



# GVR Hunting and Fishing Club Newsletter

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## Who We Are

A dedicated group of nineteen conservationists banded together in March, 2016 to form the club and since then membership has increased over 400%. Any GVR member or bona fide tenant is eligible to become a member. The club's stated mission is to provide members a chance to meet socially, to learn about hunting and fishing opportunities in Arizona and Mexico, to share hunting and fishing experiences and to sponsor wildlife conservation projects in the greater Green Valley area. Above all, the objective is to have fun in whatever we do.

We are sorry to announce that John Dragness, one of our charter members, passed away on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He was only able to attend the first meeting before becoming incapacitated. How fortunate we are to have had John as part of our club.

## Where We Are

Because the club operates as a GVR club it is required to have a Board of Directors, Officers and Bylaws. After operating with an interim five member board for the first nine months of 2016 the first elected seven member board was seated following the Annual Meeting in January. The present directors are:

Don Brown – Secretary

Bob Forslund

Mike Hickey - Vice President

Tom Horn

Dan Rundstrom – Treasurer

Richard Toltzmann – President

Bob Visscher

Richard Toltzmann will resign as President on August 31<sup>st</sup> and Vice President Mike Hickey will serve out his term until the next Annual Meeting in January, 2018. A Nominations Committee will be established in the near future in preparation for the next election.

We now have an official mailing address and email address. The most effective way to communicate with the club is to email [gvrhuntfishclub@gmail.com](mailto:gvrhuntfishclub@gmail.com). You will usually receive a response within 48 hours. Our mailing address is PO Box 91, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

What really makes any club operate effectively is a large number of dedicated volunteers and many members have enthusiastically stepped up to help make the club a success. However there is always some “burnout” Therefore, in September you will be asked to affirm or reaffirm your willingness to volunteer your skills by completing a Talent Bank questionnaire. Please give serious consideration to what you can do to help out.

### **What Have We Done So Far**

In addition to getting the club established administratively, effective communications with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the U. S. Forest Service, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Santa Rita Experimental Range, the Arizona Land Department and the GVR Foundation have been opened up. They now know the club exists and is willing to assist with their programs.

Because of the transient nature of our membership some resistance was being encountered on the part of potential members to join the club for just a couple of months in the fall. Therefore the Board of Directors decided to change the membership year from January-December to September-August. We believe that will result in more members in the long run. Renewal Notices will be sent out in September. Annual dues will remain at \$10 but a new \$20 Sponsorship level has been added for those who want to do a help out a little more with operating expenses.

The Board has begun to work on establishing the club as a not for profit organization. Presently we are under the umbrella of GVR and are classified by the IRS as a 501(c) 4 organization. As such, any donations made by members cannot be considered tax deductible. It is presently nearly impossible to apply for grants for conservation projects or seek material donations from businesses because of our lack of nonprofit status. There are essentially two options at this point. One is to incorporate and seek a 501(c) 3 determination from the IRS and the other is to have the GVR Foundation maintain a sub account for the club under their 501(c) 3 classification. That option looks promising but it would be cumbersome. We expect to get a final determination from the foundation in the near future whether or not they will partner with us. In the meantime, if there is a member out there that is savvy about tax issues and wants to help the Board with this important issue please contact Mike Hickey at [gvrhuntfishclub@gmail.com](mailto:gvrhuntfishclub@gmail.com).

Good progress is being made toward replacing our one page web site with a typical multi-page version. A task force consisting of Mike Hickey, Phil Nicolay, Richard Toltzmann and Don Brown have been working with John Tucker of Tucker’s PC Solutions to design and develop the new site. Hopefully it will be published on the internet sometime in October. A special effort is being made to relay information to members about hunting and fishing in Arizona and Mexico. There will be many pertinent links to the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s site and major private

organizations and governmental agencies. It is meant to be “one stop shopping” for members.

One of the things we have not been able to make much progress on to date is the bringing of members together with like interests and needs. But we might have it figured out. Our web site developer assures us that it can be done as part of our web site. It will very simply be called the Partner Up program. Members will be able to fill out a form online indicating what fishing or hunting experience they are looking for. Any club member will be able to go to our site and connect with another likeminded member. None of the information will be available online to any non-club member. If you want to help flesh out this program please contact Richard Toltzmann at [rtoltzmann@cox.net](mailto:rtoltzmann@cox.net).



We have been working with a retired graphic designer to develop a logo for the club. Final versions will be discussed at the September membership meeting. The logo will be used on all communications and any gear we might sell in an effort to develop a brand for the club. The Board will consider your



input before making a final determination. Here is a peek at two of the most promising ones.

