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Jan-Feb. 2018



VP - Steve L.

Vice Presidents Message!

This may be the first Vice Presidents message and I am honored to be writing it. 2017 has passed and 2018 is being welcomed in. I hope this new year will be a wonderful new experience for all and we make use of what it gives us to its fullest! 2017 has left us with many memories and sorrows; friends that have been made and friends that have been lost, groups that have been started and groups that have been rekindled. My hope is that we can encourage members to see what their potential is and bring it to the Club. As a whole, I believe we can bring the Club to new heights and great ventures with all our skills and backgrounds as a group. I am looking forward to seeing what 2018 brings us with our new-found network of friends in other Clubs around this great state of Arizona. I would like to thank all the members who helped make 2017 a very special year of teaching, mentoring and memories to carry us.

THINGS TO KNOW:

** The PVCI Officers & Board has decided to have this Newsletter be sent by e-mail only thus eliminating the hard copy starting in Jan. 2018. There may be some exceptions & there may not. This is a reminder. As a result, we're going to need everyone's e-mail info between now & Jan. 2018. Please send your e-mail info. to pvcigroup@gmail.com Sending your info. after Jan. 2018 is okay also.

***PVCI has a BRAND NEW EXCITING GUN RAFFLE! There are 5 firearms in this Raffle & tickets start at only \$1.00 each. There's much more info. & pictures just turn the page. Need NOT be present to win, Draw date sometime in May. There are no places in this Raffle. Instead you will have a Choice.

**PVCI MEMBERS do set aside Saturday January 20th for the MULTI-CLUB HUNT! This Hunt pits our Club against the other Predator-Calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights as to which is the BEST! If you hunt no other Hunt all year, <u>PLEASE</u> hunt this one day!

**There are some *New Hunt Rule changes* this year with PVCI. One of these is that the use of Electronic Callers will be allowed in ALL the Club Hunts for the 2017/2018 season. Read Hunt Rules on the Club Website www.pvci.org

**PVCI holds its Club Elections in Aril of each year. Club Nominations should be part of each Monthly Meeting until then.

**To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to: coyotecaller@cox.net Share your stories/pictures, tips, recipes, etc. with us. We'd like to read them. These articles don't have to be about predators. Join us on our Facebook Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/PVCI.org/

Join us on Facebook Page http://www.facebook.com/pvci.org PVCI Website http://www.pvci.org



Saige F. 's 1st Buck



Kelly, Bob B's Daughter's 2017 Bull



Remembering Dave D.

PVCI HAS A BRAND NEW 5-GUN RAFFLE!!!!

(IF YOU WIN, YOU CHOOSE THE FIREARM YOU WANT-1st Choice chooses from 5, 2nd from 4 and so on)

Your Phoenix Varmint Callers are having another Fundraising Raffle! This Raffle features the 5 firearms listed below. Raffle Tickets for this 5-Gun Raffle will start at the bargain price of ONLY \$1.00 EACH OR you can purchase 6 Raffle Ticket for \$5.00 OR 13 Raffle Tickets for \$10.00 OR 30 Raffle Tickets for \$20.00!!! PVCI Members as usual we really need EVERYONE to STEP UP & SELL just as many of these Raffle Tickets as you can, please! They probably won't be too hard to sell with these prizes at these Ticket prices. The Drawing Date for this Raffle will be sometime in May. You Need Not Be Present To Win. Buying more than one Raffle Ticket will not only increase your odds of winning it will also increase your potential to win more than one prize as multiple prizes have most certainly been won more than once in the past!

The First choice is the American tactical Imports AR15 rifle



The Second choice is a Ruger American Predator 6.5 CREEDMOOR



The Third choice is a Weatherby Upland PO8A shotgun



The Fourth choice is a Mossberg Patriot .308



The Fifth choice is Savage 64 semi auto .22 rifle

Images may not match actual Guns



Happy Birthday Day

Scott B. 69 on Jan 1



Happy Birthday Day Craig B. 69 on Jan 12

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Congrats to Mike & Rebecca F. married 36 years on Jan. 28th



Congrats to Gary A. & Ginger Mc married 20years on Feb. 28th

November Club Hunt Extraordinaire !!!!!

by- Mark S.

At 11:30am on Saturday we were headed down a small two track that followed the bushy river bottom and as we approached a small bowl-shaped area we stopped the truck and headed in. Nathan would call this stand and he was running shotgun along with Tim who sat a few yards to his left. I was on my ladder for the first time ever downwind about 60 yards away. As Nathan called it only took 5 minutes or so and I spotted a Coyote running right at them. As I sat on the ladder I was able to watch as Wiley closed the distance more and more, never slowing at the slightest. 30 yards away from Tim and still on a dead sprint I heard the report of the 12 gauge as the Coyote instantly smashed the dirt coming to a stop with a skid! Nathan got right back on the same rabbit distress and not even 2 minutes later I see another Coyote. This one having heard



