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Presidents Message!

As we come towards the end of Club Predator Hunting with March being the last month. We hope everyone learned a lot, found new hunting partners, made new friends and just had some all-around fun. As we start thinking about spring, Wayne W. & Brent F. will be doing a Bowfishing Seminar in March. Also, in March is the AZGFD EXPO that is always a LOT of FUN for the entire family. There is even talk of a possible **Varmint Calling Contest** at the Expo! Also, a possible Fur Prep Day in March or April. Next Meeting Nominations will again be accepted for the Club's Officer & Board Member positions & then our Annual Club Elections are in April. Please **DO SELL** as many Fund-Raising 5-Gun Raffle Tickets as you can. See our PVCi Monthly Gun Raffle Person Steve L. to have some Raffle Tickets issued to you. Every dollar helps PVCi.

THINGS TO KNOW:

**** This is a reminder: As of January 2018 the PVCi Officers & Board has decided to have this Newsletter be sent by e-mail only thus eliminating the hard copy.** There may be some exceptions & there may not. As a result we're going to need everyone's e-mail information. Please send your e-mail info. to pvcigoup@gmail.com

*****PVCi holds its Club Elections in Aril of each year.** Club Nominations are part of each Monthly Meeting until then. If you'd like to run for an Officer and/or Board position or would like to nominate someone then say something when Nominations are open. ALL Officer & some Board Positions are open. Win the election, More info inside.

****The March 10-11, 2018 Club Hunt will be the last organized PVCi Hunt of the 2017-2018 hunt season.** This has traditionally been our 2nd Novice or Novice II Hunt where a Novice must be on the team in order to qualify. This year though with no traditional Fur Hunt and some other changes who knows what the Hunt Chairman will decide???

*****Mar. 25-26 – Arizona Game & Fish Dept. Outdoor Expo. Hours: Sat: 9-5 Sun: 10-4.** PVCi will have a booth here.

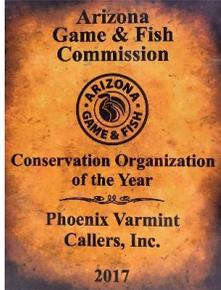
*****The 6-MONTH HUNT will END at the April Monthly Meeting!!!** Get ALL of your Proof of Kills turned in by the end of the Meeting to get credit for the 2017-2018 season!

****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/>**

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We Won the AZGFD Commissioners Conservation Organization. Of the Year foe our work in 2017



Disabled Veterans Successful Predator Hunt March 3rd

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PVCI HAS A BRAND NEW 5-GUN RAFFLE –PLEASE ASK FOR & SELL SOME TICKETS!!!

IF YOU WIN, YOU PICK & CHOOSE THE FIREARM YOU WANT-1st Choice picks 1 Gun from 5 choices, 2nd picks 1 Gun from 4 choices, 3rd picks 1 Gun from 3 choices, 4th picks 1 Gun from 2 choices & 5th gets what is left.

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! Tickets should not be too hard to sell with these prizes at these Ticket prices. The Drawing Date for this Raffle will be in May 2018. You Need Not Be Present To Win. **This year you will be able to PICK & CHOOSE the firearm you want!** 1st place chooses one from 5 choices, 2nd Place chooses one from 4 choices, 3rd Place chooses one from 3 choices and so on.

The First choice is the (ATI) American Tactical Imports AR-15 Millsport 5.56 -.223 Rifle



Images may not match actual Guns

The Second choice is a Ruger American Predator 6.5 CREEDMOOR



The Third choice is a Weatherby PA-08 Upland 12ga. 28-inch pump shotgun



The Fourth choice is a Mossberg Patriot Bantam .308 scoped rifle



The Fifth choice is the Savage Model 64 .22 long rifle semi-auto scoped rifle



ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Happy Birthday Day
Tim N. Feb 28th

