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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT

Investment Company Act file number 811-7083

Name of Fund: MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.

Fund Address: P.O. Box 9011

Princeton, NJ 08543-9011

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Date of fiscal year end: 10/31/04

Date of reporting period: 11/01/03 - 04/30/04

Item 1 - Report to Stockholders

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MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.

Semi-Annual Report April 30, 2004

MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc. seeks to provide shareholders with as high a level of current income exempt from Federal and Arizona income taxes as is consistent with its investment policies and prudent investment management by investing primarily in a portfolio of long-term, investment grade municipal obligations the interest on which, in the opinion of bond counsel to the issuer, is exempt from Federal and Arizona income taxes.

This report, including the financial information herein, is

transmitted to shareholders of MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc. for their information. It is not a prospectus. Past performance results shown in this report should not be considered a representation of future performance. The Fund has leveraged its Common Stock and intends to remain leveraged by issuing Preferred Stock to provide the Common Stock shareholders with a potentially higher rate of return. Leverage creates risks for Common Stock shareholders, including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of shares of the Common Stock, and the risk that fluctuations in the short-term dividend rates of the Preferred Stock may affect the yield to Common Stock shareholders. Statements and other information herein are as dated and are subject to change.

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free 1-800-MER-FUND (1-800-637-3863); (2) on www.mutualfunds.ml.com; and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at http://www.sec.gov.

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The Benefits and Risks of Leveraging

MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc. utilizes leveraging to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its Common Stock. However, these objectives cannot be achieved in all interest rate environments. To leverage, the Fund issues Preferred Stock, which pays dividends at prevailing short-term interest rates, and invests the proceeds in long-term municipal bonds. The interest earned on these investments, net of dividends to Preferred Stock, is paid to Common Stock shareholders in the form of dividends, and the value of these portfolio holdings is reflected in the per share net asset value of the Fund's Common Stock. However, in order to benefit Common Stock shareholders, the yield curve must be positively sloped; that is, short-term interest rates must be lower than long-term interest rates. At the same time, a period of generally declining interest rates will benefit Common Stock shareholders. If either of these conditions change, then the risks of leveraging will begin to outweigh the benefits.

To illustrate these concepts, assume a fund's Common Stock capitalization of \$100 million and the issuance of Preferred

Stock for an additional \$50 million, creating a total value of \$150 million available for investment in long-term municipal bonds. If prevailing short-term interest rates are approximately 3% and long-term interest rates are approximately 6%, the yield curve has a strongly positive slope. The fund pays dividends on the \$50 million of Preferred Stock based on the lower short-term interest rates. At the same time, the fund's total portfolio of \$150 million earns the income based on long-term interest rates. Of course, increases in short-term interest rates would reduce (and even eliminate) the dividends on the Common Stock.

In this case, the dividends paid to Preferred Stock shareholders are significantly lower than the income earned on the fund's long-term investments, and therefore the Common Stock shareholders are the beneficiaries of the incremental yield. However, if short-term interest rates rise, narrowing the differential between short-term and long-term interest rates, the incremental yield pickup on the Common Stock will be reduced or eliminated completely. At the same time, the market value of the fund's Common Stock (that is, its price as listed on the American Stock Exchange) may, as a result, decline. Furthermore, if long-term interest rates rise, the Common Stock's net asset value will reflect the full decline in the price of the portfolio's investments, since the value of the fund's Preferred Stock does not fluctuate. In addition to the decline in net asset value, the market value of the fund's Common Stock may also decline.

As a part of its investment strategy, the Fund may invest in certain securities whose potential income return is inversely related to changes in a floating interest rate ("inverse floaters"). In general, income on inverse floaters will decrease when short-term interest rates increase and increase when short-term interest rates decrease. Investments in inverse floaters may be characterized as derivative securities and may subject the Fund to the risks of reduced or eliminated interest payments and losses of invested principal. In addition, inverse floaters have the effect of providing investment leverage and, as a result, the market value of such securities will generally be more volatile than that of fixedrate, tax-exempt securities. To the extent the Fund invests in inverse floaters, the market value of the Fund's portfolio and the net asset value of the Fund's shares may also be more volatile than if the Fund did not invest in these securities. As of April 30, 2004, the percentage of the Fund's total net assets invested in inverse floaters was 13.18%.

Swap Agreements

The Fund may also invest in swap agreements, which are over-the-counter contracts in which one party agrees to make periodic payments based on the change in market value of a specified bond, basket of bonds, or index in return for periodic payments based on a fixed or variable interest rate or the change in market value of a different bond, basket of bonds or index. Swap agreements may be used to obtain exposure to a bond or market without owning or taking physical custody of securities.

