

**Paul Hale's Book, Fishing America, covers his 50 state
Guided Fishing Tours with some of the best guides in the
United States.**

In the state of Arizona

Paul Chose

**Arizona Professional Fishing Guide,
Mike Strole, "The Fish Whisperer"**



I checked in at my hotel in Surprise and took a short rest and then met my guide Mike Strole, "The Fish Whisperer" owner of AZ Great Adventure Fishing Guide Service. We launched his boat on Lake Pleasant for our night Striper fishing trip. With a lake named Pleasant, a town named Surprise and a guide called "The Fish Whisperer" it's hard to wrong. Mike is one of those guys who has some age on him but is young at heart and that's a good combination. Experience cannot be bought but only hoped for once you climb into a boat with someone. It was still a couple hours before dark when we hit the clear water of this deep gorgeous little 7,500 acre reservoir that has many sought after fish species. I was only after one and that was Striped Bass. After catching a few, they proved to be runners, but they couldn't hide from "The Fish Whisperer." So that was the drill and added to the fun as we chased them all over the lake back and forth. So, I found myself talking to my targeted fish and quoting my friend Grady Epperson telling them, "you can run but you can't hide." When dark arrived the bite picked up and knowing they were unlimited added to the thrill of catching 21 of them before quitting after 11 o'clock pm. Mike filleted them and after I processed them further making them ready to fry, I put them on ice. But it was after 2 am when I got in the bed. Morning came on time and after a fast hotel breakfast at the Quality Inn, I met Mike at the lake and again we tore out on the open water. Mike wore a hat and when he hit the wind it rolled up on the front and I don't know how it stayed in place. He may very well be "The Fish Whisperer" but he looked like Admiral John Paul Jones every time that hat bill bent back from the wind. We were both sleep deprived after that long night and early start and so I let this awesome fishing guide off early but not before adding 8 more Stripers to the catch. Mike, is an easy going guy, easy to get to know, knows this lake well, knows Striper fishing well, and it was lots of fun chasing them around the Lake Pleasant with him. He is online at www.fishingguidearizona.com and a general search will find him at Arizona Great Adventure Fishing. He is also on Facebook at Mike Strole and I recommend fishing with him. But the most fun was fulfilling Chapter 16 of Fishing America that proved to be a pleasant surprise.

John Miller & His 5 Year Old Grandson Koa Comments



I was looking for a guide to take my 5 year old grandson and I out for a day of fishing. I came on Mike Strole and booked a trip for Nov 26. If I had written down exactly what I would pray for, it would have been: 1. A nice weather day, 2. Catch a few fish 3. Someone who would have the patience to help a 5 year old out. I can honestly say that my prayer was answered and then some with Mike Strole. I can't say enough about his knowledge of the lake, the weather, the wind, the structure and he put us on the fish. He taught my grandson with the patience that is SO lacking in many of us today. What a joy and what memories. That's what it's all about!!! We're already booked for two more trips this Spring!!!!



John Miller

Jim Tewalt's Pictures & Comments

Mike Got Us On The
And Within Minutes He
Bret's Smile As We
Of Fish For Pictures Is
26 Striped Bass, Some



5 Star Review!

Water About 9:30am
Had Us On The Fish.
Held Up The Stringers
Priceless. We Caught
As Large As 3 And 4

Pounds. We Have Fished Lake Pleasant Since 1986, But Never With
Such **GREAT SUCCESS.**

Know I Know Why They Call You "The Fish Whisperer"

