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Presidents Message - Gary A



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Whether you spent it with the family or spent it away from the family, I hope you had a great holiday. Thanks to those people who served in the US armed forces to help keep America free.

Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> is the club meeting. We will be having a swap meet. You have to sign up with Ray K. if you want to buy a table to sell your hunting, fishing, and outdoor items. Don't forget to bring some cash to pick up a few good items. The meeting starts at 7PM.

There are a couple of important events coming up in the next 6 weeks. The trail clearing date is on July 29-31. Gary A. M. will be running this event. We will have a lot of fun, some good food, and do a little trail maintenance. Remember, you don't have to hike the trail. Just come up and help in camp if you can. On August 12-14 we will have the PVCI boot camp at Vincent Ranch. This is an education camp for people who are new to varmint hunting. We will need club members to help with some of the seminars and to take novices out to make a few stands. Get with Ken E., Ray K., or Joe S. to get more info or to volunteer.

We will be having a two-part season kick-off event. The August and September meetings will cover a variety of topics from rifles and shotguns to camo and ammo. I'm looking forward to getting the next season underway.

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# Some Events & Pics:

May General Meeting







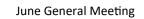




































# Some Events & Pics:

Barbecue Campout

















Fishing Event



















Tim & Eunice N. Married 13 years on July7

## July Announcements:

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here?

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July 6: General Club Meeting
Ray K. - Yard Sale
July 18: Monthly Board Meeting
July 29-31: Trail Clearing

• Gary A. M. Lead

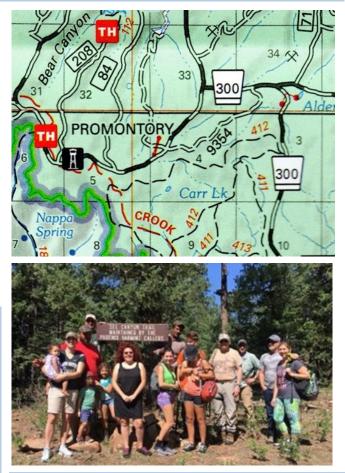
Can you believe that it will soon be that time of year again? Time to head north and clear/maintain the See Canyon Trail, a Forest Service Trail that **our club has maintained since the 1960's!** What is the **PVCI** Trail Clearing? The See Canyon Trail FS184 is a hunter/survival trail that runs from the top of the Rim near Promontory Butte down to Christopher Creek & is used by many hikers, hunters, horse riders, etc. Basically, instead of taking the roads all the many miles around to get off the Rim and to the bottom, this Trail will get you off the Rim in only 3.2 miles!

PVCI members mark your calendars for the weekend This

will be the dates for the Annual PVCI Trail Clearing. The actual work will take place on Saturday July 30 however many members use this Event as an excuse to spend the whole weekend out of the Desert HEAT! The plan is to meet the Forest Service person or our person-in charge at the top PVCI sign off FS Road 300 (where the See Canyon Trailhead begins) at 9:00a.m. on Saturday morning. Here we will pass out the tools & take a PVCI Trail Clearing group photo by the PVCI sign, then split into upper & lower crews. PVCI will be offering water/Gatorade for refreshments. Volunteers need to bring all other supplies, gear, food & water for the weekend. Fire restrictions permitting, we will be camping off FS Road 84. This Road is on the Rim Road or FS300 past the Woods Canyon Lake Turn-off but before the Bear Canyon Lake turnoff. If you show up Friday evening, expect a campfire (fire restrictions permitting) but bring & cook your own meal.

There will be a PVCI Hot Dog BAR-B-Q/ Potluck Dinner on Saturday evening (5:00P.M.) with the Club providing the Hot Dogs! <u>Please Remember To Bring A Dish!</u>

This Trail Clearing Dinner has really turned out nice over the many years & is most definitely worth sticking around for! We will also traditionally have a Potluck Breakfast on Saturday morning before the work begins.