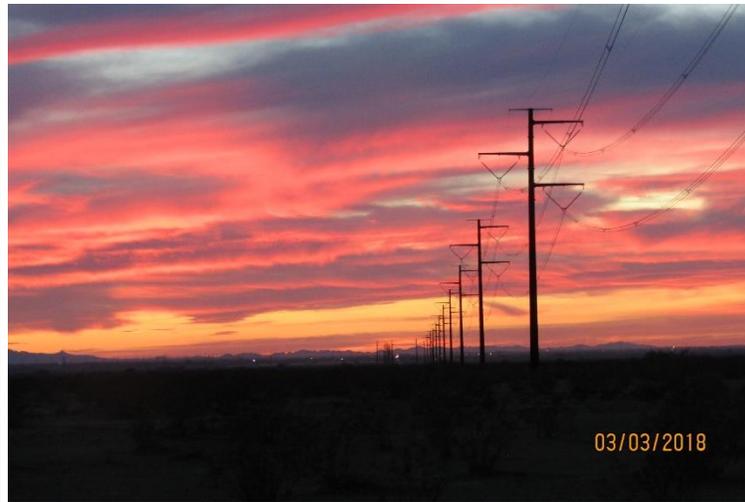


Happy Birthday Day
John T. April 1



Congrats to Ivan & Sarah C.
married 10 years on April. 14th

Would you like for your Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event to show here? Send your info to coyotecaller@cox.net



FINALLY, A START by Rick M.

I had been waiting until retirement to start my fall hunting season. I normally am “ready to go” when it comes to varmint calling but I found I wasn’t so anxious to go when my retirement started. Part of it was due to the high temperatures; October ended with highs in the hundreds and upper nineties. The heat really poured cold water on my enthusiasm. I also had an unexplainable lack of desire to start calling. A day and a half after retiring, I headed to the desert not to call varmints but rather to help a friend with a deer tag he had not filled. I would not hunt but would try to help my partner in his search for venison. We kept to higher elevation and did not have too much trouble with the temperatures. I managed to find a large buck and notified my partner. Later we came across the same buck, but he could not get together fast enough for a shot. Maybe I will put in for a tag next year. With a little luck in next year’s drawing; I can start where a large racked buck wanders the mountain side. It was good to be in the desert and I really enjoyed the day hikes I made. Following the trip, I dedicated time to installing new lights in my camper shell. I blew one fuse during the project. I knew immediately where the problem must lie. In the end my efforts produced very pleasing results. I had awesome lighting inside and behind the rear of the truck. I spent a few days at home then headed out for a few days of predator calling to be followed by a visit to my sister’s in Surprise, AZ. My niece was in a theatre production & half of the family (myself included) planned to arrive & support her.

I started my first stand at a favorite spot where numerous times I have had luck on both coyotes and bobcat. One-time years ago, I had called in a coyote at this spot that had lots of black color in his pelt. My roommate was with me. Forever after this all I had to do was say “the place with the black coyote” and she knew where I meant. I usually have the area to myself but on this visit, I found a huge gathering of motor homes and campers. I tried one stand at the crack of daylight, away from the crowd and before any of them had begun their day. This stand was unproductive, perhaps disturbed by the mob the day before. I took off for another spot that usually produces for me. It is at higher elevations and includes a mix of Joshua trees, yucca and other vegetation. This is one of my favorite desert habitats to call. As I made my calling stands, I noticed I got more into my usual groove.

During one stand I noticed some movement and noticed a group of five burros were coming to share the area. This was not a surprise as tracks and burro droppings were omnipresent. A stand later I called in a coyote that pretty much ran right in with no hesitation. It was an easy shot at good range. I had my hands full walking to the stand, so I had more to carry, so I carried my gear a ways, then went back and carried the coyote. My truck was on a rarely travelled dirt road. When I got to it I noticed a man on a mountain bike coming my way. His first words were “Is the road sandy ahead?” I had to give him the bad news that it was. His name was Arnold and he was from Belgium. He had mountain biked much of Alaska to Glacier, Yellowstone and eventually to the Mojave. His ultimate destination was Argentina. We hit it off real well together. I gave him water and a nutrition bar. Next, I showed him my shotgun and let him shoulder it. He told me he had never held a gun before. Finally, I showed him the coyote and he took a photo for me. I took a photo of Arnold with the coyote, something I was sure was a once in a lifetime event for him. After we separated I resumed the hunt. I kept encountering more wild burros.



In the late afternoon I called in a coyote with a Rare Earth Call. I saw the coyote from a long ways out and got to watch it lope all the way into very close range. Soon it was in the bag. Two coyotes made a nice afternoon.