AWESOME JOB



5 Star Review!

Jim Tewalt Thanks Mike



Richard Jashinsky's Picture & Comments

Pastor Ben has been instrumental in helping me become the man I am today. He had not been fishing in 10 years and when I told him about my fishing trip with Professional Fishing Guide, Mike Strole ("The Fish Whisperer"), he jumped at the chance to go. This kind of surprised me because of his busy schedule. Mike was waiting at the dock and was ready to go. When we pulled up to the fishing spot it was only a matter of minutes until I had a fish on. Then, with Mike's instruction, Pastor Ben began catching fish immediately. Several times during the day we had doubles. We out fished all the other boats both in numbers and size (including other guided boats) by at least 5 or 6 to 1. After we filled the live wells with stripers, we headed back to the dock for pictures and to put the fish on ice. Then, we jumped back in the boat and returned to our fishing spot and picked right up where we left off and filled the live wells again. Now I know why they call him "The Fish Whisperer". We caught 46 Striped Bass! On the way home, Pastor Ben said, "It was just awesome!" He thanked me and said he had a great time and can't wait to do it again. We held a Fish Fry at the church and fed 75 people.

**Thanks Mike for a great time and the great pictures.
Richard Jashinsky**



5 Star Review!



John Betof's Pictures and Comments

I've nicknamed him "The Fish Whisperer" because of his uncanny ability to know where the fish are at, what bait to use, and the fish seem to be drawn to his boat. I became friends and fished with Mike Strole over 20 years ago. I don't know anyone who has as much passion and knowledge about fishing as Mike. I always seem to learn something new about catching fish each time I have gone out with Mike. Every time I've fished with Mike we have a great adventure fishing together. Mike lives and breathes fishing, and seems to know just where the fish are at, and what lure or bait to use to catch them. I've often said to Mike I think he has the ability to communicate with the fish. I've nicknamed him, "The Fish Whisperer" because he has the uncanny ability to know just where the fish are at, what bait to use, and the fish seem to be drawn to his boat. When you book a trip with Mike you can be certain that you've chosen one of the Best Licensed Fishing Professionals in the state of Arizona, and you'll have a day of fishing that will be both memorable and rewarding.
John Betof



5 Star Review!

Chuck Layman Pictures and Comments



I have been what I consider an avid fisherman for over 50 years, but after spending one day with Mike, I realized he had forgotten more about fishing than I have ever known! If you are ever in Arizona and want to catch fish with a Real Pro call Mike!!!!

I booked a fishing trip with Mike and would like to say that he truly is the "The Fish Whisperer!" Mike is and was one of the most if not the most thorough and experienced guides that I have ever used in my 20 years of guided fishing trips. He explained where, why, and how we would be fishing. When we were on the lake we caught fish, Quality Fish, as these pictures will attest. The rods and reels were absolutely state of the art and cost more than my first car. Everything was first class, right down to the lunches. I have said all that to say this. If you are ever in Arizona and want to catch fish with a Real Pro call Mike!!!! Chuck Layman



5 Star Review!

Tim Mills Picture & Comments



Recommendations for anyone looking to "CATCH FISH" Mike Strole is the person to contact, PERIOD!!! What an amazing fishing adventure. This has been my third or fourth time out with you on an excursion. Every time, I say, "that was the best trip so far". Well...this was truly the best! Watching my nephew and his son smiling as they reeled in fish after fish was truly worth seeing.

Your promptness, (all we had to do was walk from the car and step into the boat), Preparedness (including amount of time actually fishing on the lake) and Organization (keeping our hooks baited while fishing) made the trip superb. You have an incredible knowledge of the fish, the profile of the lake, and the water/weather conditions. We were fishing and catching for nearly five hours with very little down time and brought in 68 striped bass. After 4 1/2 hours, of constantly catching fish, we were completely worn out. I am convinced that had we stayed another couple of hours our catch could have easily gone over 100. Thank You Mike For All Your Hard Work!!! Tim Mills



5 Star Review!

Lou Silverman's Pictures and Comments



The quality of the fishing and your great company exceeded our expectations.

Mike, I wanted to thank you again for a great day on the lake. Your use and knowledge of electronics is astonishing, and your knowledge of techniques to catch the fish at Different depths is also very impressive. I would recommend you to anybody and I am looking forward to going out with you again. Thanks again.

Lou Silverman