the shot is sneaking in a bit more cautiously, but is circling upwind which made zero sense. I jumped off my ladder as he was no longer in my "swing zone." I waited, hoping he would stop where I could take a shot but as he stopped it was always behind brush for me. The Coyote closed to about 60 yards and I assume saw enough of the Mojo decoy that he became uninterested and backed out. Tim and Nathan never saw this Coyote. As he was leaving I woofed as he hit a small clearing, but in typical Coyote fashion it only paused after getting to the far bush. As he started walking again I attempted a 150-yard shot and missed. I shot 2 more time as he ran through the brush, but brush was all I hit. Nathan once again got back on the call as I settled back on my perch for what would be a huge surprise to everyone. As I scanned the desert floor a shot rang out, then another! I bailed off my ladder and spun as there was a Coyote spinning about 40 yards from them. I put a 55gr Spire Point round into his chest as Tim and Nathan both hit him again with their shotguns! Immediately after the war had calmed down we called off the stand and I rushed over to check out what I though was a double on Coyotes. Nathan exclaimed, "Whooo, I got a cat!" I was so confused....this was a Coyote mayhem stand, surely no cat would be amongst all of these Coyotes! It turns out that Nathan had seen a big Bobcat

working his way in after I shot at the second Coyote that had turned to leave. The cat sat down at 50 yards and then the 3rd Coyote came up behind the Bobcat and both animals exchanged looks and had an intense stare-down! Nathan had managed to call in 3 Coyotes and a Bobcat on the 1 stand, and we put all but 1 Coyote down!

Another stand that sticks out in my mind ever too well happened at the end of the day on Saturday, last light in fact. Tim had been calling for maybe 8-10 minutes when all of the sudden a large Coyote came over the small rise running full tilt right past him at 20 yards. He shot and peppered him with the 12 gauge and the Coyote came running 10 feet past me on my ladder! I jumped off and began my attempt at hitting a 30mph hellhound with the desire to cover as mush ground as he could. On my 3rd shot I connected and right as he hit the brush he tumbled but the shot was a bit far back to kill quickly. Tim and I both ran after the Coyote and as Tim closed in he shot him 6 times with his 9mm pistol.....the Coyote was still fully alert! I walked up and put a 45 square in his chest from 10 feet away and this dog just glared right back with a shine in his eyes I can't describe. He was straight up pissed and miraculously alive and fully alert! Not wanting to shoot more

pistol rounds and hurt our ears further I remembered Larry's trick where you smack them on the throat with a stick to finish them. Well....I forgot the first part where I was supposed to daze him with a smack on the head first. I took my condensed down 3-foot monopod and as I was lining up the hit he lurched at me, snapped his jaws and clamped down on my sticks only a foot from my hand! As I pulled away the Coyote twisted with all his might and my sticks snapped up at the "Y." Screw it. Tim walks up and put a 9mm right between his eyes and we were finally done. I am continually amazed at just how much trauma some of these big Coyotes can take before expiring!



Tim has yet to call in and kill his first Bobcat, well that was until Sunday of course! We setup on the edge of yet another wash bed that was littered with Bobcat tracks and he began calling. Maybe 8 minutes into the stand Nathan shoots, stands



up to make sure whatever he shot wasn't going anywhere and then turns to give us the thumbs up! Tim went back to calling and only a minute in Nathan shot again, just to finish the animal that he had hit a little far back. After calling off the stand Tim and I headed over to see what he had. Nathan was playing it off as to surprise Tim and as we walked up both Tim and I initially thought it was a tiny Coyote. That was until we saw those classic white and black ears! Tim had his first Bobcat! A smaller but very, very pretty female!

Later on, Sunday we changed areas as to get close enough to make it to check-in in time. I had called in a Coyote but he winded us before I could take a shot. The next few stands were blank, and we headed in deeper. We setup about a quarter mile from a big brushy wash and Tim began to call. Nathan was just upwind with his 12 gauge and I was 40 yards downwind up on the ladder with my AR-15. Tim was setup with a medium stool and his AR-15. He called and called, switching calls a few times within the first 12 minutes on stand. He spotted what he initially thought

was a Coyote sneaking in through the Creosote. As he turned up his magnification he saw that it was a Bobcat! He let it close the gap to about 75 yards, lined up and squeezed the trigger. The huge Tom Bobcat took a 40gr Varmagedon right between the eyes and he hit the dirt! Tim let out a yell that told Nathan and I it was something awesome! As we walked up to the cat we were all in awe of how big and how beautiful his pelt was!



MORE TIDBITS AND SUCH by Eddie M.

SELECTING A CALL: Okay, which hand-held predator call should I purchase to use? Good question. There are basically 6 types of hand-held predator calls. They are closed reed, open reed, bite-down and diaphragm, howlers and squeakers-rodent distress. Let's take a quick look at each one and go over their advantages & disadvantages. One more very versatile call to consider that is not covered here is the "Lip Squeak" using your lips.

Closed reed call	Open Reed call	Bite-Down Call	<u>Diaphragm</u>
Advantages:			
Much easier to learn to blow.	Extremely versatile call.	Great variety of sounds	Hands-free operation
Good rabbit sounds, some okay	Good rabbit, bird, rodent,	Both bird & rodent, okay	Versatile, can make with
bird sounds. Rodent distress	fawn & howler possible	fawn & rabbit sounds.	all sounds except
with coaxer reeds or if built-in.	w/same call on many	Can call with no hands.	maybe rodent.
Okay with some models in wind.	models. Will not freeze-up.	Most will call loud & soft.	
Disadvantages:			
Will freeze up in cold temps.	Much harder to learn	Some have a problem	Volume can be a
Fawn distress difficult on most.	to use. Don't leave these	learning how to use. Okay	problem w/ rabbit.
Rodent distress tends to get	calls in the sun. Esp. with	for some distance calling if	Not a good call for
blown-out quickly.	the Tally-Ho, you will	light winds. Not a good call	
Not a good coyote howler.	damage the reed.	for big wind. Terrible howle	er.