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A Letter From the President

Dear Shareholder

For the six-month and 12-month periods ended April 30, 2004, the Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index posted returns of +1.19% and +2.68%, respectively. Its taxable counterpart, the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index, had returns of +1.25% and +1.82% for the same periods. Amid considerable month-to-month volatility, tax-exempt bond yields rose over the past year, although not to the same extent as 10-year U.S. Treasury yields. In all, tax-exempt securities continued to be an attractive fixed income investment alternative.

As of April month-end, the Federal Reserve Board maintained its accommodative policy stance, although a better-than-expected employment report for the month of March prompted speculation that an interest rate increase could come sooner than many had expected. On April 2, 2004, the good news on the employment front - previously the one dim spot in an otherwise bright economic picture - helped prompt the yield on the 10-year Treasury bond to spike nearly 25 basis points (.25%), from 3.91% to 4.15%. Market watchers continue to monitor the economic data and Federal Reserve Board language for indications of interest rate direction. If economic growth maintains its recent pace and employment figures continue to improve, many believe it is just a matter of time before interest rates move upward.

Equity markets, in the meantime, gleaned support from the improving economic environment and provided attractive returns. For the six-month and 12-month periods ended April 30, 2004, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index returned +6.27% and +22.88%, respectively. Significant fiscal and monetary stimulus in 2003, including low interest rates and tax cuts, has opened the door to consumer spending, capital spending, increases in exports and long-awaited job growth. As expected, these developments have led the way to improvements in corporate earnings - a positive for stock markets.

The events and efforts of the past year leave us with a much stronger economy today. Of course, markets will always fluctuate, and there are many uncertainties — not the least of which are geopolitical in nature — which can translate into negative market movements. Keeping this in mind, we encourage you to revisit your portfolio and your asset allocation strategy to ensure you are well positioned to take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead. Importantly, your financial advisor can help you develop a strategy most suitable for your circumstances through all types of market and economic cycles.

We thank you for trusting Merrill Lynch Investment Managers with your investment assets, and we look forward to serving you in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

(Terry K. Glenn)

Terry K. Glenn President and Director

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A Discussion With Your Fund's Portfolio Manager

Given the still uncertain interest rate environment, we maintained a defensive stance throughout the period, seeking to protect the Fund's net asset value and enhance current yield for our shareholders.

Describe the recent market environment relative to municipal bonds.

For much of the six-month period, a positive economic backdrop helped bond prices to move higher as yields, which typically move opposite of prices, declined. In early April, however, a surprisingly strong monthly employment report triggered fears that the long-accommodative Federal Reserve Board might raise interest rates sooner than many had expected. As a result, bond yields rose (prices fell) sharply for the remainder of the period. At the end of April, long-term U.S. Treasury bond yields had climbed to 5.13%, representing an increase of approximately 15 basis points (.15%) over the past six months. Ten-year U.S. Treasury note yields stood at 4.30% as of period-end, an increase of more than 20 basis points.

Tax-exempt bond yields generally mimicked the movement of their taxable counterparts, although volatility in the municipal market was more subdued. Long-term revenue bond yields, as measured by the Bond Buyer Revenue Bond Index, rose just four basis points over the past six months. For the same period, yields on AAA-rated issues maturing in 30 years rose approximately 10 basis points to 4.93% while yields on 10-year, AAA-rated issues increased more than 16 basis points to nearly 4%, according to Municipal Market Data. The more marked increase in 10-year bond yields may be attributed to the fact that recent issuance has been heavily concentrated in the 10-year - 20-year range. The resulting supply imbalance prompted higher intermediate bond yields (and lower prices). Longer-maturity and lower-rated issues continued to benefit from more favorable supply/demand factors and, therefore, have seen less price depreciation. For the six-month period as a whole, municipal bond supply declined approximately 5% compared to the same period a year ago.

While investor enthusiasm for stocks has taken some attention away from fixed income markets, overall demand for tax-exempt municipal bonds has remained positive. Recent Federal Reserve Board statistics showed that U.S. household holdings of municipal securities increased by more than \$25 billion during the fourth quarter of 2003 to approximately \$680 billion. In addition, data from the Investment Company Institute indicates that, in just the first three months of 2004, tax-exempt bond funds have seen net new cash flows of almost \$640 million.

Describe conditions in the State of Arizona during the period.

Economic indicators for the State of Arizona continue to improve. Specifically, state general fund collections were above forecast and approximately 7% above year-ago levels as of March 2004. Sales tax collections also have improved markedly since one year ago.

Further evidence of improving economic conditions is illustrated in the state's unemployment rate, which fell to 4.9% as of March 2004, the lowest level since August 2001 and significantly below the national level of 5.7%. A vibrant construction industry played a significant role in these positive economic developments.

