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*Time Out*

**Lady Prospectors Place 3rd In Holiday Tourney**



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*The News*

The Lady Prospector varsity basketball team placed third overall in the 9th Annual Valley Christian High School Tournament played December 28-30. After losing their very first game on Monday to the host school, Valley Christian, by a 47-17 score in "pool play," the Apache Junction girls came back with a 49-26 win over Higley, a 41-27 victory over St. Johns, and a 56-33 win over Scottsdale Coronado to finish pool play on Monday and Tuesday with a 3-1 record. Apache Junction then went up against Bourgade Catholic, the second place team from a separate five-team pool, in the tournament's 3rd-4th place game on Wednesday and came away with 54-34 victory.

In the championship game of the ten-team tournament,



Apache Junction guard **Sierra Aulik** (right, #44) drives to the hoop during a recent home game. Aulik and the rest of the Lady Prospectors, placed 3rd overall in last week's Valley Christian Tournament.

Valley Christian defeated Arizona Lutheran 41-28 to capture their own tournament title and improve to 13-0 on the season. Although just a 2A school, Valley Christian is a very good 2A school. In fact, in the last four years of the 2A State Tournament, Valley Christian lost in the

semifinals each year. Valley Christian is currently ranked number one this season in the 2A division.

Counting the 4-1 record in the Valley Christian Tournament, the Apache Junction girls improved to 12-4 overall on the season.

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**Happy New Year**

I'm not exactly big on New Year's resolutions. After all, it took me fifty years to stop biting my fingernails and even today, I catch myself gnawing away on one. I prefer to think of the following list as goals, or a "wish list" for 2010.

- Lose thirty pounds. This is one I'm happy to report that I actually reach each year. Of course, I put on thirty-two which is why this one is always on the list;

- Beat the BS Crew in fantasy football. The BS stands for one Burgess and one Sutter. I went 0-2 this year, including a loss in the first round of the playoffs. I'd be happy going 1-14 each season as long as the one win is over them;
- Uncover a female in Gold Canyon or Apache Junction who slept with Tiger Woods and be the first to report on it;

- Score a hole-in-one. I play most every week and a typical golf course has four to five par threes which gives me about two hundred shots at it. Of course the odds go up when you consider I scored my first just this past Summer;
- Compete in the Lost Dutchman Marathon. Not the long race but the two-

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**2010 'Run For The Gold' 9th Annual Lost Dutchman Marathon is Sunday, February 14, 2010**

By **Chuck Baker**  
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The 9th running of the Lost Dutchman Marathon will take place on Sunday, February 14, 2010 from Gold Canyon to Apache Junction. As usual, events will include the full 26.2-mile marathon, half-marathon, 10K and 8K races, plus the 2-mile fun run/walk. New in 2010 are changes to the marathon, half-marathon and 10K courses. "Dutchman's Revenge," otherwise known

as the steep hill on Lost Dutchman Boulevard at mile marker twenty-three of the marathon is gone. For this year's marathon, the final six miles will be downhill to the finish line. The half-marathon course is now "flatter and faster," according to the [www.lostdutchmanmarathon.org](http://www.lostdutchmanmarathon.org) website and will also be run minus Dutchman's Revenge. The 10K course is also described as flat and fast and participants will

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**Outdoors AZ**  
Fun things to do in Arizona

(A new feature appearing from time to time in The Hometown News is "Outdoors AZ - Fun things to do in Arizona" where we invite readers to share some of their fun and exciting Arizona outdoor adventures. It could be a fishing report or trip, a unique hiking trail you discovered, hunting tips, encounters with wildlife, little known camping spots, whitewater rafting, outdoor photography and more. This week, we have another report from local angler Vince Deadmond, who hopes to share more of his fishing experiences and tips in future editions. To submit an item, article and photos, send them to [Chuck Baker](mailto:cbaker@ajnews.com), Sports Editor, at [cbaker@ajnews.com](mailto:cbaker@ajnews.com))

**Winter Fly Fishing At Lee's Ferry**



Looking down from the Navajo Bridge at the Colorado River and Lee's Ferry area (submitted photo)

By **Vince Deadmond**  
*Special Report*

**A Little History**

Lee's Ferry has been on fly fishermen's radar since the Glen Canyon Dam was completed back in the 60's. Early on it gained a reputation for lots of big fish. But the main reason for the dam was controlling the water and power generation. The fishery has had its peaks and valleys. When the fishing is good the word soon gets out and fishermen flock to the Ferry. I can remember winter fishing during the 90's where you would make reservations a year in advance. Three outfitters were on the river and it supported three fly shops. Today, two outfitters are hanging on and only one has a fly shop. The fishing was spectacular and the expectation was to have at least a twenty fish day. Many 16 to 20-inch fish were caught but the fishery was always the step child, and many decisions and experiments were harmful to the fish. Lee's Ferry, in the last five years, has been known for its big water, its scenic beauty, and its small (12-inch) Rainbows. More recently the flows have been steady, and the fish have a better diet - they are getting some size to them again.