The next morning was unproductive. I spent most of the afternoon exploring an area I don’t get too very often. After dark I decided to spend a few hours night calling. I was experimenting with several lights and trying to figure out a system that would work. About an hour into the calling efforts, I saw a pair of eyes not too far away. I was confident the animal was a coyote. The animal moved several times and then gave me a nice still shot. I was impressed with the size of the coyote and thought about weighing it. I quit hunting after the stand, happy my weekend was producing. My plan was to hunt half Sunday morning, then leave for Arizona to hook up with my family there. Usually the first stand of the day is my favorite. On this day the first stand produced a coyote. It came in from the right and trotted across my view. He was unfortunately not in good shotgun range; a rifle would have been the correct weapon on this occasion. To add to my misfortune, this scenario repeated itself a couple stands later. I played one of my favorite woodpecker sounds. Late in the stand I saw a coyote standing

in the open to my right and slightly out o shotgun range. Next his partner appeared directly in front of me, also just out of

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range. He stared my way then started moving a bit closer. My prayers where that he would keep travelling in closer. It would not take much to be in range. The coyote didn't panic but it did decide to turn and exit the area. I don't usually carry two weapons but on this morning, it would have paid off. The first three coyotes of the weekend were in good range and I put them all in the bag. The next three were just out of range and all I got was the satisfaction of calling them and seeing them come to the area. Thus, was the start of my predator calling season. I am already looking forward to the next outing. Maybe I'll start carrying two weapons next time.

2017 GOOD YEAR FOR HUNTING by Jim K.

2017 was a very Good Year for hunting. I started out in January archery hunting & harvesting the largest javelina I have taken with any weapon weighing in at 55 1/2lbs. (Yes, we did weigh it!) Club Member Brent F. was there with me & my witness.

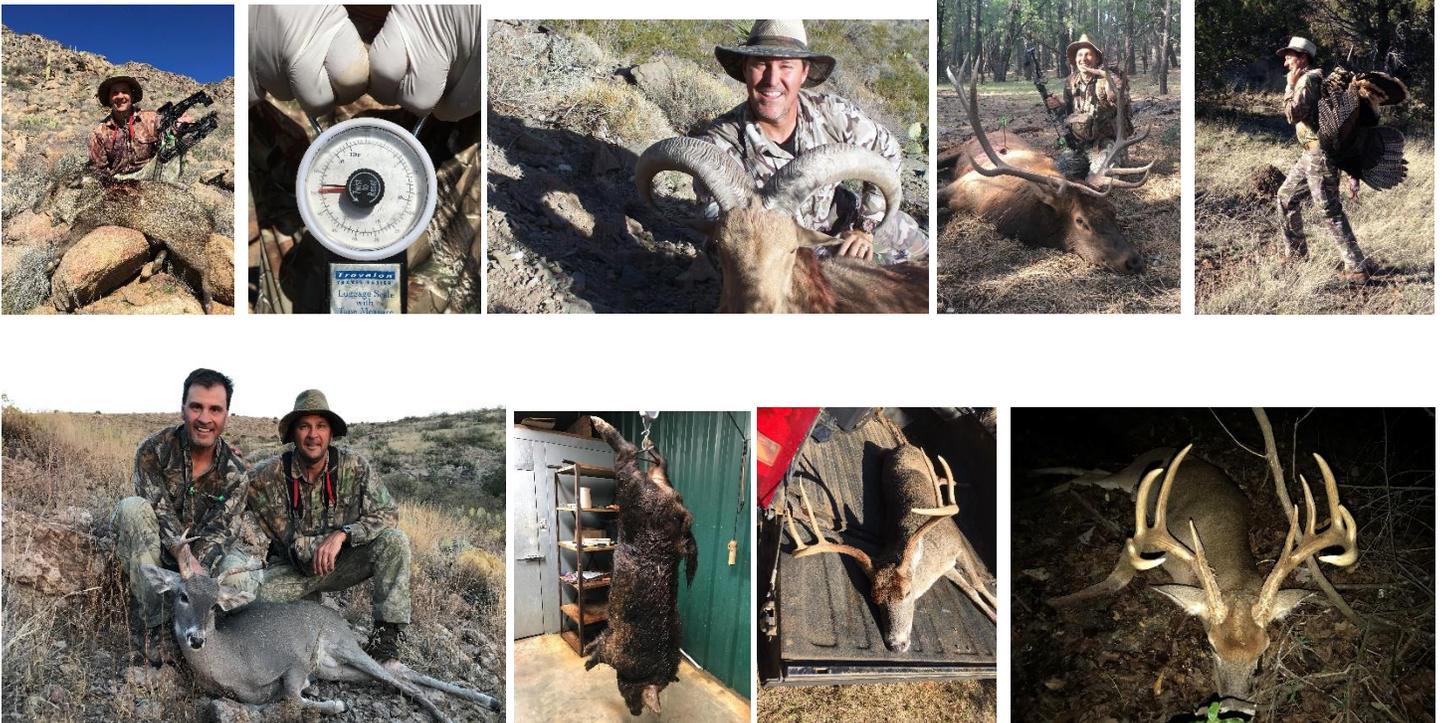
February found Club members Eddie M., Brent F. and I in New Mexico where Brent was able to harvest a beautiful Aoudad that will end up in the Safari Club International book.