We'll need some extra breakfast items such as sausages, bacon & eggs, pancake batter, etc. Some extra frying pans, mixing bowls etc. would help, heck extra cooks too! Be sure to take your raingear as brief afternoon showers in the high country are common!

This is a family affair so do PLEASE DO Bring Them. Friends are also invited. Don't forget the POTLUCK DINNER items! Hope to see you at Camp and on the Trailhead! Questions call Gary M.

DIRECTIONS: From Phoenix take Hwy 260 to FS Road 300 (the Rim Road), turn left. Take FS Road 300 to FS Road 84 and turn right. They say there will be marked PVCI signs to direct everyone. The campsites will be on FS84. A PVCI member may go up early, so they can secure sites to accommodate the Club on FS Road 84.

# Aug Announcements:

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Aug 3: General Club Meeting

Novice Meeting & Boot Camp Discussion
 Aug 12-14: Boot Camp
 Joe S. & Ken E. & Ray K. Leads
 Aug 17: Monthly Board Meeting

#### **REGISTRATION: You are required to Pre Register**

To pre-register as a participant

https://register-ed.com/events/register/183103

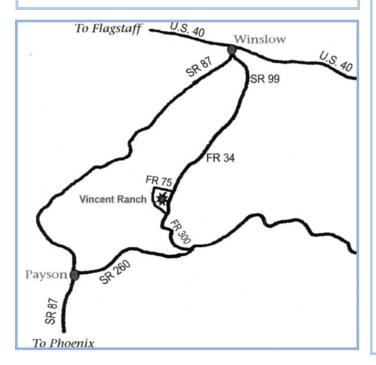
The plan is for a limit of only 75 students.

To pre-register as a Mentor/Helper

https://register-ed.com/events/view/183390

#### **MAP & DIRECTIONS TO VINCENT RANCH**

Vincent Ranch Directions: From Phoenix take State Route 87 to Payson. From Payson, take State Route 260 east to the top of the Rim. Turn left at the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff onto FR300 (the Rim Road). FR 300 intersects with FR34 at the T. Turn right at the T onto FR34. FR34 intersects with FR75 twice. Turn left onto FR75 at the second intersection. In less than a mile you will see a road on the left. Turn left and take this road (a two-track) to Vincent Ranch.





#### THE "GEORGE KNOX/ RAY EVRIDGE MEMORIAL" VARMINT CALLING BOOT CAMP

The Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc. (PVCI) is planning its own Varmint Calling Boot Camp in conjunction with AZGFD & the AZ. Elk Society and the Arizona Predator Callers (APC). The idea being to make the predator seminars an in-the-field experience. This Boot Camp is for both youth & adult. Friday is just for camp set-up & a late meal. On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, members of PVCI will give seminars related to predatorcalling covering a variety of topics & answering your questions. The AZGFD may also say a few words. Then around lunchtime the different groups will be paired with a mentor for a hands-on predator hunt! Sunday morning will feature more hands-on hunting if desired. The idea of having predator instruction in the outdoors was thought about by our own beloved, the late George K./Ray E The AZ.

Elk Society will provide meals & APC will also be on hand to provide support during this event. So, if you've any interest in learning how to successfully call-in predators, then this Camp's for you. More info at <u>www.pvci.org</u>

WHO: PVCI will conduct a "Varmint Calling/Hunt Seminar" covering all aspects of calling in critters.WHEN: August 12-14 Required to Pre-Register:

**WHERE:** The Boot Camp campsite will be at Vincent Ranch (See map & directions below).

Cost: Free to all, adult, youth & family. Come on out & learn instructions from hunters who have harvested many critters. We plan to go hunting too! Camping is free but there is only enough room for tents & vehicles on the Ranch. The Ranch is NOT big enough for the big camp trailers & such. You may find a spot to camp outside of the Vincent Ranch area on National Forest land which is public land. Bring a stool for use in class & hunting. Bring your camouflage, calls & if you have a shotgun or rifle bring them also, as the plan is to go hunting sometime during the weekend.