Howlers are calls made specifically for coyote howling. Of course you can also make a decent howl on many of the openreed calls. Squeakers-rodent distress can be used both as a main call for enticing critters in or as a coaxer should one happen to hang-up on you.

ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT: About Space for your FOR-SALE items for FREE. Take a picture, give us the wording. We will put inside for you.

Ruth S. Wants to thank everyone that help with the Christmas Party. She reports that we raised \$5,000!!!

PVCI CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/AUCTION REPORT

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 was the date of the PVCI CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/AUCTION. This year's Party was held at our newest PVCI Club Meeting Location at 6822 N. 57th Drive, the American Legion Hall Post 29 in Glendale, AZ. the Christmas Party taking the place of the regular Meeting. As usual there were smiles galore as members & guests mingled about grabbing a seat, setting their potluck food on the table & checking out the many, many donated items that could be had either by balloon, bucket, silent or live auction. It seems there were a couple other special auctions also going on w/John Toner & April B. Many, many thanks to Event Organizer Ruth S. who had the chore of asking for & procuring many of these donated items and to Brent F. who did the Live Auction to help get some of these items into your hands. Many thanks also to You the members for your donations. Of course, before entering the Party there was first this matter of paying your entry fee via the Food Drive that was being put on by Gary A.M & Ginger. These two have been doing this Food Drive for the Phoenix Mission Food Bank for many, many, years & a standing ovation for them would not be out of order. They have an anniversary coming up also, the BIG 20 if I am correct!!!

by Eddie M.

PVCI members know how to do a Potluck and the quantity & quality of the food did not disappoint. Special Things that happen during the Party included the acknowledgement of the winners of the Club Hunt and hearing their stories plus giving of the Member of the Year Award and President's Award. The 2017 member of the Year was awarded to Chris A. while PVCI President James S. gave the President's Award to the late Ray E. This Award was accepted by Ray's wife. Chris & Ray hunted many predator hunts together & since Ray's passing really stepped up to help on the Wounded Warrior Hunt Project. Ray just Did So Much! Other Awards were given to Jerry, Corrina, Ron, Ray & Jenny

If you were not at this PVCI Christmas Party there are no two ways about it, you Missed Out plain & simple. Next Year?





THANK YOU THESE PVCI CHRISTMAS PARTY CONTRIBUTORS!!!

The List of 35 Vendors & Outdoor Companies that said YES and contributed items for our PVCI Christmas Party and the list of members that also donated items will have to wait until next time as the Christmas Party Organizer List provider takes a well-deserved vacation. Perhaps it will be in the next Newsletter? Before then check the PVCI Facebook page?

THANK YOU ALL!!!



REMEMBERING DAVE D. by Eddie M.

You look at some of the members of our Club & unless you had actually seen them shooting at something trying to kill it you would probably not believe that they enjoyed hunting. Such was Dave in my eyes. He was soft-spoken, easy going and a person who liked to laugh, not that hunters aren't the same way mind you. I was surprised to hear of Dave's passing. I can remember two different hunts with him. The first was with Dave and his brother John D. It was an early hunt and they had so much gear we had to take two trucks. One truck just followed behind the other the whole trip. I believe we

ended up with 2 coyotes and 1 fox that I called &killed. What I remember most though was that I wanted them to have shotguns and they both had rifles. I also remember calling in coyotes that came in so close & fast, they couldn't get shots. This happen more than once. It frustrated them both so much that after the hunt they both purchased shotguns.

The second hunt was with Dale F. I can remember that there were Joshua Trees in our scenery. I did call in 2 coyotes that ran past Dave. Dale ended up killing one of them but wondered why Dave had not shot? His explanation had something to do with critters being too small (because of distance) or something like that? Anyway, the Club is missing yet another member though somehow, I believe that Dave will still be at our Meetings in Spirit.

.....SEEING THROUGH THEIR EYES...... by Eddie M.

The Place: Gates of Coyote Heaven. The Actors: Coyotes that have met their end talking about humans. Scene: Why, AZ. So how did you die? A car hit me on something called a highway, how about you? A cougar caught me at his kill. Hey Joe, what brought you here? He looks at the ground, a human. No way, you let one of them take you down? Humans are the noisiest, smelliest most obvious critter out there except for maybe sheep. What happen? Well I had only caught two mice the night before & I was hungry. Then I hear a rabbit wailing close to where that young fox hangs out, then silence! I kind of let my guard down. I mean immediately my mind went to the Human 101 instructions that Mom taught us when we were pups. "Humans are an ever-present danger, you can never be too careful," she use to tell us. "If something is too good to be true, then there is probably a human involved." I can also remember laughing with the pack at the human callers trying to sound like rabbits. Mom said that humans usually make an announcement when they arrive. Most slam their doors shut. You can hear the Boom, Boom for a long ways. Their voices are another giveaway. Between their voices and the noisy walking, you can usually tell which way they are headed.....and if you are unsure of what you heard, just look & you will often see their shiny driving things. You can also just head downwind. You just can't mistake their smell, Yuck! This one got me by surprise. I mean those driving things go by all the time, but I didn't hear any booming noises. Maybe had I gone downwind first I'd still be alive but it was so close, and I hadn't heard humans, so I got over there fast! I had no idea that one of those noisy, obvious humans was even around until it was too late.