**Cold Weather Fly Fishing**

Lee's Ferry is the beginning of the Grand Canyon and is one of the coldest places in Arizona during the winter. The first morning of our weekend fly fishing trip was a crisp 12 degrees. I fished the walk-in area with Jerry King and we were lucky to have a calm day with no wind, and a few cooperative Trout. I usually do well in the walk-in area, and I landed 10 fish in the 12 to 14-inch class. Joe

Staller, Denny Johnson, and Bob Harrison went up river in the rental boat. The 1,000 foot canyon walls shade much of the water, and the open boat ride will keep you cool. Jerry and I got some sun in the walk-in and were able to remove some layers of clothing. The guys up river caught some 16-inch fish, but they were in the ice box most of the day.

Friday evening, Phil Click joined us at Cliff Dwellers Restaurant, and he had his boat so we could do two boats on Saturday. Saturday morning was a balmy 23 degrees. The boat ride up river produced a wind chill, and no one complained about being too hot. We hit most of the popular runs. Sometimes we got out and fished from shore, and some of the runs we stayed in the boat and drifted. Basically, no one is fishing the Ferry right now, and you can move from one gravel bar to the next and not worry about having a place to fish. I managed to land a 15, and a 16-inch fish, but I lost an even bigger fish when I got him up to the strike indicator. Everyone was catching fish, but not in great numbers.

We had two cool but wind free days of fishing and each evening we checked the weather report. On Saturday evening there was a big storm headed to Flagstaff, but it was a bit sketchy when it would hit. Sunday morning was windy and more talk of a storm headed our way. After a quick vote we decided not to fish Sunday morning. The storm did hit Flagstaff later after we had passed through.

**Technique And Equipment**

The classic set up for Lee's Ferry is the dead drift us- see **Lee's**, page B-6



Boat on the water at Lee's Ferry (submitted photo)

**AJHS Sports Schedules For This Week**

**Boys Basketball**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tues.	1/05	Raymond Kellis	Home	4,5:30,7
Fri.	1/08	Queen Creek	Home	4,5:30,7

**Girls Basketball**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tues.	1/05	Raymond Kellis	Away	4,5:30,7
Fri.	1/08	Queen Creek	Away	4,5:30,7

**Wrestling**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wed.	1/06	Queen Creek	Away	6:00
Fri.	1/08	AJ Invitational	Home	TBD
Sat.	1/09	AJ Invitational	Home	TBD

**Boys Soccer**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tues.	1/05	Washington	Away	4,6:00
Thurs.	1/07	Cactus Shadows	Home	4,6:00
Fri.	1/08	Poston Butte (JV)	Home	6:00

**Girls Soccer**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tues.	1/05	Washington	Home	4,6:00
Thurs.	1/07	Cactus Shadows	Away	4,6:00
Fri.	1/08	Poston Butte (JV)	Away	4:00

**Complete Schedules Available @ [www.ajhs.ajusd.org](http://www.ajhs.ajusd.org)**

**District 4 Split Singles Shuffleboard**



The District 4 Split Singles was played at Superstition Sunrise and the director of the tournament was Peter Bontke. The first place winners will advance to the State Split Singles Playoffs in January. In the Men's Championship Division (above left, back row, left to right) first place went to Joe Bartosh, second place went to Ken Pollard, third place went to Jim Gates, and fourth place went to Gib Vredevel. In the Men's Consolation Division (above left, front row, left to right) first place went to LeRoy Storley, second place went to Marlus Wohlers, third place went to Jerry Whalen, and fourth place went to Gary Green. In the Ladies Championship Division (above right, back row, left to right), first place went to Jackie Ravenscraft, second place went Dorothy Mckay, third place went to Jeanne Hackett, and fourth place went to Sharon Jandorf. In the Ladies Consolation Division (above right, front row, left to right), first place was Lila Wessel, second place was Carol Howell, third place was Carol Beckley, and fourth place was Shirley Wiggand. (Photos and results courtesy of Pearl Holmes, District 4 Publicist)