**FOOD:** Meals provided Friday evening, Saturday morning, afternoon & evening & Sunday morning.

\*\*\* REGISTRATION: Please do pre-register so that we have an idea of how many to expect.

### **Partner Events**

#### **CHA Elk Seminar**



### HAHWG

#### Hunting Angling Heritage Work Group



https://www.facebook.com/ ChristianHuntersofAmerica

#### Check it out. PVCI is one of 60 Organizations that participates <u>https://www.facebook.com/HAHWG</u>

- <u>Some Key Agenda Items:</u> Group Discussion - 1, 2 & 3 year planning, direction & improvements for growth / sustainability
- National Pulse Report & Discussion
- Special Guest Presentation staying relevant
- Marketing Successes and Increased Public Awareness
- Seasonal Effort Report for HAHWG R3
- Angling R3 Efforts, growth and future
- North American Model Creative Approaches for Dinner Party - Discussion & Brainstorm

• 2022-23 Resources and planning for season success Round robin

### APC Javelina & Small Game Camp

This camp may get cancelled! We need volunteers. We lost the quail group and our cook. We have some great ideas for activities but must have help putting the camp on. Please click the link to sign up or refer anyone who can help out! THANK YOU!

https://forms.gle/bNwYzXB6fsMhmnQa7





### MEMBER REVIEW—Baikal 223/12GA Over/Under Shotgun/Rifle Combo



The dreaded question .... Rifle? Or shotgun?? I can't carry both... What if they come in hard and fast? What if they hang up at 100 yards and mock me from afar?? What to choose???

I find myself in this situation more than I would like. While I'm a rifleman at heart, there are times when I find a really sweet spot that just screams "Why didn't I bring the shotgun?" But how do you choose? If you find yourself asking this question, then the over/under shotgun rifle combo might be for you!

Available in multiple brands and caliber variations, and in no specific order, here are a few of the more popular models. There are others out there, but here is just a taste . . . . .

#### Savage Model 24



The Savage model 24 over/under is widely popular, very accurate, and available in a wide variety of calibers, and

both in wood and composite stocks, with the rifle barrel on top, and shotgun barrel below, the user can easily switch barrels by simply flipping the lever



on the hammer before pulling the trigger. The second barrel may be fired by re-cocking the hammer and toggling the lever back. Most Model 24's come full-choked with the exception of the Camper models, which come Cylinder bored. Many owners have opted to thread the barrel to accept after market chokes. I have a sweetspot in my heart for the 20GA/223 version of this model shooting #2 or #3 Buck and a Hornady 55gr ballistic tip in 223 REM.

Tikka 512S OU 222 Rem Mag / 12GA

I have to admit I love a pretty gun. While the Savage seems to be the old reliable and dependable hard work-

ing machine, the Tikka gets you to the ball with a pretty girl on your arm. The full choke, adjustable trigger, ported rifle barrel and side barrel selector switch are a beautiful thing.



BAIKAL EAA IZH-94 .223 Rem/12 Ga

The Baikal O/U is one of my favorite guns and the gun I generally carry when



scouting parts-unknown. Unlike the Tikka, the Baikal just gets you to the ball. End of story. This is the gun you use as a club when in a bear fight and you don't care about marring the finish, or need to paddle your canoe upstream. Russian made, this gun adds bulk without the gift of styling. Yes, its heavy,



Similar to the Tikka the Baikal has the shotgun barrel on top, which tends to give a more accurate sight picture when using

a scope and firing the shotgun barrel. One feature that drew me to the Baikal over other models was the double trigger and



ability to fire a second round quickly without flipping a selector switch and re-cocking the hammer. But man is it ugly! The threaded shotgun barrel and interchangeable choke tubes do ease the pain a bit.

While searching brands, you may find that many of these options were co-branded or produced by one brand, and then imported under another brand (frequently Ithaca or EAA— European American Armory). A quick search on the internet puts prices on most rifle/shotgun combo's somewhere north of the \$500-\$600 range, with some highly desirable combinations going for \$1,100 or more, but time, patience and a watchful eye can still find options on the lower end. Don't forget to watch those auctions and estate sales!! Here are a few teasers you may want to consider when selecting an over/under.