Summary: Hey human, how are your hunting tactics?

PVCI GUN RAFFLE – WE RAFFLE OFF A FIREARM EVERY MONTH!!!

Normally if you are old enough to own a firearm, can pass a background check and have at least \$5.00 to invest, then you have a unique opportunity EACH and EVERY month to win a firearm at the Phoenix Varmint Callers Monthly Meeting! How do we do it you ask? Well every other month or so the PVCI Board of Directors and Board Members choose a rifle, shotgun, handgun, etc. in advance. Then we here at the BI-Monthly Predator Tales do our best to let you know exactly what those choices will be (hopefully also in advance). Then on the night of the Meeting, with the firearm usually present for all to see, the Raffle Tickets are made available. Tickets are sold for \$5.00 apiece or lately 5 for \$20 with NO LIMIT on the amount that you may purchase. If you do spend \$20 then your name also goes into another drawing for a Gift Card somewhere. You need NOT be a member to participate. The Raffle Drawing is usually held that evening and some Lucky Person wins!!! *All winners MUST be able to fill out and pass a background check*. If you win Steve L. (the guy selling the Gun Raffle tickets) will call you and tell you where & when you can pick up your firearm.

The Gun for January will be a TriStar Raptor ATAC 20" SEMI AUTO 12 GUAGE SHOTGUN.

The Gun for February will be a Thompson/Center Impact break open, 50 cal muzzle loader, 209 primer Somebody is going to Win! Good Luck to You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Do seriously consider attending some of the AZ. Game & Fish Commission Meetings especially since the ballot initiative to ban the hunting of mountain lions, bobcats, lynx, jaguars & ocelots is HERE. They will lie & deceive to win. Dec. 1 - Daylong Shooting Hours or Night Hunting for coyotes is open. Arizona Hunt Units where coyotes may be hunted daylong or at night.): Hunt Units 4A, 4B (north of I-40), 5A, 5B, 8, 10, 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19A, 19B, 20A, 31, 32, 42 & 44A. The aid of artificial lights is permitted however the light may NOT be attached to or operated from a vehicle. Also individuals may not use or even possess any electronic night vision equipment, thermal imaging devices & laser sights or electronically enhanced light-gathering devices. Check Regs.

Dec. 31 – All Bear, Crow & Bighorn Sheep Seasons & some Squirrel Seasons end. Check your Hunt Regs.

Jan. 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Archery Deer & Archery Javelina Seasons open in many Hunt Units. Do you have a current 2018 Hunting License & Mountain Lion Tag? Check your Hunt Regs.

Jan. 3 - This is the 1st Wednesday. New Club Meeting Location: 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00P.M.

Jan. 6-7 – PVCI Club Hunt!!! Jan. 7 – Late Dove Season closes statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.

Jan. 13-14 AZG&F Commission Meeting in Phoenix. 5000 W. Carefree Hwy 85086 (602)942-3000

Jan. 14 – Mountain Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Season closes statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.

Jan. 17 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza?????

Jan. 20 – Annual Multi-Club Hunt that pits our Predator-Calling Club against the other Predator Calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Check-in SEE PAGE 7 INSTRUCTIONS

Jan. 26 - Feb. 4th – Youth Only Spring Javelina Season is open in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Jan. 28 – Desert Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Season closes statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.

Jan. 30 – The Deadline for PAPER 2018 Fall Antelope & Elk Applications. You have until 11:59p.m.

Feb. 3-4 AZG&F Commission Meeting in Region IV 9140 E 28thSt. Yuma 85365 (928)342-0091

Feb. 7 - This is the 1st Wednesday. New Club Meeting Location: 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00P.M.

Feb. 9 - 19 - HAM Spring Javelina Season is open in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Feb. 10-11 - PVCI Club Hunt!!!

Feb. 13 – The Deadline for ONLINE 2018 Fall Antelope & Elk Applications. You have until 11:59p.m.

Feb. 21 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza??????

Feb. 23 - Mar. 1st - Rifle Javelina Season is open in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

***NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: To stay a PVCI Member you MUST PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES YEARLY OR YOU WILL GET DROPPED! *P.S. DON'T FORGET that we'll need your E-MAIL INFO Send your e-mail to pvcigroup@gmail.com The NEW Club Meeting Location is 6822 N. 57th Drive, American Legion Hall Post 29. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each Month. When your membership is due, your E-Mail copy will be noted. Please submit the proper payment to keep your Membership current. The fee to renew remains \$25 and should be made payable to PVCI. Send payment to PVCI c/o Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 87153, Phoenix, AZ. 85080-7153. For new members the fee is \$35.00 and the forms are available at the General Meeting. For questions regarding membership, contact the Membership Chairperson Ruth S. 602-524-3586. PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

MULTI-CLUB HUNT - JANUARY 20th, 2018

(IF YOU HUNT NO OTHER HUNT ALL YEAR, HUNT THIS ONE!)