We requested GVR and the GVR Foundation to get a couple of shotgun shooting events included in the Southern Arizona Senior Olympics they will sponsor next spring. Unfortunately GVR decided not to approve their inclusion because GVR’s insurance company would not cover the events and a second insurance company would have charged \$350.00. You would have a much better chance to “medal” as you would not have been competing with all of Tucson! If you want to compete in the Tucson Senior Olympics go to [www.tucsonseniorgames.org](http://www.tucsonseniorgames.org) for info.

Over 70 members and guests attended our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rendezvous in January. The heavy hors d’ oeuvres were put together by Bob Visscher and Barb Finn with help from Bob and Nancy Barney. Activities included a fly tying demonstration by Walt Stevenson, a casting contest led by Christmas Wakefield, storytelling, a wildlife drawing contest, a show and tell table, a contest for the best dressed hunter and fisher person and a silent auction. Thanks to very generous donations by members, the auction netted over \$800. There were prizes galore. A good time was had by all! Overall, total receipts for the event exceeded expenses by more than \$500.



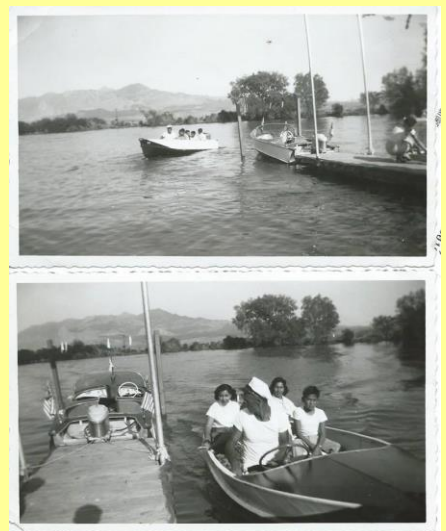
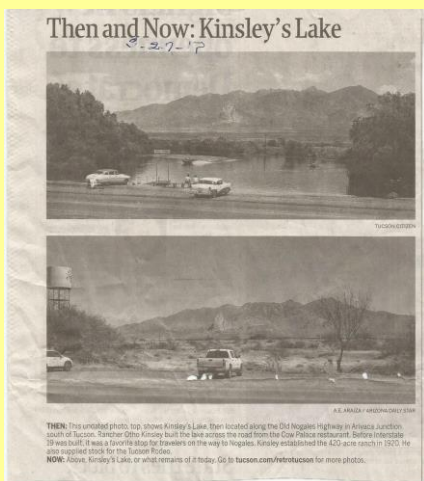
In early April nearly 50 members and guests attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wild Game Potluck and Swap Meet. The potluck was coordinated by Nancy and Bob Barney with help from Bob Visscher and Barb Finn. Phil Nicolay coordinated the Swap Meet with help from Richard Toltzmann. The main purpose of the Swap Meet was to give all GVR members a chance to purchase gently used hunting and fishing gear at a reasonable cost. Only eight club members and one non club member offered gear for sale. Because there was little interest on the part of buyers Tim Cameron offered to conduct a live auction if sellers would donate something. He, Dan Rundstrom, Richard Toltzmann, Barry Nelson and Nick Williams donated a total of eight items for the auction. In addition, Marilyn and Tony Vitale donated a fly casting instruction package. Tim did an excellent job coaxing nearly \$400 out of the audience. Total receipts for the night exceeded expenses by almost \$500.

Walt Stevenson conducted an exploratory tour of Parker Canyon Lake, Patagonia Lake and Pena Blanca Lake. A good time was had by all.

Bob Visscher did a ton of planning for a San Carlos fishing trip but just could not put it together. Hopefully we can try again next year.

Kathy and Bob Forslund put a considerable amount of effort into trying to get Trout Unlimited's "Trout in the Classroom" program instituted in the San Xavier Mission School but with no avail because of lack of teacher interest. We will keep trying to make that opportunity available in both the San Xavier School and the Sahaurita school system next year.

Richard Toltzmann was approached by a group of Amado citizens who want to restore Kinsley's Lakes in downtown Amado and is helping them establish a steering committee. No determination has been made by the Board regarding the club's formal involvement in the project.



**Cow Palace in background**



We tried a new program entitled Video Night Out on three afternoons in June, July and August. All GVR members were invited. The programs were meant primarily to be a chance for club members to showcase their personal videos of favorite fishing or hunting trips. Response was very poor as only two members offered to show videos. Two commercial feature length DVDs portraying the pros and cons of hunting and a travelogue of life in the Siberian taiga were shown. Attendance varied from seven to sixteen. An option may be continue the program in the evenings during the winter season.