Caliber Combo—Do I want 20ga or 12ga? 22LR or 308? 223/12GA?

Barrel configuration—Shotgun or Rifle on top?

Barrel selector switch or double trigger?

What is my likely quarry? Predators and squirrels?

Or Quail and Elk??

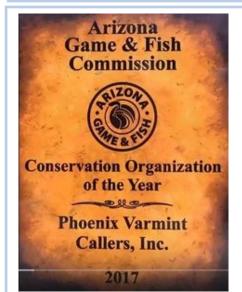
Interchangeable chokes—may or may not be needed depending on shot size and load.

With so many variations of brands, calibers and models in the market, this article is in no way comprehensive of everything nor meant to be all-emcompassing, but hopefully it has left a little teaser out there for the next time you ask yourself . . . Will it be rifle or shotgun, or BOTH!!!

Happy Hunting my friends!



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### MEMBER REVIEW— Trailside Tire Repair

For those that have hunted in my truck, they know I carry a lot of gear. Unnecessary you say? Well maybe, but I guess you could say once a Boy Scout... always a Boy Scout. "Be Prepared is our motto"! That leads me into this months product review as this product has saved my rear more than a few times, and it saved me again last night!

I had planned on writing an article discussing taking kayaks to stealth my way into the backside of an area lake to see if I could call in, and catch any local wildlife with my camera. I had loaded all my gear the night before and was literally ready to drive away the moment I got off work, when I noticed something didn't look right.....

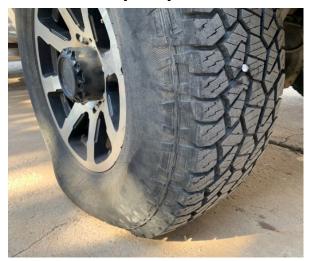
It always seems to happen that way, after you've just driven a bazillion miles into that perfect hunting spot, or you wake up in the morning ready to knock out a few stands, just to find out that round tire is not so round any more. What I'm talking about is the mushroom tire plug kit. There are a lot of different models and brands, I'm lucky enough (or prepared enough) to own several. Here are my favorites..

Taking about the same space as a couple of sandwiches, and for a little more than the price of an 18th President bank note (about \$50-\$55) you can pick up The Tire Plugger. This is a mushroom tire plug kit that easily fits in the glove box and can fix a puncture faster than you can say Ulysses S. Grant . This is my lightweight go-to kit for just about any tubeless tire, whether its on my highway bike, the riding mower, the side-by-side, or the glove box of my hunting rig,



The beauty of this kit is it all fits into a small zipper pouch and contains everything you need, (short of a tire pump or some canned air). You can make a semi-permanent trail repair on the side of the road without removing the tire, unpacking the vehicle to drag out the jack, take down the spare, and practice some new vocabulary as you lay in the mud or snow fighting the lefty/righty thing and trying to remember how to remove the spare. And...get ready for this..... For extra large holes, multiple plugs can be combined to fill one hole . (Definitely short-term, but Yes,

#### By Wayne W



it works!) My favorite and most extensive mushroom plug kit is an old one purchased from JC Whitney about 25 years ago that I'm still using today. Carried in a slightly larger bag, I've added a few extras to include needle nose channel locks for removing the offending object, as well as some rubber cement for a more permanent repair. The larger reamer and option for larger plugs make this kit a better option when the punctures get really crazy.



From start to finish I was able to remove the offending bolt and plug the tire within about 10 minutes right there in the driveway. Did it work? Well, you tell me ....





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PVCI Membership Count: 101 PVCI Welcomes New Member: Nick K



We know it's not on everyone's mind. But as a non profit organization we depend on our 1 fundraiser a year. In today's world of social media, most companies/people get hit up for donations every single day. Ruth S, Ray K & Hawk S are running this years Christmas event. We believe personal connections go a long way. If you know of a company that you believe may be able to help with donations or you have something you would like to donate.

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