I was elated to draw an archery bull elk tag & in September, brought in a nice bull that went Pope & Young. Club member Brent F. was my caller.

April found us on the San Carlos Indian Reservation looking for long beards. Club member Brent F. harvested the biggest bird of the trip and our group wound up going 5 for 5.

In November, I returned to San Carlos for Coues where my brother harvested a non-typical. I closed the year out in Georgia where we were hunting hogs & whitetails. My brother took a doe, a nice buck & a hog & I was fortunate to tag a doe, 2 bucks & a whopper hog! We were told that one of my bucks and my hog were the largest taken all year.

All around a great year & I personally added 4 big game animals into the record books.



Did you get Drawn? Let us know what you got drawn for and meet other members with the Same Hunt Unit!

****Listen to Don McDowell on his Award-Winning Outdoor Radio Show "Shake, Rattle & Troll" every Sunday morning between 7:00A.M. & 9:00A.M. on 1580 AM Radio (the Fanatic). This radio-show is about more than just fishing!**

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 March will be a Ruger 10-22 w/polished, stainless steel barrel & black synthetic stock

**The Gun for April will be a Mossberg 500 Grand Slam Turkey Series, 3” Mag. Mossy Oak Obsession 12ga. Shotgun!!!
Somebody is going to Win! Good Luck to You!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

****Do seriously consider attending 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.

Feb. 28 – Trapping Season ends.

Mar. 7-This is the 1st Wednesday. PVCI Monthly Meeting & 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00P.M. Nominations.

Mar. 9-10 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Yuma. 9140 E. 28th Street, Yuma, AZ. 8536 (928) 342-0091.

Mar. 10-11 – PVCI Monthly Hunt. Last Organized Club Hunt of the 2017-2018 season.

Mar. 20-CHA Turkey Hunting Seminar: Free Seminar w/Colburn & Scott Outfitters teaching turkey hunting w/both archery & shotgun techniques. Raffles, auctions, door prizes, vendors, more. Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. 33rd Ave. Phx, AZ. 85023. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. PVCI will have a booth here. (Volunteers?)

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

Mar. 23 – Spring Bear Season opens in some Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Mar. 22-25-International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE) at West World in Scottsdale, AZ. 1660 N. Pima Road. Enter \$12-Park \$5.

Mar. 24-25-AZ. Game & Fish Dept. Outdoor Expo at the **Ben Avery Shooting Range. We will have a booth. More info.**

Mar. 31 – Bobcat, fox, raccoon, badger, weasel, ringtail, coatimundi & Gunnison's Prairie Dog seasons end.

April 4 - This is the 1st Wednesday. PVCI Monthly Meeting & 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00P.M. CLUB ELECTIONS HELD! The 6-Month Hunt Will End at the April Monthly Meeting. Get all your Proof of Kills turned in by the end of the Meeting to get credit for the season!

April 6-7 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Phoenix

April 14 – AES Annual Banquet Mesa Convention Center 263 N Center ST. Mesa, AZ.

April 19-22 – Unit 23 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial: Locations: East of Payson Area, Colcord Ridge Campground. Units 23, 4A, 4B & 3C. Host: NWTF, AZ Elk Society, **Phoenix Varmint Callers**, Register: Rich Williams at azgobbler@gmail.com

April 18 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza?????

April-20 Youth Turkey Season Opens. April 27 Early Spring & May 4 Late Spring Turkey Seasons Open. Check 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. Before Jan. 1st as the PVCI Board has decided to do away with the hard copy Newsletter & go to an On-Line Only issue starting Jan. 1st Send your e-mail to pvcigroup@gmail.com If you receive an E-Mail copy you will be notified by E-Mail that your membership is due. 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 and the forms are available at the General Meeting. For questions regarding membership, contact the Membership Chairperson Ruth S. 602-820-5142. **RENEWAL FEES HELP THE CLUB!!!** **PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 156 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Robert C., Stephen K., Eric L., Andrew P., & David P.

UPCOMING EVENT: TURKEY HUNTING SEMINAR - DCA MARCH 20,2018 (This is a BIG ONE!)

Free seminar with Colburn & Scott Outfitters teaching turkey hunting with both archery & shotgun techniques. Learn scouting, locating & calling these birds. Raffles, door prizes & vendors. Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. 33rd Ave., Phx, AZ. 85023. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. Host: Desert Christian Archers, Info: AJ Murosky www.desertchristianarchers.org **PVCI will have a booth at this Event** volunteers needed.