How did the Fund perform during the period in light of the existing market conditions?

For the six-month period ended April 30, 2004, the Common Stock of MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc. had net annualized yields of 6.36% and 6.70%, based on a period-end per share net asset value of \$14.45 and a per share market price of \$13.70, respectively, and \$.458 per share income dividends. Over the same period, the total investment return on the Fund's Common Stock was +1.79%, based on a change in per share net asset value from \$14.64 to \$14.45, and assuming reinvestment of \$.456 per share ordinary income dividends.

For the six-month period ended April 30, 2004, the Fund's Auction Market Preferred Stock (AMPS) had an average yield of .76% for Series A and .81% for Series B.

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A significant amount of Fund holdings were redeemed during the period, which detracted from performance results. Overall, we maintained a conservative positioning throughout the period as interest rates remained volatile. Although this hampered performance modestly as the market rallied during the period, it began to benefit Fund results late in the period as yields began to rise and prices fall. Additionally, the Fund has continued to provide an above-average income stream for shareholders.

For a description of the Fund's total investment return based on a change in the per share market value of the Fund's Common Stock (as measured by the trading price of the Fund's shares on the American Stock Exchange), and assuming reinvestment of dividends, please refer to the Financial Highlights section included in this report. As a closed-end fund, the Fund's shares may trade in the secondary market at a premium or discount to the Fund's net asset value. As a result, total investment returns based on changes in the market value of the Fund's Common Stock can vary significantly from total investment return based on changes in the Fund's net asset value.

What changes were made to the portfolio during the period?

Changes to the Fund's portfolio during the period were relatively minor. We selectively purchased a number of new higher-yielding credits in an effort to enhance the Fund's yield. We also continued to favor premium-coupon bonds and, when available, preferred

maturities in the 20-year - 25-year range. The municipal yield curve flattened out past this range; therefore, there was no significant yield to be gained by extending out further.

We generally maintained the Fund's fully invested position throughout the period, seeking to enhance shareholder income. With short-term interest rates at historic lows, the cost of holding cash reserves would have been relatively high in terms of its effect on performance.

Given the historically low short-term interest rates, the Fund's borrowing costs remained at attractive levels of around 1%. These levels, in combination with a positively sloped yield curve, provided a generous income benefit to the Common Stock shareholder from the leveraging of Preferred Stock. We believe the Fund's borrowing costs should remain at relatively low levels for the foreseeable future. While the timing is questionable, the Federal Reserve Board's next move likely will be to raise short-term interest rates. The increase, however, is expected to be gradual and should not have a material impact on the positive advantage leverage has had on the Fund's Common Stock yield. However, should the spread between short-term and long-term interest rates narrow, the benefits of leveraging will decline and, as a result, reduce the yield on the Fund's Common Stock. At the end of the period, the Fund's leverage amount, due to AMPS, was 31.96% of total assets. (For a more complete explanation of the benefits and risks of leveraging, see page 2 of this report to shareholders.)

How would you characterize the Fund's position at the close of the period?

The portfolio essentially remained fully invested, which we believe should continue to provide a material benefit to the Common Stock shareholder as short-term interest rates remain near their historic lows. We maintained our defensive market stance at the close of the period in recognition of improving economic conditions. We believe this positioning prepares the Fund for relative outperformance once interest rates inevitably begin to rise. Finally, we remained overweight in premium-coupon bonds and continued to favor maturities in the 25-year range.

