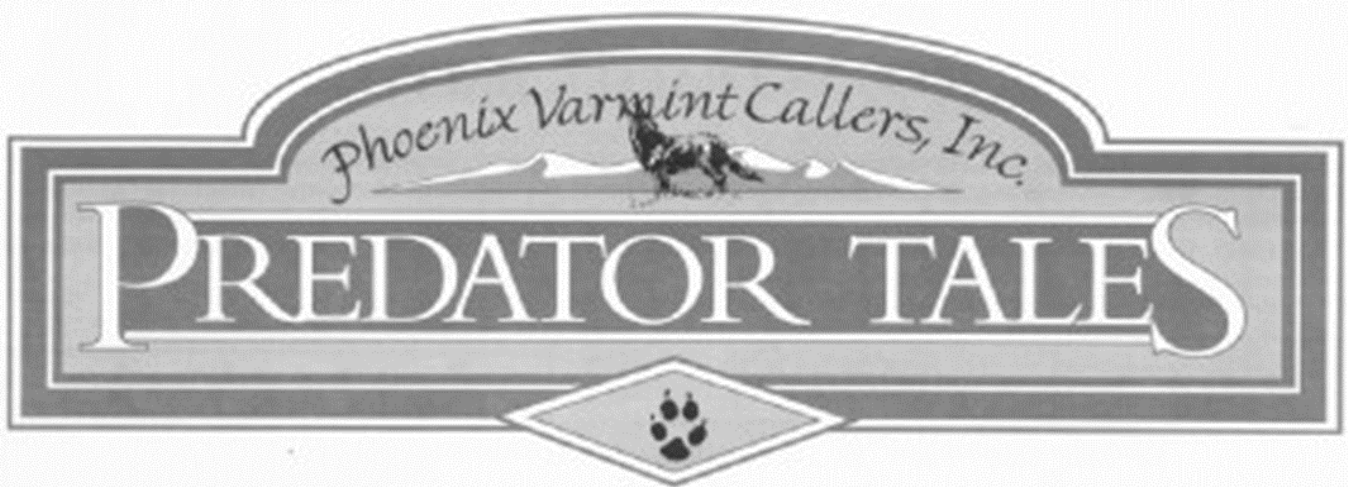


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Presidents Message - Gary A



Happy new year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and are ready to start a new year. Be sure to check your hunting license to make sure it is up to date. Also, buy a 2023 mountain lion tag just in case. The multi-club hunt is scheduled for Jan. 21st. Participation in this event is key to winning. PVCI won last year so we will be hosting the check in. There is also a youth javelina camp from Jan. 27th-29th. Volunteers are needed.

Let's get out there. Be safe and have fun.

Thank you

Gary McCraw

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2022 Christmas Canned Food Drive



Canned Food Drive

Every year the Phoenix Varmint Callers Inc. has an annual food drive in December. The items collected will be donated to the Desert Mission Food Bank to help needy families here in the valley. We will be accepting canned food, non-perishable items, and bottled water. Thank you for helping local families to have a Merry Christmas.

The canned food drive at the Christmas party was a huge success. We had 674lbs. of food and 1174lbs. of water for a total of 1848lbs. This was a very generous donation from the club to the Desert Mission Food Bank. All items donated were distributed before the holidays. I was told the number of people asking for donations at the food bank went up 81% in 2022. But, the amount of actual donations stayed about the same. Thanks to all who donated in helping need families here in the valley have a better holiday season.

Thank you

Gary McCraw

Hello PPCI members and family, We recently had the PPCI Christmas event and we all celebrated together at the American Legion Post 29. It was great to see many members' faces and new members there to celebrate together. First we want to say Thank you to everyone's for all the support through out this year, and here's to more events in 2023. We would like to give a huge thank you to all our volunteers during the Christmas event, Patricia and Bob Cross, Annette and Ken Cole, Hak Svensson, Ken and Kendall Eaton, Dan Schoenfeld and Jennifer Rosenberg. Also a big shout out to all who brought can goods and water for Desert Mission which Gary McCraw ran. This event was one of our biggest events, and between many generous donation that we were able to get and the love and support of our members, it was a huge success. Thank you Gary Cooper and Smoke-N-Oldy for doing amazing job on the Pulled Pork and all the fixings that came with it, and thank you to all the people who brought the delicious desserts. We also want to give a huge shout out to the American Legion for opening and running the bar and opening up the bingo hall early so this event could happen. We have many sponsors that deserve a huge thank you for their generosity and support of our event and supporting our mission in our conservation efforts, Disabled Veteran program and our hunter and outdoor enthusiasts education programs. All of our sponsors and their websites are listed below, please make sure to support them for their generosity! A special thank you to our biggest sponsors of the year: Best of the West Arizona, Sportsman's warehouse Chandler, Faxon Firearms, Athlon Optics, Arizona Elks society, XS Sights, The Kells Family, The Allen Family, Hornady, Ducks Unlimited, and Tactical Traps. We truly appreciate everything that our sponsors and members have done for us through this past year, and look forward to working with everyone in 2023!