***Jan. 20, 2018 - MULTI-CLUB HUNT - This Hunt pits our Club against the other Predator Calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the "BEST" Varmint Calling Club in the State? The Xtreme Predator Callers (XPC) won the rights last year & the Arizona Predator Callers (APC) are Always Good Competition. Both these teams have the ability to amass a LOT of their members to get out & hunt. I'll bet XPC has almost TOTAL Club participation! The Tucson Club is also invited & used to dominate. They are hardly even a factor anymore due to very low member turnout. PVCI members, we could really use some more participation! Even with the numbers of us that show, we come oh SO CLOSE sometimes! IF MORE MEMBERS WOULD JUST GET OUT and HUNT IN MORE NUMBERS, WE REALLY COULD WIN THIS HUNT EVERY SINGLE TIME!!! PVCI members if you hunt no other hunts this whole year, PLEASE HUNT THIS ONE!!! It is only a 1-Day Hunt. The use of Electronic Callers is allowed. Proof of kill will be the whole critter or the skin and the matching carcass. Points awarded will be lion-100, bobcat-50, coyote-20, fox-10. This is a One-Day Hunt. Only critters harvested on Jan. 20th, 2018 are eligible. The Deadline is 9:00p.m. Saturday evening according to their Hunt Chairman's watch. Anything turned in after 9:00p.m. will be disqualified. There will be food & possibly drink served until it runs out. PVCI members again WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP! We can win the Trophy (XPC currently has it) back! THANKS in advance! Check-in will be...Read below ***The CHECK-IN LOCATION will be at the gate, Southeast side of US 71 (outside of Wickenburg area) where the Double Steel Power Lines cross the Highway. North of US 60 about 12.5-mile, South of US 93 a little more than 5 miles.

****Look for signs from Xtreme Predator Callers for the exact CHECK-IN LOCATION.****

INTERNATIONAL SPOTRSMEMN'S EXPO (ISE) March 22-25, 2018

Arizona's largest boat, outdoor gear, RV, four-wheeler & travel show returns to WestWorld of Scottsdale! Plus, free activity areas, including watersports-event pond, new Dock Dogs pond & contest, Wilderness Camp, Outdoor Product Showcase, Off-road Test Track, giant bass-demo tankmore!

WHERE: Westworld of Scottsdale 166601 N. Pima Road Scottsdale AZ 85260

Adult Tickets \$12.00 Youth 15 & under Free

Parking: \$5.00 Per Car

Hours: 10 AM - 7PM Thursday – Saturday Sunday 10AM to 5PM

ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOOR EXPO – MARCH 24-25, 2018

This year's Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoors Expo will be held on March24-25, 2018 at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility just west of I-17 on the Carefree Highway in Phoenix. This Event will transform the Shooting Facility into the largest hands-on Outdoor Expo in Arizona with outdoor fun and adventure for the entire family! Admission & parking to the Event will be totally FREE! You will have a unique opportunity to test pistols, rifles & shotguns & archery equipment on the range plus talk to the manufacturer's reps. Shooters can also learn more about competitive shooting & enjoy some of the specialty ranges not normally open to the public. There will be demonstrations on speed shooting and skeet shooting plus they will have many workshops & exhibition booths displaying the shooting, hunting & fishing sports. You can also test drive the latest ATV's and don't forget the catch & release fish tank. PVCI will have a booth at this event. Volunteers are needed. We will be raffling off Raffle Tickets for our New 5-GUN PVCI RAFFLE. This Event attracts over 10,000 people each year with over 100 exhibitors. The hours of operation will be Saturday from 9:00A.M to 5:00P.M. and Sunday from 9:00A.M. to 4:00P.M. For more information about this weekend, visit www.azgfd.gov/expo

HUNTING PREDATORS IN THE COLD by Eddie M.

I woke up just before the alarm went off & looked around, first at the sky, then at certain features around me. A lot of times when it's dark, you can't see these features (provided there is no full moon) yet as the night gave way to the dawn, these features can be seen. From my sleeping bag on the ground, I could see a juniper tree here, a small pine tree there, a

pile of rocks, etc. Sure enough the sky was lighting up in the East & daylight would soon be here. I sat up in my sleeping bag & quietly got dressed, taking special note of a coyote pack howling in the distance. Hoping that others would also answer, I kept my ears tuned & sure enough in a couple minutes, 2 other packs answered from 2 different locations. It was the middle of December & it was cold. My little keychain thermometer showing that it was 21 degrees! "Good, that means that they will have to eat to stay warm," I thought. Normally I don't like going North when the temps are below 25 degrees but this weekend was different. It was supposed to snow that Sunday afternoon which meant 2 things. One, I could hunt the dry, snowless, mudless, north country one more time and attempt to harvest some good thick pelts & two, I could also call in the snow when it arrived.

