

# Anglers United Newsletter

## April 2022



### From the Vice Presidents Desk

Since our last newsletter we have had a few changes in the board members for Anglers United, and as you know we are looking for someone interested in becoming president of our organization. If you are interested please contact one of the board members listed on the last page of this newsletter or come for coffee on Wednesdays at 8:30 A.M. at McDonalds on Swanson to meet some members, we are a fun group I know you will enjoy!!!!!!

The Western Outdoor News Striper Derby is May 14th and 15th. If you are interested in volunteering Saturday the 14th or Sunday the 15th either one or both days to help weigh in fish please contact Louis Pesuot [607-422-6629](tel:607-422-6629) [Lspout@hotmail.com](mailto:Lspout@hotmail.com) or Marilyn Butcher [303-594-8670](tel:303-594-8670) [dean.nmare@gmail.com](mailto:dean.nmare@gmail.com)

We have changed the time for Wednesday morning coffee from 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. hoping that will be better for us people who do not like early morning stuff. I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday morning coffee.



Greetings all:

Lou and I just participated in the Steering Committee meeting yesterday hosted by Christina Sanders, Fisheries Biologist for Lake Havasu. In general, both of us had very favorable comments on the meeting. Twenty some odd participants were on the line including Christina Sanders, Ty Hardymon, Mike Sumner, Jason West, Adam Cochran, David Vigil and others.

A variety of subjects were discussed with the highlights being AZGF and BLM wanting to get the brush program started as soon as this fall. We were told that a small number of bundles have been placed in the lake by maintenance personnel of BLM. Their goal is to introduce 800 bundles to the lake per year - that would include the number of Christmas tree bundles. They have plans to do a press release and/or local outreach to ensure the local landscaping companies receive advance notice so that they have enough material to work with. BLM also mentioned that they'd like to look at additional partner project ideas with AU, that can be worked on after they hit the 800 bundle mark. Maybe other habitat projects, clean up efforts, youth fishing clinics etc.

The next big enlightenment was about Partner's Point renovations. There'll be three steps: first to improve the boat ramp which will be made of concrete. The second will be demolishing the old building and building a new one. The third will be a new pole barn. Jason West explained that their (BLM and fisheries) budget comes from Congress, Department of Interior. This budget includes moneys for the fisheries biologist, maintenance personnel and bundling materials for habitat among others.

That's all for now. Give me a buzz if you need more.

Conrad

### My 2 Cents Worth (again)

It's my understanding that Anglers United does not currently have a President. I would hope someone would step up and fill that position. If not, AU and the fish habitat program will probably not be around much longer. As an avid fisherman, I have fished this lake since moving here in 2006 and can tell you the habitat program works, but I can also tell you for the past several years the fishing has gone down in the lake. I believe this is due to not putting brush/cover in the lake. The brush protects the little fish from the predators and gives them a chance to grow. Without it they are fair game to all the other species looking for food. Another important fact is that the brush is cover for crawdads which is probably the second in the food chain for not only the stripers, but also to the bass, redear, and catfish. I would like to mention the treadfin, and gizzard shad also are in the food chain. But if the small fish don't have the cover to protect them, no matter what species, they will surely not survive over time. One of the main reasons for the brush program was that this is a desert lake without much structure on the bottom. This lake is well recognized by the fishing industry as one of the best striper, bass, catfish and redear lakes on the Colorado River. So the program is vital to the future of the fishing here in Lake Havasu. The fishing here brings in lots of money to our town just ask the merchants. When I resigned as vice-president a few years back I think we had somewhere around 120 members, so there has to be a president somewhere in the many members willing to help out. There's a lot of work involved with being an officer in AU but, the payback is worth it especially if you like fishing here. So there you have it folks.....either someone steps up and helps keep the program going .... or this lake will be just a memory to all the good fishing that Lake Havasu **used to have!!**

Gary Visconti

(retired AU member but still think the program is worth it)

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