Ray Keenen



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Member of the Year 2022

Hello PVCI, I wanted to write a story about receiving the member of the Year Award at the holiday event. First though I want you to understand why I joined the club in the first place. About 6 or 7 years ago, maybe more, I met two guys at my wife's softball game. These two guys were members of PVCI, and most of you know them, James Strang and Terry Hairston. They told me about this awesome hunting club I needed to join and invited me to a meeting to check it out. At this point in my life I was becoming a recluse and trying to avoid people as much as humanly possible, so naturally my wife made me go! After the meeting I met so many great people who were ready to take me hunting and teach me. I was going to think it over and so, as one might guess, my wife made me sign up that night at the meeting. This was one of the best things that could have happened to me, especially with the dark and reclusive road I was headed down, so when asked to do more I jumped at the chance to help the club that had helped me so much. Since then I have had the honor of running our Disabled Veteran program, being on the board, and being president. So on the night of our holiday event when I was called up to receive the award of member of the Year I was definitely surprised, but my first thoughts were "I cant believe they picked me for this award!" I was so surprised and honored that I had been chosen I was at a loss for words and couldn't even imagine I had earned this great recognition. So I felt I should share how humbled and grateful I am for this award and what the club means to me. Thank you so much for this great honor!

Ray Keenen





Member Review – Master-Fit Recoil Pad - by Wayne W

Oh boy this month I really got to have some fun with the product reviews!!! We recently had Past-President Gary M share with us a new product he developed specifically to help create a custom fit for our favorite toys! After listening to his presentation, I decided to go pay him a visit and have him custom fit me for a much needed pad for one of my favorite boom-sticks, which I've covered in previous articles. Dropping the hammer on a 3" Magnum fired out of a short barrel Baikal will really remind you that you're alive, so the old hard recoil pad had to go. I called Gary and made an appointment and he was able to fit me in pretty quickly. He had everything he needed to customize the install already out and organized. Being that I really like this old ugly Russian chunk of metal, I was impressed how perfectly and quickly he completed the install. We discussed how I was using it and the need to be able to quickly shoulder the weapon and fire, without spending a lot of time adjusting to make sure my shoulder stayed in place after it went off. We also discussed how accuracy was critical with the over/under limiting me to 1 shotgun and 1 rifle round. I have to admit, cosmetically it took me a little while to get used to the offset of the pad, but it didn't take a lot of time in the field for that to disappear. The first thing I noticed was that in the field, I didn't notice the offset, it was rock-solid, and when I pulled up the buttstock went directly into the pocket and centered exactly where I needed it. Sight alignment was perfect without a lot of adjusting, and I could hit the shoulder pocket repeatedly in the field without even thinking about it. I think the coyotes just got one more thing to worry about!!



Multi Club Hunt Saturday Jan 21st, 2023

Food and drink will be provide by PVCI. Contact a PVCI representative for location of meetup. Proof of harvest is the whole animal. We will be using PVCI's point system since we are the hosting club. All animals should be checked in by the 9PM Saturday cutoff. There will be lots of room for camping and trailers if you want to spend the night. Breakfast will be served. If you only go out on one hunt this season, be sure it's this one.

Thank you

Gary McCraw



President Gary A. with his
168 7/8 inch Desert Bighorn



Member Nick D. with his 5th
called coyote.



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APC has a youth Javelina camp coming up and is in urgent need of volunteers! Please see the flyer and if you can volunteer to help with the hunts, in camp, cooking, or anything else they are in need of please register right away! Let's not let these kids down!

Ray Keenen

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Calendar of Events

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year! Year 2023! Archery Deer & Javelina Seasons open many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Jan. 4 - This is the 1st Wednesday. (PVC I Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.

Jan. 7 – 8 - PVC I Monthly Skills Hunt.

Jan. 18 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVC I Board of Directors Meeting: Garcia's 5695 W Bell Rd. Glendale, AZ 85308 7:00p.m.