UPCOMING EVENT: INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO (ISE) – MARCH 22-25, 2018

March 22-25, 2018 Location: WEST WORLD of SCOTTSDALE 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ. 85260
Adult Admission-\$12.00 Youth under 15 Free! Parking \$5.00per car- Hours 10a.m. to 7p.m. Thursday- Saturday. Sunday 10a.m. to 5p.m. No pets-No weapons-ammo
Arizona's largest boat, outdoor gear, RV, 4-Wheeler & travel show returns to West World of Scottsdale. Plus, Free activity areas, including Water Sports-Event Pond, new DocDogs pond & Contest, Wilderness Camp, Outdoor Product Showcase, Off-road Test Rack, giant bass demonstration tank...more!

UPCOMING EVENT: 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

UPCOMING EVENT: PAYSON WILDLIFE FAIR – MAY 12, 2018 by Eddie M.

On Saturday **MAY 12, 2018** the town of Payson will host **the 24th Annual "Payson Wildlife Fair!"** This Wildlife Awareness Fair held at Green Valley Park in Payson comes alive with a multitude of wildlife & outdoor fun activities for the whole family. Catch a monster-sized trout, cruise the lake in a canoe, try your hand at archery or touch a live snake, there is something for everyone! People come from all over the state for this one-day event. It's a good day up in the cool air of Payson. There will be booths from many local & state organizations, pellet gun & archery ranges plus door prizes for the kids such as free fishing rods & lures. Live wildlife will also be on display, the Fair celebrating Arizona's great outdoors and diverse wildlife. Smokey the Bear has also been known to makes an appearance. For the Event, Green Valley Lake (one of the Urban Lakes) will be double-stocked with hundreds of lbs. of trout (including some HUGE incentive fish) & open to all to fish for FREE from the hours of 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Equipment and bait plus instruction are provided at the Free fishing booth at the Fair. The Event lasts from 9:00A.M. to 3: 00P.M.and offers lots to do. **Admission is Free. PVCI will have a booth at this Event promoting the sport of Varmint Calling.** There's always **Lots of Interest!** Volunteers needed to help run the booth. The Payson Wildlife Fair is a cooperative effort between AZGFD, USDA Forest Service, Mogollon Sporting Assoc. & Payson Parks & Recreation Dept. After the Event I'm headed for the woods to call turkeys. Do you need help?

UPCOMING EVENT: PVCI ANNUAL CAMPOUT /BARBECUE/ 5-GUN RAFFLE DRAWING- MAY 19-20, 2018

This year's Annual Campout & Barbecue will be scheduled for May19-20, 2018 We are planning on the Moqui Draw area near the Blue Ridge Ranger station as the location again which we have successfully used several times in the past. This Event is one of our most attended off-season Family-Oriented Events of the year. Typically, there are events scheduled for the adults w/some Youth. Most of the adult events are shooting events. Women & men compete separately in .22 rifle, .22 pistol, big-bore handgun & bowling pin & compete together in archery & muzzleloader shoots. The youth get to shoot in some of the events also, a lot depending upon the age & number of youth present. The youth also have a BB Gun Shoot. In between the shooting look forward to some **Really Good Food & having a great time** up in the cool pines. Hope that you the family & friends can make it. Member Terry H. is in charge of this Event. Volunteers e-mail

PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE?

(SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YOU & PVC I)

by Scott Banner

Most dealers pay out what is called a referral fee. This is true for anything requiring a State License including New or Used Boats, Trailers, Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, ATV's, etc.

Let the Club refer you to the dealer of your choice.

Just give Scott B. a call at 623-214-5091 let him know where you want to shop & the type of vehicle you're interested in. He will make contact with the dealers & try to obtain employee pricing for you. He'll then call you with the point of contact at the dealership. You then go into the dealer & ask for the contact telling him you are a Phoenix Varmint Caller & pick out the vehicle you are interested in. They will give you the best price. The Club will receive the Referral Fee.



*** NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED NOW FOR PVC I OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS*** (ELECTIONS IN APRIL) MAKE HISTORY!!! by Eddie M.

Yes, it is that time of year again, the time when nominations for the PVC I Officers & Board of Directors comes to be. Every PVC I position is annually up for re-election in April except for some of the Board Members. The PVC I Officers & Board Members are the decision-making core of PVC I & 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 PVC I 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 PVC I 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 Cub Handbook located on PVC I Website <http://www.pvci.org>

BLAST FROM THE PAST:

SPRING TURKEY – 10 WAYS TO HELP GET YOUR GOBBLER by Eddie M.