After checking the wind & loading my shotgun, I headed in the direction of one of the upwind packs. On the way this pack started howling again. I used the noise they were making to get even closer. I backed my way into a juniper tree with a clear view in front that included a couple of shooting lanes. Waa, waa, waa, the sounds of surprised bunny distress pierced the surroundings for just a short bit. I paused about 10 seconds then did



another short series and then shut up & slowly counted to 180. As I silently counted my head slowly moved from left to right, checking my zone for any sign of movement. This helped me to avoid tunnel vision. Ninety-eight, 99, 100...suddenly off to my right, two coyotes suddenly appeared from 45 yards out, running hard & racing each other to get to the source of the sound first! They covered ground rapidly headed directly towards my location. I let them come closer, closer, closer and when 12 yards out brought the shotgun up & shot the closest coyote in one fluid motion. While it dropped I swung on the other coyote that had already put on the afterburners & was hightailing it out of there. The next shot was too far back but the 3rd shot folded the coyote in mid-air. It hit the ground & rolled several times before it stopped. I visually checked both coyotes for any sign of movement, one hand searching my pocket for more ammo while I continued calling with the other hand. This was a good start!

Predator hunting in the cold & sometimes snow of winter can be a very fun & rewarding experience IF you are properly prepared. Going unprepared can not only make you miserable (ever had cold frozen feet?); it can also be dangerous & potentially fatal. If heading North at any time of year, I always make sure I have a beanie cap, long-sleeve insulated shirt, good hunting boots & a sleeping bag. In the wintertime I'll carry the same items only my boots will have at least 800 grams of insulation. Any less & my feet get cold, even doing a 15 minute stand in the desert. My sleeping bag is also rated at 0 degrees. Don't forget an ice scraper for the windshield & please be sure to have anti-freeze in your vehicle. Living in the desert some of us overlook this simple fact.

The next couple of stands on the juniper flats produced nothing so I started looking for a terrain change like hills or draws



with lots of rocks so that I could get away from the coyotes & concentrate on fox & bobcats. The road eventually came to a draw. On both sides of this draw were hills with rock piles here & there. Out of the truck & up I headed. I set up in the rocks at the base of one of the rock piles looking up. Using my bite-down call this time my distressed bird sound was used. The volume was kept up with a few pauses. I tried to sound like 2 sparrows fighting. Immediately the song birds started showing up, all of them doing their own chirping. Then here came the jays with their loud raucous calls. Around 12 minutes into the stand a gray fox appeared on one of the top boulders & looked down. Since I had the bite-down call I simply kept calling as the shotgun was raised & the shot taken. BOOM! The fox dropped & stayed still. Immediately I started calling again. As most of us experienced callers know, the sound of the shot often seems to have no effect upon approaching critters, unless they are the ones being shot at. Further calling produced no results.

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The winds started picking up Saturday evening & the snow came that night. I was snug as a bug in a rug in my sleeping bag inside the tent. Occasionally during the night I'd wake up & hit the top & sides of the tent knocking off the snow. The wind was still howling pretty good come morning but eventually subsided. I mentally kicked myself as I dressed. How can you know that it's going to snow & not bring your snow camo or snow (pac) boots? On my feet were Rocky Wolverines w/ 1,000 grams of insulation so I was okay in the Boot Dept. I really would have liked the snow boots and camo though. I managed to find a lighter colored camo top, this and setting up in front of green bushes seemed to work okay, in other words I seemed too blend in.

I hear howling on a distant hill. The truck is close, so the hill is glassed with binos. Nothing is found until after the howling stops. I watch as 3 coyotes walk up the snow-covered hill. Once they walk over and are out of sight I walk that way & set-up just below where they vanished. I use the bird distress being quiet at first but gradually I get louder. It had taken a



little time to walk up here, where were those coyotes? About then a single coyote walks back over the hill in my direction. I killed the coyote in the snow at 17 steps & ended the weekend with 3 coyotes and 1 fox. I've done better & I've done worse. Don't let the cold and/or snow stop you.

TALES OF SUCCESS!!!

Do you enjoy reading these hunting stories? Being a Newsletter Editor in a Hunting Club I am naturally always hoping that you the members would share your hunting stories. With the Membership over 100 strong & ANY hunting story being okay with me, not just the predator-calling ones; you'd think that I'd have a backlog of ready-to-go stories. This is not the case. The reasons/excuses for members NOT sharing their experiences are many. The main reason many say is that they can't or don't know how to write. From there the reasons trickle all the way down to I don't want to give away my secret locations or brag. You can tell a story without giving every detail & sharing with others is not bragging. If you think you can't write or your spelling is bad, do your best, get it on paper or send an e-mail to coyotecaller@cox.net and I being an editor will edit the story. Do you enjoy reading hunting stories? So do we, share your experiences, please!

SAIGE'S FIRST BUCK by Saige Hunter F.



This is the story about a knife or an 11-year old girl or a first deer or maybe it's about a friend or maybe even a friend I have never met.

Any who, as I hear it told my Dad called a friend named Will H. over 11 years ago and asked him to build his daughter a hunting knife. Will says, Cool man and a few days or probably weeks later he gives it to my Dad, and the day I was born my dad cut my umbilical cord with it.



Now fast forward 11 years and on my first deer hunt I shot a deer! It was awesome! I used an AR-10 in .243. I made a 290-yard, 1 shot kill! After some pics and high 5's my dad gives me this knife and says this is where it all started.