Jan. 21 - MULTI-CLUB HUNT, Calling Club against the other Calling Clubs in the state. More details to follow as we get more info. If you hunt no other hunt this year, hunt this one day! AZ Game & Fish is normally on hand and takes samples for testing different parasites and DNA Samples and checks for rabies on Fox. PVC I is providing Food as they were the winners last year.

Check In Ends at 9:00 PM Saturday Only

Jan. 26-29 - Arizona Predator Callers (APC) Junior Javelina/Predator/Small Game Camp in Unit 37B.

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Feb. 1 - This is the 1st Wednesday. (PVC I Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.

Feb. - Quail Season Ends statewide, Check your Hunt Regs.

Feb. - Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (H.A.M.) Javelina Season Opens in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Feb. - Deadline for the On-Line Big-Game Applications for AZ Elk & Antelope. Must be in by 11:59p.m.

Feb. 4 – Arizona Elk Society – Wild In The City – Check with Dan S. for more information

Feb. 4-5 - PVC I Monthly Hunt. The Handgun, Archery, and Muzzleloader (H.A.M.)/Optional Rifle & Shotgun Hunt! Rifles & shotguns are still allowed however Extra points given to those that kill with a Handgun, Archery or Muzzleloader.

Feb. 15 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVC I Board of Directors Meeting Garcia's 5695 W Bell Rd. Glendale, AZ 85308 7:00p.m.

Mar. 1 - This is the 1st Wednesday. (PVC I Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.

Mar 4-5 - PVC I Monthly Hunt. Last Organized Hunt for 2021-2022 Season.

Mar. 15 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVC I Board of Directors Meeting Garcia's 5695 W Bell Rd. Glendale, AZ 85308 7:00p.m.



MEMBER REVIEW—Food & gear storage thats dust and bug free!—by Wayne W

A special callout this month goes to Nick for a fantastic product recommendation! While chatting at one of the meetings I had been complaining about the dirt in my food boxes, and an uninvited bark scorpion that found his way into my box of snacks for the bootcamp!

Horrors!! These Plano plastic boxes lock pretty good and tend to keep everything inside, but ants, water (and scorpions) can still get in. Nick was able to recommended a fantastic product that he uses that is super wallet friendly and turns my cheap-o Plano plastic cases into the equivalent of a high-dollar storage container. Well I had to try it and I'm sure

glad I did! MD makes a rubber seal that fits perfectly into the sealing channel on and makes them water and able to pick up a package of Depot for about \$8. It and stick adhesive that super easy. It also comes in strand so you just split it

and I had enough seal in one package to do almost three boxes! Nick recommended the



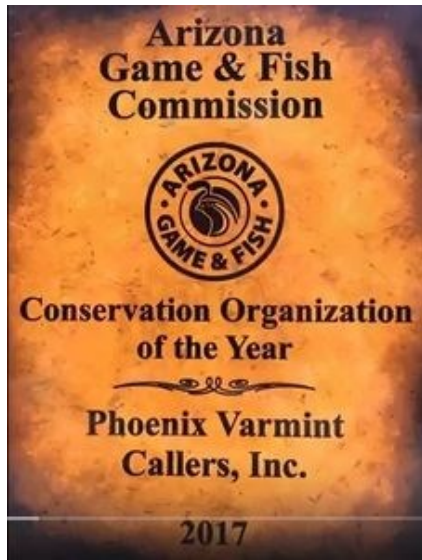
the lid of the boxes bug resistant. I was the seal at Home comes with a peel made installation a double wide down the middle



medium which worked perfectly! I've taken these boxes out since the install and noticed the seal is still firmly attached and intact, and all the dust stayed outside the boxes while my food and gear stayed clean and dry. Now I'm not thinking my eggs and breakfast sausage would be spared from Ken's favorite bear . . . But the ants and scorpions will certainly have to find their breakfast somewhere else!



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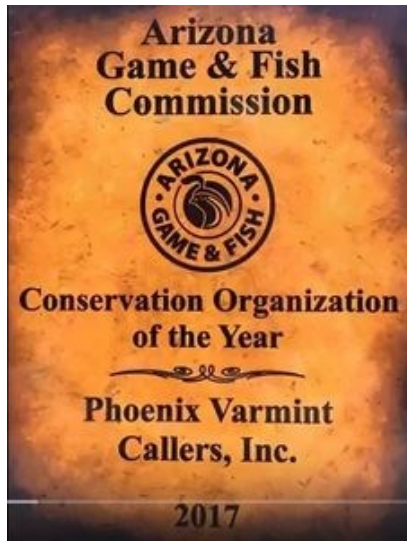
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