Michael A. Kalinoski Vice President and Portfolio Manager

May 12, 2004

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Schedule of Investments

S&P Moody's Face Ratings Ratings Amount Municipal Bonds

Arizona--126.3%

NR*	NR*	\$ 1,650	Arizona Educational Loan Marketing Corporation, Educat Loan Revenue Refunding Bonds, AMT, Junior Sub-Series, due 12/01/2008
AAA	NR*	835	Arizona HFA, Revenue Bonds (Tucson Pima), AMT, IDA, Se 5.50% due 1/01/2035 (i)
BBB BBB	NR* NR*	500 625	Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Hospital System R Refunding Bonds (John C. Lincoln Health Network): 6.875% due 12/01/2020 7% due 12/01/2025
BBB+	Baa1	1,785	Arizona Health Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (Cat Healthcare West), Series A, 6.625% due 7/01/2020
AAA	Aaa	3,000	Arizona School Facilities Board, State School Improvem Bonds, 5.50% due 7/01/2017
AAA AAA	Aaa NR*	1,500 4,335	Arizona State University Revenue Bonds (e): 5.75% due 7/01/2027 DRIVERS, Series 270, 9.631% due 7/01/2021 (1)
NR* NR*	A2 Aaa	3,285 1,000	Arizona Student Loan Acquisition Authority, Student Lo Refunding Bonds, AMT: Junior Subordinated Series B-1, 6.15% due 5/01/2029 Senior Series A-1, 5.90% due 5/01/2024
NR* NR*	Baa1 Aaa	1,000 2,000	Arizona Tourism and Sports Authority, Tax Revenue Bond (Baseball Training Facilities Project), 5% due 7/01 (Multi-Purpose Stadium Facility), Series A, 5.375%
AAA	NR*	500	Glendale, Arizona, Development Authority, Educational Revenue Refunding Bonds (American Graduate School Inte 5.875% due 7/01/2015 (c)
AAA	Aaa	1,000	Goodyear, Arizona, Community Facilities Utilities Dist 5.20% due 7/15/2025 (j)
BBB	Baa1	2,405	Maricopa County, Arizona, Hospital Revenue Refunding B Corporation), 6.125% due 4/01/2018
AAA	Aaa	2,400	Maricopa County, Arizona, IDA, Hospital Facility Reven Bonds (Samaritan Health Services), Series A, 7% due 12
AAA	Aaa	1,000	Maricopa County, Arizona, IDA, M/F Housing Revenue Bon (Metro GardensMesa Ridge Apartments Project), Ser 5.15% due 7/01/2029 (j)
AAA	NR*	2,395	(Place Five and Greenery Apartments), Series A, 6.6 1/01/2027 (d)
AAA	NR*	955	Maricopa County, Arizona, IDA, S/F Mortgage Revenue Bo Series 1B, 6.25% due 9/01/2032 (f)(i)
BB+ BBB BBB	Ba1 Baa2 Baa2	1,000 500 1,485	Maricopa County, Arizona, Pollution Control Corporation Refunding, Series A: (El Paso Electric Company Project), 6.25% due 5/01/ (Public Service Company of New Mexico Project), 5.7 (Public Service Company of New Mexico Project), 6.3
AAA	NR*	2,250	Maricopa County, Arizona, Public Finance Corporation, Bonds, RIB, Series 511X, 9.63% due 7/01/2014 (a)(1)

AA Aa2 1,825 Maricopa County, Arizona, Scottsdale Unified School Di Number 48, GO, 6.60% due 7/01/2012

Portfolio Abbreviations

To simplify the listings of MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.'s portfolio holdings in the Schedule of Investments, we have abbreviated the names of many of the securities according to the list at right.

Alternative Minimum Tax (subject to)
Derivative Inverse Tax-Exempt Receipts
General Obligation Bonds
Housing Finance Agency
Industrial Development Authority
Industrial Development Revenue Bonds
Multi-Family
Pollution Control Revenue Bonds
Residual Interest Bonds
Residual Interest Trust Receipts
Single-Family

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Schedule of Investments (continued)

AAA

AA+

Aaa

NR*

2,500

		S&P Ratings	Moody's Ratings	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
Arizona	(concl	uded)			
		AAA	Aaa	\$ 500	Maricopa County, Arizona, Tempe Elementary Unified Sch Number 3, GO, Refunding, 7.50% due 7/01/2010 (e)
		NR*	Baa2	1,000	Maricopa County, Arizona, Unified School District Numb School Improvement, GO (Saddle Mountain), Series A, 5%
					Mesa, Arizona, IDA, Revenue Bonds (Discovery Health Sy Series A (j):
		AAA AAA	Aaa Aaa	1,000 1,500	5.875% due 1/01/2014 5.625% due 1/01/2015
		AAA	Aaa	1,000	Mesa, Arizona, Utility System Revenue Bonds, 6.125% du 7/01/2007 (e)(k)
		NR*	NR*	1,000	Navajo County, Arizona, IDA, IDR (Stone Container Corp AMT, 7.40% due 4/01/2026
		AAA	Aaa	4,500	Northern Arizona University System Revenue Bonds, 5.50 6/01/2034 (e)

Phoenix, Arizona, Civic Improvement Corporation, Water

Refunding Bonds, Junior Lien, 5.50% due 7/01/2020 (e)

