April 2020

From the President's Pen

President's Message

After over ten years on the Anglers United Lake Havasu Chapter board and eight years as the chapter President it is time for me to step down and let some more active individuals take over. So I will be calling for board elections in June and stepping down effective June 30, 2020. This action is taken reluctantly but is based on chronic health issues that have developed over time. From the time I moved to Lake Havasu City almost 12 years ago working with the fisheries habitat program has been my primary goal in retirement life. What a joy it has been! In the earlier years Angler's United worked five days a week at Partner's Point. Monday through Thursday we received, banded and placed brush in the lake from 7:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. Then on Friday mornings the yard was closed and we removed any remaining brush and took it down to the south end of the lake. There we also loaded any brush that Black Meadows Landing had available and placed that in the lake. The camaraderie between members was great and the results shown by the fish population was amazing.

A close friend of mine was the Game Warden here in Lake Havasu City for about 15 years. He stated that during that time he only saw about two smallmouth bass caught and he was an avid fisherman. When the thread-fin shad died off 12 years ago from cold water and the Striped Bass cannibalized their selves out of the lake the smallmouth bass population exploded. It reached a point where they were about 50 percent of the Black Bass being caught in the tournaments. Over that time the amount of bass needed to win a tournament went from about 15 pounds up to over 25 pounds in a single day. That is the kind of progress that makes spending your retirement time worthwhile. Now is the time to start replacing the old artificial habitat which has been in the lake for 25 years with new artificial habitat. Angler’s United has been the primary volunteer partner in the Lake Havasu Fisheries Habitat program from the very beginning. Hopefully we will continue in that position.
From the Vice Presidents Desk

It was disappointing to have to cancel Anglers Picnic we had the biggest response I have had since the first picnic I organized, but considering the risk from the corona virus it was the only choice to make. I hope all of our members, family and friends will stay safe and healthy, we will plan another get together in the fall when out winter members return.

After Partners Point was closed for construction for a few weeks we were able to open for one week before Corona Virus caused us to be shut down again. Maybe while we are shut down the construction work will progress and the road into Partners Point will be better than ever.

As you probably noticed we will not be having our monthly board meeting this month watch next months newsletter for updates of our activities.

Although we can’t be with family have a Happy Easter!!!!

Please stay safe and healthy

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This is a very exciting time to be fishing on Lake Havasu. The water temperature is in the mid 60’s and the Black Bass bite is phenomenal. I recently went on the lake while a tournament was going on (something I normally never do but these are not normal times). I talked with anglers at the boat ramp and they reported excellent catches. Even though we developed outboard engine problems we were determined to fish anyway as it was a beautiful day. I thought that since the fish were active that using a lipless crankbait (Ratl Trap type) would be worthwhile. Normally on Lake Havasu I use a white or silver color but I had recently read several articles indicating that a reddish color was great in the spring because it more closely represents the spring crawfish. I started casting a reddish Ratl Trap along a sandy slope near the boat ramp and immediately caught a very nice bass and within 30 minutes caught a second one. Not bad for fishing from a boat without a working outboard motor! It is small tips like these that you can pick up from reading and then put them to work at the appropriate time. Now with the outboard fixed we will be heading out to fish the rest of the lake keeping in mind the appropriate “social distancing” guidelines.
After being shut down for a few weeks for construction, the crew has returned and are waiting for some brush to be delivered.

The weeds were growing everywhere but they were no match for Dan Kristofferson and Louis Pesout Rod Hatchell completing his forklift certification
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