Well I guess that I got 2 trophies that evening, and my dad got a sore back, Ha, Ha but he was grinning from ear to ear. So back tracking 20 years, my dad met Will and some other great friends in the Phoenix Varmint Callers. Saige Hunter F.

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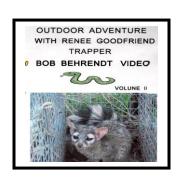
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by Scott Banner

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*** NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED <u>NOW</u> FOR PVCI OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS*** (ELECTIONS IN APRIL) by Eddie M.

Yes, it is that time of year again, the time when nominations for the PVCI Officers & Board of Directors comes to be. Every PVCI position is annually up for re-election in April except for some of the Board Members. The PVCI Officers & Board Members are the decision-making core of PVCI & besides the duties that each position represents they are also required to attend one extra Meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. There is a certain amount of prestige associated with being a Phoenix Varmint Caller Officer or Board Member & you will go down in history as having been elected. The PVCI Presidents especially not only have a place in history but there can also be some FAME that goes along with the position. This is after all a fine Club that is known. If you would like to nominate someone, anyone to be elected into this "Special Group" please do feel free to do so when the nominations are opened at the next few Club Meetings. You are of course more than welcome to also nominate yourself. Here is a brief breakdown of the positions:

President: The Head Honcho, the Main Man. Responsible for running both the regular club meeting & the Board of Directors Meeting & shall direct the activities of this Club.

Vice-President: Assist the President in running meetings & business, also in charge of meetings if President absent.

Corresponding Secretary: Responsible for all club correspondence with the outside, the press, the other clubs, etc. He shall keep a complete file of this correspondence. Also presents documents prior to mailing for Officer & Board approval & submit proof of all mailings. This person needs to have some PVCI letterhead in his possession. This person assumes the President's position in case of emergency or the absence of both the President and Vice-President.

Recording Secretary: Accurately records all club minutes at both the regular and board meetings. These minutes contain among other things, the type of meeting, date and place and time of the meeting, a list of the officers and directors present plus any motions or amendments. Keeps this record in a safe place and is able to furnish past minutes if needed. **Treasurer:** Receives all dues and other funds coming into this club then deposits them to this club's account immediately upon receipt. Keeps accurate records of all receipts and disbursements and is able to render an annual financial statement. Also prepares a monthly report that is entered into the club's minutes during the meetings. The Treasurer keeps the Club's checkbook and he/she pays all the bills incurred by the Club including rent, trophies, locker, mailbox, etc. and responsible for the club's non-profit status and records. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be authorized to sign checks, two (2) signatures being required.

Board of Director Member(s): Must be able to attend two (2) meetings per month, the regular and the board. Votes on issues discussed at board meetings. Also helps in planning and organizing club events, helps decide on the direction of the club and usually chairs at least one committee for the major club events. The Board of Directors is a 3-year term. All of the 5 officer positions are 1-year terms.

I tried to be as short & through as I could. Hopefully I didn't get anything too wrong. To view a complete list of Officer & Board of Director Duties, look at your Club Handbook located on PVCI Website http://www.pvci.org

LEARN OUTDOOR SKILS: HUNT, TRAP, FISH, SHOOT, WILDLIFE RECREATION

The Arizona Game & Fish Dept. is dedicated to introducing children to hunting by offering a wide variety of juniors only hunting & shooting programs. These programs are designed to get children in the field with a parent or guardian who can focus on the kid(s) & provide the guidance needed to teach the next generation of hunters how to be safe, ethical & responsible stewards. To provide plenty of opportunity, Game & Fish has partnered w/various Sportsman's clubs, groups & organizations to provide mentoring for beginners to help assure positive experience hunting in the great outdoors. Listed below are some of these events. Look on pages 24-29 of the 2017/2018 AZ. Hunt Regs. You'll note that there are also some events for the ladies. Visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills for more information. Consider helping out at these Events as a Mentor. You'll usually be fed & your help is greatly appreciated. I go as a PVCI member & often wear my PVCI T-Shirt. It doesn't have to be varmint calling related for me to volunteer to help get someone hooked hunting.

Jan. 16-Javelina Hunt Seminar: Free seminar on hunting javelina covering, tips, tactics, scouting, calling, field care, more. Raffles, door prizes, refreshments, doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminar begins 7:00pm. Non-Perishable food item Raffle (1 ticket per item) Free-Limited seating. Location: Calvary Community Church 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Phx. Host: Christian Hunters of America & Ruger. Info: Christianhuntersofamerica.org.davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org

Jan. 25–28- Beginners Small Game & Youth Javelina Camp: Learn from Experienced hunters how to hunt jackrabbits, quail, predators-all ages plus javelina for youth w/37B permit-tags. Meals provided. Location: Florence Area Unit 37B. Register Kara Jensen at Kara Jensen. AZ@gmail.com 602-309-2517 Jan. 25-28 - Javelina, Small Game & Predator Camp - Unit 20C/18B/16A Location: Bagdad Area, Hwy 96 & Santa Maria River Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Jan. 26-28 - Becoming an Outdoors Woman: Workshop for adult women (18 & older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in fun environment. Includes sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, others. Classes in day, evenings entertainment, fun. Fee Required, includes meals & lodging. Location: Saguaro Lake Ranch, Mesa. Host: AZ. Wildlife Federation. Info: www.azwildlife.org Click on Education/BOW. Register: awf@azwildlife.org or call 480-644-0077.