1,750 Phoenix, Arizona, GO, Refunding, DRIVERS, Series 173,

				7/01/2008 (1)
	NR*	Aaa	2,500	Phoenix, Arizona, IDA, Revenue Bonds (Camelback Crossi due 9/20/2035 (i)
	AAA	NR*	775	Phoenix, Arizona, IDA, S/F Mortgage Revenue Bonds, AMT 6.25% due 9/01/2032 (f)(i)
	ND+	D = 2	750	Pima County, Arizona, IDA, Education Revenue Bonds (Ar Schools Project), Series C:
	NR* NR*	Baa3 Baa3	750 1 , 000	6.70% due 7/01/2021 6.75% due 7/01/2031
	AAA	Aaa	1,000	Pima County, Arizona, IDA, Revenue Refunding Bonds (He Series A, 5.625% due 4/01/2014 (j)
	AAA	NR*	705	Pima County, Arizona, IDA, S/F Mortgage Revenue Refund Series A-1, 6.20% due 11/01/2030 (f)(g)
	AAA	Aaa	3,050	Pima County, Arizona, Unified School District Number 1 Refunding, 7.50% due 7/01/2009 (e)
	AAA	Aaa	1,000	Scottsdale, Arizona, GO, 6.25% due 7/01/2009 (k)
	BBB+	A3	2,250	Scottsdale, Arizona, IDA, Hospital Revenue Bonds (Scot Healthcare), 5.80% due 12/01/2031
	AAA	Aaa	1,500	South Campus Group LLC, Arizona Student Housing Revenu (Arizona State University South Campus Project), Serie due 9/01/2035 (j)
	AAA	NR*	1,065	Tucson and Pima County, Arizona, IDA, S/F Mortgage Rev (Mortgage-Backed Securities Program), Bonds, AMT, Seri 6% due 7/01/2021 (f)
	AAA	NR*	560	6.20% due 1/01/2034
	AA	NR*	1,500	Tucson, Arizona, IDA, Senior Living Facilities Revenue Care Tucson Inc. Project), Series A, 6.125% due 7/01/2
	NR*	NR*	1,000	Vistancia, Arizona, Community Facilities District, GO, 7/15/2022
	NR*	Baa2	2,000	Yavapai County, Arizona, IDA, Hospital Facility Revenu (Yavapai Regional Medical Center), Series A, 6% due 8/
Puerto Rico	13.2%			
	AAA	Aaa	500	Puerto Rico Commonwealth, GO, Refunding, RITR, Class R 10.09% due $7/01/2016$ (j) (1)
	2	D 1	1 000	Puerto Rico Commonwealth, Highway and Transportation A Transportation Revenue Refunding Bonds:
	A A	Baa1 Aaa	1,000 1,000	Series D, 5.75% due 7/01/2041 Series J, 5.50% due 7/01/2023
	AAA	Aaa	695	Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue Bo Receipts, Class R, Series 16 HH, 10.07% due 7/01/2013

Schedule of Investments (concluded)

B B'	S&P Ratings		Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
Puerto Rico (concluded)			
	NR*	Aaa	\$ 750	Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue Re Bonds, RIB, Series 449X, 9.66% due 7/01/2016 (a)(1)
	NR*	Baa2	2,000	Puerto Rico Industrial, Tourist, Educational, Medical Environmental Control Facilities Revenue Bonds (Cogene FacilityAES Puerto Rico Project), AMT, 6.625% due 6/
	BBB+	Baa3	1,835	Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation Revenue Bonds, Commonwealth Appropriation, Series E, 5.70% due 8/01/2
Virgin Island	s1.7%			
	BBB	NR*	1,000	Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority, Revenue Refun (Gross Receipts Taxes Loan Note), Series A, 6.375% due
				Total Municipal Bonds (Cost\$86,848)141.2%
			Shares Held	Short-Term Securities
			2,710	CMA Arizona Municipal Money Fund (m)
				Total Short-Term Securities (Cost\$2,710)4.2%

Total Investments (Cost--\$89,558)--145.4% Other Assets Less Liabilities--1.6% Preferred Stock, at Redemption Value--(47.0%)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock--100.0%

- (a) AMBAC Insured.
- (b) Radian Insured.
- (c) Connie Lee Insured.
- (d) Escrowed to maturity.
- (e) FGIC Insured.
- (f)FHLMC Collateralized.
- (g) FNMA/GNMA Collateralized.
- (h) FSA Insured.

- (i) GNMA Collateralized.
- (j) MBIA Insured.
- (k) Prerefunded.
- (1) The interest rate is subject to change periodically and inversely based upon prevailing market rates. The interest rate shown is the rate in effect at April 30, 2004.
- (m) Investments in companies considered to be an affiliate of the Fund (such companies are defined as "Affiliated Companies" in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940) are as follows:

(in Thousands)

Affiliate	Net Activity	Dividend Income
CMA Arizona Municipal Money Fund	1,908	\$4

*Not Rated.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statement of Net Assets

As of April 30, 2004

Assets

Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value (identified cost--\$86,848,467) Investments in affiliated securities, at value (identified cost--\$2,709,786) Cash

Receivables:

Interest Securities sold Dividends from affiliates

Prepaid expenses

Total assets

Liabilities

Payables:

Securities purchased Investment adviser Dividends to Common Stock shareholders Other affiliates