Many are those who venture forth in the spring on a gobbler quest. Many also are those that go home without a bird, again. Yes, for some this hunt has the same results (no harvested bird) again & again. Why? What are you doing wrong?



Of course, we don't always harvest critters on our hunts however if you are consistently coming up empty because you are doing the same thing each year and not learning anything new, then maybe you need to change something? Here are some tips to go over in your mind. As you read them ask yourself, "Am I doing that?" "Am I doing that?" Hope this helps.

**If possible, try to scout your area before the season begins. In fact, you might even try a visit during the month of March or early April when the first gobbling peak occurs. Spend at least a morning just moving around and listening. Try to locate as many gobblers as you can. Often these birds are territorial and will stage themselves. Hear one in a certain location and often he won't be far come season. Also, you will learn which way they tend to head when they come off the tree. If you can, wake up more than one morning in different locations and try to spend the rest of the day, walking, listening, locating water sources and checking for other signs of activity from the birds.

** Learn not only how to identify turkey sign but also learn where to look for it. Look & remember where you find tracks, droppings, flipped over cow patties and scratching in the leaves where the birds have gone through. Key areas I check include right down the middle of pathways and dirt roads and the sides of both, plus flat open areas with green grass. Waterholes are also excellent places to check for tracks & droppings unless I am hunting there. You see once I find sign, I either pick it up or wipe it out. I do this so that other hunters will think the area void and keep going.

** I also look for certain terrain features. I like turkey bumps. Turkey bumps to me are tree-covered medium to large hills with some open spaces on them here and there. I also like ridges that drop down into walkable canyons and to me there is something about hunting an area where the oaks already have green leaves on them that seems to attract the birds.

**You should be proficient with at least 2 of the various types of turkey calls although knowing how to use one call well will work. The important thing to know is what you are saying when you call. Do you know what a cluck, purr, whine, yelp and putt mean?

** Make sure you pattern your shotgun, use turkey loads of 5 or 6 shot. Most of the birds that I know of that were shot & got away from friends, etc. almost without fail used #4 turkey loads. Marvin Robbins didn't like 4's either as he said that they could kill a man.

** My main call is an aluminum slate however I also want a diaphragm or mouth call in my mouth. When using a friction call such as a slate or box, you can either call or point the gun. You can't do both. So, I will use the slate until the gobbler gets close then I have to put the slate down & get the gun up before the gobbler shows. Once the gobbler is close, with the gun up I may if needed cluck with the mouth call (no body movement) here & there to make him think the hen is close. That's the purpose of my mouth call, to be able to make noise when the gobbler is close with no movement.

**The gun should already be up & pointed in the direction that you think the gobbler will appear when the gobbler shows. If he shows up in a different location or catches you not ready DON'T MOVE while the gobbler is looking. Have patience & move while the gobbler's head is behind something. It is very, very rare to outdraw a wild turkey gobbler.

**When you do shoot, DO NOT aim for the head, it moves way too much. I either aim for mid-neck or where the neck meets the body (Not too low as you may hit the beard). Also, do not shoot a gobbler while it is in full strut as not only can the feathers deflect the shot, you may also take out those beautiful tail feathers that make a mount so beautiful.

** Speaking of beautiful mounts most of the birds that I kill are in beautiful condition. In fact, of the 33 Gobblers & 1 hen that I have killed only a handful of mine have not been beautiful. My secret is that once I shoot and knock a gobbler down I don't just let it flop around. Instead I get to it as fast as I can (even if it is just lying there still) and grab the gobbler by both feet. I then hold it with its chest towards me and wait. If the gobbler isn't already flapping, it will soon start to flap its wings. Just hold him out in front of you, up off the ground and wait until the wing stop flapping. The gobblers head should be pointing down while this happens. If the head is raised up the gobbler may still have some spunk left. Don't let go of the gobbler if his head is up as it may leave the area! If you let the gobbler flop, it will damage many feathers. I have only seen 2 gobblers that when shot stayed still and didn't start flopping around.

*** Have a taxidermist already picked out if doing a full mount. Check the reviews of the taxidermist on the computer and stay away from the ones that have BAD reviews.



STEVE'S 2018 JAVELINA HUNT

by Steve L.

