It has been a pleasure serving on the board for the last ten years. Three years as secretary and seven years as the chapter president. During that time there has been many changes in the Lake Havasu Fisheries Habitat program. The BLM staff has been reduced from four persons down to one. Work days have been reduced from five down to three. Hours of operation have been reduced from eight down to five. Decision making has primarily become a unilateral role by BLM rather than a partnership function. The habitat in Lake Havasu has become degraded because of this. Over the last two years the original staff and most of the partners has retired or been replaced. The knowledge of the program that has been lost cannot be replaced. Within Anglers United I know of only one original member still alive. That is Sam Manning who is living in Prescott Valley. Hopefully, ALL the partners can come together and reenergize the program. It must function as a partnership of all equal partners or it will cease to exist.

I want to thank all of you who have served on the board over the years, who have worked as volunteers both at Partners Point or the swap meet, and those that have contributed and supported the Lake Havasu City chapter of Anglers United. Without the support of all of you this program would not have been as successful as it has been.

The candidates for the board election are as follows:
President – Rod Hatchell
Vice-President – Marilyn Butcher
Treasurer – Lou Pesout
Secretary – Johnita Tyson
Sgt at Arms – Conrad Berdon

As there are not any contested positions, the officers will be elected at our June meeting by acclamation and will take office effective July 1, 2020.
Tackle Tips
By Dave Bohl

This has been a strange year. High winds and low lake levels have become the norm, entrance to the river has become difficult, and the Western Outdoor News Striper Derby has been moved from May into June. Fishing up the river has been the year of the kayak rather than the year of the bass boat! I think the federal bureaucrats in Denver that control the water levels have been home on an extended paid vacation rather than working six feet apart in the control rooms! I have yet to gain entrance to any of the back waters that I normally fish for the red ear or blue gill spawn. The lake water warmed up early and the panfish moved into the back of the coves on the lake to spawn then an extended cold spell came and they all disappeared. Last week the water temperature was still in the low seventies, not high enough for spawning. With the heat wave that is predicted for this week it should warm the lake water back up and June and July should be great spawning months for the panfish. Remember if you catch any of the really large ones, 3 pounds or better, take their picture and turn them loose. They are needed to perpetuate the world record class in the lake!

The Striper Derby June 20th and 21st should be very interesting and hot! Plenty of ice will be needed to protect the fish. If you are at all interested in some Striped Bass please bring your ice chest down to the channel at the weigh in booth. There are always more than enough fish given away for everyone. Fishing is one of the best sports for “social distancing”. Get out and fish and enjoy life!
From the Vice Presidents Desk

I have known Dave since I first joined Anglers United in 2015 and as Vice President for the last couple of years and I would say I will miss him as our leader, but I know he is still going to be around for us to ask for his advice and knowledge and maybe even give us some tackle tips now and then. Dave, now that you will have more time to fish try not to catch all of them. Thank you Dave for everything!!!!

Just a reminder for anyone that wants to bring a cooler down to the striper derby don't forget to put plenty of ice in it because we cannot purchase ice for all of the coolers, and remember you will need to have a fishing license In order to take any fish, we won't check, but the Game and Fish Dept might. We also need volunteers to help Sunday when the weigh-in is over at the club house to sell 50-50 tickets , T-shirts and Maps, it is really a fun thing to do the fishermen are a really nice group of people.

Happy Fathers Day

JUNE 21ST
Hello Anglers United Members !! Looking for Volunteers.
The Striper Derby after being delayed is just around the corner!!
In the past and again this year Anglers United has the opportunity to be an active participant.
The Striper Derby has been one of our largest opportunities to participate and raise $$$ for our organization.
Many things have changed this year due to Covid-19, however this tournament is moving forward.
First thing that changed was the date of the tournament.
It is now scheduled for June 20\textsuperscript{th}-21\textsuperscript{st}. During those two dates we are looking for Volunteers to help with the weigh in process.
Process will be moving fish from the weigh in area to Ice Chest that have been dropped off for the donated fish.
June 20\textsuperscript{th}, Saturday we are looking for 6-8 volunteers to help at the weigh in. Hours are from 1-4. If you can only make it for a couple of hours that will be fine.
June 21\textsuperscript{st}, Sunday, Again 6-8 Volunteers to help with the weigh in. Hours are 11:00am to 1:00.
This is another opportunity for Anglers United to interact with WON Bass and the General Public. Showing support to the Fishery that “Anglers United Volunteers Have Been Building Habitat For OVER 20 Years”
Looking forward to seeing you ! If you are available to Volunteer please let me know.
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With their fishing skills I guess they won't go need to worry about any food shortage due to the Covid 19 virus.
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