12

1

\$

Accrued expenses

Total liabilities

Preferred Stock

Preferred Stock, at redemption value, par value \$.10 per Share (518 Series A Shares and 694 Series B Shares of AMPS* issued and outstanding at \$25,000 per share liquidation preference)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock

Net assets applicable to Common Stock

Analysis of Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock

Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (4,463,687) shares issued and outstanding) Paid-in capital in excess of par Undistributed investment income--net

Accumulated realized capital losses on investments--net Unrealized appreciation on investments--net

Total accumulated earnings--net

Total--Equivalent to \$14.45 net asset value per share of Common Stock (market price--\$13.70)

*Auction Market Preferred Stock.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statement of Operations

For the Six Months Ended April 30, 2004

Investment Income

Interest
Dividends from affiliates

Total income

Expenses

Investment advisory fees Commission fees Accounting services Professional fees Transfer agent fees ____

1

\$

Printing and shareholder reports Directors' fees and expenses Pricing fees Custodian fees Listing fees Other

Total expenses before reimbursement Reimbursement of expenses

Total expenses after reimbursement

Investment income--net

Realized & Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments--Net

Realized gain on investments--net Change in unrealized appreciation on investments--net

Total realized and unrealized loss on investments--net

Dividends to Preferred Stock Shareholders

Investment income--net

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets:

Operations

Investment income--net
Realized gain on investments--net
Change in unrealized appreciation on investments--net
Dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders

Net increase in net assets resulting from operations

Dividends to Common Stock Shareholders

Investment income--net

Net decrease in net assets resulting from dividends to Common Stock shareholders $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$

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Common Stock Transactions

Value of shares issued to Common Stock shareholders in reinvestment of dividends

Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock

Total increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common Stock Beginning of period

End of period*

*Undistributed investment income--net

\$ 64 ====== \$ 1

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See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Financial Highlights

The following per share data and ratios have been derived from information provided in the financial statements.	Mon					
Increase (Decrease) in Net Asset Value:	Ар	oril 30, 2004		Fo:		e Year E 2002
Per Share Operating Performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$	14.64	\$	14.53	\$	14.19
Investment incomenet Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on		49++++	1.	.00++++		.97
investmentsnet Dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders		(.19)		.05		.26
from investment incomenet		(.03)		(.06)		(.09)
Total from investment operations		.27		.99		1.14
Less dividends to Common Stock shareholders from investment incomenet		(.46)		(.88)		(.80)
Net asset value, end of period	•	14.45	•	14.64		14.53
Market price per share, end of period	\$	13.70	\$	14.13		13.25
Total Investment Return**						
Based on market price per share	(.	01%)+++		13.45%	===	6.54%

Ratios Based on Average Net Assets of Common Stock

Based on net asset value per share

1.79%+++ 7.19% 8.60%

	Total expenses, net of reimbursement***		1.17%*		1.18%		1.28%
	Total expenses***		1.18%* ======		1.19%		1.28%
	Total investment incomenet***		6.61%*		6.79%		6.86%
	Amount of dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders		.36%*		.42%		.61%
	Investment incomenet, to Common Stock shareholders	===	6.25%* =====		6.37% =====		6.25%
Ratios Bas	sed on Average Net Assets of Common & Preferred St	ock**	*				
	Total expenses, net of reimbursement		.80%*		.81%		.86%
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	Total investment incomenet		====== 4.55%* ======		4.64%		4.63%
Ratios Bas	sed on Average Net Assets of Preferred Stock						
	Dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders		.79%*		.91%		1.26%
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- *Annualized.
- **Total investment returns based on market value, which can be significantly greater or lesser than the net asset value, may result in substantially different returns. Total investment returns exclude the effects of sales charges.
- ***Do not reflect the effect of dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders.
- ++Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.
- +++Aggregate total investment return.
- +++++Based on average shares outstanding.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

- 1. Significant Accounting Policies:
- MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which may require the use of management accruals and estimates. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to a fair statement of the results for the interim period presented. All such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. The Fund determines and makes available for publication the net asset value of its Common Stock on a weekly basis. The Fund's Common Stock is listed on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol MZA. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund.
- (a) Valuation of investments--Municipal bonds are traded primarily in the over-the-counter markets and are valued at the last available bid price in the over-the-counter market or on the basis of yield equivalents as obtained by the Fund's pricing service from one or more dealers that make markets in the securities. Financial futures contracts and options thereon, which are traded on exchanges, are valued at their closing prices as of the close of such exchanges. Options written or purchased are valued at the last sale price in the case of exchange-traded options. In the case of options traded in the over-the-counter market, valuation is the last asked price (options written) or the last bid price (options purchased). Swap agreements are valued by quoted fair values received daily by the Fund from the counterparty. Short-term investments with a remaining maturity of sixty days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as

determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund, including valuations furnished by a pricing service retained by the Fund, which may utilize a matrix system for valuations. The procedures of the pricing service and its valuations are reviewed by the officers of the Fund under the general supervision of the Board of Directors.