## Looking Ahead

The club has joined together with the Santa Rita Ranch and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to begin working on the ranch as part of the department's Adopt-A-Ranch program. The first work project will probably happen in October. That project will consist of cleanup of debris from the disastrous Sawmill Canyon wild fire that occurred in June. The fire was caused by a target shooter and burned over 48,000 acres. There will be a sign-up sheet for the first work session at the regular September meeting. This outing will be a good chance to learn about the ranch and help rancher Andrew McGibbon and his family out.



There may be an opportunity for the club to sponsor a Youth Fishing Day at one of the local golf course ponds. Planning is just starting so be ready to join this project. Keep your eyes and ears open for details in the next month or so.



## Monthly Meetings

September 21<sup>st</sup> – Las Companas, Ocotillo Room at 9:30 AM

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Las Companas, Ocotillo Room at 9:30 AM

November 16<sup>th</sup> - Las Campanas Ocotillo Room at 9:30 AM

December 21<sup>st</sup> - Las Campanas Ocotillo Room at 9:30 AM

January 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM - TBD

February 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM - TBD

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 AM - TBD

April 20<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 AM - TBD

May 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM - TBD

## Future Programs

September 25<sup>th</sup> – Las Companas Ocotillo Room - Peter Kummerfelt, a world renowned survival specialist, will present photos of Africa's flora and fauna from fifteen photo safaris at 2:00 PM. Don't miss this one!

## Future Social Events

The welcome back 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rendezvous will most likely be held in late November or early December. It will be a heavy hors d'oeuvres affair similar to last year. To date no one has offered to head up the event. A sign-up sheet for those wishing to help out will be available at the September meeting.

Our 1st Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday night, January 20, 2018 at Las Companas. It will serve as the club's main fund raiser for the year and will feature a "sit down dinner" and live entertainment. Preliminary plans include a live auction and raffles and lots of fun activities. Richard Toltzmann is heading up the event and is looking for all the ideas and help he can get. Call him at 520-904-8673 or email him at [rtoltzmann@cox.net](mailto:rtoltzmann@cox.net) if you want to help out in any manner.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wild Game Potluck date is set for the evening of March 30, 2018 at Las Companas. This will be a good time to empty out your freezer! Even though we are more than six months away it sure would be nice if someone offered to coordinate it in the near future. Contact any Director if you are willing to chair the event.

## Hunting

### BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION DEADLINE – October 17<sup>th</sup>

- Javelina (General) - February 23<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Javelina (Handgun, archery, & muzzleloader) - February 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>
- Javelina and Deer (Archery) - January 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>
- Turkey (Units 34a and 34b) - April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>



### BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

- Mourning Doves – September 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup>
- White-winged Doves – September 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>
- Gambels' and Scaled Quail – October 6<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Mearns quail – December 8<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ducks, geese, etc. - Dates not available yet

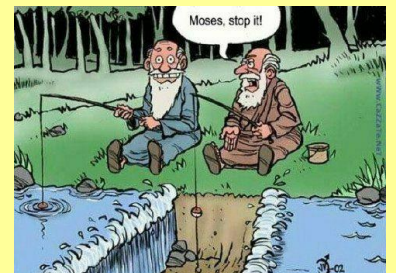


## Fishing

### Two pound bluegills?

Try Pena Blanca Lake in early AM. Contact Mike Hickey.

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## Fish Stocking

Information from AZGFD web site as of August 25<sup>th</sup>. Stocking will occur on or up to five days after the listed dates.

Sahuarita Lake catfish stocking – September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Rose Canyon Lake trout stocking – September 18<sup>th</sup>

Sahuarita Lake trout stocking – November 13<sup>th</sup>, November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Arizona's big fish of the year – Check out [www.azgfd.com/fishing/bigfish/](http://www.azgfd.com/fishing/bigfish/)

## General

Remember to go to [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) to get more information about Arizona fishing and hunting opportunities.

You will also find many links to other good sites and references to books, publications, videos, etc.

For starters try their Fish & Boat Web map under “Fishing”

Three good purchases (available on Amazon) would be:

- [Hunting Arizona's Small Game](#) – Guy Sagi
- [Fishing Arizona](#) – Guy Sagi
- Wingshooter's Guide to Arizona Upland Birds and Waterfowl. - William Parton

