rd. Tempe Az



Join us for a day of education, recognition and fun! Drawn for an antelope tag? Learn how to pursue this elusive animal at our clinic. Have a trophy you need scored? Officials will be on hand all day to assist. Then join us to recognize Arizona Trophy Book Award winners, and those who successfully harvested an antelope in 2017. We will also celebrate the many successes of the AZ Antelope Foundation, and raise some much needed funds to continue our important work.

Trophy Scoring 9:00am - 4:00pm

Clinic Registration 11:00-12:00 Clinic 12:00-4:00

Recognition & Fundraising Banquet 4:30pm – 10pm

Complete the enclosed order form or register
online on our website at

Azantelope.org



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2018 AZBGSR "Early Bird" Prize Calendar

<p>DECEMBER</p>  <p>CANYON 10 Winners!</p>	<p>JANUARY</p>  <p>8 Winners!</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>GARMIN</p>  <p>6 Winners!</p>
<p>MARCH</p>  <p>5 Winners!</p> 	<p>APRIL</p> <p>GARMIN</p>  <p>5 Winners!</p>	<p>MAY</p>  <p>5 Winners!</p> 

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AZ Flycasters Club	AZ Houndsmen's Association	AZ Outdoor Adventures
AZ Outdoor Sports	AZ Predator Callers	AZ Shooting Sports Education Foundation
AZ Taxidermy Association	Back Country Hunters & Anglers	Christian Hunters of America
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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.

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.



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