- (b) Derivative financial instruments—The Fund may engage in various portfolio investment strategies both to increase the return of the Fund and to hedge, or protect, its exposure to interest rate movements and movements in the securities markets. Losses may arise due to changes in the value of the contract or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.
- * Financial futures contracts—The Fund may purchase or sell financial futures contracts and options on such futures contracts. Futures contracts are contracts for delayed delivery of securities at a specific future date and at a specific price or yield. Upon entering into a contract, the Fund deposits and maintains as collateral such initial margin as required by the exchange on which the transaction is effected. Pursuant to the contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded by the Fund as unrealized gains or losses. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.
- * Options—The Fund may write covered call options and purchase put options. When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is reflected as an asset and an equivalent liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked to market to reflect the current market value of the option written. When a security is purchased or sold through an exercise of an option, the related premium paid (or received) is added to (or deducted from) the basis of the security acquired or deducted from (or added to) the proceeds of the security sold. When an option expires (or the Fund enters into a closing transaction), the Fund realizes a gain or loss on the option to the extent of the premiums received or paid (or gain or loss to the extent the cost of the closing transaction exceeds the premium paid or received).

Written and purchased options are non-income producing investments.

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* Forward interest rate swaps—The Fund may enter into forward interest rate swaps. In a forward interest rate swap, the Fund and the counterparty agree to make periodic net payments on a specified notional contract amount, commencing on a specified future effective date, unless terminated earlier. When the agreement is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss in an amount equal to the value of the agreement.

- (c) Income taxes—It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no Federal income tax provision is required.
- (d) Security transactions and investment income—Security transactions are recorded on the dates the transactions are entered into (the trade dates). Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend dates. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis. The Fund amortizes all premiums and discounts on debt securities.
- (e) Dividends and distributions--Dividends from net investment income are declared and paid monthly. Distributions of capital gains are recorded on the ex-dividend dates.
- 2. Investment Advisory Agreement and Transactions with Affiliates: The Fund has entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with Fund Asset Management, L.P. ("FAM"). The general partner of FAM is Princeton Services, Inc. ("PSI"), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML & Co."), which is the limited partner.

FAM is responsible for the management of the Fund's portfolio and provides the necessary personnel, facilities, equipment and certain other services necessary to the operations of the Fund. For such services, the Fund pays a monthly fee at an annual rate of .50% of the Fund's average weekly net assets, including proceeds from the issuance of Preferred Stock. For the six months ended April 30, 2004, FAM reimbursed the Fund in the amount of \$5,894.

For the six months ended April 30, 2004, the Fund reimbursed FAM \$946 for certain accounting services.

Certain officers and/or directors of the Fund are officers and/or directors of FAM, PSI, and/or ML & Co.

3. Investments:

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding short-term securities, for the six months ended April 30, 2004 were \$12,619,881 and \$13,235,677, respectively.

Net realized gains for the six months ended April 30, 2004 and net unrealized appreciation as of April 30, 2004 were as follows:

	Realized Gains	Unrealized preciation
Long-term investments	\$ 365,391	\$ 4,242,630
Total	\$ 365,391	\$ 4,242,630

As of April 30, 2004, net unrealized appreciation for Federal income tax purposes aggregated \$4,234,380, of which \$4,478,532 related to appreciated securities and \$244,152 related to depreciated securities. The aggregate cost of investments at April 30, 2004 for

Federal income tax purposes was \$89,566,503.

4. Stock Transactions:

The Fund is authorized to issue 200,000,000 shares of stock, including Preferred Stock, par value \$.10 per share, all of which were initially classified as Common Stock. The Board of Directors is authorized, however, to reclassify any unissued shares of stock without approval of holders of Common Stock.

Common Stock

Shares issued and outstanding during the six months ended April 30, 2004 and the year ended October 31, 2003 increased by 8,236 and 2,294, respectively, as a result of dividend reinvestment.

Preferred Stock

Auction Market Preferred Stock are redeemable shares of Preferred Stock of the Fund, with a par value of \$.10 per share and a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, that entitle their holders to receive cash dividends at an annual rate that may vary for the successive dividend periods. The yields in effect at April 30, 2004 were as follows: Series A, 1.00% and Series B, .97%.

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The Fund pays commissions to certain broker-dealers at the end of each auction at an annual rate ranging from .25% to .375%, calculated on the proceeds of each auction. For the six months ended April 30, 2004, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, an affiliate of FAM, earned \$7,970 as commissions.