My hunt started when I found out I was drawn! I chose 20B rifle as a third choice. My first two choices were 20B as well but with HAM & muzzleloader in that order. I started scouting around the Black Canyon City area in the mountains to the west and found a few herds over the next two months. I then ventured my scouting to the west of Lake Pleasant. I had a muzzleloader deer tag in 20B back in September and found several herds west of the Crown King turn off. I was planning on using my Sako Forester .243 that I've had for 20+ years. Then I acquired an AR10 in 6.5 Creedmore in December and after sighting it in chose this as my new small game cartridge. Opening day, I started of New River Rd. just west of I-17 at the State Trust Land gate. I unloaded the Rhino and started to venture west into the mountains.



After 6 hours of numerous glassing stoops and trying to stay out of the cold wind I spotted nothing. The last stop was Moore's Gulch checking the wind tunnels under the freeways. After calling it a day my friend Robert gave me a call and asked if I wanted to go to his work place for my hunt? This was 5 miles of private land just north of Carefree Highway and west of Lake Pleasant. This gravel yard I was thinking was the perfect spot, heavy noise of trucks running back & forth all day calmed the little piggies. Robert had set game cameras during deer season and said he saw nothing but piggy highways in the mornings and evenings. Our first stop Saturday morning was on a hill above the pond where his game camera was set during deer season.

After sitting on a hill for an hour and seeing nothing we moved south away from the mine. Our next spot was half way up the last hill before the flats to Carefree Highway. We set up to glass and caught a glimpse of something running across the road we came up. It turned out to be a coyote but we lost it in a raw when ATV riders came up. As with most spots we moved on to another with no luck spotting any javelina. Robert was waiting for the mine to shut down at noon before we headed back into the plant. We went back around 1PM to the farthest point North in the plant, parked our butts and began glassing. After glassing the lower edges, washes and draws like everybody had said where they were hanging out, I decided to glass the upper ends of the peaks and Bingo! I spotted a Big Pig about a mile away at the top. At first glance it looked alone. Robert and I loaded up and drove the Rhino up & around to the top end of the quarry that was so conveniently connected to the ridge the pigs were on. I approached a rock pile edge, laid down and started to get a bead on the Big One, then he moved behind a large four-armed saguaro and I lost my shot.



Robert and I both rose up to move around the edge to get a shot and spooked the pigs! They started to move to the North side away from us. Both of us dropped off our edge to a lower spot headed to where we had last seen the pigs. As we got on flat ground the pigs came back around and offered a standing shot. Dropping the crosshairs of my 4X scope at his shoulder and squeezed off a round. It hit just above his head and the three pigs in sight scrambled to the North side of the ridge. Now one pig, the big one, backtracked to the same spot and I laid the crosshairs just behind his front left knee about 4" and at the bottom of his belly, allowing for my 100-yard sight of 3" high. Dead hit! The javelina dropped down the hill and in its tracks. As we stepped up to recover the trophy another one wouldn't leave. The rest had dropped down the hill and across to the other mountain, stopping 50 yards from us as we picked up the one that I had shot. I carried it over to the Rhino

for pictures. We could not find an entrance or exit wound. After the pics we drove down to the plant and hung it on a conveyor and as we caped it I found a spot on the right shoulder with meat damage and a piece of copper jacket from the bullet. This spot had not been an exit wound but a stopping point for a fragment. After skinning it the bullet travel was entrance at the left side ribs halfway back, running up to the right shoulder, deflecting off the shoulder and straight up to the spine where it meets the skull; this is not the end. After severing the spinal cord, it went through the brain cavity downward stopping just through the bone under the skin between the eye socket and the nose. The only blood that came out was from the nose and the right ear, very minimal. I will be cleaning the skull and gluing the bullet back where I had found it.

If you want to go on your first javelina hunt, try to talk to someone who has done it and can show you beforehand with scouting or predator hunting while looking for sign. Some javelina can be found right away, then others will drive you nuts trying to find them. Good luck and happy hunting!



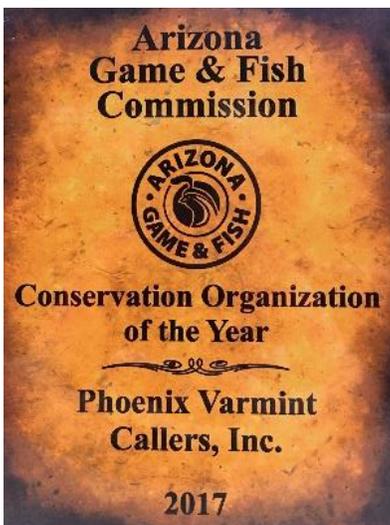
A FINE ENDING by Rick M.