Feb. 22-25 - Mentored Javelina Hunt Camp: Camp for new javelina hunters both kids & adults. Attendees must have their own camp & hunt gear proper license & tag. Parent, guardian able to hunt must be w/kids under 18. Location: Cordes Junction Area Units 19A, 20A, 20B, 21. Host: Christian Hunters of America, AZ Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers, Ruger. Register: Christianhuntersofamerica.org.davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org (602)309-3430.

PVCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORT

NOVEMBER CLUB HUNT: If you went up North on this Hunt then the high winds probably hurt you. If you did not then you probably did okay. Quiz: Which way do you think that the Top 2 teams went??? Results were as follows:

1st Place: Craig B., Wayne W.

1st Place: Ken E., Chris B.

Total: 16 coyotes

2nd Place: Mark S., Nathan S., Tim L. Total: 6 coyotes, 3 bobcats



3rd Place: Ken E., Steve R.



3rd Place: Nathan S., John S.



Six teams ventured forth on another windy December weekend for many but not all. Results were as follows: 2nd Place: Mark S., Tim L.

Total: 8 coyotes 1 coyote, 1 gray fox, 1 kit fox 1 bobcat

THIS MAY HELP YOU NEXT TIME YOU RUN ACROSS AN ANTI-HUNTER

Sonia: E-mail: I just wanted to ask how I can get started in the animal killing business? I saw the pictures of you and your friends sitting with your victims & thought that you must be such talented & manly men to be able to kill these unarmed, defenseless creatures with only a shotgun. I was just thinking that something like that would probably take my 4-year old Nephew about a week to learn so you must have learned in about 8 days or so. Wow! Anyway, I hope that your power-hungry egos are satisfied & fulfilled with these acts of murder and that you've found some cheap excuse to justify yourself. I guess your conscience was just as easy to kill as they were. Bye.

Darrell's Response: Sonia, for your information, we are all "animal killers." This may be difficult for you to accept but you also are the reason that animals die. Please let me explain: **Do you eat any meat?** Do you go to McDonald's or have a little pepperoni on your pizza? Sorry to disappoint you but that meat came from a dead animal. Yes, I kill deer, elk and other game animals but at least my animals are treated with respect and allowed to live a free and wild life. Your meat is often killed in "slaughter houses" after being penned and trapped for months being forced to eat what will make them tender rather than what they choose.

Oh, are you a vegetarian? Guess what, you are still responsible for the deaths of countless animals. Do you realize that the farmers that grow your veggies regularly kill jackrabbits & other "pests" who interfere with the growing process of your veggies? Do you realize that they eliminated animals that once grazed on the land they now farm so that you can eat tofu?

Do you own anything leather like a purse, a belt or a pair of shoes? What about your automobile, does it have a leather steering wheel or leather seats? Do you think that the animals that provided that leather did so and lived to tell about it? No they died so that you could have what you want.

Do you live on land that used to be habitat for some wild animal? Do you drive over roads that were paved over the tops of rodents and that displaced the animals that migrated across them? Since you are writing me from an "edu" address, do you live in a dorm or an apartment? If you do, they must certainly spray to kill rodents and other pests as well as poison any mice & rats that live there.

As far as where I get my justification, I get it from the ultimate authority, God himself. After the flood, God told Noah, "The fear and dread of you will, fall upon all beasts on all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given unto your hands. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. Genisis9:2-3. In Acts 10, He tells Peter to "Rise, kill and eat."

As far as skill goes, hunting is a skill that requires much work, experience and insight. Also, for your information, I hunt with a bow and not with a shotgun, though I have no problem with my hunting brothers who use a shotgun.

If, in a few years, your 4-year-old nephew is interested in learning how to hunt, I will be more than happy to take him with me and show him the ways of the wild. I will show him how to read tracks in the sand and in the snow. I will show him the incredible power of the majestic elk. I will teach him how to try and outsmart a bull elk by imitating the calls of the elk. I will show him how to make a clean humane kill, one that causes the least amount of suffering possible. Then, I will show him how to take care of the meat so that it can be enjoyed by him and others. It will do him well to learn that he was created at the top of the food chain and doesn't have to live a life destined to tofu and veggie burgers. I will show him how to hunt with honor and how to appreciate the incredible creation that God has for us. I will show him why we need to protect our National Forests and other places where wild animals are allowed to roam free. I will teach him many things but most important, I will teach him about his Creator who loved him so much that He came and died for him. I apologize if my hunting offends you. I ask however that you give some real consideration to the big picture. Yes, I kill animals but so do you. The difference is only that I do so for myself AND YOU HIRE SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT FOR YOU! Have a great day! by Darrell B.

.ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT:

NOTICE: IF YOU HAVE ITEAMS YOU WANT TO GET RID OF WE WILL BE ADDING PAGES/SPACE IN FUTURE ISSUES. **Space** for your "FOR SALE" items <u>IS FREE</u>. Take a picture, give us the wording. We will put inside for you.

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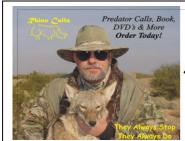
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