5. Capital Loss Carryforward:

On October 31, 2003, the Fund had a net capital loss carryforward of \$504,059, of which \$437,250 expires in 2008 and \$66,809 expires in 2009. This amount will be available to offset like amounts of any future taxable gains.

6. Subsequent Event:

The Fund paid a tax-exempt income dividend to holders of Common Stock in the amount of \$.077000 per share on May 27, 2004 to shareholders of record on May 14, 2004.

Proxy Results

During the six-month period ended April 30, 2004, MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.'s Common Stock shareholders voted on the following proposal. The proposal was approved at a shareholders' meeting on April 27, 2004. A description of the proposal and number of shares

voted are as follows:

		Shares Voted For	Shares Withheld From Voting
1. To elect the Fund's Directors:	James H. Bodurtha	4,266,662	134,338
	Joe Grills	4,264,662	136,338
	Roberta Cooper Ramo	4,264,377	136,623
	Robert S. Salomon, Jr.	4,262,850	138,150
	Stephen B. Swensrud	4,257,266	143,734

During the six-month period ended April 30, 2004, MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.'s Preferred Stock shareholders (Series A - B) voted on the following proposal. The proposal was approved at a shareholders' meeting on April 27, 2004. The description of the proposal and number of shares voted are as follows:

	Shares Voted For	Shares Withheld From Voting
1. To elect the Fund's Board of Directors: James H. Bodurtha, Joe Grills, Herbert I. London, Andre F. Perold,		
Roberta Cooper Ramo, Robert S. Salomon, Jr. and Stephen B. Swensrud	1,010	0

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Quality Profile

The quality ratings of securities in the Fund as of April 30, 2004 were as follows:

	Percent of Total
S&P Rating/Moody's Rating	Investments
AAA/Aaa	58.2%
AA/Aa	6.6
A/A	7.3
BBB/Baa	19.9
BB/Ba	1.1
NR (Not Rated)	6.9

Dividend Policy

The Fund's dividend policy is to distribute all or a portion of its net investment income to its shareholders on a monthly basis. In order to provide shareholders with a more stable level of dividend distributions, the Fund may at times pay out less than the entire amount of net investment income earned in any particular month and

may at times in any particular month pay out such accumulated but undistributed income in addition to net investment income earned in that month. As a result, the dividends paid by the Fund for any particular month may be more or less than the amount of net investment income earned by the Fund during such month. The Fund's current accumulated but undistributed net investment income, if any, is disclosed in the Statement of Net Assets, which comprises part of the financial information included in this report.

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Officers and Directors

Terry K. Glenn, President and Director
James H. Bodurtha, Director
Joe Grills, Director
Herbert I. London, Director
Andre F. Perold, Director
Roberta Cooper Ramo, Director
Robert S. Salomon, Jr., Director
Stephen B Swensrud, Director
Kenneth A. Jacob, Senior Vice President
John M. Loffredo, Senior Vice President
Michael A. Kalinoski, Vice President
Donald C. Burke, Vice President and Treasurer
Phillip S. Gillespie, Secretary

Custodian
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AMEX Symbol MZA

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Electronic Delivery

The Fund offers electronic delivery of communications to its shareholders. In order to receive this service, you must register your account and provide us with e-mail information. To sign up for this service, simply access this website http://www.icsdelivery.com/live and follow the instructions. When you visit this site, you will obtain a personal identification number (PIN). You will need this PIN should you wish to update your e-mail address, choose to discontinue this service and/or make any other changes to the service. This service is not available for certain retirement accounts at this time.

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- Item 2 Code of Ethics Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 3 Audit Committee Financial Expert Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 4 Principal Accountant Fees and Services Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 5 Audit Committee of Listed Registrants Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 6 Schedule of Investments Not Applicable
- Item 7 Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 8 Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers Not Applicable
- Item 9 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders Not Applicable
- Item 10 Controls and Procedures
- 10(a) The registrant's certifying officers have reasonably designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure material information relating to the registrant is made known to us by others particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared. The registrant's certifying officers have determined that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective based on our evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report.
- 10(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the last fiscal half-year of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 11 - Exhibits attached hereto

11(a)(1) - Code of Ethics - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report

11(a)(2) - Certifications - Attached hereto

11(a)(3) - Not Applicable

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.

By: _/s/ Terry K. Glenn____

Terry K. Glenn,

President of

MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.

11(b) - Certifications - Attached hereto

Date: June 18, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: _/s/ Terry K. Glenn____ Terry K. Glenn, President of MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.

Date: June 18, 2004

By: _/s/ Donald C. Burke_ Donald C. Burke, Chief Financial Officer of MuniYield Arizona Fund, Inc.

Date: June 18, 2004