My December outings had not been very fruitful. The one exception was a freebie of sorts. By that I mean that when you do enough hunting you are rewarded by a lucky event. On one hunt my partner (Ron S.) wanted to target bobcat. We put in plenty of effort but not much predator action was happening. The morning we were to leave for home, Ron looked out the back of the truck just as the morning was getting light enough to see. He thought he saw a rabbit next to a bush. The “rabbit” turned its head and Ron saw it was a bobcat! Ron shook me and excitedly told me there was a bobcat behind the truck! We did a bit of a circus act in the truck, getting out of sleeping bags, grabbing guns and ammo, etc. The bobcat had moved off but not very far so I had an easy close range shot. I skinned the cat, then later fleshed, stretched and dried it at home.

I knocked off hunting a bit for Christmas and associated activities, then I decided to give New Year’s Eve a “last chance of the year.” I drove to one of my favorite “honey holes” I had not been there, yet this year and I hoped no one else had worked the area over. About a quarter of a mile from where I planned to camp for the night a coyote crossed the pavement in front of me. I followed him in my headlight and noted the place he trotted into the bushes. I soon was at my destination and turned in for the night. I always get up at the first hint of light I like to be in the field when it is just light enough to see but well before sunrise. This stand has paid off for me more than any other. I had read on a Forum some good comments about the sound (snowshoe high-pitched). I decided I was going to give it a try on this hunt. The sound worked and soon a coyote arrived. It was an easy shot at close range. I had a coyote in the bag and the sun wasn’t even up. My next attempt was in the area I had seen the “crosser” the night before. This stand did not pay off. I continued making calling stands until late morning. On the last stand of the morning, I passed some well posted private property. Once I was passed the site, I decided to call keeping a distance from the previous plot. I played a session of Lightning Jack and in very short order I noticed a coyote circling in front of me. It was in shotgun range but at the longer limits, so I watched it to see what it would do. As I was watching, the partner appeared and charged directly toward me. I was able to collect him but not the first one. I took a midday break and got a meal in a small town nearby. An hour or two later I returned to hunt the late afternoon. Finally, the sun went down but it was still light enough to see. I decided to squeeze one last stand before quitting. Lightning Jack brought in the last coyote. The desert dog went left, then directly in front of me. BANG! I had a coyote before sunrise, a coyote after sunrise & one in-between. A three-coyote day was a sweet ending to the year.

PVCI WON AN AWARD!!!

The Phoenix Varmint Callers (PVCI) was recently awarded the Conservation Organization of the Year by the Arizona Game & Fish Commission! PVCI President James S. accepted the Award at the Annual Commissioners Awards Banquet at the Pointe Tapatio Cliffs Resort. The Commission held its first Awards Banquet in 1991 to honor individuals and organizations for contributions to Arizona’s wildlife and wildlife conservation efforts. Honorees are selected from 16 categories.



WE ALSO WON THE MULTI-CLUB HUNT!!!

WOW, yes you read correctly, the Phoenix Varmint Callers (PVCI) won the 2018 Annual Multi-Club hunt that was held on January 20th, 2018!!! Phoenix took 1st Place with 140 points, the Xtreme varmint Callers (XPC) were a very close 2nd Place with 130 points and the Arizona Predator Callers (APC) took 3rd Place. Congratulations to ALL the PVCI members that came out and hunted this Hunt. WOW again!!!

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Cabela's recently invited the Phoenix Varmint Callers to their establishment to help promote varmint calling during their Predator Days. Inside tables and chairs were set up in the center of the store with the huge mounted animal mountain display in the background. If you had an interest in learning how to call in predators like coyotes, foxes and bobcats and were not sure how to get started then Cabela's would have been an excellent place to be. Classes were given on Demonstrating Calls & Gear by PVCI members Jerry G. & Bob B. Another class, The Most Common Mistakes & How to Avoid Them were given by PVCI members Dan S. & Ken E. The inside classes concluded with The Top Guns for Coyote Hunting given by PVCI members Craig B. & Wayne W.



Things were not done yet though. What do you do with your predator(s) after you have had a successful hunt? The classroom now moved outside where PVCI members Jerry G. & Eddie M. both skinned gray foxes then put them on a fleshing board & showed the crowd how to flesh & stretch them so that they could either be sold or sent on to the tannery. Good Stuff! Do consider Cabela's when you need supplies for your predator hunting. Since the purchase of Cabela's by Bass Pro Shop did happen, we just might see an even better selection of these supplies in the near future.

Also in attendance and helping out were PCI members Ron H., Steve L., Sean Y., James S. and Ian. Thanks all for helping.





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